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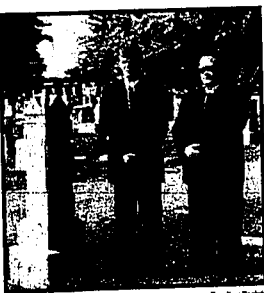


'I PROBABLY KNOW TOO MUCH'



Faith, family help Twin Falls mortician face his own possible fate

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer



Mike Parke was 16 when he started his first mortuary job. At 30, he achieved his longtime dream, opening his own mortuary: Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home at 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Today, at age 40, Mike has been forced to give up that dream, replacing it with a harsh reality. Initially given nine months to live after being diagnosed with a genetic disorder, Mike has pushed on for two years, selling his business to a carefully selected family and striving for one thing — a liver transplant.

His career has always centered on the deaths of others. But for the past two years, Mike has been forced to confront his own mortality, something neither he nor his wife and 10-year-old daughter were ready for.

MICHAEL THOMPSON/Times-News
Prior to being diagnosed with hemochromatosis, a liver dysfunction that will prove fatal if he does not receive a transplant, Mike Parke, shown with his wife Catherine, used to joke that he was exempt from death. 'Nobody dies in Heaven,' he said. 'They don't need a mortician there.'

AT LEFT: In 1998, Clancy Carter and Mike Parke, right, directors of the Twin Falls Cemetery Association, stand beside a 1908 interment — the first at the cemetery.

Keep the day job

County employees seeking office could be fired under new policy

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Running for county office could soon cost you your job.

County employees who challenge their bosses in elections may be forced to resign or face termination under a policy being considered this week by Idaho counties, including Jerome, which adopted the provision last week.

Earlier this month, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, an insurance pool for public agencies, offered counties a document with suggested wording for policy manuals that directed county employees to resign or face firing if they run for public office against their supervisors.

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Medicaid-funded children's mental health care spotty

By Rebecca Boone
Associated Press writer

AMERICAN FALLS — Children's mental health care providers in eastern Idaho are not their counterparts in the rest of the state, often by using outmoded or controversial therapies, an investigation by The Associated Press has found.

Critics call the therapies "glorified baby sitting" while providers say they're offering a high standard of care. But either way, the state and federal government is spending about three times as much money on children's mental health care in eastern Idaho.

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Robb Redford, owner and director of A to Z Family Services, a children's mental health care provider with six offices in Idaho, poses at his office in Pocatello.

SEE THE REST OF THE STORY ON PAGE A3

McCain wins South Carolina; Romney wins Nevada

Clinton, Obama share spoils in Nevada

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

Sen. John McCain won a hard-fought South Carolina primary Saturday night, avenging a bitter personal defeat in a bastion of conservatism and gaining ground in an unpredictable race for the Republican presidential

nomination. Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama split the spoils in Nevada caucuses marred by late charges of dirty politics.

"We've got a long way to go," McCain told The Associated Press in an interview. The man whose campaign was left for dead six

months ago quickly predicted that victory in the first southern primary would help him next week when Florida votes, and again on Feb. 5 when more than two dozen states hold primaries and caucuses.

"This is one step on a long

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With 100 percent of precincts counted

Republican results

NEVADA
Mitt Romney54%
John McCain12%
Ron Paul12%
Mike Huckabee9%

SOUTH CAROLINA
John McCain79%
Mike Huckabee20%



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Democrat results
Barack Obama52%
Hillary Clinton48%



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Monday
Mostly cloudy with a chance of scattered light snow	Snow showers gradually ending	Partly cloudy and colder
High 33	Low 15	24 / 4

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow. Little accumulation. Highs in the middle 20s.
 Tonight: Snow showers gradually taper off. Mostly cloudy with lows in the lower teens.
 Tomorrow: Becoming partly to mostly sunny, but colder. Highs in the upper teens to near 20.

Complete weather report: See page D8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Car Raffle for 4976 all-original Chevy Camaro, to raise funds for Process of Change non-profit school for Children with Developmental Disabilities, tickets: \$10 each or three for \$25, (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, valpaine@yahoo.com.

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. 37 USS Maddox Destroyer Assoc. Reunion, ID-168, DD-622, and DD-731, Oklahoma City, OK, (337) 616-8450 or cwjiles45@aol.com.

SPORTS

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

To have an event (including on-going events) listed in the February monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Jan. 21 to Suzanne Browne by e-mail to sbrowne@magvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Jan. 21 — Twin Falls Sectional for The Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund competitions, featuring Danny Marona and the East End and Northside sectional winners, 7:30 p.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls High School, no cost, 733-6900.

BUSINESS

Jan. 23 — Job Search Workshop, offered by the Department of Labor, learn tips on interviewing, writing resumes, completing applications and identifying skills and interests, 8:30 a.m., 420 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, no cost, 735-2500.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Jan. 22 — Paul Congregational Church 46th annual family-style sausage supper, 5 to 8 p.m., at the church, 121 N. Second W., Paul, free will offering taken, German sausage for sale by the pound, 438-5657.
 Jan. 22 — Relay For Life 2008 Kickoff, families, caregivers, cancer survivors, schools or companies are invited to attend, 6 p.m., 3rd floor, Bridgeway Estates, Twin Falls, 420-5545, www.relayforlife.org or 800-428-2345 www.RelayForLife.org

Jan. 23 — Mini-Cassia Relay For Life "Kick Off Rally", information about plans for June 6 and 7 Relay For Life 2008 and registration for teams and volunteers, 7 p.m., Doc's Pizza, Rupert, refreshments and prizes, 434-8667 or 679-3713.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Jan. 21 — Burley Music Club monthly meeting, featuring performances by three winners of the Don Royster Scholarship for 2007: Manissa Hansen, Nicola Darrington and Andrew Aston, noon, LDS Church, 530 Villa Dr., Burley, open to the public, 678-5482 or 678-7375.
 Jan. 21 — Sons of Norway, Magic Valley Viking Lodge monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carnegie Lane N., Twin Falls, public invited, 733-1792.
 Jan. 23 — Twin Falls County Democrats Central Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public, 420-1663.

FAMILY

Jan. 23 — "Coping with Widowhood", beginning of an eight-week series providing information and support for widowed men and women, sponsored by Widowed Wellness Programs of Idaho, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Katz Conference Room, South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, 736-2122. (Dropsins welcome.)

HEALTH

Jan. 21 — Prism Weight Loss Program Introductory class, 6 p.m., Gooding Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., no cost, 934-8508.

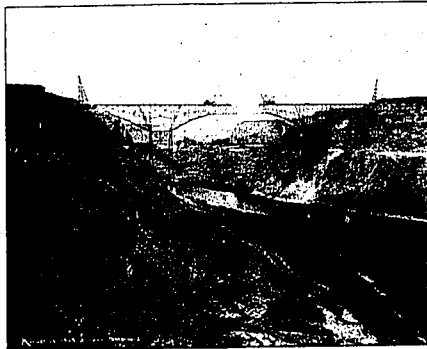
HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Jan. 22 — L.I.F.E. Group "Quilt-In-a-Day" introductory class, quick and easy way to sew a quilt top; includes material quantities, matching of colors and sample quilts, 7 to 8 p.m., Clover Trinity Lutheran School cafeteria, 3552 N. 1825 E., Buhl, no cost, 326-2447 or 326-5198.
 Jan. 22 — Burley Bluegrass Jam, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208)670-4668 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak	Oakley	89%	48%
Salmon	108%	57%	Salmon Falls	84%	44%
B Wood	100%	54%			
Little Wood	95%	49%	* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.		
Dig Lost	93%	47%	** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.		
Hensys Fork/Teton	97%	52%			
Upper Snake-Basin	88%	47%			

MORNING BRIEFING
PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



Twin Falls Public Library, Idaho collection 1902

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

The first Perrine Bridge, originally called the Twin Falls-Jerome Intercounty Bridge, was completed in October 1927. At the time, it was the highest bridge of its kind, towering 476 feet over the Snake River. In building the bridge, construction workers used 20,000 tons of structural steel, 3,000 barrels of cement, 75,000 rivets and 1,200 gallons of paint.
 It began as a toll bridge, costing 60 cents per car and driver or 5 cents a person. The tolls were removed in the 1940s, much to the delight of Magic Valley residents.



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HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED

Idaho Tally



Rep. Mike Simpson, R-
 Rep. Bill Sali, R

Y	2008 Defense Budget: Members approved, 369-6, a \$619-billion defense budget for fiscal 2008. The bill replaces a version vetoed by President Bush over language subjecting today's Iraqi government to suits based on acts by Saddam Hussein. A yes vote was to send HR 4906 to the Senate. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
N	Mining Safety: Members passed, 214-199, a bill to impose new health and safety rules on U.S. mine operators. The bill also would launch a study into whether to begin federal licensing of mines and set the stage for the possible drug and alcohol testing of miners. A yes vote backed HR 2768. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Y	Miners' Drug Testing: Members defeated, 197-217, a GOP bid for mandatory drug and alcohol testing of miners that would start within 180 days of enactment of HR 2768 (above). This went beyond the bill's ordering a study that could lead to such testing. A yes vote backed the GOP bid.
Y	Republican Mining Bill: Members defeated, 188-229, a GOP attempt to strip HR 2768 (above) of its sweeping new regulations on the U.S. mining industry. A yes vote backed a measure that also sought to require studies to improve the safety of new deep-mining and pillar-removal techniques. A yes vote backed the GOP substitute.
N	Public Housing: Members voted, 271-130, to extend the HOPEVI public housing program through 2015 at a cost of \$900 million annually. The program funds efforts by local housing authorities such as rehabilitating units and helping tenants move to private housing. A yes vote backed HR 3524. A yes vote was to pass the bill.
Y	Housing demolition: Voting 106 for and 221 against, the House on Jan. 17 refused to strip HR 3524 (above) of its requirement that each unit of public housing demolished under the HOPEVI program be replaced by one new unit. The amendment sought to remove the bill's ban on demolition-only grants. A yes vote backed the amendment.

COMING THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES-NEWS



Monday New medical specialty: What does a hospitalist mean for your health care? IMAGE	Tuesday Cowboy culture: New kids' book celebrates northern Nevada's ranch history. IMAGE	Wednesday Our 'Eat Cheap' reviewers take on Twin Falls' hot sandwiches. FOOD & HOME	Thursday The phenomenon comes to town as Burley puts on 'High School Musical'. TNT
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Saturday, Jan. 19
 20 23 25 27 28 Powerball: 2

Power Play: 5

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 Jan. 18 0 9 1
 Jan. 17 5 4 5

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Changes

To those who know him, Mike Parke appears a different man.

He's lost quite a bit of weight. He's easily fatigued. He can't stay on his feet very long before fluid builds up in his abdomen and makes his ankles swell. And depending on what kind of day it is, he's lucky to be mobile at all. Some days, he can't get out of bed.

Last things have been good and Mike is again a familiar face in his former funeral home, now run by Jared Clinger. He stays away from embalming the bodies — who knows, he says, what diseases might lurk in wait for him. But he helps families create video tributes to their loved ones, and greets mourners at the door with a program and a word.

At least it's something, he says during a break, seated at a table in the restaurant with his wife, Catherine. But he misses the days when he had a hand in every part of the business.

Those days were interrupted, Mike says, by a genetic disease called hemochromatosis, the genes for which he only received from one of his parents. His body absorbs more iron than it can process, he says, leaving the excess to build up in his bloodstream and his organs — particularly his liver.

The disease came as a surprise, he says, as no one else in his family developed it. Five years ago, a life insurance company denied him coverage after a simple blood test showed possible liver problems. But the extra iron didn't make its presence known until December 2005, when he had his gallbladder removed. Doctors discovered that he had stage four cirrhosis of the liver, which is more commonly seen in heavy drinkers.

"Mine was white and biliary, like sheet rock," he says.

"Stage four" was just a matter of time, he says. He soon learned his liver was scarred and dying, and the only solution was a transplant. As he found out, such things are not easy to arrange.

"I don't honestly see Him taking Mike out of my life, but if He does, there's a reason and we go from there."

— Catherine Parke of her husband Mike

Waiting

Mike and Catherine started traveling to San Francisco once a month to see a trauma specialist. He joined the hospital's organ transplant list and the specialist started an intensive regimen of medication.

"It was handoffs a day, just to keep going," he says. But the pills wouldn't fix things by themselves. The key was getting approved for a transplant, and the couple was learning just how hard that would be.

The first challenge was clearing the financial hurdle. The Parkes' out-of-pocket expenses last year were \$25,000, with more expected this year. They'll have to pay \$30,000 of the expense of procuring a new liver, and anything above the first \$250,000 of the actual surgery.

But it's the medical side of things that's a problem. Mike's blood type is O-negative, a type shared by only 7 percent of the U.S., according to the Blood Centers of the Pacific. Organs of that type can be shared among people of any blood type, Catherine says, but Mike himself can only accept an O-negative liver. He competes with all other blood types, but they don't have to compete with him.

He also has to be a size match with the donor, as well as match the organ type — a separate issue. He needs the whole organ, meaning the donor must not have been dead long. Add in a modifier, known as a MELD score, that ranks Mike just below the highest level of need, Catherine says, and the whole transplant process stalls.

"They've told us he will pretty much need to be in a coma before they will transplant him," Catherine says.

