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Assisted-living company sued over 2002 disappearance

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

The company that owns an embattled Gooding nursing home now faces another legal fight, this time over an incident that happened more than five years ago.



Davis

The family of a man who wandered away from Magic Valley Manor in Wendell in July 2002 and was never seen again sued Chubbuck-based Northwest Bec-Corp late last month.

James W. Wood Jr. and Arthur Wayne Wood, stepsons of former Manor resident John Henry Davis, allege the home and Northwest Bec-Corp knew

their 81-year-old stepfather had a history of wandering off but didn't do enough to keep him safe.

Family members, who live in California and Georgia, waited five years to declare Davis legally dead before suing, said their attorney, Bruce Skaug, of Nampa, Davis, he said, suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

"(The home) let the guy wander," Skaug said. "They never told the family."

According to the complaint, filed in district court in Gooding County, Davis' stepsons are seeking damages for personal injury and emotional trauma, as well as unspecified funeral expenses and attorney's fees. The plaintiffs cite a long list of alleged violations by the assisted-living facility, such as failing to implement state

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Grumbling about garbage

Magic Valley residents deal with poor service

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

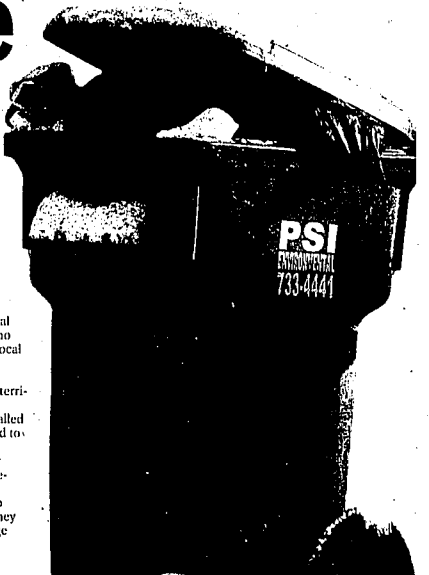
From one end of the Magic Valley to the other, local governments are expressing concern about — and cancelling contracts with — the region's major trash hauling company.

Complaints about service by PSI Environmental Systems range from noisy late-night pickups to no pickups at all in some communities, and many local homeowners and town officials say they've had enough.

"The service has been absolutely terrible, just terrible," said Cindy Palmer of Kimberly. "When we moved into our new home a few months ago I called and called PSI to get a car delivered. I finally had to go and pick one up myself."

Palmer lived in Twin Falls prior to her October move and recalls the noise of more than one late-night pick-up in her prior neighborhood.

"They didn't have the manpower to get the job done when the job should have been done, so they would still be out on the street collecting garbage until late at night," Palmer said.



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Idaho's budget nears \$3.2 billion under GOP; some say it's inevitable

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE — Sen. Dean Cameron recalls the mantra of the 1992 Legislature's budget writing committee: Keep it under \$1 billion. It didn't work: The state's general fund appropriation beat the mark that year for the first time ever.

A decade later, as the fiscal year 2002 budget breezed past the \$2 billion mark, "it was almost as if nobody really noticed," said Cameron, R-Rupert and chairman of the joint budget writing committee. "It was a footnote."

Now, after seven more years, Idaho's 2009 fiscal-year budget is set to exceed \$3 billion. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter wants to spend 10.9 percent more than in fiscal year 2008, or \$3.127 billion.

The money would go to everything from

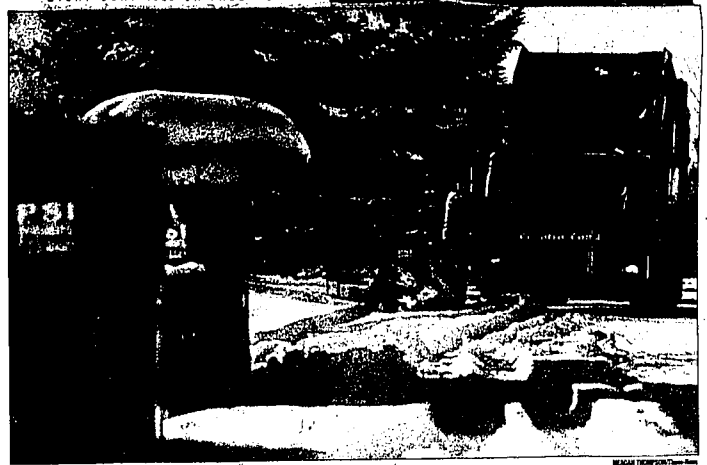


Cameron



Otter

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A PSI Environmental Systems garbage truck makes its rounds along Stadium Street Wednesday afternoon in the east end of Twin Falls.



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., second from left, poses for a photo with women at a cafe in Portsmouth, N.H. Clinton became emotional while answering a question from an undecided voter there Monday.

Women divided on Clinton at her alma mater

By El Saslow The Washington Post

WELLESLEY, Mass. — The two students walked on the same paths across campus here this week, past the dormitory where Hillary Rodham lived for four years, past two dozen framed portraits of groundbreaking women in Alumnae Hall, past the banners on the quad proclaiming "Wellesley Women Who Will." But Katie Chanpong and Aubre Carreon Aguiar — feminists and political activists — arrived at contradictory conclusions.

"If you're a woman, you vote for Hillary because of what it means to women everywhere," said Chanpong, a sophomore. Carreon Aguiar, a senior, said: "If I'm supposed to vote for Hillary just

"If you're a woman, you vote for Hillary because of what it means to women everywhere."

— Katie Chanpong, a sophomore at Wellesley College

Inside

U.S. presidential campaign fascinates, baffles many overseas.

Poll: Economy catches up with Iraq war as nation's top problem.

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because I'm a woman, that's kind of sexist." Even here at Wellesley College, Hillary Rodham Clinton's alma mater

and a historic bedrock of progressive feminist thought, support for the senator from New York hardly registers as unanimous. Instead, the election has inspired a debate at this women-only liberal arts college about what it means to be a feminist. Do you vote for a woman to shatter the glass ceiling and further the cause? Or do you make an empowered, individual decision that is not confined by gender?

How women across the country answer that question over the next

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Table listing various sections and their corresponding page numbers, including 'At Your Service directory', 'Dogs/Abby', 'Jumble', 'Movies', 'Sports', etc.

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS	Today	Tonight	Monday
	Obid and partly sunny. Morning fog likely	Mostly cloudy with areas of fog	Early fog, maybe an overnight snow shower
	High 34	Low 19	32 / 22

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 Tomorrow: Chilly with areas of morning fog. Snow showers possible overnight. Highs near 30, lows near 20.

Complete weather report: See page D8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Auditions for Dilettante Group of Magic Valley "Titanic," singers and dancers of all ages needed; rehearsals begin Jan. 21, 2 to 8 p.m., First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, 736-7136.

REUNIONS

Heads up to shipmates, for April 17 - 20 DD 748 Harry E. Hubbard Shipmates Reunion, Baltimore, Md., (717) 235-5768.
Attention, shipmates, for Sept. 3-7 USS Maddox Destroyer Assoc. Reunion, (DD-168, DD-622, and DD-731), Oklahoma City, OK, (337) 616-8450 or cwjgilles45@aol.com.

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

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

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Jan. 14 — Jerome Band Concert, includes Dallas Brass with the Jerome High School Symphonic Band and Jerome Middle School Tiger Band, 7 p.m., Jerome High School Jerry Diehl auditorium, tickets: \$10 and \$15, 324-2711 or 324-2392.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Jan. 16 — Twin Falls High School Wrestling Dinner and Auction, annual fundraiser, 6 p.m. dinner and 7 p.m. auction, TFHS Cafeteria, \$6 per person, 733-2721, 733-5533 or 539-3355.

1976 all-original Chevy Camaro Car Raffle, to raise funds for Process of Change — non-profit School for Children with Developmental Disabilities, tickets: \$10 each or three for \$25, drawing to take place when 5,000 tickets sold out, (208) 899-5262 to purchase.
Fundraising raffle, for Delta Psi Omega sorority of the College of Southern Idaho; all prizes donated by local merchants, \$2 tickets available Jan. 15 through Feb. 12 from sorority members, valaine@yahoo.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Jan. 14 — Mini-Cassia Retired Educators meeting, with head of school drug program Cary Bristol on his work, dog and hamster, 11 a.m., Moresy's Steakhouse, Burley, guests welcome, 438-5917.

Jan. 14 — Local Chapter 1959 NARF (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) monthly meeting, with BLM Archeologist John Lyle on archeology of the Snake River Canyon and Southern Idaho, 11:30 a.m., Long Hing Restaurant, 1745 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, for all retired or active Federal employees, 733-9477.

Jan. 14 — Community Council of Idaho Regional Council membership meeting, with guest speaker Javier Claderon on the BSU-HEP program and recommendations for Board of Trustee vacancy elections, 7 p.m., 744 Overland Ave., Burley, members urged to attend, open to the public, (208) 878-1174.

Jan. 15 — Kimberly Lions meeting and breakfast, 6:50 a.m., Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison Ave. E., Kimberly, interested parties welcome, 423-4311.

Jan. 15 — The Agape Interfaith Ministry luncheon, with Bernice Peterson of Jerome on "Hope" and music by Katie Harrison, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Basque Center on University Avenue, Gooding, \$7 lunch (reservations: 934-5700 by today), no fee for program on only, (208) 366-2974 or nrewards@MSN.com.

Jan. 15 — Twin Falls County Fair Foundation "pie and coffee" meeting, learn about membership and what the Foundation is doing to preserve and enhance the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds and Fair experience, 7 p.m., Idaho Joe's, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 326-4396.

Jan. 15 — Mini-Cassia Senior Providers Community Resource meeting and no-host lunch, with presentations by Kimberly Olf of Dyslexia Solutions Reading Clinic and Darin Perry of Impact Net Worth, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Connor's Cafe, Interstate Exit 208 and Highway 27, Hoyburn, 678-9165 or 677-4872 ext. 2.

EDUCATION

Jan. 15 — "2008 Let's Talk About It" book discussion ("Not for Children Only"), includes "Tatterhood and Other Tales" by Phelps and "Bride to Terahella" by Paterson, 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main Street, books available for check out, 326-4143.

Jan. 16 — Herrett Forum, with Susan Swetnam on "Women at Work on the Southeast Idaho Frontier," 7:30 p.m., Rick Allen Community room, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, open to the public, 732-6655.

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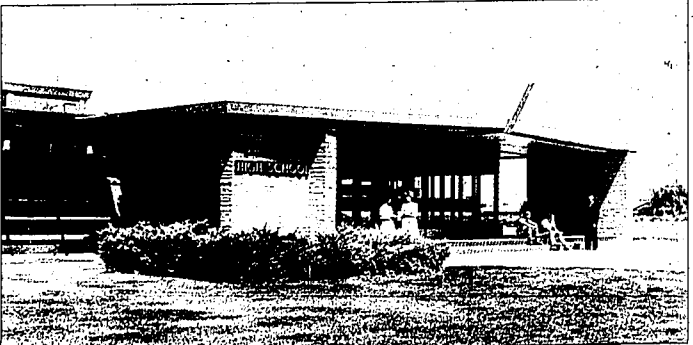
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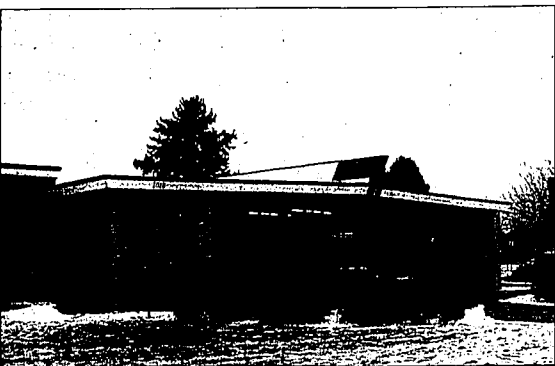
MORNING BRIEFING

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



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Twin Falls High School on 1615 Filer Ave. West, as seen in 1960-61 (above), and now (at left). The high school began as a 40-acre site that was selected Nov. 4, 1949. In 1952, the Twin Falls School District bonded to build the high school on Filer Ave. for \$250,000. For 53 years the school had a cypress as its mascot until an announcement in the high school's 1965 yearbook introduced the Bruin.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

HEALTH AND SUPPORT

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. 15 — Diabetes Support Group meeting, 7 p.m., South Central District Health office (north entrance), College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, open to the public, 737-5946.

Jan. 15 — "Coping with Widowhood," an eight-week series providing information and support for widowed men and women, sponsored by Widowed Widows 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. 15 — Twin Falls Public Library Book Club, with a discussion of Cormac McCarthy's award-winning novel "The Road," 5:30 p.m., TFPL Program Room, no cost, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 109.

Jan. 15 — The Mini-Cassia Lap-band Surgery Support Group meeting, for anyone who has been banded, is waiting to be banded or is considering the procedure, 6:30 p.m., Hoyburn Police Department conference room, 1800 J St., Hoyburn, 431-9586.

COMING UP IN THE TIMES-NEWS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Ative and Well: The return of health educator Jan Mittleider's column.	Feral frustrations: What wild cats mean for wildlife and rural residents.	What a way to go: The return of "Death By Chocolate" means sweet delight.
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Thursday Put it on the left: Twin Falls Polar League members show their hands.	Saturday Shoring the dream: How churches honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.	RELIGION



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 SUNDAY IN FAMILY LIFE

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 — President Bush, after meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

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Grumbling about garbage



Hundreds of waste bins that were formerly used by PSI Environmental Systems of Twin Falls are shown near the Oakley fairgrounds. City officials picked all of them up and relocated them outside of town so residents wouldn't fill them after the contract ended with the garbage firm.

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The biggest customer

Twin Falls has had a contract with PSI for more than 30 years, but the formerly Idaho-based company was acquired by industry giant Waste Connections, Inc., in 2005. Waste Connections, based in northern California, has grown rapidly in recent years in what it describes in federal Securities and Exchange Commission documents as an aggressive nationwide effort in dominating small and mid-size markets. It now has 136 operations in 23 states, including Idaho.

Sherry Jeff, utility services director with Twin Falls, contends the city has a strong relationship with the company and although complaints do come, PSI does a good job. "Their overall service is a pretty good thing," Jeff said. "A lot of times when people call to complain, it's because something is in the path of the driver and they can't pick up the trash. Around the holidays we get more complaints but a lot of the time it's because the resident forgot to put out their trash on the right day."

Eric Lott, who moved to Twin Falls in June, disagrees. Lott says the city should reevaluate its contract with PSI and take complaints seriously.

"We, the customers, who are paying the bill aren't getting the service that has been promised," Lott said. "I think PSI feels that since they have the contract they don't have to answer to anybody and we're left with sloppy service."

Earlier this year, every Magic Valley city with a trash hauling franchise contract, including Castleford, Declo,

Eden, Hagerman, Hazelton, Heyburn, Hollister, Jerome, Kimberly, Paul, Twin Falls and Wendell, had an agreement with PSI.

Now, many — including Wendell and Castleford — say they are so fed up that they are considering ways to legally back out of those agreements.

"The Thursday before Christmas they no-showed ... missed the entire town," said Castleford Mayor Rita Ruffing. "Our contract doesn't expire until 2010 but if things keep up this way we'll be talking to the city attorney about getting out of the contract."

Some already have.

Cutting the contract

Last fall, the cities of Oakley and Paul got out of their contracts because of the public health threat created by mounting refuse.

"With garbage, you are always going to get complaints here and there, but when PSI bought out Valley Waste this summer our list of complaints really increased," said Weston Hawkes, public works director for Oakley.

Residents were so upset their garbage wasn't being collected that Hawkes couldn't go to the grocery store or even to church without a barrage of complaints.

"Even off-duty I was accosted on the street being harassed by residents and they had good reason to be upset," Hawkes said. "I finally called PSI and told them I was tired of defending them and they had until 5 p.m. to come and dump the trash or we find another contractor. A salesman, not even management, called me back and said they couldn't come today because their truck was broke down. They're a

big company and have more than one truck. I told them we might be finding a new contractor."

Even though Oakley is no longer doing business with PSI, the city hasn't been able to end the relationship completely. The city is still waiting for the company to pick up more than 400 waste bins — including some 160 of the larger metal variety — the city collected and moved to a spot south of town.

"I was worried that people would continue to use the Dumpsters and the city finally had to collect them all. They are sitting in an empty lot and some still have a little trash in it," Hawkes said. "They are going to have to reimburse us for the labor and equipment, probably around \$2,200 to \$2,500. They have total indifference. They don't call, don't respond; it's like they dropped off the face of the earth."

Waste Connection acknowledges the problems stemming from PSI. Darrell Chambliss, Waste Connections' chief of operations in Pocatello, Idaho, said the company has changed staff in Twin Falls and is striving to satisfy its customers.

Solid waste solution

"We've had to make substantial management changes there," Chambliss said. "We knew there were problems but we didn't know how bad they were. We are

still peeling back the onion, if you will. "We are making capital investments in Twin Falls and getting new personnel trained on routes," he said. "We are working very hard to get things back on track."

When asked about the equipment stranded in Oakley, Chambliss said he wasn't aware of the problem but would contact local management to see a solution put in place.

Since November, Oakley has used Western Waste of Twin Falls. Although the town is now paying about \$600 more per month, Hawkes said it's worth the cost.

"Now every household has their own cart and they are picked up every week, instead of every other week," Hawkes said. "The new company is professional and although this is a process I would have rather not gone through, the city is ready to move on."

Rich Itau, public works director in Paul said their situation was similar to Oakley's. In order to get cars and large trash bins picked up, the city withheld its last month's payment to PSI.

"We just reacted to citizens' complaints," Itau said. "We now have Western Waste taking care of us and residents are really happy with the service we are being provided."

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and federal regulations, failing to develop a suitable care plan for Davis, operating a facility not properly designed for Alzheimer's patients and failing to have a properly qualified administrator.

Documents obtained from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which regulates assisted-living facilities, show the incident nearly forced Magic Valley Manor to close. Surveyors from the department's Bureau of Facility Standards found that the facility failed to protect residents from neglect while taking in at least one resident — Davis — whose safety could not be assured.

According to the surveys, Davis was admitted to the facility in September 2001 after a brief stay in the Behavioral Care Unit at Bec-Corp's Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center. That facility's license was revoked by the state last month, though it remains open pending an appeal.

Magic Valley Manor records show that Davis, who also suffered from dementia, wandered away from the facility a dozen times before he disappeared on July 6, according to the initial survey report. Facility staff and local police told the state that Davis always returned or was easily found in each instance prior to his disappearance.

According to survey documents, the Gooding home's resident care director had warned the Woods brothers about the inherent risks in placing Davis in the facility prior to his move.

Correspondence between the Magic Valley Manor administrator and Davis' legal guardian in May and July 2002

states that Davis' rent was to increase by \$1,000 to hire a staff member just to care for him. But the facility couldn't find anyone for the job, and the administrator suggested that Davis may have to move to another facility in a July 5 letter. Davis disappeared the next day.

Finding an "immediate jeopardy" situation and citing failure to comply with a number of state standards, the state moved to revoke Magic Valley Manor's license on July 16, 2002. Its strongest action allowable. But negotiations during an administrative review of the decision allowed the facility to stay open after its staff admitted that they did not understand what types of patients the facility was capable of taking.

The facility was found to be in substantial compliance with state regulations in its

most recent surveys posted online. Magic Valley Manor staff preferred questions about the suit to Bec-Corp officials, who could not be reached for comment despite repeated attempts to reach them last week.

Health and Welfare spokesman Tom Shanahan said disappearances are rare, and the last ones department staff could remember happened 12 or 13 years ago. Assisted-living facilities, he said, cater to more independent residents than do nursing homes, and have fewer regulations as a result.

"Most of them can come and go as they please," he said.

Robert Vande Merve, executive director of the Idaho Health Care Association, said he was unfamiliar with the case, but questioned placing a patient such as Davis in an

assisted living facility in the first place. Intentionally or not, he said, stressed-out families can misrepresent a resident's issues to a facility. And such homes, he said, definitely can't provide the level of care of a nursing home.

"Even taking care of Alzheimer's patients, (assisted-living facilities) don't have one-on-one staffing or as high of staffing as a nursing home would have," Vande Merve said, adding such patients are probably more likely to wander away from home care.

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Budget

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prison facilities, scholarships and wildfire fighting, to drying up some Idaho farms to help with the dwindling Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

Even under a Republican administration and GOP-dominated Legislature known to tout its fiscal conservatism, putting the lid on spending in the nation's fourth-fastest-growing state is clearly difficult.

"Folks, we're not spending our own money — we're spending the taxpayers' money," Otter told lawmakers during his State of the State speech this week. "That fact only increases our responsibility to be careful, frugal and businesslike in our decisions."

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— House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum

the state budget. Idaho's population is 1.47 million residents, up from fewer than 1.3 million in 2000.

The charge is led year after year by the rising cost of Medicaid — the state and federal health insurance program for poor residents — and the Idaho Department of Correction, whose prison and parole system now oversees 1 in 34 Idaho men.

Idaho budget analysts expect Medicaid costs, due to rise 10.4 percent to \$415 million in 2009, will exceed \$1 billion by 2018 at the present rate of increases. By 2032, they predict the state taxpayer bill for Medicaid will likely take a larger share of the Idaho's budget than do public schools.

And payments to the state's adult and juvenile prisons, just \$50 million in 1996, are slated to be \$219 million in the coming fiscal year, under Otter's plan. In just five years, budget analysts predict it will cost more to house Idaho's inmates than it will to educate thousands of students at three community colleges and four state-run universities.

"Any notion of small government doesn't exist here," said Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise. He says the state is being forced to react not only to newcomers who boost costs, but also the inflationary pressures from oil and construction materials that add to the cost of services such as highway maintenance.

Not surprisingly, Idaho's minority Democrats are happy to point out that taxpayers' share of Idaho state government is on track to rise 51 percent since fiscal year 2005, an era when the GOP has dominated both the state House and Senate.

"Which means the Republicans in Idaho must really be 'tax-and-spend' Republicans," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet. "Their motto is, 'Find a need and fill it.' We've had the stereotype of Democrats (being big spenders), but really it's the Republicans in this state."

Partisan rhetoric aside, one reason Idaho's budget has risen so quickly is changes in policy.

For instance, when Idaho lawmakers passed property tax relief in 2006, they eliminated the \$200 million maintenance and operations tax levies that had gone to schools. To replace the payments, the state increased its sales tax by 1 percent — consequently inflating its budget.

So far, one motto for the 2008 Legislature is prevention — even if Democrats and Republicans spar over how to do it.

Otter is hoping to chip in \$1 million on a "Not Even Once" anti-methamphetamine campaign, while spending \$5 million to construct a warehouse at a prison

south of Boise into a drug- and alcohol-treatment facility.

It aims to put another \$50 million in the Idaho Opportunity Scholarship endowment, so more kids can go to college. He's wants \$20 million for a study of the state's strained aquifers. And he wants to expand influenza vaccines for children, to reduce potentially larger expenses from serious illnesses.

Meanwhile, Democrats say they also want to tackle substance abuse and boost healthcare and mental health services to focus on averting problems before they become more costly. They're hoping to restore a "Parents as Teachers" program that instructs parents how to keep kids healthy and prepare them for school, as well as tighten health and safety regulations for the state's daycare centers.

And members of both parties say they aim to shore up drug and mental health courts and other sentencing alternatives to reduce the need for Idaho to build large new prisons that will cost hundreds of millions.

"We'll never do everything that everybody wants," said Sen. Brad Little, R-Emmett. "There's not enough money. But we're going to try and do some of the preventative things, to stop the hemorrhaging in Medicaid and Corrections."

In addition, the state's buildings are aging. Otter aims to spend \$35 million to improve state buildings, parks and university campuses.

And members of both Idaho parties agree the arrival of newcomers at a rapid pace has helped fuel an unprecedented expansion of

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Clinton

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 month could largely determine the winner of the Democratic nomination. In Iowa, women — particularly young women — overwhelmingly supported Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and helped him win the caucuses. Five days later in New Hampshire, Clinton won 45 percent of the female vote compared with 36 for Obama, forcing her comeback.

Election debates take on a particular fervor here on the suburban Boston campus where Clinton lived from 1965 to 1969. On the worn sofas in the lobby of Pendleton Hall, about 30 students gather each Sunday evening to organize Wellesley support for Clinton, surrounded by remnants of her time here. Next to the Pendleton lounge is the office of professor Alan Schechter, who advised Clinton on her senior thesis 40 years ago. An autographed photo of Clinton hangs on a door. A button attached to a nearby bulletin board reads "I used to be a man's world."

For about an hour every week, the students brainstorm ways to help Clinton — their Wellesley sister, they sometimes call her — win the nomination. The Students for Hillary group set up a phone bank at school for making cold calls to voters and arranged more than 20 road trips to knock on doors in New Hampshire. "We felt to her, like she's one of us since she went here," said Champong, the group's communications director. "We'd try anything to help."

Hours after the Clinton meetings, a Students for Obama group occupies the same couches in Pendleton. Led by Carreon Aguilar and another Wellesley senior, the 10 members also shuttled back and forth to New Hampshire on weekends this fall. They visited dorm rooms and distributed Obama '08 brochures and signs, one of which now hangs on a door down the hall from Clinton's old room. "We tried to make sure it wasn't all Clinton, all the time," Carreon Aguilar said.

Ona Keller, the co-president of Wellesley College Democrats, spent time with both the Obama and Clinton groups for almost a year, but few classmates doubted her ultimate conviction. Keller often wears her mom's hand-me-down T-shirts from the women's rights movement in the 1960s, with the text of the Equal Rights Amendment printed across the chest. She calls younger classmates first-years instead of freshmen, because none of them are men.

Keller tells friends she is "hard-core Wellesley": proud to attend a school that has never had a male president; proud to walk through the same halls as former secretaries of state Madeline Albright and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, the former first lady of China.

"Everybody who knows me thinks of me as a feminist," Keller said. "Nobody imagined I wouldn't vote for Clinton."

Three weeks ago, Keller changed her online Facebook profile to announce her support for Obama. She likes his rhetoric and his stance on the war, she said, and she considers his effort to become the first black president as historic as Clinton's bid. Within a few days, a handful of Wellesley friends had called or e-mailed to teasingly call her a traitor.

"It's like I'm ruining this great opportunity for women by not voting for her, but honestly, I'm not too worried about that," Keller said. "I don't think gender is a good enough reason on its own to vote for or against anybody. I'm sure there are going to be other women in my generation, soon, who are able to run for president. This isn't like our only chance."

Her stance is what some professors on campus refer to as an "inevitability attitude," and they say it marks a generational divide. Women who experienced Wellesley in the 1950s and '60s, such as Clinton, enrolled at a time when some Ivy League schools still refused to admit women. They believed, intrinsically, that they would

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have to scrap and claw for every opportunity in an unfair world. Wellesley functioned as their cocoon, a place for camaraderie and support before they were sent off as graduates to break bar-

riers and challenge stereotypes. As feminists, they were linked by a cause.

The women of that generation, now vote resoundingly for Clinton, poll numbers show, as if still bound by the

urgency instilled 40 years ago. It's an urgency that their daughters, products of a less-sexist time, sometimes lack.

A woman for president? "I'm sure there are a lot of women my age who are kind

of moving up the ranks, doing whatever they're doing politically and could maybe be president," Carreon Aguilar said. "The way I look at it with Obama is that both candidates are really minorities. Both would be huge firsts, so that sort of takes away the reason to vote just because of somebody being a woman or being black."