San Francisco's organ list was lengthy, so the Parkes decided to change one of the few things they could con-

trol. In August 2006 Mike's treatment was shifted to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. It's a shorter flight — a good thing, because if the hospital calls with a possible organ, the Parkes must be there within about three hours.

"That's what happened in November 2007. Mike, who shares the overall liver transplant list with 60 others at LDS, had made it to No. 2 there.

The call came, and the doctors were prepped for a surgery when they determined that the tissues weren't a match.

Two months later, Mike has dropped to No. 9 — ironically, because his health has improved. It's a mixed blessing, Catherine says, that tears her apart.

"The problem is, do you pray for wellness, or pray for illness so he can get a liver?" she asks.

God and family

One might think that a mortician would be better-equipped than most of us to face death. But that's not true, Mike says. Having spent his career helping people deal with death, he's heard others say how hard it is for people to come to terms with their own mortality. But the knowledge he gained from looking upon people's funerals, he says, left him completely overprepared to confront his own possible death.

It's one thing to help others plan for their families, to comfort grieving spouses and pay proper tribute to those who have passed on. But now Mike, only 40 years old, has to face his own terminal illness and make the hard decisions himself.

"I probably know too much, and it sent me into deep depression," he says.

He's doing better now. That's partly due to the family's deep faith. Mike is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints. Catherine belongs to the Seventh-day Adventists. And his daughter, Elizabeth, attends school at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

All three may have different perspectives on the Lord, but they know two important things: He exists. And He might be able to help.

"You have to turn this over to the Lord, because it's nothing you can control," Mike says.

"That family bond is important to Mike right now. He had one other revelation as a result of his illness: Not only did his career as a mortician teach him too much about the end of his life, but it also stole some of his life away — his relationship with Elizabeth.

Opening and building up a private mortuary was hard work, he said. In the process, he didn't always have time to walk his path with his daughter as she grew up. All the missed opportunities built up, and found release in April.

Elizabeth, upset with her father, asked one simple question that has stuck with Mike ever since.

"How come we always cancel vacations every time someone dies?" Mike says, tearing up. "It slaps you right in the face, because you know that's innocence."

Since that conversation, Mike says, he's become closer, to his daughter and her needs. Should a liver become available, Elizabeth's parents have arranged for a friend to watch her during the three months they'll spend in Salt Lake City. Their daughter is well aware of what the fam-

ily faces, Catherine says. And the family as a whole is taking as much time as they can for themselves.

"We try very hard to make sure Elizabeth's life is as full as it can be," Catherine says.

It's hard to say who relies on the family and faith support more, Mike or Catherine. After he suffered

a bacterial infection, Mike's doctor warned the next might kill him. Having kept him so much longer than doctors first thought, Catherine now spends her days "sitting on the edge of hope," and placing her husband on every prayer list she can.

"I don't honestly see Him taking Mike out of my life, but if He does, there's a reason and we go from there."

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Officials in Mountain, a northeastern North Dakota community with a rich Icelandic heritage, told Iceland Prime Minister Geir Haarde about the \$1.3 million community center project when he came to the town last year for the 100th annual August the Deuce Icelandic Celebration. It commemorates the beginning of Iceland's journey to independence from Denmark.

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Minicoka County Hospital	\$3,000	2nd Phase of Addition for Storage	
Renaissance Arts	\$10,000	Renovating Wilson Theatre	
South Central Community Action	\$2,400	School Supplies	
Twin Falls County Soccer	\$10,000	Plant Grass on 5 Fields	
Twin Falls County Historical Society	\$3,000	Remodel Basement for Storage	
City Center of Magic Valley	\$4,000	-Playground Equipment	
Family Health Services	\$9,357	Mobile X-Ray Unit	
TF County Fair and Rodeo	\$5,000	Electrical For Barn	
Twin Falls County	\$2,600	Rock Creek Playground	
Valley Housing Coalition	\$4,000	Housing Unit	
Crisis Center of Magic Valley	\$2,000	Playground Landscaping	
Friends of Hospice	\$3,000	Mattresses, Linen Chairs	
Hospice Visions	\$3,000	Computer Phones	
Ike Kistler Safe House	\$1,814	Roof	
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of MV	\$1,050	Laptop and Projector	
Jerome School District	\$5,000	Indoor Practice Field	
Scottish Rite Learning	\$3,000	Curriculum Materials	
South Central Community Action	\$4,000	Emergency Fund	
South Central Tourism	\$2,500	Kiosk	
Buhl Arts Council	\$1,000		
Buhl Rotary	\$2,600	Triangle Park	
City of Burley	\$3,325	Playground Equipment	
City of Eden	\$2,500	Roof	
Family Health Services	\$5,000	Hansen Kiosk	
Twin Falls County Rec	\$2,500	Rope/Rappel Equipment	
Twin Falls County Search and Rescue	\$3,789	Monitoring System	
Valley House	\$3,500	Playground Equipment	
Hickel Elementary	\$10,000	Re-Store	
Habitat for Humanity	\$6,500	Bicycle Program	
Hansen School District	\$6,389	Office Equipment	
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of MV	\$2,795	Monitoring System	
Valley House	\$1,700	Dishwasher	
Ageless Senior Citizens (Kimberly)	\$3,500	Track Scoring System	
Buhl Public Schools	\$2,500	Prenatal Ultrasound	
Family Health Services	\$5,000	Bereavement Support	
Hospice Visions	\$1,472	Special Olympics Travel	
Minico Spuds	\$1,000	Harpischor	
MV Sympathy	\$3,500	Centennial Park	
Twin Falls County	\$2,500	Galvanized paneling for shed	
Twin Falls County Historical Society	\$3,000	Perrine Playground	
Twin Falls School District	\$5,000	New building excavation	
Albion Senior Citizens	\$1,000	Community benches/trash receptacles	
Buhl Centennial Commission	\$4,500	Computers for training	
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MC Shelter for Women	\$3,163	Artifact Storage	
Oakley Valley Historical	\$2,000	Lake Murtaugh Sprinklers/Grass	
Snake River Council #1	\$5,000	Car seats and bike helmets	
St.Lukes/Safe Kids	\$5,000		

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Rob Newman - Rob Newman is a lifelong Idahoan and resides in Rupert with his wife and two children. He has been a professional singer for 30 years with over 40 different roles in opera, musical theater and oratorios. Rob has also managed a family rental company as well as owning a contract painting business. He is a member of the Rupert Kiwanis and is active in raising money for the Magic Valley Arts organization through the "Idaho Backyard Broadway Bash".



Ron Rasmussen - First Federal - Twin Falls
Ron Rasmussen, a Twin Falls native was a 1988 graduate of TFHS and a 1992 graduate of Boise State with a degree in Marketing. He began working for First Federal in 1993 and is currently Vice President, Sr. Commercial Loan Officer. He is President of the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club and resides with his wife and four children.



Barbara Gletzen - Barbara Gletzen, an Idaho native, was born in Twin Falls, and graduated high school in Buhl. She is a past president of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves as vice-president. In 1995 she received the Woman of the Year award, and an Excellence in Government award in 2006. She and her husband own and operated Gletzen Electric, Inc. for over 30 years before retiring in 2004. They have three children and five grandchildren.



Mary Fort - First Federal - Twin Falls
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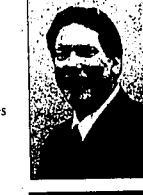
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ICRMP

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The document has county attorneys and commissions scratching their heads. At stake is the constitutional right of county employees to run for office and the rights of citizens to expect efficient public service.

"Who am I to prevent someone from running for public office?" questioned Twin Falls County Commissioner Wayne Mikseless. "Morally, I can't do it."

Supporters of the ICRMP suggestion, including Jerome County, reason county business could be disrupted if employees run against their

bosses. It's safer to fire that person, they say.

In Idaho, employers may fire employees without giving reason, which may explain why ICRMP is floating the policy. By terminating an employee, rather than placing the person on administrative leave until after the election, for example, the county won't have to worry about being sued for rights violations.

The document isn't intended to be a recommendation to fire employees who run, said Rick Ferguson, who sent the documents from ICRMP. It's an option counties may consider, he said.

But the ICRMP memo makes no other suggestions, such as administrative leave, beyond termination.

It's an issue that comes up almost every election year, said Dan Chadwick, who heads the Idaho Association of Counties, a group with no official stance on employee candidates. Counties have struggled with the policy before.

In 2004, Robbin Stubblefield, then a Twin Falls County jail deputy, ran against his boss, Sheriff Wayne Tausley. The sheriff placed Stubblefield on administrative leave, prompt-

ing Stubblefield to sue.

Tausley also suspended Jerry Martinez, an investigator in his department who announced plans to run for sheriff in Jerome County. The sheriff took no action against Bob Powers, a part-time sheriff's department officer, who ran against Mikseless for county commissioner.

Tausley notified his employees on March 11, 2004, that workers running for law enforcement positions within 35 miles of Twin Falls County would be subject to suspension without pay, according to Times-News reports at the time.

Tausley took flak for the decision, especially over Martinez, who was not running in the same county he worked.

Twin Falls County policies don't ban employees from running for office. They say only that employees can't campaign on duty or use county property. But there's also no law to stop Tausley from being tougher than the county's policy.

Nevertheless, the county scolded with Stubblefield, who was subsequently fired several weeks after the 2004 election, for an undisclosed amount. Stubblefield said last

week he received, "less than \$1 million and more than \$100,000."

In other states, including Oregon and Utah, the issue seldom arises, said county association presidents in those states. There are no statewide recommendations for counties, and most counties don't require a candidate to leave office, even temporarily.

Twin Falls commissioners, when they tabled the policy suggestion last week, could reconsider the matter today.

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Care

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than they are in the highly populated Boise region or anywhere else.

State leaders know the disparity exists. They just don't know why.

"We're all very much aware that there is an imbalance, but it's a good thing. We're not convinced that's the case," said Leslie Clement, the administrator of Idaho's Medicaid program. "We've seen that growth in eastern Idaho and for the last couple of years we've tried to do policy changes to stop that trend."

An analysis of public records shows counties in eastern Idaho are diagnosing, treating and billing the state for mental health treatment for kids at a higher rate than counties with bigger populations and poverty rates.

Theories abound about the influx — some eastern Idaho residents gripe that the mental health care companies have found a Medicaid cash cow, that parents are "shopping" until they find one willing to give their child a mental illness diagnosis and that such doctors are more common in eastern Idaho.

Some industry experts point out that if widely accepted national mental illness prevalence rates are correct, then eastern Idaho is the only part of the state actually treating most of its mentally ill kids.

But for all of eastern Idaho's advocates, many state officials say they haven't seen a corresponding drop in the number of mental illness-related emergency room visits or other "crisis indicators" among the region's kids.

In eastern Idaho's Boiseville Community with fewer than 100,000 people and poverty rates on par with statewide average of 30 percent, one in every 17 kids receives some kind of Medicaid-subsidized mental health treatment.

On the other side of the state, Canyon County has nearly twice as many people and a higher poverty rate. Yet only 1 in 28 children receive such care.

In Ada County, the state's largest, with a 21 percent poverty rate, roughly one in every 32 kids receive mental health care paid by Medicaid.

And in Idaho's panhandle, Kootenai County, with a population of nearly 132,000 and poverty on par with the state average, one in 32 kids qualify.

In all, Medicaid spent nearly \$65 million during the last fiscal year on mental health care for nearly 15,400 people under the age 20. Thirty-six percent of that money went to eastern Idaho.

The Associated Press analysis is based on public records requests, statistical data and interviews with state and local officials, mental health advocates and health care providers.

Robb Bedford, owner of A to Z Family Services, a children's mental health care provider with six offices statewide, mostly in eastern Idaho, says a typical treatment plan for a mentally ill child would include between 45 to 60 counseling sessions a year, plus up to 36 hours a week of partial care — essentially group therapy — and psycho-social rehabilitation — one-on-one behavioral treatment given in real-life situations.

Both partial care and psycho-social rehabilitation are common treatments among Idaho mental health care providers. But according to Medicaid billing numbers, the

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bulk of those treatments are being done in eastern Idaho.

Groups like the National Alliance on Mental Illness recommend that providers offer treatment that have been shown through clinical research to be effective. Partial care doesn't qualify, and psycho-social rehabilitation is also falling out of favor with national experts.

"Sometimes families are so grateful to get any services that they're not looking at whether it's an evidence-based practice," said Darcy Gruttadaro with the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness recommends specific kinds of care based on the child's diagnosis. For a young child with conduct disorder or oppositional defiant disorder, for instance, parent training is considered the gold standard. For older kids, research shows substantial benefits from family therapy — being placed in a foster home where the foster parents are trained to help such children.

But in many cases, the parents may be unwilling to get such training. There's also a dearth of appropriate foster homes across Idaho, said Howard Bedford, an attorney who has represented mentally ill children and their families in a long-running lawsuit against the state over the lack of appropriate treatment.

At Bedford's office in American Falls, a partial care session consists of more than a dozen children discussing appropriate behavior with a counselor, playing games together and practicing such skills as taking turns, using table manners and treating each other with respect.

"I know there's a stigma out there of glorified day care for

what we do. But a day care just has to provide a safe environment for the children. We have to have a treatment modality for the kids," said Bedford, who agreed to talk about the industry's problems because he believes "the service needs to be there for kids and it needs to be safe and effective."

The Medicaid department plans to "tighten down" its policies on partial care and other therapies, Clement said, but it's a tricky proposition because it risks alienating those who provide needed services.