A woman for president? "That has an unbelievable 'Wow!' factor for those of us who have been around for a

while and who have delved in the academics of this," said Linda Carll, a Wellesley psychology professor who co-wrote a book on gender and politics.

"Some students believe all gender issues are already solved and this remarkable progress will just come, and that's overly optimistic. There's this sense that there's been a massive social change and everything is resolved. That's a very naive point of view."

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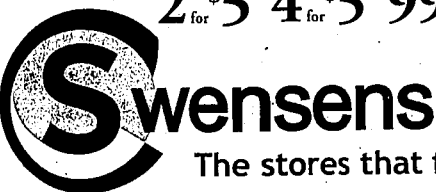
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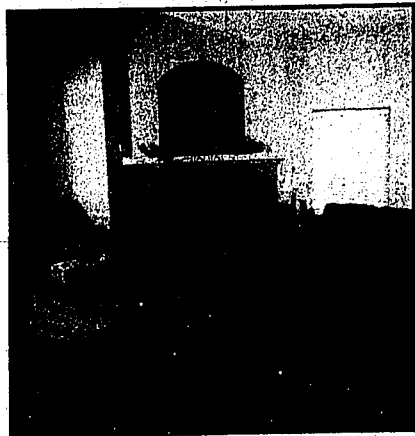
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GOOD FOR BUSINESS?



Ken Gooding repairs a customer's VCR at his shop in Twin Falls. Although business was slow when he first started the business in summer of 2007, he says it has been growing as the economy bears down on consumers.

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— Ken Gooding, owner of The Repair Shop



Ken Gooding, owner and operator of The Repair Shop, repairs a jukebox. Gooding has been repairing appliances since he was 7 years old, but it wasn't until July of 2007 that he decided to open his own business.

Struggling economy may give boost to repair shops

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

As more people reign in spending during a slumbering economy, some businesses are poised to benefit from increasingly frugal clients.

One such business is The Repair Shop, located at 436 Washington Street North, which specializes in repairing tools and appliances that most stores will no longer fix. "This business is meant to repair stuff that nobody will repair anymore," said Ken Gooding, owner and operator of The Repair Shop. "And with the economy going the direction that it's going, I think your going to see a lot more people who want to fix what they already have instead of buying something new."

Gooding runs a one-man business where he does everything from repair televisions to antique lamps.

He says that most of his cus-

tomers ask him to repair old appliances that have sentimental values such as record players and light fixtures that have become family heirlooms.

However, he said some of his clientele simply prefer to have items repaired rather than throwing it out and producing more waste. Still, it has been a difficult service to sell for most repair businesses.

According to Consumer Reports, more than half of all home appliances sold in 2005 will last less than 10 years, and that it is often more affordable to simply replace old appliances with new ones.

Appliance manufacturers also push aggressive marketing campaigns that entice consumers into buying "bigger, better, and newer" products in order to replace "older and seemingly less sophisticated models."

Consumer electronics has steadily risen to the top of the retail

industry, based on growing demand for electronics such as digital media players, computers and televisions. However, the rise has relied on Innovations like HDTV and digital media players that can now play video.

A strong economy seemed to

ensure that consumers had the cash and credit to purchase the new technologies. However, a growing credit crunch and an economic slowdown have reigned in retail sales of consumer electronics.

Now it may be time for business

owners, such as Gooding, to take advantage of all those electronics that have been bought with relatively little shelf life.

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Presidential election year might not smile on investors this time



A pair of specialists work at their posts on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, as stocks resumed their downward slide. The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index has risen in the final seven months of 13 of the last 14 presidential election years, but economic worries might keep the market from rising much this year, analysts say.

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Presidential elections typically are prosperous times for investors. The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index has risen in the final seven months of 13 of the last 14 presidential election years, according to the Stock Trader's Almanac.

Those are odds anyone in Vegas would welcome, but this year's uncharted credit mess makes a repeat performance far from guaranteed.

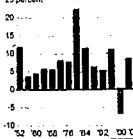
For much of the last half century, stocks have typically bottomed two years into a presidential term, then rebounded in the third year and rallied again in the actual election year.

Some of those latter-cycle gains have come because incumbent administrations want voters to be happy when they head to the polls, so they "shamelessly attempt to massage the economy so voters will keep them in power," said Jeffrey Hirsch, editor of the Stock Trader's Almanac.

This cycle has proved different so far. Stocks, as meas-

Hall to the Chief

The Standard & Poor's 500 index has risen in the final seven months of 13 of the last 14 presidential election years. June-December performance of S&P 500 in each presidential election year since 1952



SOURCE: Stock Trader's Almanac AP

ured by the broad-market S&P 500, rose in 2005 and 2006, but then barely eked out a gain in 2007, climbing only 3.5 percent after big losses starting in October dragged down the index. Now, as the intensity of the presidential campaign ramps up, serious headwinds are threatening to push the economy into a recession, which is putting stock investors on edge.

Home prices in many of the nation's biggest cities are falling at record levels, while

subprime borrowers are defaulting on their home loans at alarming rates. That has led to tighter credit conditions, with businesses and consumers facing more hurdles to obtaining loans than in the recent past. Companies have also had to accept lower prices when selling risky debt.

At the same time, manufacturing production is coming in at a much weaker-than-expected pace, and consumers have begun to show some fatigue, as evidenced by the disappointing retail sales tallied during the holiday season.

Things could get even worse in the months ahead because employers are growing more wary. Employment at private companies actually declined last month and the unemployment rate surged to a two-year high of 5 percent from 4.7 percent in November, figures from the Labor Department showed. Nomura Securities economist David Resler called the jump "alarming" because "single-month increases that large occur only rarely and most often near business cycle turning points."

Such news started investors' year off on a bad note. The first three days of trading saw a 3.05 percent decline in the S&P 500 — the second-worst start ever, according to the data-trackers at Bespoke Investment Group.

Whether that sets the tone for the rest of the year now depends on how many things shake out. Most worrisome to investors are the unknowns related to the housing and mortgage market malaise. If credit standards remain tight, and the financial industry continues to be plagued by billions of dollars of losses on their subprime and other debt assets, this presidential year might not turn into a winner.

"Once there is some indication of where the bottom of the credit crisis might be, then the stock market will become more comfortable then," said Marshall Nickles, an economics professor at Pepperdine University's Graglia School of Business and Management who has studied presidential election cycles in the stock market.

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Electronics seller Newegg hatches profits in obscurity

Firm near top of e-commerce sites

By Michelle Quinn
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Newegg Inc., a City of Industry company that sells computers and electronic gear, quietly has become a major online retailer by developing a fervent following among techies. Its motto pokes fun at the paradox of its profitability: obscurity. "Once you know, you Newegg."

The company is privately held, which means it doesn't have to submit certified financial statements to federal regulators. But its executives said Newegg reaped about \$1 billion in profits in 2006, putting it in the top echelon of e-commerce sites.

After six years of catering to its core — young men who spend as much as \$1,000 more than 60,000 storage equipment and other technology — Newegg is trying to attract the mainstream customer.

The company says the approach appears to be working. Booking well for a strong holiday quarter, the online store reported 1 million visitors the day after Thanksgiving. The following Monday, a big Internet shopping day, the company said it shipped more than 60,000 orders and saw revenue jump 89 percent compared with the same day in 2006.

"We're never going to forget the original guy who built our business," said Bernard Luthi, Newegg's vice president of Internet and product marketing. "But we are looking at ways to make the site different, to make the soccer mom feel comfortable."

Doing both might be hard. Newegg.com still feels like a young man's hangout, where



Mya Mya Aye packs merchandise for shipping at a Newegg warehouse in Industry, Calif. The Internet store is a destination for aficionados of sophisticated high-tech gear, who often use the equipment to build their own computers.



From left, Newegg general counsel Lee Cheng and Vice Presidents Bernard Luthi, Rick Quiroga and Bob Zells.

Computers, based in Whittier, that made high-end PCs and gaming systems. Customers indicated that they would rather buy components and make their own computers. So even though the Internet bubble was deflating, Chang launched a new company and called it Newegg, to signify a fresh start.

"We saw ourselves as the new birth of e-commerce done the right way," said Lee Cheng, the company's general counsel.

In an unusual step for a young company, CEO Chang makes it a policy to never grant media interviews. The company said he wanted to stay out of the spotlight and focus on running the business.

Chang's strategy was to sell items at cut-rate prices and provide exceptional service so customers keep coming back. Analysts say it was able to get a jump on traditional retail stores because it didn't have to worry about whether

By Dawn C. Chmielewski
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LAS VEGAS — Had pundits bet on the HD DVD camp folding its hand in Las Vegas, they would have lost their shirts.

None of the corporate giants that back the next-generation DVD format has jumped ship at the Consumer Electronics Show here. But the momentum shift toward the Blu-ray format has at least one studio strongly considering a switch.

Warner Bros.' decision last week to start making movies exclusively for Blu-ray players, rather than HD DVD, triggered an out clause in Paramount Pictures' contract with the HD DVD camp.

An industry source said there was a significant possibility that Paramount would exercise that clause. It plans to decide within a month.

Paramount officials said they would continue to support HD DVD, a format for displaying videos in higher quality whose backers include Toshiba and Microsoft Corp. Universal Pictures, which has been a strong supporter since the beginning, issued no public statements on the matter here.

Toshiba said Tuesday that retailers had expressed their commitment to HD DVD during private meetings at the show, the world's largest consumer tech gathering.

Still, the Warner Bros. move — announced just before the show began — dramatically changed the balance of power in the competition to set the new DVD standard.

The Blu-ray contingent, led by Sony Corp., all but claimed victory before a standing-room-only presentation on Monday declaring, "The Future is Blu." The Blu-

ray Disc Association claimed a significant edge over HD DVD, with 85 percent of all next-generation players purchased since Blu-ray hit the market in December 2006. The group said 66 percent of all high-definition movies sold in 2007 were Blu-ray.

Danny Kayer, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment's executive vice president of technology strategy, predicted that sales of Blu-ray players — including Sony PlayStation 3 game consoles, which play movies in the format — would jump from 3.5 million sold by the end of 2007 to 10 million by the end of this year. He forecast a similar spike in movie sales, from \$170 million to \$1 billion in consumer spending.

He said 2008 would be "a year of very strong, explosive growth."

Steve Becks, president of Blu-ray supporter Lionsgate, said that after two years of "wasted energy" devoted to the branding format war, the industry could begin to focus its efforts on expanding the home entertainment market.

"We believe 2008 will be a watershed year for Blu-ray's access in the marketplace," Becks said.

That enthusiasm appears to be shared by the show's attendees, who flocked to the Blu-ray displays on the show floor. The numbers were noticeably thinner at similar HD DVD displays.

Jeff Sully, vice president of marketing for Toshiba America's digital audio video group, emphasized the continued retail support for its HD DVD format, which has sold more than 1 million players.

"I've been here for two days of back-to-back meetings with retailers," Sully said. "We are really encouraged by our meetings and the response of retailers that they will continue to offer consumers a choice."

geeks can satisfy their need for technical specificity.

Computer aficionados, such as serious video-game players, go to Newegg to buy one-off computer parts such as motherboards, modems, hard drives and fans, so they can build their own souped-up machines. Through Newegg's online forums, guys addicted to gaming can debate the merits of the lat-

est consoles or ask each other whether it's possible to play enough attention to both their children and their Nintendo Wii's. (The consensus: Gaming suffers at first, but the kids eventually become gamers, too).

Newegg was founded in 2001 by Fred Chang, a Taiwanese immigrant. Its predecessor was a mail-order company called ABS

Internet sales would cannibalize its brick-and-mortar operations.

Newegg was one of the first online stores to post customer reviews next to the products it sold, said Sucharitha Mulpuru, senior retail analyst with Forrester Research.

"It's certainly easier to start with a niche of customers and really focus on the products it sold," said Sucharitha Mulpuru, senior retail analyst with Forrester Research.

"You can always expand."

At Newegg, functions happen in-house. Merchandise is kept in its warehouses in several Southern California locations, as well as in Memphis, Tenn., and Edison, N.J. Owning the warehouses helps Newegg fulfill its promise that everything listed on its Web site is in stock and can be delivered within three business days.

Newegg doesn't outsource customer service either. Its call center is in a warehouse in Whittier, and Newegg's online chat and e-mail customer service centers are based in two Chinese cities, Chengdu and Shanghai.

"The thought of putting our fate in someone else's hands, that's not what we wanted to do," said Howard Tong, Newegg's former vice president of marketing, who left the company a year ago.

Chang sees Asia as a big market for customers and employees. He hired engineers in China and Taiwan to build and maintain the e-commerce site. Today 800 of Newegg's 1,800 employees work in China, and the company plans to expand the Chinese version of its store in 2008.

Without shelf-space limitations, Newegg offers a variety of products, including 458 types of motherboards and 493 video cards.

Newegg said it made its first billion dollars in annual sales within four years, with more than 70 percent of its

revenue coming from repeat customers. Newegg says it has been profitable after taxes since it was founded, although it declines to release detailed figures.

"It took Wal-Mart many years to hit the first billion in sales," said Kurt Peters, editor in chief of Internet Retailer. "Newegg has created a site that knows what its customers really want."

In 2005, Newegg raised \$30 million in a financing round led by Insight Venture Partners. In the past two years, there has been talk on financial blogs of Newegg going public, but the company said it had no imminent plans to do so.

Some competitors privately bristle at Newegg's rise, complaining that its prices are so low that the company must be selling some products at a loss. But Newegg says it can offer lower prices than its competitors because it negotiates better deals with manufacturers by virtue of its sales volume, and it runs a lean operation.

Newegg is picky and snay in hotels that cost no more than \$130 a night.

To be more consumer-friendly, Newegg redesigned its Web site to make it easier to navigate. And rather than simply post technical specifications as it once did, it displays photos of the products it sells. It's also buying radio and TV ads.

Its products reflect the strategy shift, with bread machines and coffee makers now mixed in with the microprocessors and hard drives. In this mostly male bastion, there are now pictures of women using cameras, microwaves, music players and toasters.

Although the company outgrew its corporate headquarters and is looking for new space, its executives say one thing is certain: Newegg won't open a brick-and-mortar store.

It's the shoes

Nike tips off Air Jordan 23 — the last?

By Sarah Skidmore
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BEAVERTON, Ore. — It's gotta be the shoes, right? No other basketball shoe has changed the face of business, athletics and marketing like the Air Jordan. This month, Nike releases the 23rd edition, and it is expected to be just as venerated as its predecessors.

The sleek design and link to Michael Jordan's jersey number make it a touchstone in the line. It's also Nike's first basketball shoe designed under its "Consider the Process" philosophy, which aims to reduce waste and use environmentally friendly materials wherever possible.

The Air Jordan XX3 will be released in three hyped-up rounds from January to February, starting with the limited edition to be sent to only 23 retailers to be sold for \$230 and concluding with the national launch at \$185.

There had been talk at Nike about retiring the shoe at No. 23 because of his iconic jersey number. But company officials won't say whether this will be the last of the line. Neither will Jordan.

"You'll just have to wait and see," Jordan said in an e-mail to The Associated Press, responding to questions about the upcoming release.

Before launching the first shoe in 1985, Nike had just signed Jordan for \$2.5 million over five years. Nike won't say what Jordan's current contract with the company is worth.

Jordan's deal with Nike opened the door for sneaker manufacturers to chase after athletes, signing them up — sometimes just out of high school — for multimillion-dollar contracts in hopes of being able to cash in on the next superstar. It sent sneaker prices to new heights, which has since generated a backlash against selling pricey shoes to basketball-loving kids.

"The Air Jordan franchise created the most coveted basketball footwear in the world and changed the basketball landscape forever," said Nike Brand President Charlie Deere.

Unlike most basketball shoes to date, which were often white and utilitarian, the Air Jordan was a shock of black and red. It was initially banned by the NBA for not conforming with other players' shoes.

Jordan continued to wear them and was fined \$5,000 a game, which Nike paid.

"Nobody expected the mass hysteria created by its release," Jordan, who has been named one of the Charlotte Bobcats since 2006, said in his e-mail to The AP.

A new edition was launched each year, and release dates had to be moved to the weekends to



In a photo released by Nike Inc., Michael Jordan poses with the new Air Jordan XX3 basketball shoe. The Air Jordan XX3 will be released in three hyped-up rounds from January to February, starting with a limited edition to be sent to only 23 retailers to be sold for \$230 and concluding with the national launch at \$185.

keep kids from skipping school to get a pair.

The frenzy got dangerous. People were mugged and even killed for the shoes.

The Air Jordans helped spawn a subculture of collectors, who line up at stores to buy the shoe's latest edition.

Jordan said he never expected that the shoe would become an icon. "Like every kid growing up, I dreamed of making winning shots at the buzzer and I was fortunate to live out that dream, but never in my wildest dreams did I ever entertain the idea of me entertaining the idea of success of the Air Jordan franchise," he said.

The Air Jordans moved basketball shoes from true high-top or low-tops to a middle range and used unheard of styles, such as patent leather laces and elephant print.

As Jordan's success grew on the courts, so did Nike's in the shoe industry.

People from the streets to the suburbs were wearing \$100-plus basketball shoes, which was unheard of at the time.

That price is the norm today, but it has launched a backlash, such as the partnership between New York Knicks' player Stephen Marbury and the Steve & Barry's store chain to sell basketball shoes for \$14.98 — a direct stab at pricey sneakers like Air Jordans.

At that time, the Air Jordan captured a mix of design, marketing, athleticism and player charisma that hadn't been seen before in the industry — everyone wanted to "Be Like Mike."

"Athletes had been endorsing products for years prior to this," said Tinker Hatfield, Nike's Vice President of Innovation Design and Special Projects.

"But they were just signing their name to the shoe. I think there was a very understandable difference...Michael's personality and even the changes in the game and

inspiration from other walks of life were all sort of being designed into this product and that made it more interesting."

Jordan and Hatfield work together on the design and function on many of the Air Jordan shoes. Jordan has final say on design matters.

Air Jordan was the lightning in the bottle that every company hopes for.

Advertising images of Jordan soaring across the sky were ubiquitous. Spike Lee could be heard hollering "It's gotta be the shoes" on television. And Jordan's outrageous antics with the smush nearly adorned walls across the country.

Nike quickly moved from a running company and newcomer to the basketball category to the market leader. Analysts estimate that Nike's current share of the basketball shoe market is about 85 percent. Far behind are Adidas and Reebok.

The idea of adding such unusual style to a product or so closely aligning with a personality was novel at the time, but it paid off.

And as new companies tried to follow suit, it was like trying to come up with the next Harry Potter or iPhone for basketball.

The relationship completely changed the idea of sports marketing. Companies now make athlete sponsorships the centerpiece of their business, spending millions signing them and designing product lines and selecting platform firms around them.

Jordan's original deal stems like a platitude compared to multimillion-dollar contracts linked these days, such as Nike's \$90 million agreement with LeBron James.

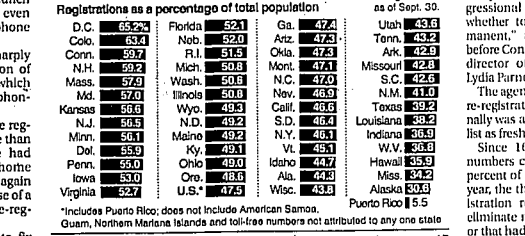
The beginning of the Jordan era marked a new and more sophisticated approach to leveraging an athlete," said Paul Swangard, managing director of the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center at the University of Oregon.

Like any bet, athletic companies take their risks — some pay off, like Tiger Woods or LeBron James. But some don't, like Michael Vick.

Nike terminated its contract with Vick last August after his plea agreement on dogfighting charges.

It must have been the shoe

In 1981, Michael Jordan was drafted third overall by the Chicago Bulls and signed with Nike for \$2.5 million over five years.



SOURCE: Nike

STILL CLIMBING Consumer debt ominous for retailers

By Leslie Earnest
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Americans shopped hard enough during the holidays to give stores a boost in sales over 2006's with many purchases charged to credit cards.

That's not unusual. But in November, according to government data, U.S. consumer revolving debt climbed at an annual rate of 11.3 percent, the most in six months. If the trend continues in December, retailers, among others, wouldn't be happy.

People will be struggling to wipe away debt even as the economy is relying on them to help it steer clear of a recession.

"It's just a matter of time before we see more pronounced weakness in consumer spending," said economist Sung Won Sohn, former chief executive at Hamill Bank in Los Angeles.

Retailers, scheduled to release their December sales results Thursday, probably saw a sales bump of about 1 percent at stores open a year or more, according to two estimates this week.

And as the new year begins, shoppers such as Carol Wade of Buena Park, Calif., are reining themselves in.

"I found that my spending was a lot more on credit cards," said Wade, who works in marketing for the Gas Co. "So now I have to cut back so I can pay it off."

Eddie Riley will be doing the same, whittling away at the \$16,000 or so he owes on various cards.

"The credit card debt is the hardest debt to escape from," said Reay, a Los Angeles resident and a project manager for an architectural company.

Many Americans will be redirecting or curbing their spending as they worry about an array of problems, including the weak housing market, tighter credit, slower job growth and an erratic stock market.

Many who spend beyond their means can dip into savings and pull out before they're left with two unpleasant options: sharply cut spending or file for bankruptcy. Or both. That's bad news, either way for retailers, coming off a year that chomped holiday season.

Sales likely rose about 1 percent in December, according to the International Council of Shopping Center's prediction, compared with a 3.3 percent gain in December 2006 — and the weakest rise in five years.

Thomson Financial made a similar prediction, saying that sales at stores open a year or more probably rose 0.9 percent.

Some of the month's weakness was tied to a luke

in the calendar that pushed more post-Thanksgiving sales into November, boosting that month's results while depressing December's numbers.

Michael Niemi, the chief economist at groups' chief economist, estimated that the shift shaved about three-quarters of a percentage point off December's results.

The season's spending would be better assessed by shopping in November and December, which would put the rise at about 2.2 percent, Niemi said. That compares with last year's 2.9 percent gain and would be the smallest increase since 2002, when the season's sales rose just 0.5 percent.

A report released by Thomson Financial on Wednesday said that a majority of the sectors it monitors are reporting weaker results for December 2006.

Some retailers that release December results ahead of the pack announced lower profit projections for the holiday season. American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. and Lot 77 Inc. both trimmed fourth-quarter earnings expectations after weak sales reports. Men's Wearhouse Inc. slashed fourth-quarter profit projections, citing "substantially lower traffic levels" in all of its U.S. and Canadian stores that hurt sales last month. It predicted that the weak traffic trends would continue through the month.

Wednesday, ShopperTrak RCT Corp. gave a more upbeat report, saying holiday sales climbed 4.5 percent, better than its 3.8 percent forecast. Foot traffic slipped 2.7 percent from the prior year.

ShopperTrak said, as people made fewer trips to stores but spent more on each visit.

"The holiday 2007 retail sales performance overwhelmingly proves the U.S. Consumer is resilient," ShopperTrak founder Bill Martin said in a statement.

Despite the mix of mixed news, the American Bankers Association said last week that credit card delinquencies fell slightly during the third quarter but that delinquencies tied to home loan-related debt rose at a faster pace.

That's encouraging for credit card companies, though another blow for the battered housing fund.

"Consumer loans directly related to the housing market were hit the hardest," said James Chessen, the ABA's chief economist, in a statement. "We anticipate delinquency rates will continue to rise on these types of loans in the fourth quarter of 2007 reflecting continued weakness in the housing sector."

Federal government's do-not-call registry is headed for renewal

By Eileen Alt Powell
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NEW YORK — It wasn't very long ago that Americans often had lunch and dinner — and sometimes even breakfast — interrupted by phone calls from sales people.

Such nuisance calls were sharply reduced in 2003 creation of the federal do-not-call list, which prohibits telemarketers from phoning those who have registered.

Despite the popularity of the registry, which has grown to more than 150 million numbers, there had been worries that some home phones could begin ringing again with sales calls this year because of a rule requiring consumers to re-register after five years.

Congressmen are working to fix that: Legislation passed by the House and Senate aims to make permanent the registrations on the do-not-call list maintained by the Federal Trade Commission.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, a Democrat from North Dakota who sponsored the legislation, said he expects the nearly identical bills to be recon-

Signing up to avoid unwanted calls

More than 150 million phone numbers, or roughly half the number of people living in the U.S., have been registered with the federal do-not-call list since it was created in 2003.

Registrations as a percentage of total population:

D.C.	65.2%	Florida	52.1%	Ga.	47.4%	Utah	43.6%
A.C.	42.4%	Neb.	43.0%	Ill.	43.4%	Tenn.	43.2%
Calif.	59.7%	R.I.	51.5%	Okla.	47.3%	Ark.	42.9%
N.H.	59.2%	Mich.	50.8%	Mont.	47.1%	Missouri	42.8%
Mass.	57.9%	Wash.	50.8%	N.C.	47.0%	S.C.	42.6%
Md.	57.0%	Illinois	50.6%	Nev.	46.9%	N.M.	41.0%
Kansas	56.6%	N.Y.	49.3%	Calif.	46.6%	Texas	39.2%
N.J.	36.5%	V.D.	49.2%	S.D.	46.3%	Louisiana	39.2%
Minn.	50.1%	Miss.	49.2%	Ind.	46.1%	Indiana	36.9%
Del.	55.9%	Ky.	49.1%	W.V.	46.1%	W.V.	36.8%
Penn.	55.0%	Ohio	49.0%	Idaho	44.7%	Hawaii	35.9%
Iowa	53.0%	Ore.	48.6%	Ala.	44.3%	Miss.	34.2%
Virginia	52.7%	U.S.	47.5%	Wis.	43.8%	Alaska	33.0%
						Puerto Rico	15.5%

*Includes Puerto Rico; does not include American Samoa. Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and toll-free numbers not attributed to any one state

SOURCES: Census Bureau; Federal Trade Commission

and forwarded to President Bush for signature by the end of this month.

Dorgan pointed out that the do-not-call list "has to rank among the most popular programs in history." As he put it, "Not only did the American people respond to the

said, "That makes no sense."

The FTC has acknowledged the problem and pledged not to drop any telephone numbers based on a five-year limit "pending final congressional action." But it's unclear whether a registration permanent, according to testimony before Congress last fall by the FTC's director of consumer protection, Lydia Parnes.

The agency said the rule requiring re-registration every five years originally was adopted to try to keep the list as fresh as possible.

Since 16 percent of all phone numbers change every year and 20 percent of all Americans move each year, the thinking was that a re-registration requirement would cut a less than desirable number no longer in use or that had been assigned to others.

But the FTC found that changes including "increased usage of cell phones and increased popularity of telephone number portability" had made that unnecessary. Also, a scrubbing program developed in consultation with local phone exchanges automatically eliminates disconnected or reassigned num-

bers, it said.

Most importantly, it concluded: "The registry has enjoyed unprecedented popularity and has become a part of the identity of the American people in a tangible way."

One reason for the heavy participation is that the government has made it easy for people to register.

Families can register home phones or cell phones on the do-not-call list by calling the toll free number 1 888 362-1222. Telemarketers must stop calling no later than 31 days after the registration takes place.

The Web site and phone number also can be used by consumers to delete a registration, for example, if they decide they like telemarketing calls. And consumers also can use them to file a complaint against a telemarketing company that doesn't honor the listing. The FTC has gone after violators, and so far has collected more than \$17 million in fines.

There are groups that are exempt from the do not call regime — political organizations, charities and telephone surveys.