"If we focus on bad care, dangerous care, we can work with the industry and have their support," Clement said. "But if we are too zealous we lose that support."

In 2006 the department tried to stem the proliferation of mental health care providers by requiring them to obtain new certifications, only issuing new certifications where a need existed, Clement said.

Bedford is trying to open an office in the tiny town of Downey, but says he's been waiting for months to get Medicaid approval for the office. In the meantime, he's treating several Downey kids out of his Pocatello offices.

"The population of Downey is like 500 people so you don't think there'd be that many kids needing services, but we're currently working with 10," said Bedford, who said he looks to expand in places where large percentages of children get free or reduced lunches at school.

To qualify for subsidized care, a child must be diagnosed with a mental illness by a doctor or mental health professional. Then, they are given an assessment — a standard-

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— Leslie Clement, the administrator of Idaho's Medicaid program

ized questionnaire — to determine the services they need.

Bedford said he only provides services to those who need them. But he said the state's assessment form leaves room for leading questions that can lead to unnecessary services.

And although, the person who gives the child the questionnaire is required to give the parents a list of all mental health providers in the area, parents usually choose the provider who gives the assessment, Bedford said. That creates a built-in incentive to pad the assessment.

Once kids are in, state oversight is low and abuse of the system is rampant, Bedford said. He said he has turned in other providers for so-called "double dipping" — billing Medicaid for providing both individual and group counseling to a child at the same time.

In some cases, other Bedford's offices provide partial care while another provider handles psycho-social rehabilitation because its partial care department has been shut down by the state for fraud.

"If they're being fraudulent in one area, what makes you think they're not being fraudulent in another?" Bedford said.

Medicaid investigates those allegations, and the investigations are kept confidential until the matter is closed — which can take several

and overworked, making it impossible to keep close tabs on every provider.

"The biggest thing is are they documenting what they're doing so we can come in and see if they've done what they say," Warren said. "It's a lack of physical oversight they're dealing with, and it's a hard thing to assess after appropriate."

If there's actual harm being done to the children, or there's a potential for harm, Clement said, "It almost always results in us saying, 'You're done.' But it's very hard in Idaho, which is a pro-business state. Even if it's horrendous problems with their documentation, we'll work with them."

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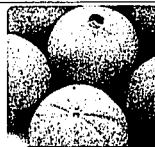
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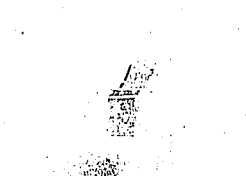
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 journey," Clinton told cheering supporters in Las Vegas. She captured the popular vote, but Obama edged her out for national convention delegates at stake, taking 13 to her 12.

Obama issued a statement that said he had conducted an "honest, uplifting campaign... that appealed to people's hopes instead of their fears." The Democrats had front-runners, the Republicans had none, and looked to South Carolina to begin winnowing an unwieldy field.

McCain defeated former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in a close race in the state that snuffed out his presidential hopes eight years ago.

"It just took us a while. That's all. Eight years is not a long time," McCain told the AP.

Appearing before supporters, Huckabee was a gracious loser, congratulating McCain for "running a civil and a good and a decent campaign."

Far from conceding defeat in the race, he added, "The process is far from over." Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson was in a struggle for third place with about 16 percent, after saying he needed a strong showing to sustain his candidacy. Another Republican, California Rep. Duncan Hunter, dropped out even before the votes were tallied.

Interviews with South Carolina voters leaving their polling places indicated that McCain, an Arizona senator, and Huckabee were dividing the Republican vote evenly. As was his custom, McCain was winning the votes of self-described independents.

South Carolina was the second half of a campaign double-header for Republicans. In the Massachusetts race, Mitt Romney cruised to victory earlier in the day in the little-contested Nevada caucuses.

No matter the state, the economy was the top issue in all three races on the ballot. Republicans in Nevada and South Carolina cited immigration as their second most-important concern.

Among Democrats in Nevada, health care was the second most-important issue, followed by the Iraq war, which has dominated the race for months.

With three contests on the ballot, it was the busiest day of the presidential campaign to date, and fittingly enough, a pair of wide-open races, every contest produced a different winner. Romney rolled to victory in Nevada, winning roughly 50 percent of the vote in a multi-candidate field.

With a black man and a woman as the leading contenders, the Democratic race was history in the making — and increasingly testy, as well.

Before the votes were tallied, Obama was critical of former President Clinton, telling reporters, "It's hard to value his intentions, and I will say that he seems to be making a habit of mischaracterizing what I say."

Obama's campaign manager, David Plouffe, issued a written statement accusing the Clinton campaign of "an entire week's worth of false, divisive attacks designed to mislead caucus-goers and discredit the caucus itself."

Clinton declined to comment on the allegation. "Whether the kind feelings she told supporters they would fade by the fall general election campaign," she said, as the crowd chanted "HRC, HRC."

Her campaign issued a statement citing numerous reports of voter intimidation. It also accused UNITE HERE, a union supporting Obama, of running a radio commercial that was "one of the most scurrilous smears in recent memory." The ad, broadcast in Spanish, said Clinton "does not respect our people" and called her shameless.

Interviews with Democratic caucus-goers indicated that Clinton fashioned her victory by winning about half the vote cast by whites, and two-thirds support from Hispanics, many members of a Culinary Workers Union that had endorsed Obama. He won about 80 percent of the black vote. Obama had pinned his

Nevada hopes on an outpouring of support from the 60,000-member union. But it appeared that turnout was lighter than expected at nine caucuses established along the Las Vegas Strip, and some attending held signs reading, "I support my union. I support Hillary."

Democrats looked next to South Carolina to choose between Obama, the most viable black candidate in history, and Clinton, seeking to become the first woman to

occupy the White House. The state is home to thousands of black voters, who are expected to comprise as much as half the Democratic electorate.

After that, the race goes national, with more than 20 states holding primaries and caucuses on Feb. 5 and 1,670 national Democratic convention delegates at stake.

The split Democratic verdict in Nevada resulted from the proportional manner in which delegates were awarded.

Obama emerged with one more than Clinton because he ran strongly in rural areas.

Overall, Clinton leads the delegates race with 236, including separately chosen party and elected officials known as superdelegates. Obama has a total of 136, and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards has 50.

Romney struck first on the day among the Republicans. "The former Massachusetts governor learned of his Nevada victory when his wife

Ann announced it on the public address system of his chartered jet. "Keep 'em coming. Keep 'em coming," he said.

Mormons gave Romney about half his votes. He is hoping to become the first member of his faith to win the White House.

Alone among the Republican contenders, Rep. Ron Paul of Texas aired television ads in Nevada. Paul was tied with McCain for second place. Thompson and Huckabee trailed.

Romney also won at least 17 of the 31 Republican National Convention delegates at stake. McCain and Paul won at least four apiece, while Thompson and Huckabee each won two. Hunter and Rudy Giuliani each won one delegate — the first of the campaign for the former New York mayor.

Nevada offered more delegates — 31 versus 24 — but far less appeal to the Republican candidates than South Carolina.


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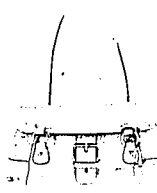
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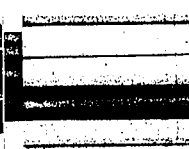
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Gunning for gun makers

Governor to introduce networking program as part of campaign to attract manufacturers to Idaho

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Idaho has taken its first step in an aggressive campaign to attract gun manufacturers and other outdoor recreation industries.

Known as the Recreational Technology Campaign, Idaho Department of Commerce is partnering with the state's regional economic development groups to market Idaho as the best state for gun manufacturers to do business.

State officials say the campaign is targeting gun manufacturers in states that are growing increasingly hostile toward firearms and ammunition manufacturers — at least 12 states have either passed, or are discussing legislation that would make it more difficult for gun

manufacturers to operate. Idaho is now marketing itself as a home for gun manufacturers in light of the state's unique laws that protect gun ownership and manufacturing.

For example:

- Idaho is the only state with a state constitution that protects gun makers from special taxation or registration.

- Idaho code limits lawsuits against firearms and ammunition manufacturers, and says state agencies cannot bring a suit against gun manufacturers "relating to the design, manufacture, marketing or sale of firearms or ammunition to the public."

"Idaho is kind of an obvious fit for the shooting industry and I don't really know why we didn't do this earlier," said Bibiana Nertney, communications



Olympic AR-15 rifles, which are similar to military M16s, are displayed Friday at Rod's Trading Post. State economic development officials are trying to attract firearms manufacturers such as Olympic to Idaho.

director for Idaho Commerce. Regional economic officials say Idaho's firearms laws have generally been accepted as the

norm despite the wave of gun control legislation in other states.

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A copy of the Idaho Department of Commerce pamphlet outlining the state's support for gun manufacturers.

Bitter cold doesn't keep car fans from opening day of auto show

By Malasha Robinson
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Desmond Parks was torn between a sports utility vehicle, with high-tech features and a colorful coupe, both by Infiniti.

He's 13 and has plenty of time to choose before he'll actually drive anything, but he decided he was most impressed by the Infiniti FX35 SUV at the first public day of this year's North American International Auto Show on Saturday.

"The moving seats, navigation system, steering wheel, XM Radio — I could actually drive this," he said before running to the next shiny display.

Desmond and his sister Travey Parks, 32, were among the thousands of visitors who flocked to the show in Cobo Hall as temperatures outside were in the teens.

Travey was looking forward to an escape from her leaking 1995 Dodge Neon, what she called a "5500 special."

"My dream car is a Cadillac," she said. "Any kind of Cadillac."

First-timer Mitchell Mattice liked the leap display and concept cars.

"The leap display with the waterfall blew me away," said Mattice, 39, of Omaha, Neb., who said she had been nowhere near the size or magnitude of this show.

His brother, Clayton Mattice, 26, of Blkhorh, Neb., was impressed by the Pontiac G8, which had its own spinning platform and presenter. He said the car was aimed more at his generation.

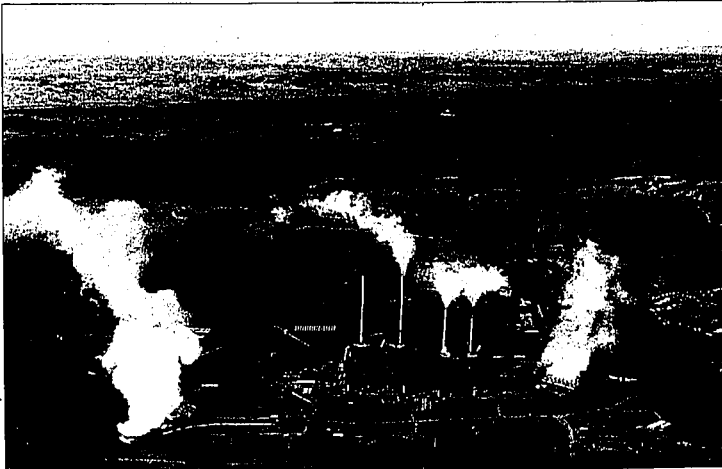
"The style of it and the attention to detail give it a bit more of an edgy feel, but not over the top," he said.

Mel and Mary Lou Sweland, of Jackson, Mich., tested a model of their current vehicle at the auto show a few years ago. The 71- and 70-year olds returned to check out the new Ford F-150 they'd seen advertised on television.

"Ford impressed me with the step on the back and the step on the side" of the new F-150, Mel Sweland said.

The show continues through January 27.

Activists take on coal-fired plants



The power plants of Colstrip, Mont., pump steam into the air as they supply power to the northwest. The 2,200 megawatt coal-fired power plant is the state's largest producer of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. Environmental groups are challenging two proposals for new coal-fired power plants in the state as part of a nationwide legal offensive against the industry.

Industry reps say actions threaten the country's power supply

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press Writer

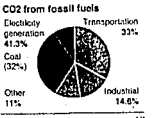
BILLINGS, Mont. — In federal and state courtrooms across the country, environmental groups are putting coal-fueled power plants on trial in a bid to slow the industry's biggest construction boom in decades.

At least four dozen coal plants are being contested in 29 states, according to a recent Associated Press tally. The targeted utilities include giants like Peabody Energy and American Electric Power down to small rural cooperatives.

From lawsuits and administrative appeals against the companies, to lobbying pressure on federal and state regulators, the coordinated offensive against coal is emerging as a pivotal front in

CO2 pollution

Electricity from U.S. coal-fired power plants accounts for nearly a third of the country's carbon dioxide emissions.



the debate over global warming. "Our goal is to oppose these projects at each and every stage, from zoning and air and water permits, to their mining permits and new coal railroads," said Bruce Nilles, a Sierra Club attorney who directs the group's national coal campaign. "They know they don't have an answer to global warming, so they're fighting for their life."

Industry representatives say the environmentalists' actions threaten to undermine the country's fragile power grid, setting the stage for a future of high-priced

electricity and uncontrollable blackouts.

"These projects won't be denied, but they can be delayed by those who oppose any new energy projects," said Vic Svec, vice president of the mining and power company Peabody Energy.

While observers say forecasts of power grid doom are exaggerated, the importance of coal — one of the country's cheapest and most abundant fuels — is undeniable.

Coal plants provide just over 50 percent of the nation's electricity. They also are the largest domestic

source of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, emitting 2 billion tons annually, about a third of the country's total.

Environmental groups like 59 canceled, delayed or blocked plants as evidence they are turning back the "coal rush." That stacks up against 22 new plants now under construction in 14 states — the most in more than two decades.