Bush says no decision yet on U.S. troop drawdown in Iraq

By Terence Hunt
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MANAMA, Bahrain — President Bush said Saturday he is open to the possibility of slowing or stopping plans to bring home more U.S. troops from Iraq, defying domestic demands to speed the withdrawals. Updated on war developments, Bush said the U.S. presence in Iraq will outlast his presidency.

Bush said any decision about troop levels "needs to be based upon success," but that there was no discussion about specific numbers when

he was briefed by Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador, to Baghdad.

The president was cheered by news that Iraq's parliament had approved legislation reinstating thousands of former supporters of Saddam Hussein's dissolved Baath party to government jobs. Bush had prodded Iraqi leaders for more than a year to enact the law.

"It's an important step toward reconciliation," Bush said as he opened talks with Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa

al-Khalifa. "It's an important sign that the leaders of that country understand that they must work together to meet the aspirations of the Iraqi people."

The first U.S. president to visit Bahrain received a splashy welcome. Sword-waving men in flowing robes and headdresses swayed and danced to rhythmic music in a palace courtyard. The president and the king were presented with swords and flashed them skyward.

The war, now in its fifth year, was a dominant theme during Bush's stops in Kuwait

and Bahrain, two Persian Gulf nations crucial to U.S. military efforts in the region. Kuwait, invaded by Saddam and liberated by a U.S.-led war in 1991, is a major military staging area for the deployment of U.S. troops and equipment. Bahrain is headquarters of the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.

Bush, speaking to U.S. forces in Kuwait, gave one of



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his most optimistic assessments of the war. "There is no doubt in my mind when history was written, the final page will say Victory was achieved by the United States of America for the good of the world," he said.

Bush began the day receiving an hour-long briefing from Petraeus and Crocker at Camp Arifjan, the largest U.S. base in Kuwait and home to about 9,000 American troops. Acting on the two men's recommendation a year ago, Bush ordered a buildup of 30,000 U.S. forces in Iraq. In September, again on their

advice, Bush announced he would withdraw some troops from Iraq — essentially the 30,000 in the buildup — but still keep the U.S. level there at about 130,000.

With Petraeus at his side, Bush said, "My attitude is, if he didn't want to continue the drawdown, that's fine with me, in order to make sure we succeed, I've said to the general, 'If you want to slow her down, fine. It's up to you.'"

Petraeus and Crocker are to give Congress an update on Iraq in March and make a recommendation about troop levels.

Developing world's role in nuclear renaissance raises safety concerns

By George John
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VIENNA, Austria — Global warming and rocketing oil prices are making nuclear power fashionable, drawing a once-demonized industry out of the shadows of the Chernobyl disaster as a potential shining knight of clean energy.

Britain is the latest to recommit itself to the energy source, with its government announcing support Thursday for the construction of new nuclear power plants. Nuclear power plants produce around 20 percent of Britain's electricity, but all but one are due to close by 2023.

However, some countries hopping on the nuclear bandwagon have abysmal industrial safety records and corrupt ways that give many pause for thought.

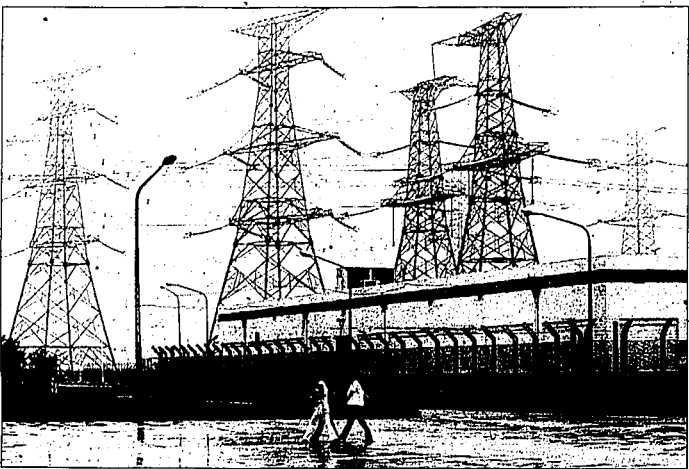
China has 11 nuclear plants and plans to bring more than 30 on line by 2020. And a Massachusetts Institute of Technology report projects that it may need to add as many as 200 reactors by 2050.

Of the more than 100 nuclear reactors now being built, planned or on order, about half are in China, India and other developing nations. Argentina, Brazil and South Africa plan to expand existing programs; and Vietnam, Thailand, Egypt and Turkey are among the countries actively building their first reactors.

The concerns are hardly limited to developing countries. Japan's nuclear power industry has yet to recover from revelations five years ago of dozens of cases of reporting on the inspections of nuclear reactor cracks.

The Swedish operators of a German reactor came under fire last summer for delays in informing the public about a fault at the plant. And a potentially disastrous partial breakdown of a Bulgarian nuclear plant's emergency shutdown mechanism in 2006 went unreported for two months until whistle-blowers made it public.

Nuclear transparency will be an even greater problem for countries such as China that have tight government controls on information.



Workers walk past pylons at the Qinshan No. 2 Nuclear Power Plant, China's first nuclear power plant, at Qinshan, about 90 miles southwest of Shanghai, China, in June 2005. Global warming and rocketing oil prices are making nuclear power fashionable, drawing a once-demonized industry out of the shadows of the Chernobyl disaster as a potential shining knight of clean energy.

Cleaner energy making a rebound

The United States has the most operable nuclear reactors in the world but only produces 19 percent of its electricity. France produces 78 percent of its with 59 reactors.

Country	Most nuclear reactors, Nov. 2007		
	OPERABLE	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	PLANNED
U.S.	104	7	7
France	59	11	11
Japan	55	7	6
Russia	31	7	6
S. Korea	20	21	6
U.K.	19	2	4
Canada	18	21	4
Germany	17	10	10
India	17	5	21
Ukraine	15	5	30
China	11	5	30
Sweden	10	2	2

SOURCE: International Atomic Energy Agency

Energy Agency describes the industry's record as "second to none." Still, he says that countries new to or still learning about nuclear power "have to move down the learning curve, and they will learn from (their) mistakes."

The Vienna-based IAEA, a U.N. body, was set up in 1957 in large part to limit such trial and error, providing quality controls and expertise to countries with nuclear programs and overseeing pacts binding them to high safety standards.

But the agency is already stretched with monitoring Iran and North Korea over their suspected nuclear arms programs, and IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei says his organization cannot be the main guarantor of safety. The primary responsibility, he says, rests with the operators of a nuclear facility and their government.

Developing nations insist they are ready for the challenge. But worries persist that bad habits of the past could reflect on nuclear operational safety.

In China, for instance, thousands die annually in the world's most dangerous coal mines and thousands more in fires, explosions and other accidents often blamed on insufficient safety equipment and workers ignoring safety rules.

Chinese state media on Saturday reported that nearly 3,800 people died in mine accidents last year. While that is about 20 percent less than in 2006, it still leaves China's mines the world's deadliest.

A Finnish study published in 2005 said India's annual industrial fatality rate is 11.4 people per 100,000 workers and the accident rate, 8,700 per 100,000 workers. Overall, Asian nations excluding China and India have an average industrial accident fatality rate of 21.5 per 100,000 and an accident rate of 16,000 per 100,000 workers, says the report, by the Tampere University of Technology in Finland. The study lists a fatality rate of 2.2 people per 100,000 for the United States and 3 per 100,000 for France.

Iraqi lawmakers agree to bill reinstating ex-supporters of Saddam's party

By Qasim Abdul-Zahra
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — Iraq's parliament voted Saturday to allow some former members of Saddam Hussein's Baath party to reclaim government jobs and said others could receive pensions but could not return to work. President Bush said the legislation was "an important step toward reconciliation."

The long-delayed bill is the first of several major changes in Iraqi law sought by the Bush administration with the goal of easing ethnic and religious tensions. The 275-seat parliament is still deadlocked over how to share the country's oil profits, constitutional amendments demanded by minority Sunni Arabs, and a bill spelling out rules for local elections.

The bill, approved Saturday by a unanimous show of hands, seeks to relax restrictions on the rights of members of the now-dissolved Baath party to fill government posts.

It is also designed to reinstate thousands of Baathists dismissed from government jobs after the U.S. invasion — a decision that deepened sectarian tensions between Iraq's majority Shiites and the once-dominant Sunni Arabs, who believed the firing targeted their community.

The strict implementation of so-called de-Baathification rules also meant that many senior bureaucrats who knew how to run ministries, university departments and state companies ended up unemployed in a country where 35 years of Baath party rule and extensive government involvement in the economy had left tens of thousands of party members in key positions.

That, coupled with the disbanding of the Iraqi army, threw tens of thousands of people out of work at a critical time in Iraq's history and fueled the burgeoning Sunni insurgency.

Repairs to Blackwater convoy vehicles could complicate Baghdad shooting inquiry

By Lara Jakes Jordan and Matt Apuzzo
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — Blackwater Worldwide repaired and repainted its trucks immediately after a deadly September shooting in Baghdad, making it difficult to determine whether enemy gunfire provoked the attack, according to people familiar with the government's investigation of the deaths.

Damage to the vehicles in the convoy has been held up by Blackwater as proof that its security guards were defending themselves against an insurgent ambush when they fired into a busy intersection, leaving 17 Iraqi civilians dead.

U.S. military investigators initially found "no enemy activity involved" and the Iraqi government concluded the shootings were unprovoked.

The repairs essentially destroyed evidence that Justice Department investigators hoped to examine in a criminal case that has drawn worldwide attention. The Sept. 16 shooting has strained U.S. relations with the Iraqi government, which wants Blackwater expelled from the country. It also has become a flash point in the debate over whether contractors are immune from legal consequences for their actions in a war zone.

Blackwater's four armored vehicles were repaired or repainted within

days of the shooting, and before FBI teams went to Baghdad to collect evidence, people close to the case said. The work included repairs to a damaged radiator. But Blackwater says it is central to its defense.

The damage and subsequent repairs were described to The Associated Press by five people familiar with the case who discussed it in separate interviews over the past month. All spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case.

The repair work creates a hurdle for prosecutors as they consider building a case against any of the 19 guards in the Sept. 16 convoy. It also makes it harder for Blackwater to

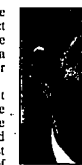
prove its innocence as it faces a grand jury investigation and multiple lawsuits over the shooting. The

company is the target, too, of an unrelated investigation into whether its contractors smuggled weapons into Iraq.

Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrel said any repairs "would have been done by the government's direction." Blackwater's contract with the State Department requires that the company maintain its vehicles and keep them on the road.

The State Department would not comment on whether it ordered the repairs to the vehicles involved in the shooting.

Blackwater's chief executive, Erik Prince, has pointed to the damaged trucks to counter accusations that his contractors acted improperly.



Blackwater USA founder, Erik Prince, testifies before the House Oversight Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Oct. 2.

U.S. presidential campaign fascinates, baffles many overseas

By Kevin Sullivan and Mary Jordan
The Washington Post

LONDON — John Mbitunga, 56, a taxi driver in Mombasa, Kenya, woke himself at 3 a.m. the day of the Iowa caucuses and flipped on CNN. He said he watched for hours, not understanding precisely what or where Iowa was but thrilled about the victory of Barack Obama, the first U.S. presidential contender with Kenyan roots.

"I have never been interested in the elections before," Mbitunga also got up at 4 a.m. to watch the New Hampshire primary results, said in a telephone interview. "But now everybody is watching. Everybody feels that Kenya has a stake in the outcome of the U.S. election."

From Mombasa's sandy shores on the Indian Ocean to the hot tubs of Reykjavik, Iceland, the U.S. primary elections are creating unprecedented interest and excitement in a global audience that normally doesn't tune in until the general election in November.

This year's wide-open primary season, filled with big personalities and dramatic story lines, has created an early global audience that suddenly knows its Hillary from its Huckabee.

"It's a great spectacle, and people are avidly devouring it," said Jeremy O'Grady, editor in chief of the Week, a British magazine. O'Grady said major British newspapers this week alone have



devoted more than 67 pages to news of the U.S. primaries, including 22 front-page stories — exceptionally intense coverage of a foreign news event. More than 700 correspondents from 50 countries covered the Iowa and New Hampshire events.

About 1.5 million people visited the BBC Web page reporting the win by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., over Obama in New Hampshire, making it one of the most-read stories in months, a BBC spokesman said.

"The candidates have more iconic status than usual," O'Grady said. "They are almost like superhero citizens: the Mormon, the woman, the black, the millionaire, the war hero... We do love a good show over here."

"Love it or loathe it, this is still a world dominated by one great power," he said. "Even if we can't influence the election, we want to see how it turns out."

Some of the interest is simply partisan cheerleading. In Ireland, Clinton has great support partly because many people fondly recall the role of her husband, then-

President Bill Clinton, in helping achieve a peace deal in Northern Ireland, said Tim Pat Coogan, a Dublin author and historian.

But much of the enthusiasm comes from anticipation of President Bush's departure, according to several analysts. U.S. prestige and popularity in much of the world have sunk to historic lows since Bush took office, over such issues as the Iraq war and climate change. Many analysts said the election has created high expectations that the new president will be more in tune with the rest of the world.

"In many capitals people have been waiting for this change for some time," said Rosa Balfaur, a senior analyst at the European Policy Center, a Brussels-based research group.

She said Europeans also are struck by the diversity of candidates. "That's a novelty in Europe... That attracts attention."

Margret Sigurdardottir, 34, an opera and jazz singer from Reykjavik, said that in Iceland, "you can hear people sharing their views on this in the cafes and offices — and also in the hot tubs... where

everything of any importance is thoroughly discussed."

In South Africa, political analyst Justice Malala said discussion of the U.S. primaries eclipsed even domestic politics. There hasn't been much interest in Republicans Mike Huckabee or Mitt Romney, Malala said, "but Obama and Clinton are something special." He added: "It reminds me of the Mandela presidency, which was about the dreams and ideals we hold dear."

There are, of course, places where people are not following every twist and turn.

"I don't think who is president will affect the U.S. policy toward China," said Chen Xiaoguang, 33, a doctor in Beijing.

Even those who were following the primaries said it was like watching a public whose rules they didn't fully understand.

In Mombasa, on Kenya's east coast, Mbitunga, the taxi driver, said that despite hours devouring the latest news about who is inching closer to the White House, he was still confused. "I find it a bit complicated — most Kenyans do," he said. "I don't understand why Iowa, New Hampshire and a few other states are so important."

Correspondents Maureen Van in Beijing, special correspondent Karla Adam in London, news researcher Zhang Jie in Beijing and staff researcher Robert E. Thomson in Washington contributed to this report.

Chertoff given OK to use retirees to reduce immigration backlog

By Suzanne Camba
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has given its authority to retiree workers to reduce a backlog of immigration applications that is preventing thousands of people from becoming U.S. citizens in time to vote in November's elections, a Democratic senator said.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., had pressured Citizenship and Immigration Services, a division of the Homeland Security Department, to seek permission to reduce the backlog. The permission was granted Thursday by the Office of Personnel Management.

"This is a welcome breakthrough that has great potential to help sort through the backlog of pending applications," Schumer said Friday in a statement. "Immigrants who play by the rules and get in line deserve a chance at citizenship, not an endless waiting game. Failed planning led to this backlog, but this is a smart step that could help fix the situation."

Schumer pushed for the retiree hiring after The Associated Press reported that a summer spike in immigration applications caused the backlog.

During the 2007 fiscal year, 7.7 million applications for citizenship, legal residency and other immigration benefits were filed. About 2.5 million of those were filed in July and August.

Citizenship and Immigration Services announced during Thanksgiving week that naturalizations of anyone who applied after June 1 would take 15 to 18 months. Without additional hires, many immigrants could not become citizens, giving them the right to vote, until after the Nov. 4 elections.

Economy catches up with Iraq war as nation's top problem, according to AP poll

By Alan Fran
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The faltering economy has caught the Iraq war as people's top worry, a national poll suggests, with the rapid turnaround already showing up on the presidential campaign trail and in maneuvering between President Bush and Congress.

Twenty percent named the economy as the foremost problem in an Associated Press-Ipsos poll released Friday, virtually tying the 21 percent who named Iraq. In October, the last time the survey posed the open-ended question about the country's top issue, the war came out on top by a 2-1 majority.

About equal proportions of Republicans, Democrats and independents in the new poll said the economy was their major worry, suggesting the issue looms as a potent one in both parties' presidential contests. It was also cited evenly across all levels of income, underscoring the variety of economic problems the country faces.

Amid increasing trade, job, housing, stock market and gasoline price woes, candidates from each party have started talking about how they would bolster the economy. The issue looms as the dominant one in the next presidential contest: Tuesday's Republican primary in Michigan, which had a 7.4 percent unemployment rate in November that is the nation's worst.

Even as signs of economic weakness in this country have grown in recent months, U.S. and Iraqi casualties in Iraq have been dropping since the summer. Though most in the U.S. remain against the war, growth numbers say they think President Bush's troop increase last year has been working, and politicians say the issue is raised with decreasing frequency by candidates.

"The lines are crossing now," said Whit Ayres, a Republican pollster not working for a presidential candidate. "As Iraq becomes more stable and less violent,

concern about Iraq is diminishing. It will still be an important issue, but the economy is filling the vacuum."

Economic concerns were voiced about evenly in most parts of the country in the AP-Ipsos survey. It was particularly high in the Rust Belt region of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin, states that are expected to be pivotal in the November election. About one in three there named the economy.

The poll offered another example of economic anxiety as an index measuring consumer confidence fell to its all-time low in the six years Ipsos has been measuring it. The BBC Cash Index dropped to 56.3 in early January, down from 65.9 in December.

The war was the top problem mentioned by three in 10 Democrats, about twice the number of Republicans who listed it. About one in five independents also put it as the top concern.

Health care was another important issue for Democrats, while Republicans also named

morality, immigration and terrorism.

In exit polls of voters in last Tuesday's New Hampshire presidential primaries, people in both parties named the economy as their top concern, including 38 percent of Democrats and 31 percent of Republicans. Of these citing the economy, the most votes went to Hillary Rodham Clinton for Democrats and John McCain among Republicans — and each won

their party's contest.

In the Jan. 3 Iowa presidential caucuses, the economy was tied with Iraq for most important issue among Democrats. Illegal immigration was the most mentioned by Republicans, followed by the economy. The winners in that state — Republican Mike Huckabee and Democrat Barack Obama — also got the most support among those chiefly worried about the economy.

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EDITORIAL

If you're from Idaho, you must be a security risk

If you're an Idahoan under 50, you might plan to arrive at the airport a couple of hours early. It's Michael Chertoff's idea. The secretary of homeland security is leaning hard on Idaho and other states to sign on to the agency's REAL ID system — effectively a national identity card — for secure driver's licenses.

You can't, of course, board a plane in the United States unless you show a Transportation Security Administration screener your driver's license or state-issued identification card. REAL ID is a post-9/11 measure to catch terrorists and illegal immigrants, who might have a fraudulent ID.

But Idaho's Legislature isn't sure REAL ID is such a hot idea. Last winter, lawmakers passed a measure urging Idaho's congressional delegation to support repeal of the REAL ID Act of 2005. Sixteen other states have done the same.

They object to the cost of the program — \$3.9 billion. And in libertarian-minded Idaho there are reservations about the federal government sticking its nose into the lives of citizens.

So Chertoff is turning up the heat. On Friday, he said that if Idaho and the other states want their driver's licenses to remain valid for air travel after May, they must seek a waiver asking for more time to comply.

If they don't seek such a waiver, their citizens will have to use a passport or a newly created federal passport card if they want to avoid a vigorous secondary screening.

Under the new rules, Americans born after Dec. 1, 1964, will have to get more secure driver's licenses in the next six years.

By 2014, anyone younger than 50 seeking to fly or enter a federal building would have to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license.

The over-50 exemption was created to give states more time to get everyone new licenses, and officials say the risk of someone that old being a terrorist is small. But by 2017, even those over 50 must have a REAL ID-compliant card to board a plane.

The American Civil Liberties Union, among others, objects to the plan — especially the sharing of personal data among government agencies.

The heavy-handed tactics DHS is using to get its own way are troubling. If a government agency can keep you off an airplane solely because of where you live, can it be trusted to protect your privacy?

Our view:
America needs a secure ID system, but not one forced down our throats.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mayor should be chosen by more than four people

Maybe I am new to this town after three years. I love the town, and the city officials are doing a great job over all.

But Tuesday, reading the newspaper, I read Mayor Lane Claw stays at his job. Not that he is the wrong person for the job, the question is why is there no mayor election? Why is the mayor only elected by City Council? In a city of 40,000 people there has to be more than four people to choose the mayor.

I have lived in several cities but never heard of a mayor being chosen by City Council.

I hope the two new City Council members will keep the city as lovely as they are taking over and we all wish them well.

I think the two outgoing City Council members did a great job. We wish them well in their future adventures.

BARIA FEDAIE
Twin Falls

A handy guide to the Times-News opinion pages

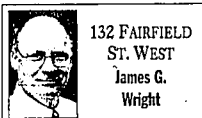
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New gun-control law won't curb NRA's clout in Congress

For a giddy moment there, sanity broke out all around and Congress, with bipartisan support no less, enacted and President Bush signed an actual, genuine gun-control bill.

The federal government during the next five years will provide \$1.3 billion in grants to rig the states into perfecting their records of individuals who are disqualified by mental illness from purchasing guns and then filing that information with the national database gun dealers use to check purchasers' eligibility.

This patently should have been the case all along, but the bill was opposed by the gun lobby and flopped when it was introduced in 2002. It took the deaths of 32 students at the faculty and the wounding of two dozen more at Virginia Tech last year to shame the recalcitrant into concurrence.

The killer, Seung-Hui Cho, had been adjudicated an "imminent danger" to himself and others by a state court but was able even so to buy the two guns he used for his massacre.



TOM TEEPEN

Even the National Rifle Association, which ordinarily sees a wolf hiding in every common-sense gun proposal, didn't cry its practiced faux alarm this time. And the Bush administration, which had played the key role in putting semi-automatic assault weapons back into civilian circulation, went along.

Which portends — well, absolutely nothing, of course.

Despite this rare lapse, the NRA and the rest of the gun lobby are otherwise busy about their usual business of working — mostly through state legislators, with appalling success — to put more firearms in more hands and in more public spaces.

The noisiest reaction to the recent murder of nine in a shooting spree in a Omaha, Neb., mall denounced the ban many malls have on cus-

tomers packing heat. If only shoppers had been armed, the complaint went, they could have shot that sorry sucker dead. And collateral damage from a bunch of amateurs blasting away in panic in a crowded mall? Never mind.

Although the gun lobby is pushing for more concealed weapons and to open parks, workplaces, arenas and other public spaces to them, we are hardly a disarmed people every with those faint inhibitors in place. Reuters news service, in a piece last year, reported that the United States is the most heavily armed nation in the world. We have 90 guns per 100 of us, nearly a third of all the world's private firearms.

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Other industrialized western nations have gun murderers in, at most, the low 100s annually. We had nearly

11,000 in '05. And 477,040 violent gun crimes. Guns are the favored means of suicide, too. Firearms are our eighth leading cause of death.

Meantime, the gaping legal loophole that allows gun-show sales without background checks goes unplugged. Congress hustles to protect gunmakers from lawsuits and crooked or irresponsible dealers from investigation and would limit local law enforcement access to federal data that could help trace crime guns.

And the new Virginia Tech law notwithstanding, it will be ever thus, for however long the gun lobby owns the Republican Party outright and has Democrats terrified into comparable servitude.

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Study confirms: Winters in Northeast are warming quickly

By Michael Hill
Associated Press writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — Earlier blooms. Less snow to shovel. Unseasonable warm spells. Signs that winters in the Northeast are losing their bite have been abundant in recent years and now researchers have nailed down numbers to show just how big the changes have been.

A study of weather station data from across the Northeast from 1965 through 2005 found December-March temperatures increased by 2.5 degrees. Snowfall totals dropped by an average of 8.8 inches across the region over the same period, and the number of days with at least 1 inch of snow on the ground decreased by nine days on average.

"Winter is warming greater than any other season," said Elizabeth Burakowski, who analyzed data from dozens of stations for her master's thesis in meteorology with Cameron Wake, a professor at the University of New Hampshire's Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space.

Burakowski, who graduated from UNH in December, found that the biggest snowfall decreases were in December and February. Stations in New England showed the strongest decreases in winter snowfall, about 3 inches a decade.

There were wide disparities in snowfall over the eight-state region, with average totals ranging from 13.5 inches at Cape May, N.J., to 137.6 inches at Oswego, N.Y. Some stations on the Great Lakes, where lake-effect storms are common, showed an increase.

The reduction in days with at least an inch of snow on the ground was the most pronounced at stations between 42 and 44 degrees latitude — a band that includes most of Massachusetts, a thick slice of upstate New York and southern sections of Vermont and New Hampshire.



Dora Carter walks along a snow covered street after a winter storm dropped 10 inches of snow in Albany, N.Y., Dec. 31. Studies show that winters are getting milder in the Northeast.

Burakowski cites two likely causes for the reduction in snow-covered days: higher maximum temperatures and "snow-albedo feedback," in which less snow cover to begin with allows more sunshine warmth to be

absorbed by the darker ground, making it less conducive to snow cover.

The research has yet to appear in a peer-reviewed journal, though meteorologists who have studied long-term climate trends said the

observations appear to be in line with other research.

Richard Helm of the National Climatic Data Center looked at trends in snowfall totals nationwide from 1948 to 2006 and found that patterns varied regionally and seasonally. For the Northeast in winter, he found totals mostly decreasing along coastal areas, with an increasing trend along the Great Lakes. Art DeGaetano, of the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University, said regions around New York state have recorded negative trends in snowfall since 1970.

DeGaetano cautioned that snowfall totals can vary a lot from year to year. Last month, for example, snow totals were well above average for December across much of the Northeast.

Ski center operators also have noticed an increase in snowmaking in recent years, but that has not been the case for decades, said Parker

Riehle, president of the trade association Ski Vermont, but he echoed DeGaetano's point that snow totals have gone up and down.

"We've seen some erratic winters in recent years," Riehle said. "The mood swings of Mother Nature, perhaps,

are deeper than they used to be."

But while ski slopes can fire up snow-making guns to compensate for lack of flurries, snowmobilers and cross-country skiers have complained about later starts and fewer trails covered with snow.

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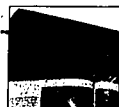
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America's challenge: Keeping men out of men's shops

In 1995, the U.S. economy was thriving, the country was at peace, God was in heaven and 75 percent of men's clothing was purchased by women.

Now look what a mess we're in. Blame George Bush, blame subprime mortgage lenders, blame Dr. Phil. But save some opprobrium for the ordinary run-of-the-mill American guy.

See, he's doing his own shopping now.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

You could look it up. In 2002, just 45 percent of men shopped for themselves; last year it was 70 percent, according to Citrus's New York Business.

This is not a positive development. Put down this newspaper, grab your car keys and drive to Home Depot or Lowe's. What do you see?

You see men wearing camo and hunter orange, that's what. You see glowing steel canopies, anti-fog Bing Bangs, lots and lots of belly hair, and cnds that just don't justify the price.

Men simply can't dress themselves. As Bob Dole used to say, you know it, I know it and the American people know it. And yet the diabolical menswear industry has spent millions trying to persuade guys to the contrary. Menswear departments from Wal-Mart to Neiman-Marcus are now designed to appeal to male shoppers.