Mining companies, utilities and coal-state politicians promote coal in the name of national security, as an alternative to foreign fuels. With hundreds of years of reserves

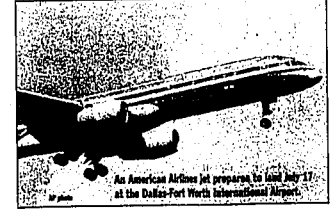
and a slumping economy are creating a year ripe for big gains among large U.S. airlines.

American Airlines, the nation's largest carrier, posted a loss in the fourth quarter because of record fuel prices and weather-related service disruptions. Similar results are expected for other major airlines after six consecutive quarters of profits.

But while airline executives and investors would gain from the mergers, the flying public would likely be left grounded with higher air fares and further cutbacks in declining service and flights.

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Airline mergers, ticket increases may be around the corner



An American Airlines jet prepares to taxi away at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

By Peter Pae
Los Angeles Times

Recent fuel prices and weakening demand for air travel has begun to eat into big airline profits, raising prospects of airline industry consolidation in 2008.

Recent merger talks and Thursday's announcement by American Airlines that it will raise its ticket prices to \$40 for a round-trip ticket signaled that consumers could soon see industry-wide price increases.

After years of failed attempts and false starts, some analysts say high fuel costs, increased competition from low-cost carriers

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Change might be stirring in Cuba

By Carol J. Williams
Los Angeles Times

MIAMI — Cubans waited hours in line for tickets, packed Havana's cinemas and watched with rapt attention as "The Lives of Others," a chilling account of East German secret-police repression of communist dissidents, arrived in the Cuban capital in December.

Was the debut of the Academy Award-winning film two years after its release another signal that Cuba's Communist leaders are open to reform? Or was the cinematic snapshot of life two decades ago and half a world away more reflective of their confidence that Cubans wouldn't see themselves in the picture?

Analysts of the secretive Cuban power structure see signs of modest political and economic change emerging on the island in the 18 months since an ailing Fidel Castro temporarily ceded power to his brother Raul and retreated to pen his thoughts and musings.

Raul Castro has urged young Cubans to expose the government's shortcomings in providing adequate food, transportation and housing.

The idea of giving idle land to farmers has been floated for the first time since private estates were nationalized in the 1960s.

Havana authorities also have proposed compensating Cuban employees of foreign companies in hard currency, in a land where Fidel Castro has long fought the dollar's encroachment because of the class division it inflicts between those who have convertible money and those who don't.

But the most radical transition might come as soon as this spring, with Fidel Castro, 81, hinting that he might relinquish the Cuban presidency after 49 years as supreme leader of the Marxist-Leninist state he created.

In a letter read on state-run television in late December, Castro caused a stir by saying he wouldn't "cling to positions" or "obstruct the path of younger people" aspiring to lead Cuba.

He did not deny when his name was again included on the slate of Communist Party candidates for the National Assembly by the rubber-stamped in an election Sunday. And after a two-hour meeting with the Cuban leadership this week, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva proclaimed Castro fit, lucid and "ready to take over his historic political role," raising expectations of a comeback.

Those familiar with the Havana hierarchy predict that the elder Castro will take his seat in the National Assembly when it convenes in March but decline another five-year stint as head of state.

"I still think it's significant that he made those comments about making way for the next generation," said Sarah Stephens, head of the Center for Democracy in the Americas.

"If I were going to guess, which is all any of us can do, I think it's going to have everything to do with his recovery and there's no way for us to know if he has been experiencing setbacks, whether he's recovering quickly or slowly."

As part of a congressional delegation to the island in Havana late in 2007, Stephens met with National Assembly leader Ricardo Alarcon and with a senior Communist Party official, Fernando Ramirez. They denied that any transition was under way in their country, she said, casting the recent inklings of internal reflection as a continuation of their ever-evolving revolution. But Stephens pointed to the December film festival screening of "The Lives of Others" as a sign of changing attitudes about what can be discussed.

If the world embraces nuclear energy, where will the deadly waste go?

By Angela Charlton
Associated Press writer

BEAUMONT-LEZUE, France — Thousands of canisters of highly radioactive waste from the world's most nuclear-energized nation lie, silent and deadly beneath this jutting tip of Normandy. Above ground, cows graze and Atlantic waves crash into heather-covered hills.

The spent fuel, vitrified into blocks of black glass that will remain dangerous for thousands of years, is in "interim storage." Like nearly all the world's nuclear waste, it is still waiting for the long-term disposal solution that has eluded scientists and governments in the six decades since the atomic era began.

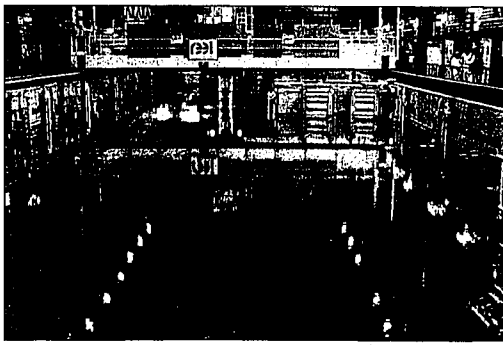
Industry officials hope renewed worldwide interest in long, awkward silence surrounding nuclear waste.

They want to revive momentum for scientific and political breakthroughs on waste that stalled after the accidents at Three Mile Island in 1979 and Chernobyl in 1986, which raised worldwide fears about radioactivity's risks to human and planetary health.

So far, the only solution of a nuclear renaissance has focused on the "front end," or reactor construction. Engineers are designing the next generation of reactors to be safer than today's — and they're being billed as a solution to global warming. Nuclear reactors do not emit carbon dioxide, blamed for heating the planet.

Few people have been talking about the "back end," industry people say. The hundreds of thousands of tons of waste that nuclear plants produce each year, and the lucrative, secretive business of storing it away.

Waste "is the main problem with the so-called nuclear renaissance," said Michel Schneider, an independent expert who co-authored a



The pool storage area where spent nuclear fuel tanks are unloaded in baskets, and placed under 4 meters of water to lower their temperature, as part of the treatment of nuclear waste, in and at the Areva Nuclear Plant of La Hague, near Cherbourg, western France, Dec. 18.

recent study for the European Parliament casting doubt on a global nuclear resurgence. He says government efforts to revive nuclear energy will stall without a "miracle" solution to waste disposal.

Workers at this waste treatment and storage site on France's Cherbourg peninsula, run by industry giant Areva, don't see a problem.

Though much of the technology here dates from the 1970s and 1980s, they point to a strong safety record and the 26,000 environmental tests conducted every year as evidence that the public has nothing to fear from their activity.

The tests routinely find crabs, cows and humans living nearby to be healthy. One time, a pregnant woman gestured toward her pregnant abdomen, holding her third child, as proof that there's nothing to worry about. Plant officials say strict security measures, tightened since Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, rule out terrorism risks.

Greenpeace questions state-run Areva's safety figures, and accuses the government of playing down accidents and soil and water contamination. A group called Mères en Colère, or Angry Mothers, was formed in the region after a 1997 study showed higher than usual local rates of child leukemia, a malady linked to radiation exposure.

Now the "pros" are on a new mission to dispel a generation of scares and suspicion, saying nuclear power is less dangerous to humans and the Earth than burning oil or coal. The "ants" say nuclear energy can never offer 100 percent protection from its radioactive ingredients.

The splitting of uranium atoms in a nuclear reactor creates the exceptional heat that drives turbines to provide electricity. The process also creates radioactive isotopes such as cesium-137 and strontium-90 that take about 30 years to lose half their radioactivity. Higher-level leftovers includes pluto-

Recycling, though, produces plutonium that could be used in nuclear weapons — so the United States bans it, fearing proliferation. And not all waste can be reprocessed. The deadliest bits — such as fuel rod casings and other reactor parts as well as concentrated fuel residue containing plutonium and highly enriched uranium — must be sealed and stored away.

That's what lurks 10 feet underground at this Normandy plant: More than 7,000 cylindrical steel canisters, each about the height of a parking meter, stacked and sealed upright in holes beneath the slick floor. Some contain compacted radioactive metals; the others hold spent fuel that has been vitrified into glass.

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Current research in industry leader France — which relies on nuclear energy for more than 70 percent of its electricity, more than any other country — is focusing on new chemical processes that would shrink nuclear waste and cool it faster.

It will be at least 2040, though, before these might be put to use, scientists estimate. Schneider says scientists are "creating work for themselves" by researching methods that may never be commercially feasible or do much to solve the long-term waste quandary.

New French base shows Gulf states want to broaden contacts

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press writer

Cairo, Egypt — The promise of a new French base in the United Arab Emirates is the latest sign that Arab Gulf countries are expanding their commercial and military contacts to bolster security without appearing too dependent on the United States.

President Nicolas Sarkozy has announced that France next year will become the only Western country other than the U.S. to have a permanent defense facility in the Gulf.

The deal comes at a time when those countries want to protect themselves against a resurgent Iran. At the same time, they don't want to rely just on the U.S., with American prestige in the Middle East running low and the fear that U.S.-Iranian rivalry could drag the region into war.

France also plans to open a branch of its St. Cyr military academy in Qatar and take part in military exercises in February and March with forces from the UAE and Qatar. And France and the UAE have signed a civilian nuclear cooperation agreement as a first step toward

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building a nuclear reactor to help diversify energy sources, the UAE sees the advantage of playing the field a bit, not because it wants to walk away from the U.S. relationship but because this gives them leverage over both the French and Americans to get what they want." Middle East analyst Ian Altman said.

The United States has been the dominant outside power in the Gulf since Britain closed its permanent bases in 1971. The Arabs are keenly aware that no European country can supplant the Americans as the primary protector of the oil-rich Gulf states.

"Perhaps they (Emiratis) thought that a French base would be a visible means of protection but in a less ostentatious manner, a little more discreet" than an American installation, said Stéphane Lacroix, an analyst with the

Science Po school of political science in Paris.

Gulf governments and investors have been shifting away from the United States, seeking partners in Asia and Europe. The reasons for the shift are both economic and political, including strains in relations with the U.S. since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries have been looking to Europe for more consumer products as well as investments in areas such as high-speed railway systems, where the Europeans have unique experience.

For Gulf Arabs, Iran has

made the need for leverage with the Americans all the more important.

Although the small, wealthy oil sheikdoms fear Iranian influence, especially

among their Shiite populations, they also worry that Washington's headline stand against the Islamic Republic could drag them into conflict.

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... Craig and the ACLU

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Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union make the unique argument that Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho ... has a reasonable expectation of privacy when having sex in a stall of a public restroom.

How anyone can seriously think people can be quiet and discreet sex in one of those things defies all imagination.

Craig really doesn't need

this kind of help from the ACLU as he fights to withdraw the gully plea he entered after being charged with disorderly conduct for his behavior in a men's room in the Minneapolis airport.

The ACLU submitted a brief with the Minnesota Court of Appeals in defense of Craig. Thanks, but Craig can come up with witty arguments all by himself.

The ACLU also has some valid arguments ... You should be able to express yourself with-

out being arrested, even if what you're trying to express is, "Hey, sailor, let's have sex in my toilet stall."

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importance of community colleges and the fact that a two-thirds supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties created a community college district in May ... This is important, because community colleges provide a valuable avenue to local students who otherwise may not be able to extend their education ... he economy often receives a boost from the influx of training opportunities. Sometimes this factor can even help draw companies to an area.



... Idaho community colleges

Idaho Press-Tribune, Nampa

In a bit of good news for Idaho high schoolers and prospective non-traditional students throughout the state ... as well as for the economy ... Idaho's leader appears committed to maintaining the viability of the state's community colleges.

In his State of the State Address earlier this month, Gov. Butch Otter ... noted the

Does this sound familiar? Another legislative session, another fight over fixing Interstate 84. ... some lawmakers are ... grumbling about borrowing another \$134 million for highway work ... including \$130 million for I-84.

Their arguments, like I-84 itself, are well-worn. The more money the state puts into the Connecting Idaho program, the less money is left for the rest of the state.

This hollow complaint overlooks the importance of an interstate that is wide enough and safe enough to accommodate the needs of businesses and commuters in Idaho's most urban area.

Since Treasure Valley sales and income tax collections help pick up the slack and pay for schools and other programs statewide, everyone has an interest in fixing I-84.

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Idaho Statesman, Boise

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Merit pay plan would produce better teachers, better schools

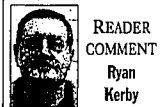
Tom Luna's ISTARS program will improve K-12 education in Idaho, and the merit pay and leadership pieces of the program will have a particularly positive influence.

ISTARS is neither perfect nor completely fair to all parties. It doesn't have to be.

It only needs to be better than sole reliance on the current step and ladders pay grid. It is.

Student learning has improved in Idaho as a result of the analysis and usage of good data from ISAT tests and other sources, and through good teaching.

To continue this improvement, teachers must have a larger role in making educational decisions and take more ownership in student learning. Merit pay for all certified personnel in buildings where growth or per-



READER COMMENT Ryan Kerby

formance in test scores is exemplary will provide teachers an additional incentive to team together to promote student learning.

With Idaho's current teacher pay plan, based solely on experience and education, teachers in schools with high student performance or large yearly growth on state test scores are paid the same as teachers in schools with poor scores or little growth.

Idaho businesses couldn't stay in operation with this

pay plan, and Idaho schools shouldn't.