"Because men's fashion is over-wrought with semantics and men are likely to have many similar choices in similar price ranges, stores are emphasizing those features that appeal specifically to male shoppers, including gadgetry, convenience, and customer service," according to the Web site menswear.com.

That's akin to giving a 6-year-old a wad of \$100 bills and sending him into a pawn shop to buy a Glock. It's just not sane.

With the exception of the handful of guys who do shows on TLC, American men can't match colors, they buy pants that are too small in the crotch and too big in the seat, and they'd rather undergo a colonoscopy than go near a tailor.

About a year ago, my wife marched me into a menswear store and declared I was going to buy a suit. Personally, I thought the safari jacket I'd been wearing to church since 1978 was just fine.

We found a suit jacket that fit and then I started to try on pants. It was then I discovered that I'm not ideally proportioned: My belly's too big, I have a skinny butt and no hips whatsoever.

The salesman summoned the in-house tailor, a charming older woman with an Eastern European accent. She steered me toward a 180-degree mirror and began marking up the pants I was wearing with chalk.

It took awhile. Finally she looked up and said, "You will be wearing these pants with suspenders, yes?" I swallowed hard. "No, m'siam, I'd prefer to wear a belt."

The expression on the tailor's face looked as if someone had just ordered her to drain the Panama Canal and fill the dry channel with bowling balls.

But she fixed the pants — triumphantly, she practically sewed me a new pair — so I could wear a belt without my trousers collapsing around my ankles.

The first chance I had to wear my new attire was to the 50th birthday party of a friend of my wife's. I donned my snazzy suit and a crisp white shirt and came out of the bedroom adjusting the knot on my tie.

"Victoria look one look at me and proclaimed, "We're going in separate cars. And if anyone asks, you don't know me."

"Don't know what got into her. I wonder if it was because my tie was a giant polyester bass?"

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Think like a fish



Sheryl Sharp, a fourth-grade teacher at Kimberly Elementary School, peers into the mouth of the fish she is dissecting Saturday afternoon during a class put on by Jerome Fish and Game for educators in the region.

Teachers take trout lessons back to classroom

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

It was a chance to answer the important questions. Like, say, how is a trout supposed to react when you cut into it?

"I don't think we're supposed to be getting to the blood," Kimberly elementary teacher Jaime Koepnick said as her partner, retired Twin Falls teacher Paul Remaley, dissected their fish.

The pair were two of 19 local educators who now likely know more about trout than most other people in the Magic Valley. For 16 hours on

Find out more

For more about Project WILD courses, including two that will be offered in the Magic Valley in February, visit <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov> and click on "Education — Project WILD."

Friday and Saturday, the teachers, led by Idaho Fish and Game employees, visited Hilley Creek, toured the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery and got a good, close look at what exactly trout look like inside.

The course was part of the department's Project WILD, a series of workshops that give educators the tools they need to teach about wildlife in their own classrooms. Each class gives the teachers on-site credit college and plenty of suggestions for their students, regional conservation educator Kelton Hatch said.

Plus, the hands-on experience prepares them better for their own classes: In a course planned for next month, teachers will get to track mule deer in the wild with a radio truck.

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Volunteers help keep Pomerelle skiers safe

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Blue skies and a fresh blanket of powder, the perfect day for hitting the slopes.

Imagine it — your ski grip the snow, your body hoisted and you're off. Maybe it's your first, or last, run of the day but before you know it an accident happens: your goggles fill with snow, as searing pain rips through your body. Soon, help arrives — it's the National Ski Patrol.

Chances are, at Pomerelle Mountain in Albion, these rescuers are volunteers. The mountain does have two pro patrolmen on staff but Jody Burrows, site manager, said the volunteer staff is invaluable.

"We are so fortunate to have a real working team of volunteers that is so dedicated to serving," Burrows said. "They make a world of difference to our operation."

The mountain doesn't send their guests a bill for being carried off the mountain. National Ski Patrol group Commander Dale Hayden said that's because the group runs on donations and proceeds from an annual ski swap and sale.

Find out more

The National Ski Patrol needs help. For more information: NSP Commander Dale Hayden, or 326 South 150 East, Burley, ID 83318.

"We run on a pretty-tight budget, about \$3,000 a year," Hayden said. "That money is spent on training, sending guys to seminars and meetings. We try to cover hotel and gas expenses as well as the cost for medical equipment and supplies we need on the mountain."

In all, about 30 volunteers patrol Pomerelle. They schedule to have at least three people on shift for Thursday and Friday nights and six on hand over the weekends.

While Chuck Martinez spends his days as a packing supervisor for McCain Foods in Burley, the 51-year-old Declo man can often be found on the dedicated patrol team. Martinez calls himself a "junkie," hooked to the adrenaline rush that comes with a call for help.

"Everything I do is grown from being with the ski patrol, I'm hooked," he said.

That decision has led Martinez into joining the Mini-Cassia area Search and Rescue and Cassia County Sheriff's D.E. Team.

"The last couple of years have been pretty busy," Martinez said. "But people need us."

The need is in the numbers. Accidents and injuries keep ski patrol busy on average 220 people are taken off the mountain each season.

"Some of the time it is a matter of life and death," Hayden said. "It takes a lot of training and studying to do what we do."

The NSP certified courses include 100 classroom hours, at least 10 days of mountain training and a passing grade on the Outdoors Emergency Care Test.

"The volunteers' commitment is huge," Hayden said. "Without the NSP we would not see the ski industry here today. Pomerelle wouldn't be able to afford to pay all the volunteers without having to charge the folks coming up to have a good time."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

BLM closes roads to protect wildlife habitat in South Hills

The Bureau of Land Management Burley Field Office will implement a seasonal road closure from Jan. 16 through March 15 to protect ericoid mule deer winter range and sage-grouse habitat in the South Hills.

There are signs notifying the public of the closure, and gates have been installed to prevent trespass.

The road closure will include all BLM lands in the South Hills from the western-most entrance of North Cottonwood Creek Road on the western boundary to the private land adjacent to Dry Creek Road on the eastern boundary.

The seasonal closure applies to all motorized vehicles except those specifically authorized to access the area. The area is open to the public for non-motorized use.

A map of the closure is available

online at: <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/bunley.html>.

Twin Falls police: Man tied up homeowner, burgled house

A home invasion and robbery suspect was arrested less than two hours after the crime was reported Friday night.

Twin Falls Police dispatch received a call at 9:15 p.m. Friday from a 90-year-old man in the 1300th block of Evergreen Drive, who said he had

been tied up, his home robbed and car stolen.

Earlier Friday night the homeowner, investigating noises, was surprised by an intruder, identified

as 23-year-old Brady Hitesman. In his home brandishing a firearm, Hitesman tied up the homeowner, burgled the man's home and fled in the homeowner's vehicle, according to a press release issued Saturday evening by the Twin Falls Police Department.

Cassia County Sheriff's deputies found the stolen vehicle late Friday in Jerome County.

With the help of Jerome City Police and Idaho State Police, the sheriff's office stopped and detained the suspect. Hitesman was arrested by Twin Falls Police and charged with robbery, kidnaping, fraudulent use of a financial transaction card, grand theft and assault with the attempt to commit a serious felony.

Hitesman, who was on a felony probation, was also served an agent's warrant by the Idaho Department of Corrections.

— compiled from staff reports

Sawtooth firefighting class to begin, needs students

By Damon Hunzeker
Times-News correspondent

Have you ever wanted to jump in and fight a big fire? Nearly nine million acres burned in the United States last year — 1.5 million in Idaho — so even if the question seems preposterous, somebody has to do it.

The Sawtooth National Forest, in conjunction with the College of Southern Idaho, will provide a course on battling wildfires. Beginning Jan. 15, Introduction to Wildland Fire will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for eight weeks.

So far, four people have registered for the class, down from 15 last year. If enrollment doesn't increase by Tuesday, the class may be canceled.

As explained by lead facilitator Steve Clezie, the course is an amalgam of four disciplines within the larger effort toward suppressing and preventing uncontrolled fires:

basic firefighting, leadership skills, wildland-weather knowledge, and

recruitment of the class: CSI Records Office, (208) 732-6795.

For more information about the Sawtooth National Forest Recruitment

pass/fail and fee, (208) 737-3322 or in addition www.fed.us/4/sawtooth.

The class combines the incidents command system.

"The class combiners pass/fail and fee, (208) 737-3322 or in addition www.fed.us/4/sawtooth and presentations for which Clezie will bring in multiple experts, it includes exams, quizzes, and a field trip to the CSI Esno. The latter is the only hands-on aspect, because it's difficult to replicate a wildfire — even for academic purposes.

Like any college course, students are not guaranteed a job. They will be certified for anything. However, they are guaranteed a significantly better chance of getting a job in a highly competitive field.

Clezie, a Navy veteran, has been with the Forest Service for 10 years. "The class will make you more marketable to get hired with a government agency," he said. "That's what it's intended to do — to give people an edge. They'll already have the basics covered."

Jobs with the Forest Service are not guaranteed. If you are looking for an adventurous career in the wild, college students, and, of course, people who simply hate fire. Those who take and pass the class are not going to get rich, but they are going to immerse themselves in a unique and unpredictable job.

"Aside from the adrenaline rush," Clezie said, "you get to meet a variety of different people because you travel so much. With people in California, or wherever, there's a camaraderie and a real sense of community."

Depending upon how many employees return from last season, the Forest Service will hire about 40 to 50 people this year — including the Sawtooth National Forest helicopter crews and trail teams.

The fire season runs from May 15 to Oct. 15. When fires are nonexistent or contained, Forest Service employees are still busy — sometimes working on fuel-reduction projects, sometimes building fences — and physical fitness is paramount. In the mornings, they alternate between running 3 to 5 miles, lifting weights and various other exercises.

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Barbara Jane Gardner

ITAGERMAN — Barbara Jane Gardner, age 86, passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2008, in a care facility in Meridian, Idaho.

Barbara was born in Gooding, Idaho, on Oct. 15, 1921. She was the middle of seven children born to Rudolph and Josephine Tschannen. Shortly after her birth, Barbara moved with the family to the Bray ranch in Clover Creek, where she was raised. During her high school years, Barbara boarded in Gooding and graduated from Gooding High School. After high school, she attended Albion Teachers College and then taught in the one-room school at Clover Creek when she graduated.

During World War II, she moved to San Diego with her husband and worked on a rivet bucket in the aircraft factory. She says she was the only one small enough to fit inside those small airplane wings. She met and married Joe Engles during the war and had three children, shortly after she divorced Joe when her children were small and returned to Bliss, where she again taught school. After the accidental death of her youngest son, Barbara moved to Gooding where she

taught school, raising her children alone for the next 10 years. She married Robert Gardner and moved to her beloved Itagerman ranch, where she again taught school and worked as an artist for the next 32 years. Her paintings were sold and displayed in many facilities throughout the local area and California.

Barbara was preceded in death by her son, Patrick Jay Engles; her husband, Bob; Jay of her brothers and sister; and a grandson, Chad Anderson. She is survived by children, Mike Engles of Jerome and Yvonne Anderson (Stan) of Eagle; her grandchildren, Valerie Alley of Boise, Brody Engles (Jody) of Boise, Robben Cantfield (Jake) of McCall, Stacey Yvonne (Paul) of San Diego, Calif., and Calley Milby (Scott) of Manchester, N.H.; plus seven great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the many people at the Cottages, Stacey Yvonne (Paul) of San Diego, Calif., and Calley Milby (Scott) of Manchester, N.H.; plus seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Denamary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Dorothy Andersen

Dorothy Andersen, 76, passed away peacefully at her home with Mitch, by her side, on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008. Her husband, Glenn Andersen, preceded her in death in 2006. She is survived

by her children, Vicki (John) Reeves, Yolanda Roberts, Stephanie (Ivan) Elliott, Jeffery Andersen, and twins, Mitch (Delba) Andersen and Michelle Cooper. A private family inurnment will be at a future time.

VANCOUVER, Wash. — James Edward Utt passed quietly Dec. 16, 2007, at South West Regional Hospital in Vancouver, Wash. His death was caused by an accident he received on Dec. 8, 2007. He passed quietly and peacefully surrounded by friends and family.



James Edward Utt was born April 25, 1951, to Charles and Phyllis Utt in Eden, Idaho. James was known to family and friends as Jim, Jimmy or Jimbo. Jim graduated from Valley High

School in 1969, College of Southern Idaho in 1973 and took many different courses while in California. Jim grew up in Eden, Idaho, where Grandma lived just down the road. Grandma, being the teacher that she was, helped Jim develop his creative writing and artistic skills. Jim was a musician and artist in his youth. He lived in his life to be the success that he was.

When Jim was 21 years old, he ventured off to Los Angeles to live in the big city. Jim's first job was teaching at a Catholic school in Los Angeles. He later went on to work as a regional salesman for Fisher Industries, where he sold valves for different industrial

applications. This position later moved him to the Vancouver area. At the time of death, Jim was the project manager of a Northwind condo conversion and employed by Reelvest Asset Management LLC. The project consisted of renovating 250 upscale condos on the Columbia River. Jim had an eye to see what could be when starting this conversion. No task was ever too large for Jim to take on. Jim purchased a condo at the project and you can tell when going to his home that he loved to decorate and had an eye to do so.

Jim is survived by his sister and her husband, Dolores and Jerry Cheobor of Pasco,

Wash.; his nephew, Dustin Rogers and his children, Maziah and Carson of Pasco, Wash.; and his niece, Krista Ward, and her husband, Robert, and their children, Caleb, Preston and Fallon of Jackpot, Nev. Jim is also survived by his friend, Armando Paredes 'Trojo. Jim leaves behind many caring friends and family.

A celebration of Jim's life was held Saturday, Jan. 12, at Northwind at Columbia Shores clubhouse in Vancouver, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Ann Patterson

MISSOULA, Mont. — Ann Patterson was born Jan. 15, 1949, in Roswell, N.M., where she grew up in a United States Air Force family. She passed away Monday, Nov. 26, 2007.



She met and was introduced to her husband, Army by Eddie, who became her husband of 40 years. Eddie and Ann entered the College of Officers Training in 1969, from the Roswell, N.M., Corps. They were part of the Veterans Sustainment that was commissioned in 1971.

She served with her husband in the Western Territory of the Army for 37 years as a corps officer at the following

appointments: Eugene, Ore.; Napa, Calif.; Oxnard, Calif.; Huntington Park, Calif.; Pasadena, Calif.; Casper, Wyo.; Hilo, Hawaii; Ventura, Calif.; San Pedro, Calif.; Twin Falls, Idaho; and Missoula, Mont.

She loved to give herself to her Corps people. Through the involvement in various Lions Clubs, she served with distinction as president for two years. She also received other honors.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie, son, Dwayne Patterson; daughter, Stephanie Gamnack; daughter-in-law, Hilary Patterson; son-in-law, Cym Gamnack; and seven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Salvation Army, 340 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

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Fish

This is one way to get more wildlife education in school. "Hatch and Fly" is judged by Saturday's participants. It's a fun way to do it. Koepnick, Sheryl Sharp and Kelly Gibbons — all fourth-grade teachers in Kimberly — bravely climbed their way into their fish, even when they got stung. "You want to see what's in the stomach?" Gibbons asked.

"Pestol" Sharp relished after cutting into the organ, revealing a green-brown mass of half-digested food pellets.

Flier Middle School teacher Gary Moon joked with the others at his table while searching for the clear, spherical lens in his fish's eye. Moon, Koepnick and Gibbons are members of the Classroom Program in his class before, but that this was the first time he'd attended the trout workshop. His students, he said, love the program, which concludes with a fishing trip.

"Anything hands-on, they're good like that," he said.

Fish and Game regional fisheries manager Doug Megard, who led the anatomy session, had plenty of fish trivia to toss out.

Trout can see things all around them, he said, including hopeful fishermen up on the bank of a river. You can tell a trout's age by the marks on its scales, and they can both smell and sense electrochemical signals — the latter through marks on their sides.

And he dispensed plenty of advice for similar classes. For example, he said, sculpin probably aren't the best idea for a first class.

"I prefer to see sculpin without sharp points on them," he said, since the fish are so slippery.

The class, offered statewide, may not be in the Magic Valley again soon. But educators have several other choices, and many who attended this weekend got hooked by the department's other offerings and will contact the information can be applied.

"Everything's adaptable," Sharp said, describing how she connects wildlife into Idaho history courses.

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Sawtooth National Forest seeking public input on project proposals

Times-News

The Forest Sawtooth National is seeking public comment on several proposed projects for which it is seeking permits in the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Each year the state provides funding for public land agencies through a grant application process. These state funds are raised through the sale of a variety of boating, recreation, and off-road vehicle stickers. Agencies applying for IDPR grants are required to provide matching funds or in-kind contributions.

The Forest Service would appreciate comments or feedback on these grant proposals:

- Fairfield Ranger District: Fairfield motorized trail projects. Work includes trail re-creates, trail widening and heavy maintenance on the following trails that are open to all single track trail uses: West Fork Big Smoky Trail #7234 (3 miles), Chicken Creek Trail #7139 (1/4 mile), Linker in the Wall Knobside Trail #7056 1/2 mile, Presidents Trail #7042 (2 miles).

Submit comments to Ann Frost, 764-3216, afrost@fs.fed.us, Fairfield Ranger District,

P.O. Box 189, Fairfield, ID 83327.

Ketchum Ranger District: Ketchum Ranger District trailhead improvement projects. At Gooding, trailhead work includes developing a separate parking area to accommodate three to five trailers and installing equestrian facilities such as hitch racks, mounting blocks and an unloading ramp. At Fox Creek trailhead work includes converting the existing trailer parking to pull-through parking and modifying two bridge center posts to allow equestrians to safely cross the bridge.

Submit comments to Renee Catherine, 822-0008, rcathe@fs.fed.us, Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2136, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area: Big Casino Creek trail reconstruction. About two miles of the Martin-Big Casino Creek Trail #616 in the Big Casino Creek drainage of the White Cloud Mountains could be reconstructed. Multiple creek crossings, boggy trail sections, and excessively steep sections of trail would be avoided through the planned reroutes. Also, six lumber punchouts totaling 155 feet and two lum-

ber bridges (20 feet and 16 feet) would be built to broaden trail over wet areas. The trail will be extended to Little Casino Creek Trailhead to allow trail traffic to bypass campground roads. All abandoned trail sections would be rehabilitated to prevent continued erosion and encourage plant growth.

Off-highway vehicle patrol and education grant funding would be used to purchase a motorcycle for trail patrols, provide education using existing "Tread Lightly" techniques and materials, and inform and involve users in 2008 travel management changes.

Submit comments to Eric McQuay, 774-3037, ericmquay@fs.fed.us, Sawtooth NHA, 5 North Fork Canyon Road, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Minidoka Ranger District: Off-highway vehicle cattle guards. Requesting funds to purchase several trail cattle guards to enhance motorized vehicle travel. Cattle guards will be located where all-terrain vehicle and motorcycle trails cross range fences.

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Gambler finds help dealing with her addiction

By Debbie Bryce
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — Compulsive gamblers helping other compulsive gamblers — that's the philosophy behind Gamblers Anonymous, said Jane Davis. "You don't understand the addiction," she said.

While problem gamblers are often ordered to attend support meetings by the courts, little help is available in Idaho for people whose lives have been affected by the compulsion.

Davis said her own addiction accelerated following the death of her 27-year-old son, Jared, who was accidentally shot and killed in 2004. "It was a way to deal with the death," she said.

In 2006, Davis said she realized that her gambling was out of control, but she was powerless to stop.

"You can realize that there's a problem, but not want to stop," she said. "I could walk away from the poker table with money in my pocket, but I could not walk away from the slots."

Davis spent 12 to 14 hours a week gambling and an equal amount of time juggling her finances to cover up her gambling. In a three-year period, Davis was a staggering \$30,000 in debt.

"My entire salary went just to pay the interest — I was paying nothing on the principal," she said. "My thoughts were constantly on gambling or the bills."

At one time, Davis had 18 active credit cards. Many

gamblers finance their addiction through payday loans, she said. Her gambling addiction caused her to conceal her financial debacle from her husband of 33 years. She had her mail forwarded to her job and even altered their credit report.

Davis said she felt helpless and experienced feelings of guilt, anxiety and depression.

"You don't really think about killing yourself you just

want it to end you want to rest," she said.

When her "gambling buddy" was charged with embezzlement and sentenced to attend GA meeting, Davis, at the end of her financial resources and deeply in debt, said it was a wake-up call for her as well.

Davis confessed to her husband about her gambling and the dire financial situation it landed her in.

"He was furious," she said. "But when he took that financial burden away the gambling burden went as well."

Davis, who has never drunk alcohol, smoked cigarettes or used drugs, said admitting there's a problem is the first step to recovery.

She began attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings with her friend, and has not gambled since May.

The group's five active

members meet every Tuesday.

The meetings were temporarily held at Bingham Memorial Hospital in Blackfoot, but later moved to the Marshall Public Library in Pocatello. Davis plans to host the group in her home.

Her motive for telling her story is twofold first she aff other compulsive gamblers, and she also hopes

someone will offer the group a permanent meeting place.

With two casinos located minutes from Pocatello, the popularity of the televised World Poker Tour and the availability of Internet gambling, Davis believes the problem will continue to grow.

"Everyone in Pocatello knows someone that has a gambling problem," Davis said.

Commission recommends mine safety office in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Mine Safety Commission is recommending to Gov. Jon Huntsman that the state should create a limited mine-safety office within the Utah Industrial Commission.

However, the commission doesn't want the office to inspect mines.

Instead, the office would handle whistleblower calls, advise on potential safety issues and take the lead in the state's response to mine disasters.

It would also help coordinate development of a mine safety and productivity research institute, enhanced training programs at the Western Energy Training Center and implementation of an upgraded seismic monitoring system in the state's coal belt.

The Utah Mine Safety Commission was created in response to the Crandall Canyon mine disaster, where nine miners died and six were injured in a pair of collapses.

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration's investigation of the disaster is ongoing, as is a U.S. Labor Department probe of MSHA's role in approving the mine's roof-control plan and overseeing the failed rescue effort.

Commission chairman Scott Matheson and member David Litvin, president of the Utah Mining Association, sparred verbally Friday while discussing 47 possible recommendations. The compromise reached did not include Matheson's preference for a state safety inspection program, but also overcame Litvin's objections to creating an Office of Coal Mine Safety.

"I was surprised that many went through," Matheson said.

Lawmakers would have to allocate more than \$1 million for employees, to buy seismic equipment and to establish the research institute and an emergency response center near Price, under the recommendations.

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Nevada population boom made flood from century-old canal worse

By Scott Somner and Martin Griffith
Associated Press writers

FERNLEY, Nev. — In 1903, when a 31-mile canal was dug to move water from the Truckee River to the melon and alfalfa fields around Fallon, earthen embankments made a lot of sense.

The dirt canal construction was cheaper than lining the entire route with concrete, and no one in northern Nevada much minded if it and other canals like it in the Newlands Reclamation Project occasionally failed. Floodwaters would flow into pastures and surrounding desert and soak back into the water table.

Today, what once was the rural agricultural town of Fernley is now a growing bedroom community of about 20,000 residents that has been declared a disaster area after storm-swollen water tore a hole in the 50-foot-wide and 9-foot-deep canal and inundated hundreds of homes.

"The vast majority are new homes," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who toured the area by helicopter after the flood. "This certainly is not comparable to Katrina, but it's an event we'll remember in Nevada. We have so little water."

As cleanup operations continued, Gov. Jim Gibbons put initial damage estimates at \$4 million and growing. The area was declared a disaster area by state and federal officials.

The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, which operates the aging canal under a contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, was slapped with its first lawsuit by a homeowner on Thursday and more lawsuits were expected over its failure.

Both the irrigation district and Bureau of Reclamation are unsure what caused the earthen berms to give way as northern Nevada was lashed with a powerful winter storm. An investigation continues into the cause.

Engineers were working to fortify the dirt and rock walls



Travis Bennett, left, and Craig Amett look for houses that need sand bags during flooding in Fernley, Nev., Jan. 5. A canal levee ruptured after heavy rainfall, pouring more than 3 feet of near-freezing water into hundreds of homes and stranding 3,500 people across a square mile in their desert agricultural town, authorities said.

to make it stronger but a long-term solution would be costly.

"The canal is 100 plus years old. It has been a concern and will continue to be somewhat of a concern as long as population keeps building on its banks," said Ernie Schank, president of the Irrigation district.

"It would be wonderful if there could be more reinforcement done through the Fernley area ... but that is going to cost millions and millions of dollars," he said.

Lining the canal with cement — probably the safest alternative — would cost hundreds of millions, if not billions," Schank said. "There are hundreds of miles of ditches and canals in Nevada. The irrigation district manages more than 370 miles of canals within its boundaries, including the Truckee Canal, which is among the state's largest."

While Fernley averages only 5 inches of precipitation a year, floods are nothing new to the area since the construction of the canals.

Schank said he's aware of at least six past breaks of this particular canal. At least three occurred before 1926 when the federal government oper-

ated the canal, and three have taken place since, he said.

"Historically this canal and others have flooded but the fundamental difference is nobody has lived by the canal," said Guy Rocha, the state archivist and respected Nevada historian who described the flood as "the worst catastrophic event in the history of Fernley."

"This city has grown so fast. It's not pasture anymore. It's not horses or cattle. It's a residential area with literally thousands of people," he said. Just 30 miles east of Reno along the interstate, Fernley is home to Amazon.com's Western regional distribution center with more than 700 employees, the large printing company Quebecor, two golf courses and casinos. It's a far cry from the days when agriculture dominated and Mary and Moie's WigWam Restaurant was the biggest name in town.

In 1960, Fernley's population stood at only 654, and the community didn't get its first stop light until about 20 years ago, Rocha said.

"If this flood would have happened more than 20 years ago, you would not have had this kind of impact," Rocha

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Finding her roots

Oakley woman shows passion for genealogy

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

"In all of us there is a hunger, narrow deep, to know our heritage — to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness." — Alex Haley, author of the book "Roots."

This sentiment echoes in the efforts of Oakley resident Suzanne Critchfield. She has been working on her family's genealogical roots since she was 16 years old and has succeeded in tracing her family on her mother's side (Jensen) back to the 17th century in America and on her father's side (Bovens) back to Wales.

In her research she learned about her great-great-grandmother who came to America alone from Denmark.

"It helps me appreciate the sacrifices that were made for my family to live here in America, to have the blessings and



PHOTO: Trena Tegan/Staff Photo

Suzanne Critchfield of Oakley was featured in the Jan. 14 issue of the national magazine U.S. News and World Report. The story talks about Critchfield having had DNA testing done to further her genealogical research. Using DNA to trace family lines for personal family history is a new service available through a number of companies and online services.

On the Web

To view the U.S. News and World Report article on Critchfield: <http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/2008/01/02/a-high-tech-family-tree>

freedom's we have here," Critchfield says.

Critchfield credits her love of family history to her mother who took her to a genealogy class when she was young. She says it was fascinating to learn about her family and where they had come from.

They even did their own version of "scrapping" with the genealogy book they put together, cut-

ting out flowers and designs from old greeting cards to decorate the pages.

From there she continued her work spending time at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Family History Center and searching on the Internet. It was while searching the Web that she found a site that particularly caught her eye. She had read about the technology of DNA testing to trace family lines, but had always found the cost prohibitive, as many charged thousands of dollars for their services.

"I also didn't want to have to draw blood for it," she says. The site she had found was not only reasonably priced, it

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Local grouting making the world a better place

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

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About 95,000 Soroptimists in more than 120 countries and territories contribute their time and financial support to community-based projects benefiting women and girls.

Soroptimist International of the Americas, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Philadelphia, Penn., has two branches in Mini-Cassia, Burley and Minico chapters.

The mission of Soroptimist is to inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls.

Locally, the Soroptimists are famous for scenes, which they have held at the Cassia County Fair since 1974. Arlene Dempsey has headed this project for the past 10 years, scenes per year with the proceeds going back into the community.

Each year, the Soroptimist International of Burley gives a Women's Opportunity Award. The award winner is chosen from applicants who are single heads of household who need additional education and training to support their

families. Since 1972 the organization has disbursed about \$20 million in cash grants to about 25,000 women.

Soroptimist International of Burley also gives an annual Violet Richardson Award. This award recognizes local young women in junior high and high school for their active role in volunteering to make the community a better place to live. This is a cash grant based on service to the community.

The club also recognizes young girls who have outstanding scholastic achievement and are making a difference in their schools through extra-curricular activities. They are recognized as Soroptimist "Girls of the Month." A Soroptimist Girl of the Year is chosen from the "Girls of the Month" and is given a cash award to use toward their education. The club is currently accepting applications for these awards.

Applications may be picked up in the counseling office of local high schools.

The organization also annually recognizes a woman in this community who is "Making a Difference for Women." This award is given to recognize women who are truly making a difference. Past winners of this award are Alice Walter, Linda Peterson, and Lori Howard.

Soroptimist International supports workplace campaigns to end domestic violence and work closely with the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children.

Members also work closely with Syringa Plaza, a retirement complex, by keeping their pantry stocked with food

and necessary items, providing decorations for the facility and sponsoring an annual Christmas party at which all the residents of Syringa Plaza receive gifts from Santa Claus.

Soroptimists have a "Live Your Dream" program where we send members into Cassia County High School on alternative high school to train the students in different areas. The club is constantly seeking volunteers from the community to help with this project. Anyone with expertise in an area that could help these students can contact a local Soroptimist member to volunteer.

Other projects supported locally by the organization are Meals on Wheels, Christmas Council and the Burley Public Library. The club donates benches to the Cassia County playgrounds in honor of the Soroptimist of the Year.

Other projects supported by Soroptimist International include Children of Peace, supporting orphanages in Vietnam; Project Sierra, a four-year partnership between Soroptimist International and Hope and Homes for children, which aims to raise more than \$2 million to transform the lives of women and children in

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Mock funerals: South Koreans placed in coffins in pursuit of better lives

By Hyung-Jin Kim
Associated Press writer

CHUNGJU, South Korea (AP) — After solemnly reading their wills, seven perfectly healthy university students climb into caskets in a dimly lit hall.

"I want to give all of you one more day to live, but it's time to be placed into coffins," a man in a black suit says in a resounding voice. "I hope your tired flesh and bodies will be peacefully put to rest."

Workers nail the coffin shut, then sprinkle dirt on top as the lights are switched off and a dirge is played. Muffled sobs can be heard from some of the coffins. About 15 minutes later, they are opened and the five men and two women are reborn.

The mock funeral, which aims to get participants to map out a better future by reflecting on their past, is part of a new trend in South Korea called "well-dying." The rite is an extension of "well-being," an English phrase adopted into Korean to describe a growing interest in leading healthier, happier lives.

"I felt really, really scared inside the coffin and also thought a lot about my death," said Lee Hye-jung, a 23-year-old woman studying engineering. "I'll live differently from now on so as not to have any regrets about my life."

Other well-dying activities focus on death itself. Web sites store wills to be conveyed to relatives after death. Death coordinators help plan funerals in advance in case of unexpected death.

Experts see the well-being and well-dying trend as a sign that South Koreans have grown affluent enough to be

able to consider quality-of-life issues. But some dismiss services such as the fake funerals as moneymaking ventures.

Korea Life Consulting Co., which staged the mock funeral for the students, charges up to \$325 per customer.

"Real death is totally different than this," said Chung Jae-hyun, a board director at the Korea Association of Thanatology, a Seoul-based group of acedemites who study death-related issues.

Some leading companies see the service as a way of improving job performance. Samsung Electronics Co., South Korea's largest firm, sent 300 workers in 2005 to its factory in Gumi, 160 miles southeast of Seoul.

The experience makes workers more efficient, said Kim Hee-jin, a personnel manager at the Gumi plant, which makes mobile phones, computer printers and fax machines.

Korea Life Consulting held the students' funeral at a mountain resort in Chungju, 90 miles south of Seoul. Photos of celebrities who died prematurely, including Princess Diana and John F. Kennedy, were hung on the walls.

The students donned a traditional garment for the dead, made from hemp. One worker wore a black robe and a wide-brim cylindrical hat, the outfit of a death messenger in Korean folklore.

Participants take a class on the meaning of life, pose for portrait photos to be used at the service and write wills as if they have three days to live.

"Man and God, everything I have now is from you, your teaching and your love. I'm so sorry that I have to leave you behind," said Kwang

Yun-jin, a 29-year-old mechanical engineering major, crying as she read her will aloud.

Ko Min-su, who hosted the ceremony and heads Korea Life Consulting, said about 50,000 people have taken part in his fake funerals since they began in 2004. Most are

in their 30s and 40s. His company has eight offices around the country, and copycats have sprung up.


"To die well, we should live well," he said. "Many participants cried while reading their wills, which means they felt they had much to regret."

Ko, a 40-year-old former

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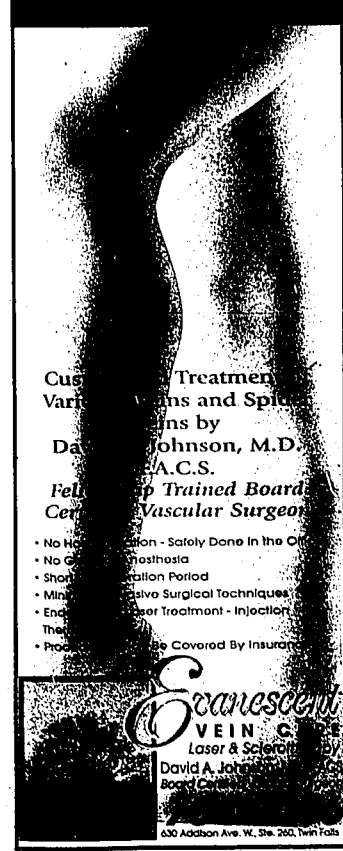
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Packers blow out Seattle to reach NFC title game

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre somehow spun free from the Seahawks' clutches and stumbled ahead in the snow. Ever the gambler, he flipped a wobbly, underhanded pass that he had no business trying, let alone completing.

"That's right!" he shouted.

Sure was, for Favre and the NFC championship-bound Green Bay Packers.

With Lambeau Field looking like a snow globe, Favre frolicked in the flurries, throwing three touchdowns

passes as the Packers beat Seattle 42-20 Saturday, the highest-scoring postseason game in Green Bay history.

This must have been the scene the 38-year-old three-time NFL MVP imagined when he decided to postpone retirement and try for another Super Bowl ring.

"It does make you appreciate it," Favre said. "We could be 3-13 next year. Who knows? So enjoy it and try to get the most out of it."

Ryan Grant made history, too, recovering from two fumbles that put the Packers down 14-0 after only four minutes. He set a team postseason record by running for 201 yards, and scored three

times. After its early slips, Green Bay scored touchdowns on six straight possessions.

"I appreciate everyone sticking with it, staying with me," Grant said.

In the months ahead, Wisconsin might again become a wonder-land — will Favre come back again? — but for now, fans are guaranteed at least one more game.

The Packers (14-3) will take on the winner of Sunday's game between the New York Giants and Dallas. If the Cowboys win, they'll host Green Bay; if the Giants win, they'll visit Lambeau.

Green Bay beat the Giants

this season and lost to the Cowboys. Favre would certainly prefer to stay home — he's 9-9 lifetime at Dallas.

"We haven't had a whole lot of success in Dallas and I'm well aware of that," Favre said.

The Packers reached the NFC title game for the first time since the 1997 season, and the largest crowd ever at Lambeau parted, Favre and favorite receiver Donald Driver started the celebration early, tossing snowballs at each other.

Favre tied his personal best for TD strikes in a postseason game, twice hitting Greg Jennings.

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Green Bay Packers running back Ryan Grant (25) runs past Seattle Seahawks cornerback Kelly Jennings during the first half of Sunday's game in Green Bay. The Packers won 42-20.

A Golden gut check

CSI men hustle past hot-shooting CEU opposition

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

For the first time in over two months, the No. 2 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team's reserve was tested.

Against a sharpshooting College of Eastern Utah squad that became only the second team this year to trail CSI by single digits after halftime, the host Golden Eagles held together for a 104-88 Scenic West Athletic Conference victory Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Early in the second half, CEU augmented two of its 16 3-pointers with dribble-penetration lay-ups to cut CSI's lead to four with more than 16 minutes remaining. The 16-0 Golden Eagles of Twin Falls would answer emphatically after trading two baskets with their foes, producing a 15-0 run that was part of a larger 37-15 rally that put the game in the books.

"I thought the guys responded really well," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "They were put in a challenging situation and responded very well because man, CEU hit some shots."

As for how the Golden Eagles put a stop to CEU's bid for the win, there's a very simple answer.

"We just finally started getting stops," said CSI sophomore shooting guard Joey Shaw, who finished with 19 points.

Against a CEU team that seemed to find the bottom of the net from all angles early, CSI's defense found its potency during its second-half rally thanks to six steals over a span of 17 possessions for their 9-6 guests. While CSI didn't dominate statistically, it out-rebounded CEU 43-31 and committed only 15 turnovers to the visitors' 26 in a key win over a quality conference opponent.

"I keeps us humble," Shaw said of the second-half gut check. "It helps us realize that we have to keep working harder and getting better."

Shaw's deft shooting gave CSI a solid



College of Southern Idaho point guard Reggie Guyton is defended by Eastern Utah's Felix Casper as he passes the ball during Saturday's 104-88 victory over the College of Eastern Utah in Twin Falls.

inside-out presence as sophomore Art Parakhouski finished with 20 points and eight rebounds, both team highs. After picking up his second foul midway through the first half, Parakhouski was able to double his statistical output in the second half without being whis-

tered for another violation.

"It was really a great target," Peery said of Parakhouski. "He's a guy we focus on and need to get the right shots in the right spots."

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Pats remain perfect, rumble past Jaguars

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady was almost perfect. The Patriots still are.

Their poised and prolific quarterback knocked another mark out of the books in their record-breaking season, completing all but two of his 28 passes to lead New England to its second straight AFC championship game with a 31-20 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Saturday night.

The Patriots pulled away in the second half to improve to 17-0, matching the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the only team to go unbeaten from the first game of the season through the Super Bowl.

"We're more wins and the Patriots will join them — much to the chagrin of some of those Dolphins who cling to their no longer unique status."

Just one more win next Sunday at Gillette Stadium will put the Patriots back in the Super Bowl for the first time in three years after three championships in the previous four years. They'll face the winner of Sunday's game between San Diego and Indianapolis, which beat New England in last year's AFC title game.

"We're definitely going to enjoy it," defensive end Richard Seymour said.

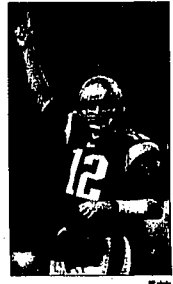
"Winning is always the most important thing at this time of the year."

Brady completed 92.6 percent of his passes, breaking Phil Simms' record of 88 percent (22-of-25) set in the Super Bowl after the 1966 Colts season in which he led the New York Giants to a 39-20 win over the Denver Broncos.

And Brady did it mostly without Randy Moss, who had only one catch.

The hit all the other receivers was throwing for three touchdowns and 262 yards.

"Tom is terrific," Seymour said. "He's a great leader and



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady celebrates a touchdown during Saturday's NFL playoff game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Foxborough, Mass.

he does all the little things."

While Jacksonville's defense struggled to stop Brady and crew, New England's defense had no such problems against the Jaguars' one-two rushing punch of Fred Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew. The league's second-most productive duo during the regular season combined for just 66 yards.

It was the Patriots who dominated on the ground as Laurence Maroney rushed for 122 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown.

Add Brady's on-target passing to these regular-season records — 50 touchdowns passes by Brady, 33 scoring catches by Moss and 589 passes by the team — and Jacksonville (12-6) became just another team that could-never-be-the-Patriots.

And they're not done yet. Brady completed his first 16 passes before the next one went off the hands of Benjamin Watson, who caught two others for touchdowns.

The next nine passes before

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CSI women win physical battle over Eastern Utah



Cassie Wood (center) and College of Southern Idaho teammate Maylene Ornelas bring down a rebound against a College of Eastern Utah defender Saturday in Twin Falls.

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Thursday's battle of the Golden Eagles came down to simple Darwinism — survival of the fittest.

The No. 6 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team relied on athleticism and size to defeat the College of Eastern Utah Golden Eagles 92-69 Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Facing an opponent determined to make the Scenic West Athletic Conference a slugfest, CSI found that the best way to offset 9-8 CEU's physically won't not get hit at all.

Trailing 20-16 with 10:37 remaining in the first half, CSI revved the engines until the game was played at a pace even its full-court pressing visitors couldn't keep up with. The immediate result was a 29-8 run over

the next 6:30. The end result, a 16-1 record and 2-0 conference mark.

"CEU wants you to try and beat their press by yourself, off the dribble," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "But if you try to beat it with passing, you end up getting good shots. I thought we did a good job of scoring off their press."

CSI's tempo led to 36 turnovers for the home team, but Rogers and his squad were more than willing to live with the consequences of a game plan that ultimately won them the contest.

Freshman post Maddy Plunkert was again a crucial point for the offense and finished with a game-high 23-point, 15-rebound double-double.

"Maddy's had back-to-back nights where she's had incredible numbers and she probably should be the

SWAC Player of the Week," Rogers said.

The Golden Eagles also got a boost out of sophomore Maylene Ornelas, who finished with 19 points, nine of which came in the first-half rally that netted CSI a 54-37 halftime lead. Ornelas finished 8-for-10 from the field, while Anita Burdick hit eight of 12 field goal attempts en route to 17 points.

Defensively, CSI harassed CEU into 25 turnovers and held sophomore standout Kendra Dalebout to only six points on 2-for-8 shooting. Sophomore Erin Richardson scored the Golden Eagles' first point, Utah with 19 points, but CSI dominated inside, outbounding CEU 67-35. Soana Lutcut helped CSI's efforts with 16 points and nine rebounds.

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SCOREBOARD

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GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

BOWLING
ESPNU - PBA, Medford Classic, at Medford, Ore. (one-day play)

GOLF
ESPNU - U.S. Open, at Pebble Beach, Calif. (one-day play)

TENNIS
ESPN2 - Australian Open, early round, at Melbourne, Australia

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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FSN - Kansas St. at Texas

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FSN - Iowa St. at Colorado

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SKI REPORT

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An NBA rarity: Wizards hand Garnett, Celtics a loss

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards rallied from a seven-point, fourth-quarter deficit and fought the game with a 15-4 run Saturday night for an 85-78 victory over the Boston Celtics.



DeShawn Stevenson led the Wizards with 19 points. Kevin Garnett scored 19 points to lead the Celtics, who played without point guard Rajon Rondo.

PISTONS 103, BOBCATS 100, OT
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Richard Hamilton hit the go-

ahead jumper and two clinching free throws in the final to lead Detroit. Hamilton, who scored 26 points, hit a baseline jumper with 16.2 seconds left to put the Pistons ahead 101-100. After Emeka Okafor was called for basket interference at the other end, Hamilton hit two free throws with 0.2 seconds left.

SPURS 105, TIMBERWOLVES 88
SAN ANTONIO — Manu

Ginobili scored 22 points and Tony Parker had 21 to help San Antonio snap a two-game losing streak and get coach Gregg Popovich his 600th regular-season victory. Tim Duncan added 15 points and nine rebounds for the Spurs.

SUNS 122, BUCKS 114
PHOENIX — Steve Nash scored 26 of his season-high 35 points in the second half and the Suns beat the

Milwaukee Bucks in Phoenix for the 20th consecutive time. Nash was 11-of-13 shooting, 4-of-5 of them 3s, in the final two quarters, showing no effect from the stomach flu that had kept him out of Thursday night's loss in Utah. Amare Stoudemire hit 31 points.

JAZZ 119, MAGIC 115
SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams had 17 points and 11 assists and Utah handed

Orlando consecutive road losses for the first time this season. Carlos Boozer added 15 points and 10 rebounds and Andre Klayton returned after missing three games and finished with 16 points, eight assists and seven rebounds. Mehmet Okur scored 23 for the Jazz, who have won three in a row for the first time since early December.

— The Associated Press

Larry ties career high in BSU win

BOISE — Reggie Larry scored 25 points and pulled down 15 rebounds and Matt Nelson added 22 points to lead Boise State past Louisiana Tech 81-66 on Saturday night.



Brigham Young's Sam Burgess (20) goes up to score on a fast break as Colorado State's Willis Gardner (43) looks on during Saturday's game in Provo, Utah.

Boise State (12-4, 3-1 Western Athletic Conference) trailed only once in the game when Louisiana Tech's Kyle Gibson hit a 3-pointer and converted a free throw to give the Bulldogs a 4-0 lead in the opening minute.

Tyler Tiedeman then scored 15 first-half points to help boost the Broncos to a 45-31 halftime lead.

Louisiana Tech closed the gap to 45-37 by scoring the first six points of the second half, but the Broncos steadily pulled away after that.

Louisiana Tech (3-12, 0-3 WAC) was led by Drew Washington with 20 points and Gibson added 18. Tiedeman failed to score in the second half for Boise State and finished with 15.

Larry, a junior college transfer from College of Southern Idaho, tied his career scoring high score earlier this week against Idaho.

Boise State dominated the boards, pulling down 39 rebounds to 25 for the Bulldogs.

Larry and Nelson also controlled play inside as the Broncos scored 42 points in the paint compared with 26 for the Bulldogs.

BYU 92, COLORADO ST. 73
PROVO, Utah — Trent Plaisted and Jonathan Tavarnieri scored 25 points each as Brigham Young topped visiting Colorado State.

to host Fresno State.

WEBER ST. 74, E. WASHINGTON 64
OGDEN, Utah — Dezmon Harris scored 17 points and was one of four double-digit scorers for Weber State as the Wildcats defeated Eastern Washington.

Former College of Southern Idaho player Adris DeLeon led Eastern Washington with 18 points.

UTAH ST. 74, NEW MEXICO ST. 62
LOGAN, Utah — Gary Wilkinson scored 18 points and Jayce Carroll added 15 to lead Utah State to a 74-62 win over New Mexico State on Saturday night.

Utah State coach Steve Morrill gained his 225th win with the victory, tying him for most in school history with E.L. Hunter. Stephen DuCharme also scored 13 for the Utah State Aggies (12-5, 2-0 Western Athletic Conference). Wilkinson pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

— The Associated Press

UCLA knocks off Wazzu

LOS ANGELES — Freshman Kevin Love had a career-high 27 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for his eighth double-double and Darren Collison added 18 points as UCLA handed Washington State its first loss of the season, 81-74 in Los Angeles.

The Bruins (15-1, 4-0 Pac-10) won their ninth in a row overall and seventh straight over the Cougars.

Derrick Low scored all 24 of his points in the second half for Washington State (14-1, 2-1), which saw its best start in 91 years ended. The Cougars still have just one victory in 51 games at UCLA.

They made it close at the end with nine 3-pointers — five by Low — over the final 5:48, but the Bruins were 17-of-21 from the free throw line.

NO. 1 NORTH CAROLINA 93, NORTH CAROLINA STATE 62

CHARLETT, N.C. — Deon Thompson and Ty Lawson each scored 16 points for No. 1 North Carolina, which scored 25 straight points in the first half of a victory over North Carolina State.

Tyler Hansbrough had 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Tar Heels (17-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who matched the 1997-98 team with 17 straight wins to start the season, the Tar Heels' best since winning 21 straight to open 1995-96.

NO. 2 MEMPHIS 68, MARSHALL 45

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Freshman Derrick Low scored 19 points and Marshall's Matt Smith scored 15 to lead Marshall.

Playing their first road game since a 10-point win at Cincinnati (6 Dec. 19), the Tigers (15-0, 2-0 Conference USA) remained one of three remaining unbeaten teams left in Division I.

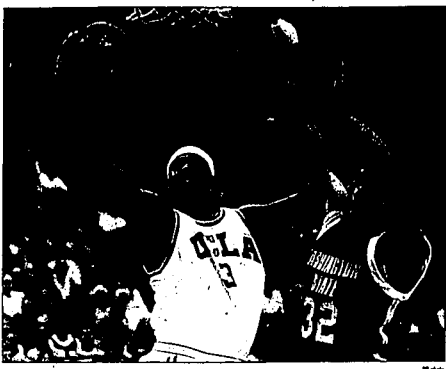
NO. 3 KANSAS 79, NEBRASKA 58

LINCOLN, Neb. — Brandon Rush scored 16 of his season-high 19 points in the first half and Kansas continued its domination over Nebraska.

The three-time defending Big 12 champion Jayhawks (16-0, 1-0) won their 17th straight conference opener and are one of three remaining unbeaten teams in the nation, along with North Carolina and Memphis.

IOWA 43, NO. 6 MICHIGAN STATE 36

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Tony Freeman scored 22 points and Iowa stunned



UCLA guard Josh Shipp (3) goes for a lay-up against Washington State forward Daren Harmeling (32) in the first half of Saturday's Pac-10 basketball game in Los Angeles.

Michigan State, snapping the Spartans' 11-game winning streak.

The Spartans, who were second in the Big Ten in scoring offense, had just 18 points over the final 31:52. Michigan State was averaging 77.7 points, but their 36 points were just barely half of their previous season low of 63.

NO. 7 GEORGETOWN 72, CONNECTICUT 69

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Roy Hibbert's untested 3-pointer with 4 seconds left snuffed a tie and capped his 20-point, eight-rebound performance for Georgetown.

NO. 8 TENNESSEE 80, SOUTH CAROLINA 56

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Jalston Smith scored 15 points to lead Tennessee to a win over South Carolina.

NO. 11 TEXAS A&M 86, COLORADO 69

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Dominique Kirk scored 15 points and freshman DeAndre Jordan added 14 points and nine rebounds to lead Texas A&M to its eighth straight win by at least 15 points.

MISSOURI 97, NO. 12 TEXAS 84

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Reserve Keon Lawrence scored a season-high 17 points to lead six Missouri players in

double figures in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

KENTUCKY 79, NO. 13 VANDERBILT 73, 2 OT
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Freshman Patrick Patterson had 23 points and 12 rebounds to lift Kentucky and knock Vanderbilt from the ranks of the undefeated.

NO. 14 BUTLER 72, WIS. MILWAUKEE 56

INDIANAPOLIS — Freshman Matt Howard scored nine of his 17 points during a 14-0 first-half run that carried Butler to its eighth straight victory.

NO. 15 MARQUETTE 92, NORTHEAST 66

MILWAUKEE — Jere McNeal had 18 points and Marquette handed Northeast Darrin its biggest loss in the teams' 109-game rivalry.

NO. 16 MISSISSIPPI 74, LSU 71

OXFORD, Miss. — Eniel Polynice and Chris Warren both scored 15 points and Mississippi escaped with a win over undermanned LSU.

NO. 17 DAYTON 68, SAINT LOUIS 57, OT

ST. LOUIS — Brian Roberts scored 30 points and Dayton held off Saint Louis in overtime for the Flyers' 13th straight victory.

— The Associated Press

NFL PLAYOFF PREVIEWS

Stakes high for Dallas, Romo Bolts look for upset of Colts

IRVING, Texas (AP) — With a monster contract, a sexy girlfriend and all the other perks of being the star quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys, Tony Romo has a life most would envy.

The Cowboys' playoff game Sunday against the New York Giants is as much for a spot in the NFC championship game as it is a fork in the road for Romo's reputation. And there's a steep difference between the paths.

Get the win and it'll be the first of his postseason career, the best medicine for the sting of last year's loss in Seattle when he bungled the hold of a chip-shot field goal. Another reason: A spot in the Super Bowl play-in game against either those same Seahawks or Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers, the quarterback and team he grew up watching.

A playoff win also would be a first for coach Wade Phillips, validating Jerry Jones' decision to hire him and Phillips' treat-the-em-like-men approach that has worked so well all season but come under scrutiny this week — mainly because of Romo.

It's going to be a lot of fun just because it's the playoffs," he said. "This is why you play. This is why you work as hard as you do during the offseason."

Giants at Cowboys

2:30 p.m., today
TV: FOX
Line: Cowboys by 7

tract he gave Romo a few months ago. Having another home game will help pay for it, too.

Now think of what happens if Dallas loses. Romo will be 0-2 in the playoffs, Phillips will be 0-4 and the franchise-worst post-season skid will drag to 12 seasons and counting. The Cowboys' 13-3 regular season will have been nothing but a tease.

"It's all for naught if you lose," cornerback Terence Newman said. A loss would make Jones hiss — and that'd be tame compared to what the critics say about Romo's south-of-the-board beach bash with his sweetie Jessica Simpson and some teammates last weekend.

Still envy him? Romo knows the deal and welcomes it. He loves being challenged, couldn't care less about perception and is eager to see if his best is good enough. "It's going to be a lot of fun just because it's the playoffs," he said. "This is why you play. This is why you work as hard as you do during the offseason."

Elli Manning, Tom Coughlin and the Giants are looking forward to this game, too, especially after relieving their own playoff pressure by beating Tampa Bay last week end.

Manning did an efficient job en route to his first playoff win after two straight first-round losses. It also gave him some family bragging rights — his brother Peyton didn't win a playoff game until his sixth season; this is Eli's fourth.

The win also helped Coughlin get a new contract. His agents said this week talks are on hold until after the playoffs, but it's always a good sign when the issue is "when," not "if." (Jones, meanwhile, held a news conference Thursday party to shoot down talk of Phillips getting fired if Dallas loses.)

The big knock against New York is the quality of its wins. Last weekend's road win over a division champion is a good one, but not great considering Tampa Bay wound up 9-8. The Giants beat only one other team that finished with a winning record: Washington, also 9-8.

Still, it's impressive that the Giants have won eight straight road games since losing the season opener, way back on Sept. 9, at Texas Stadium.

Chargers at Colts

11 a.m., today
TV: CBS
Line: Colts by 9½

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — San Diego likes the AFC's new championship model. At least this year. It watched Pittsburgh squander the AFC's No. 1 seed in 2004, only to win a Super Bowl title the next year, and the 2005 Indianapolis Colts blow the No. 1 seed only to rebound with their own Super Bowl title last year.

Now it's San Diego's turn. Written off after a sluggish start, a coaching change and a deflating home loss in last year's divisional round, the Chargers — last year's top AFC team — have themselves in position to continue that trend if they can dethrone the defending Super Bowl champs on Sunday.

"I think subconsciously we know teams have gotten there from this position, and that helps," coach Norv Turner said. "But we're playing one of the two best teams in football, so what we've got to do is play our best."