Under Idaho's current compensation system, teachers often wait for administrators, curriculum directors, or subject-matter specialists to come up with new ideas and methods on how to improve learning ... (people) getting paid for the job? Teachers return to their classrooms with this information, and levels of implementation and concern with the testing often varies as it all pays the same.

Teachers need to team together and with directors to collaborate, brainstorm and share practices of best educational methods for how to improve student learning. Then, those ideas need to be implemented fully. Merit pay increases the likelihood of this happening.

Luna's plan involves financial incentives for all certified staff in schools who perform in the top two quartiles (stateside) for improving student growth on spring ISAT's, and for teachers in the top quartile of schools for achieving the overall highest student performance.

All teachers — even teachers who do not teach the tested core subjects of reading, writing, math or science — will receive the financial bonuses. As a result, teachers in non-core subjects will be more inclined to collaborate and promote student learning in the tested areas in their classes, taking some pressure off teachers of ISAT subjects.

History teachers will be more likely to help improve student writing by more consistently requiring stu-

dents to use complete sentences and proper grammar. Health teachers (nutrition, human development) and art teachers (sculpture, water cycle, plant growth), will have more reason to work with the science department in areas where their curriculums overlap. Science and English standards would be reinforced and re-emphasized in other courses.

Teachers, dependent on each other for performance pay, will increase collaboration and teamwork, making schools a more enjoyable place to work. Additionally, students will feel better about school, and enjoy it more, when they sense their teachers are on the same page.

There are schools, grade levels and departments that are presently working at

optimum levels. In that case performance pay will reward them for what they are already accomplishing.

The leadership piece of ISTARS provides needed funding for all schools to pay teachers for expanded roles: mentoring, developing curriculum, running after-school remediation programs, and providing best practices, teaching professional classes to other staff, etc.

If we expect Idaho teachers to take on new leadership roles and to collaborate more to improve student learning, we need to compensate them appropriately. Luna's ISTARS plan will do that, and will improve K-12 education in Idaho.

Ryan Kerby is superintendent of the New Plymouth School District.

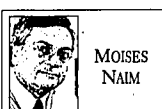
World wants America to act like leader again

For the next several years, world politics will be reshaped by a strong yearning for American leadership. This trend will be as unexpected as it is inevitable given the powerful anti-American sentiments around the globe, and inevitable given the vacuum that exists in the United States can fill.

This renewed international appetite for U.S. leadership will not merely result from the election of a new president, though having a new occupant in the White House will certainly help. Absent a decade of U.S. mismanagement and distraction have allowed international and regional problems to swell. Often, the only nation that has the will and means to act effectively is the United States.

To be sure, anti-Americanism will never disappear. Nor will America's enemies go away. But strong anti-American currents will increasingly coexist with equally strong international demands for the United States to play a larger role in world affairs.

The America that the world wants back is not the one that



MOISES NAIM

circumstances, the next U.S. president will not be able to deliver on all these things. They also understand that American leadership always comes at a price. Appearing too closely allied with the United States is a risky political position for elected politicians everywhere. Still, some have shown a surprising readiness to stand with America.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates recently called for a new direction in U.S. thinking about world affairs. "Success," he said, "will be less a matter of imposing one's will and more a function of shaping the behavior of friends,

adversaries and, most importantly, the people in between. ... We need a dramatic increase in spending on the civilian instruments of national security — diplomacy, strategic communications, foreign assistance, civic action, and economic reconstruction and development."

The demand for a new brand of American global leadership is here. Increasingly, the supply to satisfy this demand will also be there.

Moises Naim is editor in chief of Foreign Policy. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just turn a closed eye to cell phone tower

I have been reading about the controversy over the cell phone tower on Galena Summit. Apparently, the opposition doesn't think that public well-being and safety is a concern. A few minutes in one might well determine someone's life through the Sawtooth Valley and beyond.

I am an amateur radio operator and years before

cell, I was able to get an ambulance to a car-motorcycle wreck. The ambulance was there in a few minutes. Unfortunately the person on the motorcycle died, but that immediate response may have saved his life.

For you cell-freaks: Just close one eye when looking at the tower; you won't have any depth perception and you won't know how tall it is. DAVID HENDRIX Idaho Falls

Advertisement for Dr. Clauden Buettner, Executive Vice President/Chief Academic Officer of The College of Southern Idaho. The ad cordially invites you to attend an open house for Friday, January 25th, 2008, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the CSI Taylor Building Cafeteria. It also mentions a \$5000 scholarship for a student.

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Entire band of scouting misfits attains Eagle rank

By Fredrick Kandle
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The boys called themselves the Viking Patrol. The scoutmasters called them babies.

As Cub Scouts, they were so wild that the exasperated leaders insisted that their parents attend the meetings to keep things from getting out of hand. Their first hike as Boy Scouts became notable for the "strike" when the boys lay down side by side on an easy trail and refused to go on.



But something happened to these 11 whiny, quick-to-raise-quit goofballs from Boy Scout Troop 681 in Falls Church, Va. It happened somewhere along the way between passover, herbs, and kumquat in the Scout House, the log cabin where the group met three times a month under the glassy eyes of a stuffed moose.

A 90-mile hike in New Mexico was the crowning achievement for the Viking Patrol of Boy Scout Troop 681 of Falls Church, Va. Pictured are, kneeling, from left: Sam Dowell, Assistant Scoutmaster Richard Choppa, Nicholas Choppa. Standing, from left: Tim McCabe, Eagle Scout coordinator Tom Goodwin, John Goodwin, Evan Martin, Seann Archibald and Will Dearth. Partially obscured near the flag is Eagle Scout Matthew Glazer, a member of Troop 681 but not the Viking Patrol.

Somehow, this bunch of underprivileged suburban kids became a closely knit crew of slyly ironic, devout, responsible young men whose proudest achievement was a 90-mile hike in the mountains of New Mexico. Now all 11 members of the Viking Patrol, one of 10 patrols that make up the troop, have made it to the rank of Eagle Scout — a feat that national, regional and local Scouting leaders believe is unprecedented.

Studies have shown that Eagle Scouts excel in school and participate in their communities, and administrators say the achievement can boost their odds of getting into college.

Eagle Scouts must earn at least 21 merit badges, including 12 required badges in subjects such as first aid, citizenship and personal fitness. The cornerstone of the program is the community service project.

The boys in Falls Church's Viking Patrol were nothing like the straight arrow that adorns some of their sashes.

"They were a bunch of ninjas. They were still acting like Cub Scouts and babies," said Assistant Scoutmaster Peter Archibald of Falls Church, whose son, Seann, was among the 11 to attain Eagle Scout.

Their first hike was a three-mile auro on the gently climbing Thornton River Trail in the Blue Ridge Mountains in 2001. They gripped from the beginning, then quit about two miles from the trail head.

"They lay down on the trail, like railroad ties," Scoutmaster Kevin Coleman of Falls Church said. "I said, 'What are you doing?' They said, 'We're on strike.'"

All agree a turning point occurred during a 60-mile canoe trip in the Adirondack Mountains in 2003. After reaching the impassable Raquette River Falls, the boys had to carry their gear, including the canoes, about 1 1/2 miles over a mountain. Disorganized and weary, they took about twice as long as necessary.

When they finally reached camp that night — cranky, hungry, exhausted and listless — they wanted to bed down without pitching tents, digging a latrine or hanging their food to avoid attracting bears. Scout leaders insisted that the boys make camp properly and left the details to them. After much bickering and complaining, the boys organized themselves. From then on, according to the leaders and the boys, the boys took the direction of the patrol into their own hands and also began contributing to the leadership of the entire troop.



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Eva J. Dorman

Eva J. Dorman, 77, passed away Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at BridgeView Estates. She is survived by four children, Judy, Richard and Terry, all of Lewiston, and Janet of Hansen. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Kimberly Stake Center.

3857 N. 3500 E. in Kimberly. Viewing will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Roberta A. Webb

Roberta Ann Webb, 74, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, at Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Falls. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 9 p.m. until time of rosary Friday at the funeral chapel.

Lorilyn Powell

ROBERT — Lorilyn Powell, 49, of Rupert, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Harlow F. Cheney RUPERT — Harlow Frank Cheney, formerly of Rupert, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Paul Robert

Paul Robert, 84, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, at his home. Rosary prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2465 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

John W. Carpenter WENDELL — John Walter Carpenter, 77, of Wendell, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Denary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

SERVICES

Marjorie Rose (Marge) Morris Powers of Brigham, Colo., and formerly of 10 Alley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pocatello.

1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 11 to 1:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Kathy Lynn Crystal Hartford of Pocatello, Ariz., and formerly of Paul and Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.

Thaine Roberts of Buhi, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Buhi Presbyterian Church; visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhi.

Wallace Lee Baker of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Janice M. Schmidt of T'ailley, memorial service at 11 p.m. Monday at the Wood Chapel in Halley.

Gene E. Hamilton of Heyburn, funeral at noon Monday at the Paul LDS 3rd and 7th Wards Chapel, 300 S. 500 W. in Heyburn; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Jack Milton Gochmour of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Star LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

BALLROOM DANCING



TyRae Shaw dances with Howard Christensen as residents at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center were treated to ballroom dancing with students from Burley High School's Bel Cantos choir, fifth-grade choir and dance club. Live music was provided by Don Meline, and students, staff and residents enjoyed an afternoon of music and dancing.

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SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Want to help?

This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, ext. 4764, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Sunday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

mentors - The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteers, age 55 and older, in Jerome and Twin Falls counties to mentor children of prisoners. Volunteers will undergo a complete background check and be willing to mentor a child for a minimum of one hour each week for one year. Information: Ken, 736-2122, ext. 2394, kwilting@onsa.csi.edu.

Volunteers - The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volunteers to visit residents in skilled nursing and residential care facilities. Volunteers can be a part of many creative and compassionate programs for caregivers and those facing end-of-life issues. Information: Heidi, 734-4064 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Volunteers - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program is in need of volunteers to assist the elderly and disabled with nonmedical services including transportation, shopping, housekeeping, snow removal, and handyman repairs. Mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance are provided. Information: 733-6333.

Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Drivers - Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Magic Valley area to take senior citizens to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Information: Kitty, 677-4072, ext. 2.

Volunteers - Aspen Grove Hospice is looking for a volunteer to serve as bereavement coordinator. Volunteers also are needed to assist in the hospice office and to visit with patients. Information: 733-2234 or Sue at 731-5211.

Volunteers - South Central Community Action Partnership is in need of volunteers to assist in pantry, pick up donated food (mileage reimbursed with correct documentation) and sort donated food items. Information: Leanne or Sandra, 733-9351.

Volunteers - The Twin Falls County Historical Museum is in need of volunteers to help with archival preservation, cataloging, research and greeting the public. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Information: Daleen at 736-8675.

Donations/Volunteers - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Program is in need of computer desks, television sets, coffee tables, living room furniture, kitchen items and warm clothes. The center also is looking for volunteers to spend time with families from another country and to help them practice English with simple conversation. Bring donated items from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday, to 1526 Highland Ave. E. Information: Shannon, 736-2166, scp-staff@sprn.net.

Volunteers - Idaho Home Health and Hospice is inviting caring people, who are willing to make a difference for caregivers and for those facing end-of-life issues, to be a part of the hospice team. Through the junior volunteer program, family and corporate volun-

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County ARRAIGNMENTS (Jan. 17-18) Matthew L. Campbell, 40, Twin Falls; open container; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 26; \$100 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25; \$25,000 bond. Antonio H. Antonio, 46, Twin Falls; aggravated assault; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25; released on own recognizance. Filberto Rivera Lopez, 26, Buhi; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 25; \$25,000 bond. Ashley Clifford, 18; two counts felony; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25.

posted bond. Hector M. Salinas, 47, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; private counsel; pretrial hearing set for Jan. 25; \$500 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25; \$5,000 bond. Justin C. Hightower, 28, Twin Falls; resisting/obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 26; \$500 bond. Donald B. Harris, 54, Twin Falls; disturbing the peace; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 26; released on own recognizance. Mario A. Flores, 33, Jerome; grand theft by possession of stolen property; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25; \$25,000 bond.

BODYTIQ Women's Fitness & Wellness Center. 736-7100. 200 16th St. S. Twin Falls, ID 83401. 736-7101.

The family of DUSTY LOBY would like to thank everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown during our recent bereavement. We would like to publicly thank all whose messages, cards, flowers, prayers, and offers of assistance helped lighten our sorrow.

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Idahoans do a year of roadside bomb patrol

By Heath Drizin
Idaho Statesman

BOISE — When Staff Sgt. Ian Freeman pulled up to a lonely, sand-blown roadway in one of the most volatile regions of Iraq, he knew it would be his last mission.

A 6-foot-deep blast hole on the side of the road told him bombs were likely ahead. But ribbons of sand covering the highway made it nearly impossible to spot the telltale signs of planted explosives. Like most days in Iraq, it was a prayer day.

"I remember, just clear as day, just sitting there and thinking, 'God, take care of my family — I mean, I know I'm dead — and just take care of my family, let them know I love 'em,'" he said. "And (my fellow soldier) gave his little prayer, too, and we just said, 'Let's go.'"

Freeman motored ahead in a Cougar — a 13-ton truck that sits 4 feet off the ground on a V-shaped hull built to deflect blasts — and made it through that day unscathed. It wasn't as lucky on several other missions. He's still recovering from a series of bomb blasts that sent shock waves through his brain and ended his tour six months early.