For the Chargers (12-5), this season has been defined by one motto: Win in the playoffs. Everything they did, from firing Marty Schottenheimer to hiring Turner, from building momentum over the second half of the season to forgetting about past postseason failures was intended to change their playoff history. So far so good. San Diego finally ended its 13-year playoff drought last week by beating Tennessee, a win it needed every bit as much for a confidence boost as it did to advance. Yet the tougher task still lies ahead. The Chargers face a Colts squad that hopes to get eight-time Pro Bowl receiver Marvin Harrison back in the lineup. It's coming off a week in which safety Bob Sanders was named the NFL defensive player of the year, and wants to close out the RCA Dome era with another playoff win. And that's not even looking ahead to the

Chargers at Colts

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appointments before they get over the hump." Perhaps no team understands the Chargers' plight better than the Colts (13-3), who were criticized for years because they couldn't win in the playoffs then were criticized when they did win for failing to reach the Super Bowl.

The most disheartening moment came in the final minute against Pittsburgh's sacked wide right. Coach Tony Dungy used that loss to keep his players motivated for making another run, much the same way the Chargers used last year's defeat to New England.

"I think you do get a certain kind of resolve when you don't finish the year the way you want to," Dungy said. "But every year is different, every team is different, every group of guys is different."

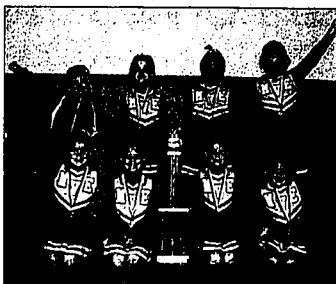
The '05 Steelers, the Chargers find themselves in the underdog role against a team they have been successful against. They've won the last two games in the series, used that 3-4 defense to relentlessly harass two-time league MVP Peyton Manning and have held him to the lowest quarterback rating (71.3) of any offense he's played more than once. San Diego also leads the league in take-aways (49), has the league rushing clamp in Tomlinson and has won seven straight. That's a good start for a recovery.

CHEERLEADING



Tiny squad

Members of the Magic Valley Eagles Tiny squad include Cadee Kuhl, Chloe Berges, Morgan Adams, Joslin Prescott, Whitney Blakely, Brinley McDonald and Danikka Biscuit.



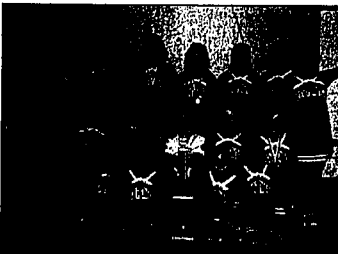
Mini squad

Members of the Magic Valley Eagles Mini Squad include Emily Black, Taylor Trappen, Halleie Bulkye, Destynae Marcum, Kayla Bennett, Alyana DeBarolo, Charly Easley, Beth Kepner and Morgan Boss.



Senior squad

Members of the Magic Valley Eagles Senior squad include Whitney Walker, Katie Kelso, Paige Hartman, Candice Hendry, Stela Sallaga, Alexis Eschenburg, Ashley Nali, Midauri Lezimir, Shelly Robert, Michelle Coleman, Amber Janzsch, Austin Moon, Kalya Kelly, Gabbi Malina and Shay Louder.



Junior squad

Members of the Magic Valley Eagles Junior squad include Kelly Madden, Alexis Richardson, Emily Walker, Hunter Stigel, Mercedes Potter, Shelaene Moreno, Reynee Abbott, Jessica Holiste, Alexandra Lenardi, Heavendale Walker, Joyce Martinez, Bailey Barton, Ansley Meeks, Angela Hernandez, Kadi Little and Jordan Henley.



Youth squad

Members of the Magic Valley Eagles Youth squad include Brinley Hollstrom, Jordan Rogers, Samantha Ruggles, Asia Dasturp, Ale Hernandez, Kelsey Jo Wolfe, Catherine Harris, Bailey Henley, Julianna Fields, Jessika Keedy, Brianna Starley, Whitney Chapas, Joelynn Carr, Bayley Shifrey, Emily Whipple, Jordan Pfeiffer, Jessica Figueroa, Mylle Fiscus, Hannah Burgess, Boston Butler, Aerece Amador-Burgess and Samantha Easley.

Magic Valley Eagles shine in Boise

The Magic Valley Eagles opened their competitive season with a strong showing at the Western Idaho Challenge in Boise on Dec. 8. The Tiny and Junior teams took first place, while the Mini, Youth and Seniors squads place second.

Joelynn Carr of the Youth squad took first in individual and tumbling, while Shelaene Moreno of the Junior squad was third in jumps, Katie Kelso represented the Senior squad well, placing first in individual and tumbling and fourth in jumps.

The Eagles train at the Radio Rodeo in Twin Falls.

Your Scores

BOWLING

SUN, EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Rick Fredrickson 640, Byron A. Hager 630, Clayton Gardner 628, Neil Welsh 618.
WOMEN'S SERIES: Elaine Hager 582, Nicole Fredrickson 575, Missy Welsh 561, Leanna Magee 557.
LADIES GAMES: Missy Welsh 212, Sun Leon 211, Nicole Fredrickson 210, Georgia Randall 207.
MON/MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Zach Black 606, Tyler Black 550, Anthony Vest 537, Kyle Mason 517.
MAJORS: Zach Black 606, Tyler Black 550, Kyle Mason 510, Anthony Vest 190.
GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Allen 515, Tom Craig 430, Tamara Coates 392, Ashlee Nowak 381.
GIRLS' GAMES: Danielle Allen 201, Tom Craig 151, Tamara Coates 142, Ashlee Nowak 137.
MON, MIXED FOLLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Bill Boren 624, Kevin Hamilton 617, Mike Wainwright 590, Tony Bress 570.
LADIES SERIES: Bill Boren 233, Mike Wainwright 231, Kevin Hamilton 221, Duke Simpson 212.
LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randall 215, Tamara Coates 203, Kay Pancher 199, Angie Hillman 194.
SHHOOD
MEN'S SERIES: Dale Black 649, Blake Kondracki 646, Brad Slagter 623, Kelly Joyce 618.
MEN'S GAMES: Brad Slagter 266, Dale Black 257, Blake Kondracki 247, Craig Panton 236.
REYNOLDS SERIES: Kyle Shull 599, Shannon Koerckick 559, Barbette Reynolds 524, Kaiti Jerome 486.
LADIES SERIES: Shannon Kondracki 216, Julie Shull 213, Owe Siegel 210, Kaiti Jerome 211.
M.V. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Bill Freeman 605, Victor Hagood 605, Ken Hodges 599,

Ed Chappell 595.
MEN'S GAMES: Bill Freeman 243, Ken Hodges 222, Edie Chappell 238, Ed Dally 213.
LADIES SERIES: Barbara Frith 484, Shirley Kuchman 473, Linda Cline 472, Beka Crow 463.
LADIES GAMES: Barbara Frith 197, Shirley Kuchman 182, Joanne Borelli 171, Linda Cline 171.
LADIES CLASSIC
SERIES: Kay Pancher 586, Katrina Lacroix 554, Nicole Fredrickson 542, Dan Buns 534.
GAMES: Kay Pancher 221, Katrina Lacroix 220, Joanne Christman 215, Angie Hillman 200.
SUNSET
MEN'S: Michelle Daughman 560, Julie Shull 550, Leanna Magee 536, Roni Macion 529.
GAMES: Michelle Daughman 226, Leanna Magee 212, Stacy Flanagan 204, Julie Shull 198, Gail Kuyht 198.
FRI, PM SENIORS I
MEN'S SERIES: Diane Frick 685, Tom Smith 629, Myra Schwaner 574, Gerald Lee 560.
MEN'S GAMES: Gerald Lee 249, Diane Frick 236, Myra Schwaner 214, Keith Kuhl 211.
LADIES SERIES: Bernie Diaper 536, Sontha Hill 530, Joan Barlett 517, Joan McGee 504.
LADIES GAMES: Bernie Diaper 203, Joan McGee 199, Sontha Hill 189, Joan Barlett 187.
MOOSE
SERIES: Kerry Klussen 636, Beck Minkov 605, Colleen Magee 634, Todd Frick 621.
GAMES: Bill Palmer 268, Kerry Klussen 257, Doug DeFulter 246, Kelly Jerome 246.
MOONSHINERS
SERIES: Danielle Human 529, Debralea He 517, Michelle Koerckick 504, Lynette Bick 482.
GAMES: Danielle Human 212, Debralea He 190, Michelle Koerckick 186, Cate Miller 162.
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Packers

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Favre—extended his own record by throwing a touchdown pass in his 17th straight postseason game. But his most memorable effort was the crazy toss to Donald Lee that set up another score right before halftime.

"I'm not quite as nimble as I once was," Favre said.

"Matt Hasselbeck and the Seahawks (11-7) hoped to reverse what happened the last time they were in town for the playoffs. In January 2004, the teams went to overtime, and after winning the coin toss, Hasselbeck boldly proclaimed: "We want the ball and we're going to score!"

He didn't quite work out that way as Al Harris soon intercepted Hasselbeck's pass and returned it for a 52-yard TD.

In fact, a picture of the play is posted right outside the Packers' locker room.

Coming off their 35-14 win over Washington last week in the wild-card round, the Seahawks seemed primed for an upset.

"Great start," Hasselbeck said. "But that's just the start of the game. You've got to finish it."

On Green Bay's first play, Grant caught a pass and found blond. Then on Seattle's first play, Shaun Alexander plugged in from the 1.

Grant didn't do any better a minute later, when another fumble set up Hasselbeck's 11-yard TD strike to Bobby Ferguson.

"When we were down 14-0, I have to admit I was not very optimistic," Favre said.

"I thought, 'Oh boy, this ain't too good,'" he said. "This is the exact game I didn't want to be in."

At that point, it seemed as if only a Lombardi leap of faith would bring back Green Bay. But when the snow started to pile up, so did the points for the Packers.

It was 14-0 all after the first quarter, and Green Bay led 24-7 at halftime.

Favre joined Joe Montana as the lone players to pass for more than 5,000 yards in the postseason. Earlier this week, Favre admitted he was disappointed that he hadn't performed better in some playoff games — in fact, he had lost four of his previous five, throwing 13 interceptions in that span.

This time, he was the Favre

of old. And once he started to connect, there was no stopping him.

Green Bay led 21-17 late in the first half when Favre made the play of the game. On third-and-0 at the Seattle 14, he escaped from rookie Brandon Mebane and an unsuspected ball to Lee for an 11-yard gain. Grant followed with a 3-yard burst just 26 seconds before the break.

Coach Mike McCarthy won in his first postseason game, leading the NFL's youngest team to the next round.

The Seahawks fell to 0-8 in postseason road games since their only win, in 1983 when they beat Dan Marino and Miami in the AFC playoffs. The losing streak includes a loss in the Super Bowl two years ago.

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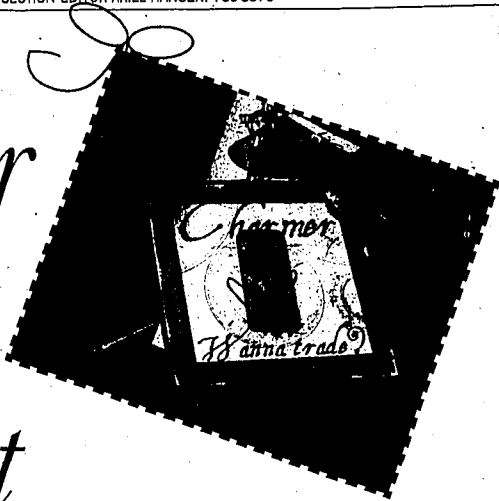
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Nirvana for crafts in the northwest



By Jeannine Stein
Los Angeles Times

PORTLAND, Ore. — I knew this was no ordinary trip when I got on the hotel shuttle at Portland International Airport. Two nicely dressed women about my age shared it with me, and for the first minute we sat in silence, like every other shuttle rider. Then one woman said, "So... are you guys here for art camp?"

We were. We had flown in to attend Art & Soul, a six-day arts-and-crafts retreat at an Embassy Suites hotel near the airport. The retreat featured workshops in mixed-media collage, jewelry, book arts, painting, drawing, fiber and fabric crafts, and doll making.

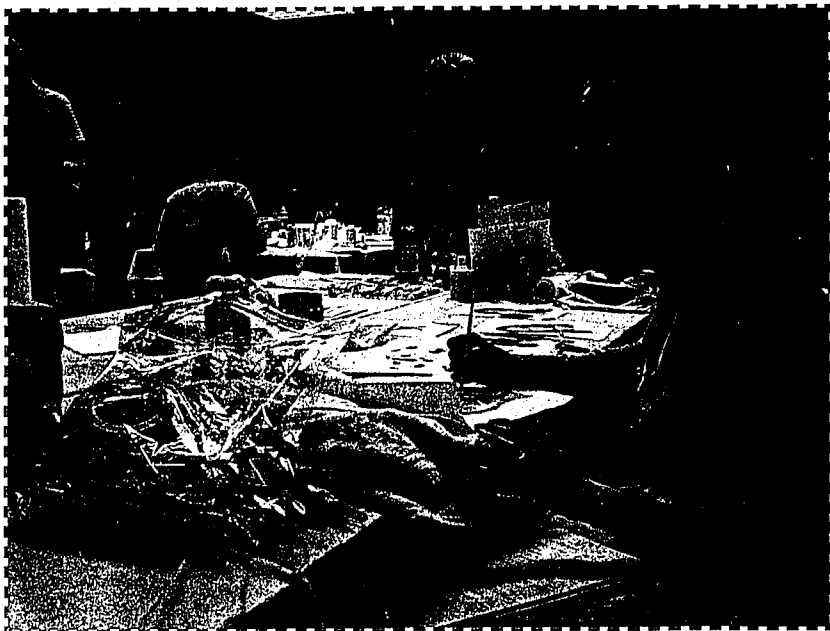
But more than just classes fueled our arty fire: The retreat also featured field trips to local stores and art galleries, a vendor fair, a cocktail party and swaps, where you trade your work for someone else's.

For crafty types like me, there might be no better vacation. The opportunity to do nothing for days but make things and be inspired by other people's work makes us weak in the knees. It's no wonder such retreats have become so popular, some nearly selling out within days of registration.

Their popularity has been fueled by a surge in the modern crafts movement. Crafting is a \$31-billion industry, up from \$23 billion in 2001, and 77 percent of households in the U.S. participate in crafts, reports the Craft & Hobby Association, a national trade organization. That renaissance is supported by glossy magazines, television shows, shops, countless books and, of course, the Internet.

Most retreats, like Art & Soul, are held at hotels, but one, Artfest, takes place at former Army barracks, where the funkiness of the accommodations adds to the appeal.

They are held across the U.S. and abroad, including Italy, Guatemala, Mexico, England, Spain, Greece and Indonesia. All offer the chance to soak up local



ABOVE: Lynda Crawford-Sheppard, right, works on a portrait for a fabric art journal at Art & Soul in Portland, Ore.
TOP: At Portland's Art & Soul, Andrea Woodruff shows off one of her charms for exchange. Swapping projects is popular at retreats.

Photo by EMMETT HENRY/Los Angeles Times

culture and inspiration, shop and meet like-minded people, mostly women.

Each retreat is priced differently, but all-day classes at Art & Soul run about \$135 each. Others offer a package deal of classes, lodging and meals that cost \$500 to \$1,200 and up.

I came to Portland for new bookbinding skills. After studying book arts for more than a decade, I had trouble finding advanced classes around Los Angeles. For me, Art & Soul's main draw was the opportunity to take classes from Daniel Essig, one of the country's premier book artists.

But I soon discovered that making stuff wasn't the only thing this retreat had to offer. Just strolling through the lobby of the hotel was like mainlining inspiration. My eyes landed on an elaborately altered denim jacket, then a chunky necklace made of twigs, stamped brass and pearls. I asked someone for a piece of paper, and she hauled out a hand-painted notebook decorated with stamped designs that she had carved herself.

My classes began the day after I arrived. At 9 a.m., I settled into a seat in a large hall conference room to learn the Greek stitch, a

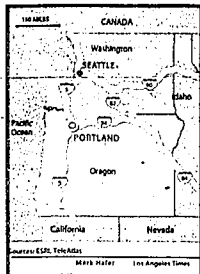
How far?

Portland is approximately 8 1/2 hours by car from Twin Falls, but classes in various arts and crafts can be found across Magic Valley.

stunning open-spine binding that we mastered in about seven hours.

I sat next to Tamara Gerard, who, I quickly discovered, shared my passion for books. A couple of hours after we introduced ourselves, she leaned over and asked, "Do you want to swap?" "Excuse me?" I shot back.

Please see CRAFTS, Page D7



Retreats for arts and crafts

CREATIVE OUTLETS

Arts retreats are held year-round, across the country and around the world. They vary in scope, size and price and offer an array of workshops and activities.

U.S.

Art & Soul, (503) 512-7948, www.artandsoulretreat.com. In Portland, Ore., Oct. 1-6; Hampton, Va., May 2-3; Julian, Calif., April 13-17; and Pienza, Italy, June 1-7.
Artfest/ArtFiberfest, fax (253) 638-6466, www.teeshamooore.com. In Port

townsend, Wash.; Artfest, April 2-6; ArtFiberfest, Oct. 12-21.

Art Unraveled, fax (602) 944-5554, www.artunraveled.com. In Phoenix, in early fall.

Creative Palette Convention, (239) 939-0355,

www.bettystamped.com/CP08. In St. Mary's, Ga., Feb. 21-24.

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prehensive list of art and craft workshops in the U.S. and the world.

TIPS

Before registering, read the class schedule carefully. Popular classes fill up within minutes, making it difficult to switch later. Some retreats allow attendees to take as many or as few classes as they like; others offer a plan with a fixed number of classes.

If you have questions about a class project, a teacher or something on the supply list, contact the event.

planners first. If they can't answer your questions, they might suggest that you contact the instructor. Most classes require no experience, but some do (it's usually noted on the class description). Again, contact the planners to get the lowdown. Almost all retreats have a message board—join it. It's a great way to meet people, find a roommate, learn about local stores, galleries, restaurants and attractions. It's also terrific for picking up tips on packing supplies such as scissors, paint and other items.

Crafts

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"Books. Do you want to swap books? Did you bring any made?" I had thinking I would need them for a class. (I didn't.) And had no intention of parting with them until she brought out a gorgeous pebbled leather book with a beaded spine and breathtaking, luminous hand-painted paper inside. She had made that too, and seeing it, I was only too happy to let go of mine.

It's the bane of artists and crafters that people often don't understand or appreciate what we do. I've spent hours working on a book only to earn the reaction: "Um ... that's nice." At the retreat—"It was safe to talk about a binding or a photo-transfer technique without worrying about someone would think you were one of the craft geeks."

During a break from my Painted Papyrus book class, where we made covers out of laminated strips of papyrus covered with milk paint, I discovered classes I had taken — fabric journals and colorful felted beads and magazine collages and jewelry, made out of bits of tin cans.

As I headed back to my room at the end of a long day, I struck up a conversation with Dr. Lynda Crawford-

Sheppard, a dermatologist from Bowie, Md., who had attended a previous Art & Soul retreat in Virginia.

We ran into each other again right at a shuttle that took us to Alberta Street, an arts and shopping district with funky stores, galleries, shops and restaurants. The shuttle dropped us at College on Alberta, an art-and-craft store filled with rubber stamps, paint, paper and embellishments.

After dropping books there, we walked to Bolt, a fabric store offering cotton prints, buttons, patterns and notions. Our last stop was Close Knit, a yarn shop where I found some gorgeous sea-foam wool (I recently learned to crochet) and checked out antique buttons.

Crawford-Sheppard and I strolled to the quiet diner at Lagniappe, promising home-cooked Southern fare.

"Even if you stay home and try to get something done," Crawford-Sheppard said, "you don't get that complete focus that is completely focused on just doing something you have a passion for."

Recharging her creative batteries here, she added, ultimately made her a happier mother, wife and doctor.

Art retreats are not just for the experienced. Beginners

are welcome, and students are encouraged to explore other media and techniques. I took "You Can Learn to Draw," hoping that my sketchings would improve. They did, thanks to instructor Barbara Roth, who gave the class easy tips.

Event coordinators Glenn Densem-Moir and Cindy O'Leary say they strive for a nonjudgmental atmosphere. "When you're growing up," said Densem-Moir, "you work to make something perfect and then you don't get an A, so you don't feel like you're an artist because you can't draw that free."

Both women don't mind counseling attendees and find classes that fit their interests. Classes here, as well as at some other retreats, are juried by a panel of artists to ensure a range of techniques and disciplines. They're taught by well-known instructors, many of whom have written books and have works in museums and galleries.

Both Densem-Moir, an event planner who founded or hosted and O'Leary, a former human-resources executive, met at Artfest, a spring retreat in Port Townsend, Wash., that's held at Fort Worden State Park.

Port Townsend offers beautiful beaches and wooded areas, plus an artist's

colony. Nearby Bainbridge Island features a nature preserve.

Tracy and Teasha Moore have been hosting Artfest for 10 years. The husband-and-wife artists have added a spinoff, ArtFiberfest, held in the fall.

"Here, people get out of their comfort zone," Tracy said, "and discover things about themselves and make lifelong friendships." It & Soul's vendor night is hotly anticipated. Booths sell such supplies as vintage hardware, beads, rubber stamps and ephemera. In Portland, several of the instructors, and other artists had tables as well, selling shadow boxes, books, paintings and jewelry.

Loaded up, I headed back to my room, staying up until 1 a.m. on a bunking high. I wasn't the only one. The next day, I ran into a woman who said she had made another book to practice what we had done in class. When I asked what she used for materials, she replied, "Whatever I could find."

After a week of making stuff, I was ready to come home, but I wasn't happy about leaving my creative oasis. The class schedule for next spring's Art & Soul in Virginia is up. Don't think I'm not looking at it over.



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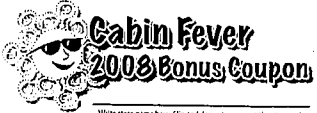
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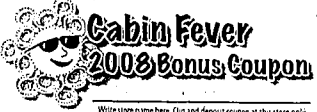
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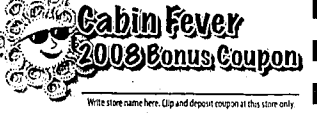
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What's the (travel) deal?

By Carol Sottill
The Washington Post

The week's best travel bargains around the globe, by land, sea and air.

• More than 25 resorts throughout the Poconos are offering a discounted Lunar to Turn ski package for midweek stays. Ski season pricing varies by resort. At Poconot Resort & Conference Center, for example, accommodations start at \$107 per couple per night including taxes; a voucher is included with three consecutive days of lift tickets good at any of seven ski areas, rental equipment and three group lessons is \$165 per person. The value of the voucher booklet, priced separately, is \$150. For example, it usually costs \$222. Details: 800-762-6667, www.pcoconoski.com.

• Book a 2008 Italian cooking and wine vacation with Tuscan Vay by Jan. 15 and there is no deposit. Air fares range from \$1,995 to \$3,884 per person double for the trips, offered at eight locations throughout Tuscany. For example, a seven-night trip to La Locanda del Pieve inn in the Grosseto region has been discounted to \$2,089; price includes accommodations, breakfasts and dinners, wine tastings, cooking lessons, transfers, taxes and guided excursions to Pienza, Montepulciano, Montalcino and Santa Fiora. Airfare is

extra. Info: 800-766-2390, www.tuscanyway.com.

• Rocky Mountainair Vacations, which specializes in rail tours in Canada, is offering extras worth \$800 per couple on vacation five nights or longer. The \$800 can be applied to a meal package, additional hotel nights, side tours, airfare or car rental. Tours vary. For example, a six-night Classic Rail Circle round-trip tour from Vancouver, with stops in Kamloops, Jasper, Queenoel and Whistler, starts at \$1,596 per person double for two adults, including \$56 taxes; package includes rail transport and lodging. Book by Jan. 15. Info: 877-460-3200, www.rockymountainair.com.

• Crystal Cruises has discontinued 10 2008 Mediterranean voyages by 10 percent. Reduced fares start at \$2,995 to \$5,166 per person double, depending on cruise length. For example, a 10-day cruise aboard the 1,080-passenger Crystal Serenity between Piraeus, Greece, and Venice departing June 6 starts at \$2,995 (plus \$230 port charges). Brochure rate is \$3,440. Book by Feb. 29 for discount. Cruise fares not paid in full by Jan. 1 will incur a fuel surcharge of \$7 per person per day. Info: 866-446-6625, www.crystalcruises.com.

• American Express is offering a free five-night stay at the Pueblo Bonito Hollywood Retreat & Spa in Cabo San

Lucas, Mexico, or the Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay Resort in Mazatlan, Mexico, for those booking a seven-night or longer cruise costing at least \$2,200 per couple. Value of resort stay varies; for example, five nights at the Mazatlan property typically costs about \$768 for two in March. Hotel reservation and longer stays costing at least \$2,200 per couple. Value of receiving certificate, and resort travel must be completed within 18 months. Book cruise by Feb. 15. You must pay with an American Express card. Info: 800-297-6527, www.americanexpress.com/cruise.

• Virgin America has sale fares on its new service to Seattle, scheduled to begin March 18. Round-trip fare from Washington Dulles, commuting to San Francisco, starts at \$278 (plus about \$42 taxes). Fare on other airlines starts at \$412. Service includes the Red Inflight Entertainment system at every seat, which allows passengers to order food, watch movies or satellite TV, play video games and listen to music. Purchase at www.virginiamerica.com by Jan. 17.

• A 13-night Egypt with Red Sea tour from Gate 1 Travel has been reduced by \$200, with prices starting at \$1,729 per person double (plus \$87 taxes) for select departures leaving through April. The trip includes round-trip airfare from New York to Cairo; flights from Cairo to Luxor and from Hurghada to Cairo; six nights' accommodations; seven-night Nile River cruise; transfers; tour guide; and 33 meals. Book by Jan. 18. Priced separately, air, hotel and cruise would cost about \$2,572. Info: 800-692-3333, www.gate1travel.com.

British Airways has a winner package to London starting at \$915 per person double, including \$168 taxes. Deal includes round-trip air from Washington Dulles to London, three nights at the Royal National Hotel and a choice of one of four sightseeing tours within London or to the surrounding countryside. Book by Jan. 31. Cheapest prices apply to Sunday through Wednesday travel, Jan. 1-18. Priced separately, the package would cost about \$933. Book at 877-420-2220. Trip info: www.ba.com.

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Ansel Adams in New Mexico

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — A new visitor center will open this summer at Carlsbad Caverns that will include a permanent exhibit for art.

Works by photographer Ansel Adams in the Mexican painter Wil Shuster will be among the pieces on display.

Lola Manno, director of the nonprofit Cavern Art Project, told the Carlsbad Current-Argus newspaper that the park has 25 original Adams prints, believed to have been taken in the early 1930s.

Photographs by Carlsbad photographer Ray Davis will also be included. He was among the first photographers to go into the caverns. It was discovered by another Carlsbad resident, Jim White, more than 100 years ago. Manno said the park's art collection also includes paintings by important artists who worked there, such as President Roosevelt's New Deal arts program. The exhibit will include

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Morning fog, especially along the river bottom. High: middle 30s with periods of afternoon sunshine.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and areas of redevelopment fog. Low: in the upper teens.
Tomorrow: Morning fog, then partly to mostly cloudy. Highs: lower 50s. A few nighttime snow showers are possible.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

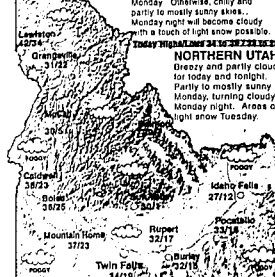
Today: Partly to mostly sunny with areas of morning fog. High: in the 30s.
Tonight: Puffy to thin clouds, with a mostly cloudy sky. Low: in the middle teens.
Tomorrow: Chilly with areas of morning fog. Snow showers possible overnight. High: in the 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today: Mostly dry for the mountains and most valley locations with some areas of fog. Clouds will be increasing on Monday and light to moderate snow is likely to arrive tonight and Tuesday.