Freeman's experience illustrates the deadly work that more than 100 Idaho citizen-soldiers of the 321st Engineer Battalion, an all-Army Reserve battalion in Boise, did for a year while hunting roadside bombs, the biggest killer of U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

When the Army reservists arrived at the insurgent stronghold of Anbar Province in October 2006, they had one of the most dangerous jobs in one of the most dangerous spots in Iraq. Every day they would hit the dusty, blast-pocked roads in their armored trucks to seek out roadside bombs, known in the military as improvised explosive devices, or IEDs. Their job was to clear roads of explosives for their fellow troops.

During the yearlong deployment, three Idahoans were killed in a single blast in February. Many more in the unit suffered serious injuries, including traumatic brain injury, after living through similar blasts.

Recently, several 321st soldiers told the Statesman their stories of life on Iraq's front lines.

In the dead of night, soldiers prepared for their missions, checking weapons and the hulking trucks built to keep them alive when 300 pounds of explosives detonate underneath. Soldiers preferred darkness. It meant cover on the road and fewer insurgents lying in wait.

The trucks would crawl at 5 to 10 mph looking for any sign the road had been disturbed, often escorting Marine units that traveled in much more vulnerable Humvees. Missions would last from several hours to two days. The work could be monotonous, said Sgt. Michael Haney of Boise. "It is pretty boring, and things start blowing up," Haney said.

A seam in the road, some trash, even just the hair on your back or your neck standing up can be a sign that something is out of place, perhaps a bomb lurking under concrete, culverts or dirt, soldiers say. And keeping sharp as the miles go by is a life and death issue, as well as the group's unofficial motto: "Complectency kills."

"If you lose focus for 30 seconds, that could be the 30 seconds where the bomb is there," Haney said.

Humor, even in the grimmest situations, kept spirits and eyes sharp. Soldiers in the 321st sometimes went more than a day without sleep to complete a mission.

"Usually if you were fighting, you forgot you were so tired," Staff Sgt. Cory Sessions said.

Barely a day went by when the 321st didn't find and disarm a bomb, delicately pulling it out of the ground with a claw attached to a stout anti-mine truck called a

Buffalo. Undertaking the tricky task of seeking out bombs, though, almost every 321st soldier suffered a bomb explosion at least once.

Though the vehicles they rode in were made to take a blast, the heavy explosives would often hurt the trucks in the air.

Soldiers describe getting hit by a bomb as a kind of slow-motion chaos.

Describing one of the handful of bombings he survived, Freeman said he was shoved down into his seat and then smashed against the roof. He knew they had been hit hard when all he could see through the front windshield was asphalt.

"We're kind of flying toward this ditch, and (the driver is) actually trying to steer the vehicle while we're in the air

— like trying to fly it away from the ditch," Freeman said.

When he landed, he was blinded by the dust that filled the cab. Only the responses of his comrades told him no one had been killed.

"It really comes home that someone's trying to kill you," he said.

On Feb. 11, three Idaho soldiers from the 321st were on

their way to recover the bodies of several Marines who had died in a helicopter crash. Before they reached the crash site, though, a massive bomb hit their vehicle. Sgt. Ross Clevenger, 21, Nampa; Sgt. James Holtom, 22, Rexburg; and Pfc. Raymond Werner, 22, Boise, were all killed. It is the deadliest day for Idahoans since the war started.

Shortly after the bombing, soldiers held a small service outside a makeshift morgue before the bodies were flown out. Until that day, the danger faced by the 321st soldiers had been intangible. The bombing brought home the stakes, Haney said.

"It is one of those things those guys gave us," he said. "Their sacrifice might have kept more people alive."

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Linchpin of stolen body parts probe to plead guilty

By Adam Goldman
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The man accused of scheming to plunder bodies for parts used in thousands of tissue transplants is poised to plead guilty, and authorities and victims' relatives say his testimony could roll the billion-dollar industry.

In an effort to escape a lengthy jail sentence in cases in Philadelphia and New York, Michael Mastromarino has agreed to talk to investigators about the companies that bought the stolen tissues, said his lawyer, Mario Galucci.

"Let's just say that he is going to assist them and give any information he has about the processors and their role," Galucci said.

The companies that processed the tissue already face hundreds of civil lawsuits. But they claim they weren't even aware the body parts weren't legitimately obtained

and insist the former oral surgeons plea deal, expected to be announced Tuesday, doesn't change anything.

The scandal broke two years when Mastromarino, then owner of Biomedical Tissue Services, was accused of furtively backing up corpses from funeral homes in the Northeast. The body parts were sent to the processors, fetching as much as \$7,000 apiece.

Mastromarino, 44, was in a position to know exactly how the business operated and who knew what.

"Mastromarino can certainly tell us things that may lead us in directions we haven't been able to go before," said a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

Mastromarino started BTF in 2001 and made plenty off the pilfered corpses. It wasn't a complicated business.

The bodies came from funeral homes in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. BTF shipped the bone, skin and tendons to Regeneration Technologies Inc., LifeCell Corp. and Tutogen Medical Inc., all publicly traded companies, along with two nonprofits, Lost Mountain Tissue Bank and the Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas.

Court documents show Regeneration, which recently agreed to merge with Tutogen in an all-stock deal, shipped a total of 19,446 pieces of tissue that BTF provided.

Minnesota-based health giant Medtronic Inc., which distributed some of the tissue it received from Regeneration, also has been sued but says the case is without merit.

The parts were used in disk replacements, knee operations, dental implants and a variety of other surgical procedures performed by unsuspecting doctors across the United States and in Canada. About 10,000 people received tissue supplied by BTF.

Among the bodies BTF looted was that of "Masterpiece Theatre" host Alstair Cooke, who died in 2004.

Medical records for Cooke show Regeneration received the arms and legs. Cooke's pelvis and other tissue were also removed, but it's not clear where those parts were sent. The records are riddled with errors.

His daughter, Susan Cooke Kirtledge, said Regeneration never bothered to verify her father's medical records or whether in fact he had agreed to donate his arms and legs. Kirtledge insists the companies had to know what Mastromarino was doing.

"If you look at it through an ethical lens, they committed the same crimes as Mastromarino," Kirtledge said.

"They lied. They committed fraud. They did harm by taking the parts. Clearly they did not check to see if the wishes of the family or of the deceased had been honored. They did harm and exhibited reprehensible greed. It was all about the money."

The processors, along with Medtronic, have said Mastromarino was a steady operator who deceived them along with everyone else, and

they had no idea that the body parts were illegally obtained.

"If he's going to plead guilty to these charges, I think that's a positive sign. He's admitting his wrongdoing, and he deceived everyone involved, from the donors and their families all the way to the recipients," said Bert Kelly, a spokesman for Medtronic, which had no direct dealings with Mastromarino.



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Five-state bid to ban affirmative action gains momentum

By Stephanie Simon
Los Angeles Times

DENVER — Intent on dismantling affirmative action, activists in five states have launched a coordinated drive to cut off tax dollars for programs that offer preferential treatment based on race or gender.

The campaign aims to put affirmative action bans on the November ballot in Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma. The effort is being organized by California consultant Ward Connerly, who has successfully promoted similar measures in California, Michigan and Washington.

Supporters of affirmative action say the initiatives will be difficult to block, given that Connerly has a proven ability to raise funds and persuade voters, even in more liberal states.

"They've targeted states where there's a white majority electorate and a vocal, if small, extreme anti-immigrant right wing," said Shantia Driver, co-chairwoman and national spokeswoman of By Any Means Necessary, a coalition that defends affirmative action. In such states, she said, "it's extremely difficult for us to win."

Connerly's campaign — which he has called "Super Tuesday for Equality" — also could get a boost if the presidential ballot includes a black or a woman. That would help him make the case, he said, that the playing field is level and minorities no longer need a hand up.

In most states, Connerly has until spring or summer to collect enough valid signatures to put the measures on the ballot. His allies have submitted more than 100,000 signatures in Oklahoma. Petitions are circulating in Arizona, Colorado, Missouri and Nebraska. (The number of required valid signatures varies from about 75,000 in Colorado to about 230,000 in Arizona.)

If successful, the ballot measures would have a broad range of programs designed to overcome racism and discrimination.

One such program, in Tucson, Ariz., treats a minority and female-owned company as the low bidder for some construction contracts, even if their proposals come in as much as 7 percent higher than a bid from one owned by a white male rival. Academic mentoring targeted at specific groups, such as female engineering majors or Hispanic teens, also would be banned. The University of

Colorado would have to cancel — or redefining — more than 100 scholarships that award funds based on gender or race.

As he has in the past, Connerly is promoting the ballot measures as "civil-rights initiatives."

The wording differs slightly from state to state, but in general the measures say: "The state shall not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any group or

individual on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin ..."

Opponents say that is misleading because it doesn't explicitly say that affirmative action would be banned. "What Ward Connerly is banking on — and it's a sad thing — is a lack of information among the public," said the Rev. Gill Ford, a regional director of the NAACP.

The debate also might become entangled in immi-

gration politics. Arizona, Colorado and Oklahoma recently passed some of the nation's toughest laws aimed at stopping illegal immigrants from holding jobs or receiving government benefits. Missouri is weighing similar measures.

Nationally, debate rages about illegal immigrants' efforts to get driver's licenses and pay in-state tuition. A public angry at mostly Hispanic illegal immigrants

might be in no mood to listen to arguments about the need for racial preferences.

"Many topics have the ability to dominate public attention this year," said Arizona state Rep. Ben R. Miranda, a Democrat leading the opposition to Connerly. "We may not have enough time to educate the public."

Supporters of affirmative action made a strong — and well-funded — stand against a 2006 Connerly-sponsored

ballot measure in Michigan. Republicans and Democrats, union leaders and business executives, women's groups, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Roman Catholic Church all spoke out against the initiative. Still, it passed with 58 percent of the vote. Affirmative action bans in California in 1996 and Washington in 1998 also passed by substantial margins.



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Music industry frustrated that strike may derail Grammys

NEW YORK (AP) — As the Hollywood writers' strike threatens to disrupt the 50th annual Grammy telecast, some in the music industry are unsettled, frustrated and "I feel torn, because I'm a writer," R&B singer-songwriter Jill Scott, who is nominated for three Grammys, told The Associated Press on Friday. "I feel like I'm caught in the middle. ... I don't know how to feel."

The Writers Guild of America, which went on strike two months ago, has said it was unlikely to grant the Recording Academy a waiver to allow writers to work on the Feb. 10 show, the music industry's most important event, set to be broadcast live on CBS from Los Angeles.

The guild, which is seeking compensation for programs, movies and other content streamed or downloaded over the Internet, refused to grant the waiver for the Golden Globes and threatened picketing and the Screen Actors Guild encouraged its stars to stay away as well. As a result, the typically lavish three-hour televised awards extravaganza was reduced to a one-hour, celebrity-free newscast on Jan. 13.

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A mission to fulfill

Outreach center helps women, children of domestic abuse

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Domestic violence is a crime that literally "hits home" for many people, not only in big cities, but right here in Mini-Cassia.

Domestic violence can take different forms, but the goal is always the same: power and control. Domestic violence can be physical or emotional, from a spouse or partner, a parent or a child, adults or young people. The Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children is committed to providing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with the resources needed for safety, empowerment and prevention of further victimization.

The location of the shelter itself is confidential to ensure the safety of its residents, but the shelter and family center and Outreach is located at 123 S. C St. in Rupert. The center is the business office for the shelter, as well as a meeting place for the domestic violence support group and training meetings for advocates and crisis line volunteers. The crisis line is available 24 hours a day.

The shelter has a capacity of 10 and has housed not only people from Mini-Cassia, but also a few people from outside the area who were referred to the facility. There are 12 board members who oversee the facility and its projects and fundraisers. Due to a recent resignation there is one vacancy on the board. Applications are currently being taken to fill the position and anyone interested in helping with the project is invited to apply.

Volunteers are a crucial part of the operation, according to Pam Harris, executive director for the shelter. Organizations and groups who help with projects since the beginning. Volunteers collect donations, help organize supplies, help with facility improvements and many other needed projects.



Pam Harris, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children, sorts through some of the donations received at the Turning Point Family Center and Outreach. More donations are always needed and can be delivered to the center.

Meeting place

The Domestic Violence Support Group meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Turning Point Family Center and Outreach, 123 S. C St. in Rupert.

ects. The most important volunteer work, however, are the advocates and the crisis line operators. They often serve not only as a confidant, but sometimes the victim's first line of defense. Training for these volunteers is offered free of charge to those interested in helping.

Donations are always needed to help keep the center and shelter going. Although the shelter does receive grant money it falls short of the needed amount to operate the shelter and the center on a monthly basis. The remainder of the operating funds come from donations and contributions from businesses, organizations and individuals, American Graffiti, a business in

Heyburn, has pledged to donate 5 percent of all designated sales for the month to the shelter, and Santos Metals and Recycling in Burley is collecting recycling donations to benefit the shelter.

Those unable to give cash donations can still contribute to the operation of the shelter by donating necessities. Items needed include hygiene items, diapers, paper towels, children's clothing and soaps. Children's books

and self-help and educational books for adults are also needed. Because the shelter not only houses victims of domestic violence, it also helps them start over on their own, items such as dishes and pots and pans are also needed.

"We live in one of the best communities in Idaho," says Delores Brewerton, board president for the shelter. "There are so many caring and giving people here."

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For more information or to register: 878-9461.

Library evening book club will hold its first monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the library, 1300 Miller Ave.

This will be an organizational meeting and a talk on the book "From Beirut to Jerusalem" by Thomas Friedman will be presented.

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Those interested can sign up at the Burley Public Library. For more information: 878-7707.

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The public is invited to come and enjoy this program. Persons interested in learning more about the Burley Music Club: President Audrey Hobson, 678-482 or Second Vice President/Membership Chair Verlie Burch, 878-7375.

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Muslims weigh impact of new technologies on old customs — like marriage

**By Ellen Klinkmeyer
The Washington Post**

CAIRO, Egypt — The Cairo woman stared in disbelief at the text message in her cellphone inbox.

She and her husband, an Egyptian army officer away on duty, had just hung up after quarreling on the phone. She ignored his return call, not wanting to continue the argument, the woman recounted in an interview.

“The electronic chirp of an incoming message signaled his response. ‘I divorce you,’ her husband had written. ‘You will teach you not to answer my calls.’

Reconciliation followed, only to be broken by another quarrel, this one over the woman asking her family to mediate the couple’s problems. ‘I divorce you,’ her husband wrote in another message. ‘Don’t ask other people to interfere in our business.’

Another reconciliation. Another argument. And another declaration of divorce from her husband, this time face to face, late last year.

Islamic law can make the act of divorce stunningly simple for men, even if the ensuing financial settlements often are not. A husband has only to declare to his wife, *“nihi talak”* — “You are divorced” — three times, and mean it, to end their marriage. But technology has introduced a complication that Egyptian religious authorities are now debating in the case of the 25-year-old Catherine, an engineer and an observant Muslim. How should Islamic laws that began to take shape in the 6th century apply to 21st-century text messages?

In Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, where some of the first text-message divorce cases have arisen in recent years, civil and religious officials have arrived at varying conclusions.

Until Egyptian courts and religious scholars decide the fate of the woman’s marriage, she lives apart from the officer with their 4-year-old son, but still wears her wedding ring. She asked that her name not be used to protect her privacy, because such cases are so rare in Egypt.

“What hurts me most is I don’t even know if I’m divorced or not,” she said in an interview. The woman, slim and soft-spoken, wore a lavender head scarf to cover her hair and matching lavender shawl drawn carefully around her eyes.

Judicial officials confirmed her identity and the facts of the case, initiated in family court in December. Court officials could not agree on whether the case was Egypt’s

first or second text-message divorce. They said the army officer had not yet appeared in court.

Islamic institutions have already adopted evolving technology to spread their message and tend their followers. Preachers abound on satellite television channels. Many religious institutions and sheiks offer Web sites that provide their followers with online fatwas, or rulings, on religious questions.



Egypt’s state-appointed grand mufti, one of the country’s highest religious authorities, recently began offering online imam training. Grand Mufti Ali Gomaa’s fatwa Web site receives 3,000 hits a day, and a similar hotline gets scores of calls a day, according to his spokesman, Ibrahim Negm. As the inquiries have to do with family matters, including divorce, he added.

Yet the proliferation of televised preaching and Islamic Web sites has produced a confusing array of voices competing for followers. Broadcast and Internet media can amplify hate or oversimplify a complex religious point. Technology offers modes of communication that the first practitioners of Islamic law never could have imagined.

Conservative and liberal streams within Islam each have used technology to get their messages across. In Egypt, young members of the Muslim Brotherhood movement used blogs last year to urge that the Islamic organization be more inclusive of women and less exclusionary of other religions.

Islamic institutions have adopted Web sites and other technology as a tool to show that Islamic law still provides “pragmatic solutions to contemporary problems,” Negm said. “We also believe there has been abuse of technology,” he added. “This does not lead us to say, ‘Forget it.’ That would not be possible.”

But text-message divorces represent “a clear-cut abuse of the law,” Negm said.

Religious authorities in at least two Persian Gulf countries, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, upheld divorce by text message in rulings between 2001 and 2003. Islamic officials in Singapore rejected it.

Even before the advent of text messages, divorce was too easy in Egypt, said Huda Badran, chairwoman of the Cairo-based Alliance for Arab Women.

Quick divorces, especially among poor families, often allow husbands to bully less-educated wives out of divorce settlements, leaving the women without enough to support themselves and the

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Road win: CSI women surge past Cardinals

Freshman Lucet scores 24, grabs 12 boards

Times-News

It was a struggle, but the No. 5 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team kept its conference record perfect.

The Golden Eagles didn't lead until the second half, but surged

College of Southern Idaho freshman guard LaCale Pringle-Buchanan, right, battles for the ball with North Idaho College's Shaneya Valdez during Saturday's game in Coeur d'Alene.

AP Photo/Don McEnany

past host North Idaho College for a 54-46 Scenic West Athletic Conference win Saturday night in Coeur d'Alene.

A LaCale Pringle-Buchanan layup with 18:30 left in the second half gave CSI its first lead at 22-21. CSI's leading scorer, Maddy Plunkett, notched her first points

of the game on the next possession, turning a Pringle-Buchanan pass into a layup to help CSI extend toward an 11-point lead

24 points and 12 rebounds in a game that saw only three players score in double digits.

"Soana running the floor tonight was huge for us," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1270 AM KTFB.

The 17-1 Golden Eagles struggled through a brutal first half of play to trail 21-18 at the break. CSI shot only 28 percent from the field, and equalled its point output with 18 first-half turnovers. Plunkett, who failed to score before the break, picked up her third personal foul with 2:42 left in the half. Plunkett finished with eight points while Pringle-Buchanan added 10.

"It was going to be our posts versus their guards, and their guards won the battle in the first half," Rogers said. "We couldn't get it into our kids, and when we did, they were double- and triple-teamed."

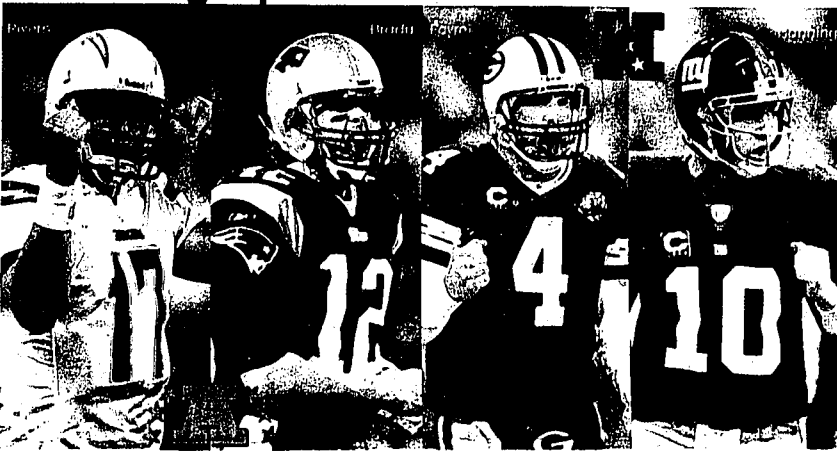
The Golden Eagles improve to 3-0 with their first road win of the conference season. Sophomore Cassie Pilkinton led the 13- (2-1) Cardinals with 10 points.

CSI travels to Ephraim, Utah, to play Snow College on Friday. The following afternoon, the Golden Eagles will take on Salt Lake Community College at 1 p.m.

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Just shy of SUPER



AP Photo/Chris Wedel

Daunting task for Norvy, Chargers in AFC title tilt

By Bernie Wilson Associated Press writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — It's not the Norvy Trotter of the 1980s. Definitely not the Norvy of those two dreadful years in Oakland.

Finally, Norval Eugene Turner has gone from a guy who couldn't get his teams into the playoffs to being one step from the Super Bowl.

Granted, it's going to be one giant, enormous step his banged up, underdog San Diego Chargers will have to take in Sunday's AFC championship game to get past the record-setting New England Patriots and their quest to go 19-0.

But he's here, having taken the Chargers at least as far as only two other coaches have in the Super Bowl era, Don Coryell and Bobby Ross.

Plus, he's doing some un-Norvlike things. He did a quick salsa on the side-

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VS.
Chargers at Patriots
What: AFC Championship
When: 1 p.m., CBS
Line: New England by 14

line in the closing minute of San Diego's wild-card win over Tennessee, mimicking Luis Castillo's sack dance. He was animated on the sideline during Sunday's upset of the defending Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts, loudly complaining about questionable calls.

It's gone from being Nervous Norvy at news conferences to Funny Norvy.

Plummeting temps mean frozen balls for NFC foes

By Barry Winer Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Baby, it's cold outside.

So cold, one team has practiced with footballs straight out of the freezer. But not so frigid that many players say they will go sleeveless.

As for the plummeting temperatures being an advantage for the Green Bay Packers in Sunday's NFC championship game against the New York Giants, the hosts aren't quite so sure.

"It's not like they're coming from Florida," guard Darryn Colledge noted.

Of course, Colledge is from Alaska, so zero degrees might be balmy to him.

Forecasts are calling for thermometer readings around 3 degrees for the 5:30 p.m. CST kickoff, yep, a night game in January on the Green Bay tundra. If the wind kicks up,

VS.
Giants at Packers
What: NFC Championship
When: 4:30 p.m., FOX
Line: Green Bay by 7.5

temperatures certainly will dive below zero, and head toward the NFL records.

"The coldest game in NFL history was not the 1957 NFL title game at Lambeau Field when the Packers beat Dallas 21-17 in the Ice Bowl. It was minus 13 that day and the wind chill factor was estimated at minus -18.

But in the 1981 AFC championship game, while the temperature

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Eagles clobber NIC men

Shaw sinks 18 in CSI's 18th victory

Times-News

Here's a recurring theme: The College of Southern Idaho coaching staff picks up an early technical foul at a charging call on the road, its Golden Eagles players get psyched, and proceed to blow out another Scenic West Athletic Conference opponent.

This year's No. 2 CSI squad may not have needed the extra motivation to top the North Idaho Cardinals Saturday in Coeur d'Alene, but the bench's first-half outburst spurred the Golden Eagles on to a 29-8 period-closing run in the 18-72 win. An old trick by CSI head coach Barret Peery aided an outcome that is becoming equally familiar to a CSI team that improved to 18-0 on the season and will enter its coming Utah road trip to Snow College and No. 3 Salt Lake Community College

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AP Photo/Don McEnany

North Idaho forward David Johnson, right, attempts a layup past the defense of College of Southern Idaho freshman center Matt DeWal during Saturday's game in Coeur d'Alene.

Igloo Pentathlon

The Magic Valley YMCA Marlins hosted the 2008 Igloo Pentathlon on Saturday at the Twin Falls YMCA City Pool. More than 200 swimmers from nine different teams took part in the meet. Pictured: Water drops spray around Wes Walton as the Magic Valley swimmer competes in the third heat of the 100-yard backstroke. For more coverage, see page D7.



Tigers bounce back, win slugfest over BK

By David Bashore Times-News writer

HEROME — It's not always about how you respond, just that you indeed respond.

One night after a tough six-point loss on its home floor to No. 2 Century third-ranked Jerome survived a dismal shooting night and role Justin Stokes' 18-point performance to a 42-34 win over Bishop Kelly on Saturday night.

Both teams hit just 26 percent of their field goal attempts, but it was Stokes' offense — he paired in eight of the Tigers' 15 field goals — and Jerome's defense that clinched the game. The 11-5 Tigers held the Knights (1-12) to just 3-for-21 shooting from the field in the second half after hitting the break tied at 23 apiece.

Stokes said although it was an ugly

win, it was a good rebound from Friday's loss.

"We needed to forget about (the Century game) and move on," he said. "(Saturday's game) was a little rough, but it builds our confidence and that will help us later on."

Bishop Kelly shot 42 percent in the first half before Jerome's defense clamped down, which in turn spurred the Tiger offense to an improved 31.6 percent in the second half.

It wasn't much, but what Stokes and Jerome could muster — primarily backdoor baseline penetration — was enough to get the win.

"Coach said to just be patient, and to work on our defense and the offense would get going on its own," Stokes said. "I like to spin and pump fike, and (defenders) were giving me what I wanted."

Bishop Kelly had 11 points from

Wyatt Murie, who was the only other player in double figures but was the second of three Knights to foul out in the game. Murie exited with 3:11 left in the fourth period and the Knights facing a six-point deficit. They got no closer.

Jerome travels to Mountain Home on Tuesday for a nonconference contest.

Jerome 42, Bishop Kelly 34
Tigers 42, BK 34
Juniata 42, Bishop Kelly 34
Michael Thomas 9/0/0, Tony Cannon 0/1/1, Chris Goode 2/2/2
S. J. White 2/3/7
Cody Jensen 0/0/0, Jason Sorenson 2/8/8, Alex McCall 7/1
O.G., Scott Harris 0/1/1, Wyatt Murie 5/0/11, Jon Van Dyke 0/0/0
Team 13/17/33
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GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

ESPN - PBA Kick Wheeler Open DOLF BOWLING 7:30 a.m. NBC - 10:30 a.m. Rangers

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Utah States Robinson leads West past East in 83rd Shrine Game

HOUSTON — Kevin Robinson lived up to his reputation as a player who can do it all, catching a touchdown pass and returning a punt for a score in the West's 31-13 victory over the East on Saturday night in the 83rd East-West Shrine Game.

The former UConn star gave the West a 7-3 lead when he returned a punt 72 yards for a touchdown late in the first quarter. He quickly dashed past the first wave of defenders and then outmaneuvered the punter on his way into the end zone, which he flipped into.