BOISE River bottom fog likely this morning and again late tonight and early Monday. Otherwise, chilly and partly to mostly sunny skies. Monday night will become cloudy with a touch of light snow possible.

NORTHERN UTAH Heavy and partly cloudy for today and tonight. Partly to mostly sunny Monday, turning cloudy Monday night. Areas of light snow Tuesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 43 at Pocatello; Low: 0 at Orem.
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'A husband is defined by the willingness to accept full responsibility for his mistakes, as well as the ability to no longer blaming others for his mistakes.'

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Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and high/low temperatures.

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Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for various Idaho cities.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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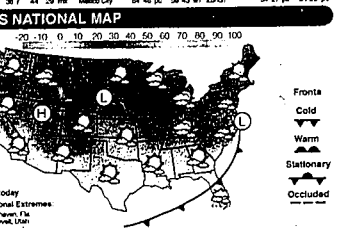
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Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low. Lists forecast for major Canadian cities.

Choi heading for runaway win at Sony

HONOLULU (AP) — K.J. Choi led a special audience Saturday at the Sony Open when 11 friends from his hometown in South Korea flew across the Pacific Ocean overnight to watch him play.
'He made it worth the trip with another strong performance to extend his lead.
Choi opened with a pair of birdies and closed with a birdie from the bunker, giving him a 4-under 66 and a four-shot lead over rookie Tim Wilkinson as he tries to become the first straight wire-to-wire winner at Waialae in eight years.
'I felt a lot of support,' Choi said.

Two of the friends were financial backers when he started his career — one owns a hospital, the other a restaurant in Wando, South Korea. They made plans to come to Oahu two months ago, although work kept them from arriving until the weekend.
Choi laughed when asked if there was pressure to make the cut.
Now, the pressure is on everyone chasing him.
Choi was at 15-under 195 and had the largest lead at Waialae since Phil Mickelberry led by five going into the final round in 2000. That also was the last wire-to-wire winner without ties in the Sony Open.

The only threat on a balmy afternoon came from a rookie who played in the morning.
Wilkinson, a left-hander from New Zealand playing in only his third PGA Tour event, birdied seven of his first 11 holes and finished with a 67 under 191 for the best round of the week.
Kevin Na, who started the third round two shots behind, couldn't keep up with Choi's birdie-birdie start and only a pair of birdies on the final holes left him in the mix. Na shot 69 and was at 10-under 210 with Stephen Marino (68).

Another shot back was a group that included Chad Campbell, who staked up the situation for everyone chasing Choi.
'It's going to be tough,' Campbell said. 'He hits a lot of fairways, and that's what you have to do out here.'
Choi is 4-0 on the PGA Tour when he has the lead going into the final round, and his average score is 67 in those situations.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: You recently told us that you had made a Grand Slam (for all 13 tricks) missing the ace of trumps. How surely a revoke would not allow the defenders to lose a trick that was rightfully theirs.

Puzzled, Washington, D.C.

ANSWER: You might think that — but the revoke rule is a technical penalty and nothing at all to do with equity. In the instance I was describing, the defenders revoked before winning their only trick, the trump ace, and the penalty was that they lost their trick.

hears partner respond one diamond to one club, he does NOT bid a four-card major unless he has at least four clubs, and even with a four-card club suit, he has discretion to rebid one no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ Q-10-8-6-4, ♥ K-Q, ♦ A-9-8-2, ♣ 10-3. I pushed the hand, which worked out well since my partner had 12 points and the deal belonged in a part-score. But his comment afterwards was that a 5-h hand with an easy rebid should probably be opened. What do you say?

First Cat, Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Wolff: With ♠ Q-10-9-4-2, ♥ Q-7-4-3, ♦ 5-3-2, ♣ 10, what would you bid after your partner opened a strong no-trump?

Escape Artist, Summit, N.J.

ANSWER: Much depends on whether you use Stayman followed by two spades over a red suit as artificial. Many use the sequence to suggest five spades in an unbalanced hand, but invitations, here I'd just use a Jacoby transfer of two hearts, asking my partner to bid two spades. It is not perfect, but the best I can do, since if I used Stayman, I'd be stuck over a two-diamond response.

ANSWER: With a 5-4 pattern and touching suits I tend to open, and with your actual 5-4 pattern I could go either way. But here the doubleton heart honors are not pulling their full weight, so passing seems reasonable to me. Move the heart queen into the diamond suit, and opening the bidding becomes far more attractive.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I understand you are just back from playing in Shanghai in the senior tournament. How did you find the standard of play? Congratulations on your bronze medal, by the way.

World Heater, Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Can you tell me what "Walsh" means after an opening bid of one club, and is it in standard use?

Tide Marks, New York, N.Y.

ANSWER: The simple answer is that when you have less than an invitational hand in response to one club, you would bid a four-card major, not a four-card (or even five-card) diamond suit. This way you find your major suit fits fast. Conversely, when opener

ANSWER: It is a sad commentary on the game that the seniors are rapidly becoming almost as good as the open teenagers — as all the players move from one category to the other, while the average age of bridge continues to increase. These days I'm starting to meet in the seniors all the people I used to play against, 15-20 years ago. When I start to meet the juniors, I'll know I've gone on long enough!

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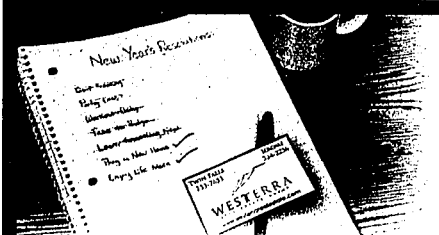
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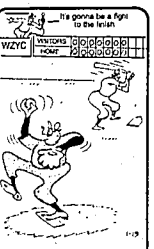
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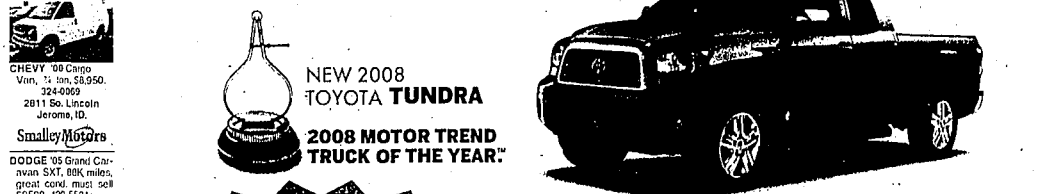
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Eulala Wright stands in front of Norwegian memorabilia. This bright red sweater is the one Wright wears to Magic Valley Viking and Sons of Norway meetings. Eulala is a traditional Norwegian name but isn't common in southern Idaho. Wright's siblings also have traditional Norwegian names, including Ferma, Elda and Vira.

Surviving the name game

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

A Eulala by any other name would be easier to pronounce.

Sure, Hansen resident Eulala Wright's name represents her family's pride in their Norwegian heritage. But nobody in Idaho says it correctly on the first try.

No problem. Unusual monikers were burdens on the elementary playgrounds of past decades. But as adults, Wright and other southern Idahoans embrace their notable names.

In a land full of Jessicas and Michaels, Wright said her first name (pronounced You-LAI-lah) makes her memorable.

"You can have a half a dozen Marys," she said. "Once they know who I am, they

always remember me."

Such extra attention isn't always welcome.

"No one ever forgets your name," said Nevada Zamora of Bull, who has trouble returning the favor. "I'm really bad with names."

With most interesting names come equally interesting stories of their origins.

Jinx Jones' grandmother gave her the unusual nickname, which she picked from actress Jinx Falkenberg.

For Lucky Koyle of Albion, too, a nickname stuck.

"I got it hung on me when I was in high school," he said. Koyle had more trouble with his birth name, Oryell, than his nickname, Lucky. "Nobody seemed to be able to spell my own name the way it was supposed to be, so I had it legally changed to Lucky."

Jones, who lives in Gooding, kept her birth name but hasn't been called anything but Jinx in a long time.

"Nobody knows my legal name," she said. It's Glenda.

Jones said having an unusual name doesn't make her an unusual person.

"I don't know any other way to think. I just have known that name all my life," Jones said.

Koyle agreed.

"It's just my name. I don't consider it unusual at all," Koyle said. "I know two or three other guys who have got the nickname of Lucky, kickin' around the country."

Jones has met other women who share her name — even lived down the street from another Jinx in Hagerman.

But Wright has encountered her

name only at Sons of Norway meetings. In Norway, she said, Eulala is as common a name as Mary or Joan.

It's not so common here, though, where people frequently ask about her name.

"People say, 'Well how do you spell it? What'd you get it?'" she said. "I had a lady ask me one time if I was Hawaiian."

Zamora fields questions about her unique name, too.

"I always just tell people that my dad is a cowboy," Zamora said. Her dad worked for a woman named Nevada and passed the name to his daughter — dooming her to inevitable teasing.

"In elementary, the older kids were mean about it," Zamora said. "But once I got older, I think everyone thought it was cool."

When Liberty Yates of Kimberly

was a child, adults loved her name. One teacher recited "Give me Liberty or give me death!" every time he saw her.

"Still, as a 6-year-old kid, you don't like extra attention," she said.

Not everyone was nice. Classmates called her "Liverty."

She grew to love being Liberty. "I think it's a beautiful name," she said. "It's very patriotic and it fits me very well. I'm a very strong-willed person."

Not everyone shares the sentiment. Jones said her friends give her a hard time about her name and send her away when they're playing poker.

"There are no good parts about being called Jinx," she said.

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Type 2 diabetes takes over teen's world

By Mary Engel
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — During her sophomore year at Roosevelt High School, Angie Ramos, 16, had a 4.0 grade-point average and a calendar crammed with student council meetings, leadership club and school dances. "Lazy" was not part of her vocabulary.

But in the summer before her junior year, Angie just wanted to sleep.

Eva Jimenez, who keeps tabs on her granddaughter and grandson when their parents, Gabriel and Alejandra Ramos, are at work, noticed Angie's lethargy.

There were other hints of trouble. Angie was always thirsty, and a shadowy ring on the skin around her neck wouldn't come off no matter how much she scrubbed.

At her annual physical in September 2006, the mystery was solved. The doctor made a matter-of-fact pronounce-



Angie Ramos hesitantly hands her blood-sugar report to Dr. Daina Dreimane. The 17-year-old from East Los Angeles was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes as a junior. She told the doctor that she had stopped testing her blood for a week.

ment. "She said I have diabetes," Angie said. "No es verdad!" Jimenez

said. It's not true! Jimenez has diabetes, as did her mother. So do Angie's

paternal grandmother and her father's older brother. But Angie? A teenager?

Is your child at risk for diabetes?

The American Diabetes Association recommends that mildly overweight youths ages 10 and older with any two of the risk factors listed below be screened for Type 2 diabetes:

- Have a family history of Type 2 diabetes
- Belong to a certain race/ethnic group (American Indian, black, Hispanic, Asian and South Pacific Islander)
- Have signs of insulin resistance (acanthosis nigricans, hypertension, elevated blood lipids)

"Mildly overweight" for children and teenagers is defined as having a body mass index (BMI) at or above the 85th percentile for age and sex. For a BMI calculator, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site (apps.nccd.cdc.gov/dnpabmi/Calculator.asp).

Information about Type 2 diabetes in children can be found at www.childrenwithdiabetes.com.

— Los Angeles Times

The doctor referred her to Childrens Hospital Los Angeles for additional blood tests to confirm the diagnosis: Type 2 diabetes.

At home in East Los Angeles, Angie took out a journal and wrote a single sentence in letters so large they took up the entire page: I have diabetes.

"I felt so sad and angry at myself," she recalled later. "It hurt me to know I'm not perfect."

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of the disease, but until 1997, it was so unusual in someone under age 40 that doctors called it

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center
 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50. Seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bar; gain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
 Monday: Spaghetti
 Tuesday: Turkey and noodles
 Wednesday: Baked potato bar

Thursday: Barbecue pork
 Friday: Beef stew
ACTIVITIES:
 Today: Magic Valley Bridge Club
 Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
 Monday bridge
 Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
 Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
 Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Gem State Fiddlers
 Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m., Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
 Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
 Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
 1010 Main St., Buhl, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60, Sunday buffet: 11 a.m.; \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60; \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:
 Monday: Chicken noodle soup
 Tuesday: Cheesburgers
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Birthday dinner, turkey pot pie
ACTIVITIES:
 Today: Chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
 Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
 Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Jackpot trip, 3:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
 Bingo 1 to 3 p.m.
 Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
 222 Main St., Filer, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Polish Kielbasa
 Wednesday: Park chops
 Thursday: Roast beef
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
 Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Thursday: Fiddlers
 Bingo, 1 p.m.
 Friday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, Lunch and full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take out; home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Beef stew
 Friday: Pork chops
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

AA meeting, 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
 Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
 Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m., \$1 per player

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center
 308 Senior Ave., Gooding, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Enchiladas
 Tuesday: Broccoli soup in bread bowl
 Wednesday: Cheesburgers
 Thursday: Ham
 Friday: Soup and sandwiches

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
 Wild one, 6 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
 Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
 Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
 Pool, 9:30 a.m.
 Music with Fiddlers
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
 Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
 Saturday: Potluck dinner and dance with the Hawks

Wendell Senior Meal Site
 105 W. Ave. A, Lunch served at noon Mondays. 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.
MENUS:
 Monday: Beef roast
 Wednesday: Beef tips and noodles
 Friday: Fish

Jerome Senior Center
 212 First Ave. E., Jerome, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Ham and beans
 Tuesday: Meatloaf
 Wednesday: Fish or chicken patty
 Thursday: Ham
 Friday: Roast turkey

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Massage, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Gem State Fiddlers
 Snack bar, 6 p.m.
 Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
 Dick and John
 Pinochle, 7 p.m.
 Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club
 Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center
 210 E. Wilson, Edgen, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Barbecue chicken
 Thursday: Sloppy Joe
ACTIVITIES:
 Wednesday: Bake day
 Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
 130 S. Main, Richfield, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60.
MENUS:
 Monday: Ham and beans
 Thursday: Tuna sandwiches

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: closed Thursday.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Chicken patty
 Wednesday: Split pea soup
 Friday: Baked potato bar

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
 Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
 Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
 127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Sloppy Joe
 Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas
 Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
 Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
 721 Third Ave. S., Hailley, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
MENUS:
 Tuesday: Meatloaf
 Wednesday: Breakfast bar
 Friday: Birthday lunch, turkey dinner
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.
 Twin Falls shopping trip, 8:30 a.m.
 Tuesday: Table tennis, 8:30 a.m.
 Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.
 Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
 Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Jackpot trip, 7:30 a.m.

Carey Senior Center
 Main Street, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors.
MENUS:
 Thursday: Birthday lunch, turkey dinner

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
 702 11th St., Rupert, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors: \$6, non-

seniors: \$3, under 12: \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Chicken tenders
 Tuesday: Roast beef
 Wednesday: Potato soup
 Thursday: French dip sandwich
 Friday: Chicken or fish
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Pool, 1 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
 Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
 Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
 2421 Overland Ave., Burley, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Tuna casserole
 Tuesday: Ham and beans
 Wednesday: Roast beef
 Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken
 Friday: Swiss steak
ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center
 492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MENUS:
 Monday: Potluck at 6 p.m.
 Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich
 Thursday: Barbecue pork chops
ACTIVITIES:
 Today: Jackpot trip, 8:30 a.m.
 Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Birthday bingo, 2 p.m.
 Thursday: Business meeting, 1 p.m.
 Foot clinic
 Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
 Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
 Today: Jackpot trip, 8:30 a.m.
 Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Birthday bingo, 2 p.m.
 Thursday: Business meeting, 1 p.m.
 Foot clinic
 Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
 Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center
 Nalinah Moseley, son of Gregory and Anna Moseley of Heyburn, was born Dec. 3, 2007.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center
 Daniel Jordan Little, son of Jessica and James Little of Hailley, was born Dec. 27, 2007.
 Jade Corona, daughter of Jesus Padua and Antonio Corona of Hailley, was born Dec. 28, 2007.
 Isabella Mercedes Mercedez, daughter of Ashley and Giovanni Tognoni of Ketchum, was born Dec. 31, 2007.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
 Mario Lucas Escobar, son of Lucia Yuritz Huerta and Mario Escobar of Shoshone, was born Dec. 20, 2007.
 Larilleth Alejandra Garcia, daughter of Aminda Chapa of Jerome, was born Dec. 23, 2007.
 Joseph William Holley, son of Kara Lynn Smith of Buhl, was born Dec. 25, 2007.
 Miguel Lopez-Lopez, son of Marie Isabel Lopez of Jerome, was born Dec. 27, 2007.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
 Monday: Pool
 Eye-glass check
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Tuesday: Pool
 Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
 Radio show, 9:05 a.m.
 Exercise
 Community bingo, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pool
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Exercise
 Thursday: Pool
 Exercise
 Board meeting, 1 p.m.
 Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
 Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
 Friday: Pool
 Exercise
 Pinochle, 1 p.m.
 Bingo, 1 p.m.

Jan. 1, 2008.
 Valerie Rose Black, daughter of Marilu Magana and William Ferrel Black of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 1, 2008.
 Emma Elizabeth Weir, daughter of Courtney Ann and Nels Robert Weir of Jerome, was born Jan. 1, 2008.
 Alexis Lynne McManus, daughter of Melissa Dawn McManus of Gooding, was born Jan. 2, 2008.
 Sara Anne Ball, daughter of Jessica Anne and Matthew Norman Ball of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 2, 2008.
 Kala Marcella Grisenti, daughter of Sara D. and Levi Jaeger Grisenti of Wendell, was born Jan. 2, 2008.
 Layton Arthur Dey, son of Teresa Louise Bodkin and Ray Lynn Dey of Filer, was born Jan. 2, 2008.
 Robert Lewis Benjamin Lynn Heldemann Jr., son of Dominique Jacqueline and Matthew Norman Ball of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 2, 2008.
 Madison Joy Matsen, daughter of Crystal Leeann Matsen of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 2, 2008.
 Amanda Lynne Veen and Jillian Grace Veen, twin daughters of Debra Sue and Kenneth Mark Veen of Twin Falls, were born Jan. 2, 2008.
 Antonio Isaac Aguilar, son of Elvia and Jorge Aguilar of Wendell, was born Jan. 3, 2008.
 Andrew Joseph Garcia, son of Lindsey Jane Bernal and Joseph Ernest Garcia of Jerome, was born Jan. 3, 2008.
 Joseph James Lagunas, son of Ross Linda and Jose Lagunas of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 3, 2008.
 Elza Sunnatchiyea, daughter of Khloida Badzhahova and Ortahek Anandak of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 3, 2008.
 Santitola Henry Kellani Pettus, son of Bianca Maria Salazar and Iowan Thomas Ryan Pettus of Hansen, was born Jan. 3, 2008.
 Jacquelyn Marie Brooks, daughter of Kristen Diane and Jack Samuel Brooks of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 4, 2008.
 Alexis Mercedes Present, daughter of Janet Lynn and Andrew Thomas Gline Present of Jerome, was born Jan. 4, 2008.
 Kyra Marie Beltran, daughter of LaFanya Marie Begay and Saul Simental Beltran of Kimberly, was born Jan. 4, 2008.
 Jacquelyn Gabrielle Paige Sjostrom, daughter of Andi Michelle Hulse and Nils Oskar Harry Sjostrom of Buhl, was born Jan. 5, 2008.

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 "Women at Work on the Idaho Frontier"
 If you think Idaho's pioneer women were merely delicate and domestic, think again!
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 Rick Allen Community Room of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science
 Located on North College Road in Twin Falls

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Science sleepover

Times-News

The Herrett Center for Arts and Science is inviting students through sixth-graders to spend a "night in the museum" the evening of Jan. 25.

Darcy Thornborrow, Herrett Science Camp-In coordinator, said the event will feature hands-on workshops in chemistry, archaeology, horticulture, astronomy, photography, veterinary technology, nursing, physics, dental technology, aquaculture, biology and other topics.

Kids should be dropped off at the event with their sleeping bags, pillows, toothbrushes and jackets. After a full evening of workshops, a planetarium show, night sky viewing in the observatory and a night when they will spend the night sleeping throughout the Herrett galleries with constant adult supervision, then will be picked up the following morning. Each participant will receive an event T-shirt. Cost is \$38 per child. All registrations must be in advance with the preferred deadline of Monday. Nobody may register at the door the evening of the event.

Information: Thornborrow at 732-6664 or dthornborrow@csi.edu, or visit the Herrett Web site at www.csi.edu/herrett.

Food issues trigger responses

By Beth Whitehouse
Newsday

It seems food strikes a chord like nothing else with readers.

A few readers wanted to add to the advice given in a recent column to the mom whose toddler was subsisting on yogurt and bread. Her daughter was afraid to try new foods and wouldn't sit with her parents while they ate because their food smelled "yucky."

Several moms wrote to say that being so averse to food could indicate a number of medical disorders. "She may have slight sensory integration disorder that prevents her from being comfortable with certain textures," according to Debbie Gershov-Lindell of Plainview, N.Y., who wrote from personal experience. "Notice how she only eats soft food and reacts to smells. People with this disorder have difficulty processing information through one of their senses."

"My son had this when he was younger and also only ate soft food. An experienced occupational therapist can work with the child and help her feel more comfortable trying new foods. If you want to learn more about this, check out Carol Krawczyk's book "The Out-of-Sync Child."

Even children e-mailed, getting into the advice-sharing mode.

"I am 14 and my little brother is 12," wrote one. "I was quite disturbed by how picky some of the kids in your advice article were. My brother and I were raised to eat anything. In our house it is never a question of 'What would you like to eat for dinner?' It is, 'This is what's for dinner, and you will eat it.' If the child refuses to eat, parents should not give in and allow the kid to have a big plate of mac 'n' cheese later."

Granted this will come with complaints, but a person cannot fear broccoli forever.

An earlier column drew reaction from a reader because it mentioned using food as a tool. A mom from Huntington, N.Y., was "appalled" at pediatrician Harvey Karp's suggestion that a reader coax her reluctant toddler into his car seat by offering a treat he only gets while sitting in it. Karp suggested a song, or a story, or even a cookie.

"As a mother of three and a grandmother of three as well as a registered dietitian, I cannot disagree more!" Sherry Eckstein wrote.

"One should never bribe a child with food, especially 'junk' food, so that they behave properly. I cringe when I see a parent give a lollipop, for example, to a baby who is crying to quiet them. Rather, one should be firm and consistent, teaching children what is expected of them."

Father-in-law's drop-in visits make mom at home uneasy

DEAR ABBY: I am a stay-at-home mom with two little girls.

My problem is that my father-in-law insists on visiting me when his son — my husband — is at work. I find it weird and imposing. I have already voiced my discomfort to my husband. He tells me I am being ridiculous and selfish. Is that so?

My father-in-law also shows up at my part-time job unannounced to "visit" me. Am I being ridiculous?

— INVADED IN SHORT HILLS, N.J.

DEAR INVADED: Could your father-in-law be bored, lonely or physically attracted to you? Wanting to spend time with the grandchildren is understandable, but visiting you at your job sends another message. At the very least, assuming he can drop by any time and you will entertain him is presumptuous.

You are neither ridiculous nor selfish. Your father-in-law appears to have no boundaries. He owes you the courtesy of calling before coming over to ask if it would be convenient. If you are uncomfortable alone with him, listen to your gut and refuse to have him over unless your husband is at home.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 3-year-old son, "Jared," died of cancer a year ago last August. Before then, I was afraid to die. Now that Jared is gone I'm no longer scared to die. This may sound bad, but now I can't wait to die.

I would never kill myself because if I did, I wouldn't go to heaven. I'm not formally religious and never have been, but I know that heaven is where Jared is, and I badly want to reunite with him.

Before I was 21, I did a lot of bad things. I am now 28, and I deeply regret them. I stole money from family members. I also took things from stores and drank a lot. (I still drink.) I also did drugs and lied. (Sometimes I still do.)

What can I do to make sure that when I die I'll be with my beautiful boy? Jared was my life, and the only thing getting me through his death is knowing I'll see him again. Please help.

— UNSURE WHERE I'LL END UP

DEAR UNSURE: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your little boy. I know you are in pain, and while you say you are not formally religious, your faith is what is getting you through this.

While it is impossible to change one's past behavior, there is much you can do to improve your future. First and foremost, cut out the drinking, eating and smoking, and find a way to constructively contribute to this life.

Once you do, you will not only begin to feel better about yourself, but will also begin pointing the way to heaven. The mistakes of your youth should not prevent this.

I urge you to discuss your concerns with a clergyman who can offer you guidance and money from family members. I also talk things from stores and drank a lot. They will identify with your pain in a way that no one else can.

A group I have mentioned in my column recently is The Compassionate Friends. There are hundreds of chapters, and if you check its Web site (www.compassionate-friends.org), it can refer you to local meetings. Please don't wait to contact it.

Picture-perfect preservation

Times-News

Drowning in unorganized memorabilia?

Julie Price, consultant from Creative Memories, will present a program titled "Forever Memories as Moms on the Run" meets from 11:30 a.m. to

1 p.m. Tuesday at Mandarin House, 735 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Price will share ways to organize and preserve treasured photographs. Amy Pike will speak on "Life at Its Fullest." Pike, a freelance writer and speaker, says her

passion in life is writing with girls, which she does with her writing and by volunteering with local youth.

Cost is \$10, which includes a buffet and drink. Information or reservations: Josie, 324-1233, or Genaura, 937-5175.

Dry off the pet paws

Newsday

Wet paws are the bane of bedsores. The Soggy Dog (\$21.99 to \$27.99) takes a tailored approach to muddy ears, bellies and feet with pockets that let you slip your hands

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Every attempt has been made to include all those who participated and/or contributed to the benefit dinner and car giveaway. If your name or business has been omitted, we truly apologize.

Cass, please put your finger on the pulse

By Rachel Abramowitz
Los Angeles Times

Jane Buckingham, a slender, blondish woman in a diminutive, peppy gray dress and knee-high black boots, clearly has a following. The 39-year-old founder and chief of the Intelligence Group was standing at the podium in a swank conference room at the Sofitel hotel this fall addressing hundreds of investors, major game developers, cell-phone operators and toy companies. Each had paid \$2,500 a head to spend the day at Trend School, a guided tour Buckingham holds every six weeks or so into the hearts and minds of Generation X and Generation Y, the 112 million or so Americans ages 14 to 39.

It's the youth demographic so beloved by marketers and networks, the very people who, Buckingham explains, "dictate what's cool to both those older than them and younger than them."

Given the convulsions shaking almost everybody who sells pop culture, these are fangled times in the business world. Buckingham has a grasp but perfectly soothing manner, which undoubtably calms corporate anxieties. She doesn't proclaim herself to be innately hip but rather to just have the ability to listen to what consumers tell her. With a grin on the Style Network and regular bits on the morning talk shows, Buckingham has been called the Martha Stewart of the younger generation. In actuality, she's more like a Dr. Ruth of corporate world America, with insight into the quirky emotional rhythms that influence consumption.

For instance, in describing Generation Y, the 72 million youngsters ages 14 to 28, Buckingham has the acronym IWWIV emboldened on the screen of her PowerPoint presentation. For her, that's the generation's mantra, their ode to immediate gratification. IWWIV's translation: "I want what I want, I want it when I want it, and I want it how I want it." No one else's young members would live before DVDs, or TV remotes,

or iPods. Buckingham points to the iPod as the quintessential Gen-Y metaphor. Everyone can have an iPod, but all have different playlists, or so she summarizes. "I want to be different just like my friends."

A recurring subtext emerges from almost all of Buckingham's research: the vagaries of technology. How is it changing younger and younger niches? At times, she seems like a family therapist, translating the post-texting generation for the people who remember a time before cell-phones. Indeed, one of the nuggets casually dropped at Trend School is that Generation Y thinks that e-mail is for old people.

"I definitely think (technology) is a divider," she says, "and it's something that will continue to be a divider. If you don't text message, if you don't twitter, it will change your day-to-day reactions. I don't think (technology) is horrific and negative. At some point, technology will become so integrated into our lifestyles, we won't notice it, but right now we feel its presence a lot."

When recently discussing the trends for the upcoming year, Buckingham mentions the true coming of age of mobile entertainment, with the rise of gadgets like Kindle, Amazon's new electronic reader, and video and social networking sites operating on cellphones.

She sees a further blurring of Internet and real life. "People are willing to do anything and take anything from the Web," she says. On one hand, there's going to be a rise in more professional services online and sites like Ashley Madison.com for people wanting to have affairs. At the same time, companies, like Nau, are setting up storefronts for Web sites where people can try an merchandise but can't buy it — they have to go online. There also will be new applications of existing technology, like a new Google application that lets Gmail users check all their friends' schedules at once. "If everybody wants to go to a concert, we can check their appointment books all at once. Privacy is going to change."



Trend guru Jane Buckingham helps corporate marketers connect with the next-generation zeitgeist.

Not that young and younger folk care.

"Notes Buckingham wryly, "You're willing to give up privacy if it makes your life as 16-year-old easier for social planning."

Buckingham is considered one of the go-to people in her field. She published her first book, "Teens Speak Out: A Report From Today's Teens," while a senior in high school in New York. In 2003, Creative Artists Agency bought her 15-year-old, 17-person shop. She estimates she has about 100 blue-chip clients; corporations like Visa, Sony, Electronic Arts, Lancome and T-Mobile shell out \$35,000 annually to receive her triannual Cassandra Report, which features an exhaustive compendium of studies about the demographic.

An additional 50 clients also buy the Tween Report, the Mom Report or the Latino

Report at \$25,000 a pop.

Cool-hunters became the rage after Malcolm Gladwell popularized the phenomenon in his 1997 New Yorker article, but since then that kind of golden gut approach has fallen out of favor to be replaced by the statisticians of hip.

For Buckingham, that means 14,000 paid correspondents from all over the country, divided up into three major groups: mainstreamers (10,000 strong), insiders (250 DJs, network execs and stylists) and trendsetters (3,500 people with a feel for the cutting edge). Almost every one of her competitors, outfits like Look-look and the Zandl Group, boasts of a vast network of informers, whose predictions are carefully categorized and summarized and sold to corporate America.

Although Buckingham's research is fascinating, it's

The safest trend is the familiar, trusted brand

The two generations X and Y are both affected by the macro-trend Jane Buckingham describes infecting the nation: "The world is such a scary place that consumers are locking to trusted brands to make them feel safe. As a brand you need to be consistent." We're advising clients to do their core performances. Funny guys should stick to funny; dramatic actors to drama. Jim Carrey practically committed career suicide by stretching in such flicks as "The Number 23."

hard not to feel, sitting in Trend School with a crew of marketers, that one's sitting inside the netherworld of a pop culture sausage factory. Yet as Tristram Connersmith, one of Buckingham's acolytes, explains during her presentation, Generation Y "likes advertising. They just don't like bad advertising."

"Market research and marketing in general does a lot to actually 'create' the trends that it pretends to discover and absorb," says William Mazzarella, an anthropology professor at University of Chicago who studies consumerism. "Marketing helps to organize more or less embryonic and fluid trends, giving them a kind of foxy and firmness of outline — in the shape of branded meanings — that they would otherwise not have."

Many of Buckingham's up-to-the-minute forecasts flow from her overarching view of the generations. The Xs, those in their 30s, are profoundly cynical, and the younger Ys, ages 14 to 28, are entitled and optimistic.

Standing at the podium at Trend School, Buckingham uses her infectious energy voice to nonetheless spin out a rather bleak psychological landscape for the 42 million American who qualify as Xs, the country's first generation of grown-up latchkey kids, who all had middle crises at age 25.

One in 2 had parents who were divorced. One in 2 had both parents work. People had as many different step-parents as CDs on the CD player. Xs matured into a world in decay, with holes in the ozone layer, to check their

water and the famous fried egg on TV showing "your brain on drugs." AIDS arrived just as they finished their way into sex. As consumers, Xers are "realistic and pessimistic, independent, commitment-phobic."

Consequently, because of X's underachievement of depression, there have been huge increases in self-help books and interest in spirituality. By contrast, Ys have a slightly annoying (at least to non-Ys) sense of their own greatness. They're the unintended byproduct of the enlightened parenting of the boomer set: kids who grew up in the "protect the children" era of car seats, when parents espoused the philosophy "you don't have to win, you just have to show up."

The coddling has led to some bizarre culture clashes — like the workplace.

Buckingham explains that Ys often show up and think, "What are you going to give me?" while their elder co-workers and bosses are wondering, "What is wrong with these people?" The college admissions people call them the "teacup" because they're so fragile. As consumers, they're "realistic and optimistic, individualistic but group-oriented." She details other trends affecting this age group, like the phenomenon of "premanaging," where everything, including jobs, homes and relationships, is viewed as a temporary way station until something better comes along and a spongy moral code that differs sharply from that of their "parents," their mothers and fathers who often act like their contemporaries.

Teen

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"adult-onset diabetes." Diabetic children were almost certain to have the Type 1 form.

With either version, the body is unable to produce or properly use insulin, a hormone vital for converting food into energy.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder — the body's disease-fighting system mistakenly attacks the body, destroying cells in the pancreas that make insulin. For unknown reasons, Type 1 is more common in white people, especially those from Northern Europe. Of the estimated 20.8 million Americans with diabetes, 5 percent to 10 percent, or fewer than 2 million, have Type 1.

The majority, as many as 19 million Americans, have Type 2, in which the pancreas makes insulin, but the body doesn't use it properly. The dark ring around Angie's neck, called acanthosis nigricans, was a sign that her insulin resistance was building up.

Because of genes, culture and socioeconomic issues, Type 2 is twice as likely to afflict black and Hispanic people — especially Mexican-Americans — as white people. Type 2 also crops in immigrants or subsequent generations who eat a high-fat, sugar-laden, super-sized American diet and have a sedentary lifestyle. Being overweight increases the risk of insulin resistance, and because it interferes with the body's ability to use insulin.

Eight years ago, Dr. Daina Dreimane saw her first child with Type 2 diabetes in Texas. Today, she runs a clinic for Type 2 diabetes at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, and one of her patients is part of a generation that could have a shorter lifespan than the previous one.



Angie Ramos and best friend Maria Orozco read blogs' MySpace profiles at Angie's home in East Los Angeles. When Angie, a busy high school student with a 4.0 grade-point average, was initially told that she had Type 2 diabetes, she reacted with shock and anger. Type 2 is the most common form of the disease, but until 1997, it was considered rare in people younger than 40.

They met Dreimane, who prescribed pills to help Angie's body use insulin and three shots of insulin a day to help her overtaxed pancreas.

Nurses, counselors and nutritionists gave them a crash course on managing the lifelong disease. Angie learned to fill a hypodermic needle with insulin and plunge it into a pad that looked like human skin.

Angie thought to herself: "Just do it, and let's get this over with."

She practiced until she could pinch a fold of skin in her abdomen and stick in the 1 1/2-inch needle.

She followed the ritual three times a day. First thing in the morning, immediately after school and before bed.

Five times a day, she pricked her finger, squeezed blood onto a test tape and popped it into a device that measured her blood-glucose level and told her how much insulin to take.

She wrote in her journal: "I hate this. It makes me mad. The shots hurt."

Angie had always been the life of the party, the one who picked everyone else up when they were down. She was fun,

She was loud. She had an attitude. Now, she didn't.

Jimenez noticed that her pretty granddaughter had stopped applying lip gloss or fussing with her clothes and hair before she went out.

"What's the point?" Angie would say. "I'm going to die anyway."

Diabetes runs in Angie's family, but her uncle, grandmothers and great-grandmother weren't diagnosed until middle age. Angie, however, is growing up in a different world. Today, 17 percent of children under age 19 — about 12.5 million children — are seriously overweight, triple the number in 1980.

Another 12.5 million are mildly overweight. This means that 1 in 3 children under age 19 is seriously overweight or on the brink of becoming so. The appearance of Type 2 diabetes in children and teenagers follows that trend.

Angie resolved to lose 20 to 30 pounds. But someone unlucky enough to have a genetic predisposition to diabetes or weight gain, or both, has to work at eating a healthy diet and exercising. It doesn't help that Angie's generation is



Angie Ramos checks the insulin level in a syringe before injecting herself. Type 2 diabetes often develops in sedentary or in subsequent generations who eat high-fat diets and lead sedentary lives.

considered the most inactive in history.

Angie's parents took physical-education classes all through high school, Angie had PE for only her first two years, and those periods were truncated because of her school's year-round schedule; she and her classmates spent most of the time changing in and out of gym clothes.

The Ramos' home is on a well-kept block, but Angie's parents don't feel it safe for her to walk alone. They put a basketball hoop in the courtyard, but Angie prefers cruising on MySpace, and her brother Gabriel, 11 months younger, plays Nintendo.

Angie's doctor prods her to exercise or walk at least 30 minutes each day. She reminds her to read food labels, watch portion sizes, avoid fats and eat fruits and vegetables.

Once every three months, Angie comes into the clinic to weigh in, show the glucose readings and get a pep talk. Dreimane asks Angie what she hates the most.

The answer: I hate giving myself shots. I hate always having to think about what I eat. I hate having this.

She hated pricking her finger to check her blood. She



Angie Ramos checks the insulin level in a syringe before injecting herself. Type 2 diabetes often develops in sedentary or in subsequent generations who eat high-fat diets and lead sedentary lives.

hated having to do it every day. She hated having to remember to carry her glucose meter. She hated that her fingers were too sore to stam her guitar.

Most of all, she hated when her mom would ask about her glucose reading. It was high, but her mom would say, "I told you not to eat that!"

Once, for a week, maybe longer, Angie stopped checking her blood-sugar levels. She confessed the lapse to her doctor during a checkup.

Dreimane wasn't surprised. "You'll do everything right," Dreimane said. "Test blood. Take insulin. Take pills. Then you'll want to see what happens when you stop ... Don't do it!"

Dreimane has learned to do the lecture early on. But sooner or later her young patients try to game the system.

Children with Type 2 typically don't feel sick. They don't have a fever. It's hard to persuade them to check their blood sugar every day.

The costs of not managing Type 2 come later, years after high blood-glucose levels begin their silent assault on kidneys, eyes, nerves and blood vessels.

Uncontrolled, the illness

that starts out with few or no symptoms can leave its victims on dialysis from kidney failure. It can cause blindness, lead to foot and leg amputations and put mothers at risk for miscarriage. Nationwide, diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death, but the toll is, probably higher given its role, in heart disease and stroke.

But how do you explain the stakes when teenagers famously see themselves as invulnerable?

Despite her anger, Angie found it hard to remain a martyr. For one thing, her family and friends wouldn't let her. For another, she wouldn't let herself.

After two months, Angie had walked off 5 pounds. Her grades, which had dipped, crept back up. She started to believe her life might not be over.

By Christmas, Angie was down to two insulin shots a day, three finger-prick tests and one insulin pill.

Her journal filled again with gossip and plans for a school dance. By February, she'd lost another 5 pounds and dropped two clothing sizes.

Dreimane cut her back to one insulin shot a day, plus one pill. By the next visit, she hoped Angie would be able to get off insulin.

"I can't promise that you'll never need it," the doctor warned, reminding Angie that she'd always have to diet and exercise, take her pills and test her glucose levels.

"I'm going to cry," Angie said, after receiving the good news.

For her 17th birthday, her parents hired a deity for a party. Aunt, uncles, cousins, family friends, classmates and a new boyfriend came.

And Angie spent an hour on her hair.

Times staff writer Francisco Vana-Orta contributed to this report.

Creative genius requires some effort, Taurus

IF JAN. 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Make your key career and business decisions in March when your professional judgment is at its best and while people perceive you as skilled and competent. In June when romantic desires loom in importance, you can take a fabulous vacation or get away from the ordinary. Keep a low profile in August when your key contacts are not on the same wavelength as you are and a business misstep is possible. By September you will have a chance to accept an opportunity that may change your life for the better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your candid attitude makes people sit up and take notice. Don't just start things; see them through to the end. To achieve your goals it is necessary to be more methodical than usual in the week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Creative genius requires lots of effort. You may think you can manipulate the players so that you come out on top. This technique may backfire this week, so concentrate on just doing the best that you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Exercise is just as good for the mind as it is for the body. During the week ahead, acknowledge your deficiencies and do some effort into correcting them. You are never too old to earn new tricks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Enjoy physical energy and high animal spirits under these stars. It is a poor week for arguing or wheel and deal, but a good one in which to form firm friendships that will serve you well in the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can run, but you can't hide. You might prefer to work behind the scenes or by yourself during the week to come. Your productivity and dedication could be noticed by a higher-up in the week to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

22: Things aren't as bad as they seem. You may tend to take criticism much too personally this week. Strive to be a better person and attend to business with precision, but don't beat yourself up if you don't receive praise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pretty is as pretty does. All your activities will be on display whether they rate applause or a basket of rotten tomatoes. Pair up with people who enjoy and share your favorite hobbies this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Play for keeps. It is a good week to begin a new exercise program. Your creative side may emerge with a little encouragement, so pursue activities that give you a chance to refine your skills or test your talents.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Compete successfully on the playing field of business or of love in the week ahead. Fresh air and exercise might revive your spirits or give you an opportunity to meet a new best friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Chirp away at imperfections like a sculptor. This week, concentrate on just the best parts of your life. Someone could give you a tip or trick that, if implemented, could cause financial problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You yearn to be in complete-synch with others this week. However, your perception of what other people think might be off base. Don't try to outthink the opposition or put words in someone's mouth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid misunderstandings with your closest allies. You have a tendency to anticipate the imagined needs of others this week. The facts that you offer can't be fuzzy if you wish to receive an accurate answer.

ENGAGEMENTS

CROWTHER-BUHR

Lynette Deem Crowther and Jared Anthony Buhr announce their engagement.

Crowther is the daughter of Dale and Janice Crowther of Heyburn and Nolan and Karen Beard of Arco. Buhr is the son of Larry and Shirley Buhr of Isburg, Idaho. Crowther works at Ward's Dairy and Complete Chiropractic in Burley. Buhr works at Central Utah Door in Orem, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 19. A reception will follow from 6 to 9 p.m. at



Lynette Crowther and Jared Buhr. Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. The couple will reside in Provo, Utah.

KOSSMAN-MAYNARD

Marvin Kossman and Robin Lancaster of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Rae Kossman, to Nathaniel Harper Maynard, son of Joe and Vicki Maynard of Ridgeley, Md.

Kossman is a 2006 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Washington College in Chestertown, Md., majoring in psychology. Maynard is a 2003 graduate of North Carolina High School in Ridgeley. He works at Cross



Audrey Kossman and Nathaniel Maynard

Court Athletic Club and West & Callahan, both in Fannett, Md. The wedding is planned for fall 2009.

LEAVITT-PETERS

Ireyn and Mary Leavitt of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Alea Shalae Leavitt, to John Dennis Peters, son of John and Teri Peters of Filer.

Leavitt is a graduate of McCall-Donnally High School and attends the College of the Southern Idaho as a member of the cheer team and honors program. She is a cheer coach at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls.

Peters is a graduate of Filer High School and Brigham Young University-Idaho. He served in the Guatemala City South Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He works at Farmers



Dennis Peters and Alea Leavitt

National Bank in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Mount Timpamogos LDS Temple.

A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Filer LDS Stake Center.

TODD-REEVE

Brent and Diane Pollock of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Todd, to Rodney Reeve, son of Robert Reeve of Salt Lake City.

Todd works at Levels Home Care in Twin Falls. Reeve works at Boise Cascade in Salt Lake City.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Shilo Inn in Twin Falls. A reception will follow.



Rodney Reeve and Heather Todd. The couple will reside in the Twin Falls area.

WEDDINGS

PEASE-HILARIDES

Melissa Pease and George Hilarides were married Dec. 18 in Maui, Hawaii, in a private ceremony.

A reception was held Jan. 5 at Vinifera Wines in Twin Falls with family and friends.

The couple resides in Wendell.



George Hilarides and Melissa Pease-Hilarides

COOK-MOSS

Shelby Cook and Derek Moss were married Dec. 20 at the Portland LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Scott and Marg Cook of Salem, Ore. The groom is the son of Steven and Darlyn Moss of Burley.

A reception was held Jan. 5 at the Unity LDS Church in Burley.

The bride will attend Idaho State University in the dental program. The groom is a graduate of DeClo High



Shelby and Derek Moss School and will attend ISU studying business.

BECKSTEAD-TURNER

Tori Jean Beckstead and Cody Roger Turner were married Jan. 12 at the Logan LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Shorly and Sherlana Beckstead of Clifton. The groom is the son of Chuck and Stacey Turner of Gooding.

A reception will be held Friday, Jan. 18, at the Gooding Basque Center.

The bride is a graduate of Westside High School and works at Wells Fargo in Twin Falls. The groom is a graduate of Gooding High School and



Cody and Tori Turner served a two-year mission in Panama City, Panama. He manages Turner Dairy Inc. in Gooding. The couple will reside in Gooding.

ANNIVERSARIES



THE HOLLANDS
Clive and Gae Holland of Logan, Utah, and formerly of Burley celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Jan. 6.

They were married Jan. 6, 1943, in Reno, Nev., and two weeks later he entered the military to serve in World War II. They were later sealed in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

After the war, they returned to Idaho and settled in Burley, where they



lived for 54 years. They owned and operated the Y-Dell Ballroom and later the Y-Dell Bowl. They were missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Independence, Mo., mission. They recently moved to Logan to be closer to more of their family.

They have three children, Marty (Iris) Holland, Bode (Dick) Sebauge and Bert (Jaimie) Holland.

They have 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

THE OLSONS

Jim and Janet Olson of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 12.

Jim Olson and Janet Hammond were married Jan. 12, 1958, in Porterville, Calif. The couple moved to Twin Falls, where he helped open Walco Livestock Supply Store and she worked at Twin Falls Bank & Trust. In 1989, they opened Olsons Ski Shoppe, which took different avenues over the 30 years in business but was centered around skiing. The still has a ski and boarding shop.

During the 1970s, the Olsons traveled through much of the U.S., showing their registered, sold-out sheep and are still involved in the sheep industry.

In 1976, they started Olsons' Custom Swathing.



Janet and Jim Olson

which they operated for 25 years.

They have been active in many Masonic organizations including Masons, Shrine, Eastern Star and DeMolay. They have two sons, Jeff (Terry) Olson and Jerry (Suzanne) Olson, all of Twin Falls, and three grandchildren.

Cards and letters can be sent the couple at 2649A E. 3500 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

'Parental guidance' for parents

By Scott Jones
Special to The Hartford Courant

While Andrew Bub's wife works as a teacher at a nearby university, the 36-year-old Milwaukee native spends his days tending to his couple's two children and operating his parent-centric Web site, GamerDad.com.

Bub started the site when he came across a newspaper story a few years back with the headline "Bad News, Parents: Games Might Be Good for Kids."

"I thought, 'Exactly how is this bad news?'" he says. "I realized that a lot of what was being written about video games was very inaccurate. Everything was very slanted against the media."

His mission: to change parents' perspectives. Bub grew up pumping quarters into "Space Invaders" machines in the '70s. He got into Nintendo and Sega in the '80s and '90s. Before starting GamerDad.com, he had done some writing on games and gadgets for PC Gamer magazine and the tech site CNET.com.

Although he does much of his site's work himself, Bub has volunteer contributors. To maintain the site's focus on parent point of view, Bub's volunteers are either moms and dads or people who work in some capacity with kids, like teachers or child psychologists.

"That's what sets us apart from other sites out there," he said. "Our reviews

"During this moment, a kid isn't thinking about killing. A kid is thinking about surviving. That's what people always miss — that video games, more than anything else, are about survival."

— Andrew Bub

are always written from a parent's perspective."

What criteria does Bub use when reviewing games?

"I'm looking at content, and with kids' games you really don't have to pay too far into it to get a sense of its violent or not. Once you establish that there's violence, the next question is, 'Is it slapstick, Warner Bros.-type violence, or is it more creative? Are there puzzles? Are there things that kids can learn from the game?'"

Running a Web site and tending to two kids raises the question, "So, when does GamerDad himself get to play games?"

"I have an office in his basement where I try to spend an hour or two gaming, each day," he said. "Believe me, I don't get to do it as often as I'd like."

One of Bub's goals is to go beyond the Entertainment Software Ratings Board labels that appear on game boxes. "I think the ESRB is doing a decent job," he said, "but considering the sheer amount of games that come out, do you think they're trying to do, but

it's an incredibly difficult job. And sometimes the ratings actually confuse parents. A game might be Rated M (mature) for 'blood and sexual situations,' but those sexual situations might be something as harmless as flirting. That's what I try to do with GamerDad: I try to clarify the ratings, to go further, so parents can make better choices."

"The biggest mistake a parent can make?" "Thinking that, well it's a game so it can't be that bad," he says. "And they can make the same mistake in the other direction. In other words, it's a game so it must be that bad."

Bub often gives talks at local PTA meetings. "A lot of people who assume that all video games are violent are surprised to hear about city simulators and economic sims, and things like 'Pikmin' and 'Viva Pinata,' where you are gardening with these cute little creatures."

Grand Theft Auto IV "is the game that Bub always begins his talks with. Why? "Because everyone knows of it; everyone has heard of it;

it's in the media," he said. "I point out that kids are attracted to it because it's cool; it's lawless; it lets you do things you can't do in real life."

Bub then discusses a very specific moment in "GTA III": When the player's Wanted meter is maxed-out, and the Army begins rolling tanks into the streets in an effort to stop him.

"During this moment, a kid isn't thinking about killing," he said. "A kid is thinking about surviving. That's what people always miss — that video games, more than anything else, are about surviving, about getting to the end of the game. Most kids are thinking 'kill, survive, survive, survive. Not 'kill, kill, kill. If you play the game, you understand that.'"

Bub's ultimate goal is to help parents make decisions. "Parents make uninformed decisions all the time. They make decisions without doing any kind of research. That's a mistake, I think."

As for the recent controversy surrounding the violent "Manhunt 2" (the game has been banned in the United Kingdom and Ireland, with more countries likely to follow), Bub says: "My position is, it should be rated Adults Only, and stores should sell AO games. If people can go see 'Hosted 2,' why shouldn't they be able to play a game like that?"

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These kids really dig dinosaurs



The Nigerisaurus tooth — this is a life-size model — is changing the view of dinosaurs as long-necked beasts that roamed Earth with heads held high, Nigerisaurus scientists say. Was it more like a grazing cow.

Paul Sereno, the University of Chicago paleontologist who found the Nigerisaurus tooth fossils 10 years ago in Africa, unveiled his dinosaur discovery recently in Washington.

By Amy Orndorf
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The high school students, scientists-in-training from Chicago, had been to archaeological digs sites in the U.S. and set up a Web site about their work. Then, in fall 2007, 40 of them came to the National Geographic Society in Washington to help unveil a strange new dinosaur discovery named Nigerisaurus taqueti.

The 110-million-year-old plant muncher had a skull "that only a mother could love," said Paul Sereno, the University of Chicago paleontologist who found the fossils 10 years ago in Niger, a country in Western Africa. Its mouth was wider than its skull and contained as many as 500 tiny, sharp teeth that fell out almost monthly and were immediately replaced by another 500.

The bizarre creature is changing the view of dinosaurs as long-necked beasts that roamed Earth with heads held high.

Nigerisaurus, scientists say, was more like a grazing cow.

For Ariehaie Parker, 13, learning "something new that no one else knows about" was the most exciting part of helping with the research. She belongs to Project Exploration, a group that Sereno and his wife set up to interest students, especially minorities and girls, in science careers.

Ariehaie and the nine other kids who traveled to Washington loved the project even something big, Sereno told them that the 30-foot-long Nigerisaurus was special because of its unique build, including a vacuum-like mouth, thin bones and walnut-size brain.

Many mysteries remain about Nigerisaurus, including why it had such a long tail.

If Ariehaie becomes a paleontologist, she might someday come up with the answer.



Maryland scientist geeks out on dinosaurs

By Ellen McCarthy
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Thomas Holtz can't remember a time when he wasn't obsessed with dinosaurs.

When he was very young, he told his parents he knew exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up: a Tyrannosaurus rex. "I didn't quite work out that way, but Holtz thinks he figured out the next best thing. He's a paleontologist at the University of Maryland and spends all day studying, writing and talking about his favorite prehistoric creatures. He even has a nickname: King of the Dino Geeks.

"They're big and scary and weird, like dragons or monsters, but these are big, scary, weird things that you can find out more about all the time," Holtz says while sitting in his office. As you might expect, it's decorated with dino-gear — dinosaur bookends and figurines and fossils and posters. Even a pop-up calendar.

Holtz says he really became interested in dinosaurs once he realized

that "there are still new discoveries to be made. It wasn't just going to be memorizing a bunch of facts."

There seems to be an announcement of a new species of dinosaur about every other week. That might seem odd, considering that they all became extinct about 65 1/2 million years ago. But Holtz says that's what makes his job so exciting. Last year alone, more than 30 new types of dinosaurs were given names and scientific classifications.

"It's a big world. There are rocky places that haven't been explored scientifically yet," Holtz explains, adding that as researchers explore more remote places, they're finding evidence of previously unknown dinosaurs.

Only a dozen miles from Holtz's office, the remains of a giant, plant-eating dinosaur were found more than 100 years ago. Scientists named that species Astrodon, and it became the official state dinosaur of Maryland.

Holtz is fascinated that new information is being learned



University of Maryland paleontologist Thomas Holtz, right, tells a bookstore audience in Arlington, Va., that there is lot to learn about big, scary creatures that lived millions of years ago. He's holding a cast of a dinosaur bone.

about dinosaurs that were discovered long ago. Did you

know that some dinos, including the Velociraptor, had feathers covering much of their bodies? That discovery was made in the past 10 years.

New findings like that inspired Holtz to write the book "Dinosaurs: The Most Complete, Up-to-Date Encyclopedia of Dinosaur Lovers of All Ages."

So what's his favorite dinosaur? The T. rex, of course.

"They're just the coolest thing ever," he says with a big smile.

"They're the climax of the carnivorous dinosaurs."

Learn more

After digesting the more than 420 pages of Thomas Holtz's "Dinosaurs" book, you'll know almost as much about these wildy popular creatures as he does. Luis Rey's dramatic illustrations, which decorate nearly every page, are amazing. He has drawn some pretty mean-looking dudes, many of which seem to be charging off the page right at you! (Let's hope they're not meat-eaters.) Whether your tastes favor the carnivores or the herbivores, the fluffy dinosaurs or the ones with armor, you'll be spellbound by this book. And by the time you finish it, just think how many more new dinosaurs will have been discovered.



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