Robinson extended the West's lead to 24-6 when he scored on a 5-4 pass from Josh Johnson in the fourth quarter. He finished with four receptions for 28 yards.

While at Utah State, Robinson broke the NCAA record for punt-all-purpose yards per play. He averaged 16.16 yards on 6479 yards and 401 career plays. He had three kick returns for touchdowns this season and added one punt return score, making him the only player in the country with four returns for scores this season.

MAGIC VALLEY

MVTA holds singles tennis tourney TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Tennis Association will hold the 2008 Singles Tennis Tournament Feb. 13-16 at the Twin Falls YMCA.

CSI Rec Center accepts new members

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Recreation Center is accepting membership applications from students and the general public. CSI's Rec Center features a full-court basketball floor, a walking/running track, two racquetball courts, a spinning room with 26 bikes, a cardio-erobic room with 26 pieces of equipment, and a strength/weight room with a complement of 11 machines, dumbbells, barbells, and the Olympic half rack.

CSI rodeo holds boxing smoker

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho rodeo team will hold its 31st annual Cowboy and Cowgirl Boxing Smoker at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Elton Evans Expo Center.

Open gym offered at Robert Stuart

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School will host an open gym for free on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium. The tournament will feature a pool play segment in the morning followed by a double-elimination playoff in the afternoon.

Sports Shorts

Mag Valley briefs to sports@magvalley.com... TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Park and Recreation and Twin Falls Park District will host an open gym for free on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Magic Valley gymnasts heat up at Ice Breaker

Times-News

Magic Valley Gymnastics hosted the 2008 Ice Breaker Invitational on Jan. 5 at teams new gym on Wright Avenue in Twin Falls.

Seven in-state teams joined the Magic Valley squad at the meet, including Advance Gymnastics (Meridian), Bronco Elite (Boise), Idaho Elite (Pocatello), Idaho Falls Gymnastics (Idaho Falls), Gem State Academy (Boise), Wings (Boise) and Wood River Gymnastics (Halvick).

Contests against more than 100 athletes, Magic Valley had four all-around champions in Brianna Myers, Brinley Reed, Bianca Garcia and McKenzy Martinez.

Magic Valley Gymnastics is one of the few clubs in the state to offer Level 3 competition, which is an introductory level for girls ages 8 to 11.

Level 3 participants included Addison Archibald, Rozzy Cummins, Addee Donaldson, Amy Gossi, Rylee Leak, Billee Lynn McCarthy, Hailee Netchker, Grace Parker, Alexa Thomas, Julia Williams and Melanie Williams.

Archibald, Williams and Cummins won blue ribbons.

GYMNASTICS

2008 Ice Breaker Invitational Magic Valley Gymnastics Individual Results

Table with columns: Name, Age & under, Level, Bars, Beam, Floor, Vault, All Around. Lists results for various age groups and levels.

YOUR SCORES

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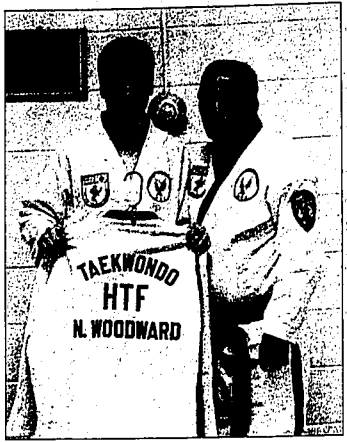
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MARTIAL ARTS



Nathan Woodward; left, was recently tested in front of four of Phi Song Martial Arts top blackbelts for his Red Collar (brassine instructor) status. Woodward had to perform the first 10 forms and their associated one steps to the satisfaction of the judges. He is pictured receiving his new uniform from Master Bill Fulcher.

Brown qualifies for Junior Olympics

Will Brown of Twin Falls, the son of Dan and Sue Brown, competed against the best air pistol shooters in southern Idaho and western Montana at the Junior Olympic Qualification match in Blackfoot on Jan. 12 and came away as Idaho's best junior shooter in his age division.

Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in April 2008. The is Willis second straight year to qualify. He also shoots air rifle and 22 caliber at the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club. The club has room for several more 13-17-year-old participants who want to learn safe gun handling and marksmanship. Cost is \$1 per session and all rifles are provided. For information, call John Pitts at 733-5234.

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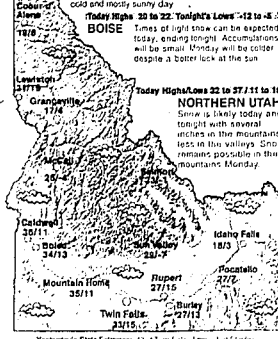
Today: Cloudy with scattered areas of light snow. Small accumulations expected. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with snow showers gradually ending. Lows in the middle teens.
Tomorrow: A better look at the sun, but it will be cooler. Highs in the middle 20s.

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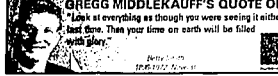
Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow. Little accumulation. Highs in the middle 20s.
Tonight: Snow showers gradually taper off. Mostly cloudy with light to the lower teens.
Tomorrow: Becoming partly to mostly sunny, but cooler. Highs in the upper teens to near 20.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered snow showers will continue today and into tonight. A few snow showers may linger on Monday, but most activity will have moved south. Tuesday will be a good and mostly sunny day.



Yesterday's State Forecast: 41st Year's Fall. Low 14. High 51. Snowy weather kept us from seeing any of the beautiful mountains we were hoping to see today.



Greg Middlekauff's quote of the day: 'Look at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first or last time. Then your time on earth will be filled with bliss.'

PAUL M. DESERT, Golf. — Justin Leonard moved into position for his second Bob Hope Chrysler Classic victory, shooting a 6-under 68 on Saturday to open a gaping four-shot lead in the 90-hole event.

His game steady throughout the first four days, the 2005 champion had a 23-under 265 total through 72 holes.
Anthony Kenny (66), D.J. Trahan (70) and David C. C. Gomez (71) were tied for second at 19 under.

The first four rounds of the Hope are a pro-am played over four different courses. The last evening 70 pros and ties play the final round at the Classic Club.
Leonard hit a 3-wood with-in 100 feet on the 561-yard par-5 14th and made that putt to win his lead by three shots. He capped his day at the Classic Club with a 1-foot birdie putt on No. 18. Gomez also played at the Classic Club. Kim was at La Quinta Country Club, and Trahan and Perry at PGAWest.

Doyle edges Funk for MasterCard lead
KAUPULEHU, KONA, Hawaii — Allen Doyle bidded the final two holes for a 6-under 66 and a one-stroke lead over Fred Funk in the MasterCard Championship.

Doyle holed a 26-foot birdie putt on the 10th hole to finish at 15-under 129 in the winners-only tournament, the first of 29 Champions Tour events of the year.
Funk, who is 63 to put himself in contention.
First-round leader Tom Putzer (69) and Jim Thorpe (68) were third at 13 under.

Jay Haas, seeking an unprecedented third straight major title and player of the year award, was alone at 12 under after a 67. Loren Roberts (65), Dennis Wason (66) and D.A. Weirberg (69) followed at 11 under.

Rosales, Delasin first at World Cup of Golf
SUN CITY, South Africa — Jennifer Rosales and Dorothy Delasin shot a 4-under 68 in alternate-shot play to give the Philippines a share of the second-round lead with South Korea in the Womens World Cup of Golf.

South Korea's Ji-Hai Shin and Eun-Hee Ji had a triple

holy on the 17th hole and finished with a 72 to match Rosales and Delasin at 11-under 133.

Americans Jill Inkster and Pat Hurst shot a 76 to drop into a tie for 10th at 3 under. The 20-team event will end today with a better-ball round.

— The Associated Press

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly statistics.

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Table listing regional forecasts for cities like Boise, Burley, and Mountain Home.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing national forecasts for various cities across the US.

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Table listing world forecasts for cities in Canada and other regions.



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Natural Building Stone Worker.
Careful attention to detail for splitting, size grading, color grading, and packaging of select quality dimension stone to be sold

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Excellent verbal and written communication skills a must.
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Twin Falls Canal Company is now accepting applications for Seasonal Ditch Rider to work with our service area in southeast of Twin Falls and West of Buhl.
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SALES SUWS Adolescent and Youth Program

in Shoshone, Idaho is now hiring for an Adolescent Counselor SUWS Programs working with families in crisis in high school, good driven environment.

HVAC Furnace/AC/Teat Installers

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TECHNICIAN Information Systems Technician

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Notice is hereby given by Idaho Housing and Finance Association that the second application period for the 2008 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit has been opened. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. February 15, 2008.

During this application period, approximately \$500,000 in credit will be available.

Non-targeted Credit	\$300,000
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Total	\$500,000

Developers of affordable housing interested in applying for a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Reservation may obtain a copy of the 2008 Allocation Plan and application form by contacting the Multifamily Program Assistant, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899, telephone (208) 331-4769 or toll free (800) 216-2295, or for hearing impaired (800) 545-1833. A copy of the Allocation Plan and application is also available on the Internet at www.ihfa.org under Developer Toolkit/ Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS FOR Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO)

Notice is hereby given by Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) of the availability of \$286,628.00 in HOME/CHDO Operating Assistance Grant Funds. Eligible Applicants must be a 2008 Certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) through the Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

Grant applications will be received by IHFA no later than March 31, 2008. 2008 CHDO Certification documents must also be received no later than March 31, 2008. Applications for CHDO Operating Assistance Funds should be mailed to: IHFA HOME Grants Department, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899, or hand-delivered to 565 W. Myrtle Street.

The CHDO Operating Assistance Grant application is available at <http://www.ihfa.org> under the Grants Department; see the 2008 Administrative Plan, Exhibit N.

HOME/CHDO funds available through this federal grant may be used for eligible expenses as described in the IFHA 2008 Home Program Administrative Plan. For more information contact the IHFA Grant Programs staff tree at 1-877-CRANT(447-2677) or toll free (800) 545-1833 ext. 400, or fax (208) 331-4808.

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 3. Rott cross black & tan, male pup, Collette Dr.
 4. Red Chow Cross female, young adult, Elm St.
 5. Yellow Lab male, adult, Ward Lane, Filer ID.
 6. Pit, female, with & tan, big pup, Pine Wood Dr.
 7. Border Collie cross black & white female, Sattlers Way, Jerome ID.
 8. Black Lab cross male, pup, Nazkarrk Dr.
 9. German Shepherd, black & tan, male, young adult, Bracken St.
 10. Pit cross, white & black spots, female, young adult.

FOUND
 11. Border Collie Cross, black & white, male, young adult, 27th Ave East.
 12 (2) Cattle Cross pups, Hollister ID
 13. Spitz cross, black, male, young adult Adams St.
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Dear Mr. Wolff:
What is your opinion about the merits or demerits of passive and aggressive leads — or does it depend on the form of scoring? And what about defending to games or slams as opposed to partscore?

ANSWER: The question is a very wide one. I tend to lead aggressively against small slams and against games, unless I think suits are not splitting or the opponents are stretching. Against partscores I'm less dogmatic. Other than a dislike of leading from ace-fourth at no-trump, I have few hard-and-fast rules.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I held ♠ Q-6-4-2, ♥ J-9-3, ♣ 10-7-4, ♦ A-5 and heard my partner open one club. I responded one spade and raved two no-trump to three. My partner had 4-5 in the minors with a strong hand, and slam in six diamonds was quite playable. Was I wrong not to look for slam?

ANSWER: You had no reason to look beyond game here. It sounds to me as if your partner should take any blame that may be going around. After all, he could have reversed into two diamonds to show his precise hand, it would seem.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Do you recommend playing an artificial defense if the opponents open a strong club? I know Mathe (using a double for the majors and one no-trump for the minors) makes good sense, but is there anything that messes up our openings without causing us to run undue risk?

Interfering Sort, Albuquerque, N.M.

ANSWER: Mathe is a good compromise, but I'd say that the key is to overcall lightly. The choice of pre-empting when you can and bidding the majors at the one-level when you can seems a sensible approach to me. Pass with good hands, then back in when feasible.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I held ♠ A-8-7-4, ♥ K-10-8-5-2, ♦ J-3, ♣ J-4. My left-hand opponent opened one club and jumped to three clubs over a response of one heart. My RHO now bid three no-trump, leaving me on lead, and I had to guess which major would be better. Which would you choose?

Billid Guess, Denver, Colo.

ANSWER: The key here is to be lucky! My guess would be to bid a heart, since any top honor in that suit from partner gives you a chance to run the suit on defense. Meanwhile, leading a spade might set up the suit with a little luck, but you might still have no entry to get in again.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I'm starting to play in bridge tournaments, and I'd be grateful for your advice. What should I do to maximize my chances?

Start Right, Seattle, Wash.

ANSWER: Get a good night's sleep the night before, and if traveling to the event, be sure to arrive at least half an hour in advance. Do not eat too much before the event, or indeed between sets, and try to rest if playing in two sessions on the same day. And don't talk about the boards in mid-session if you can avoid it.

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3	6	8	2	4	7	5	1	9
7	4	5	9	8	1	3	6	2
1	2	9	3	5	6	8	4	7
9	8	6	4	3	2	7	5	1
2	7	4	5	1	9	6	3	8
5	1	3	7	6	8	9	2	4
6	3	2	7	8	4	1	9	5
4	5	7	1	9	3	2	8	6
8	9	1	6	2	5	4	7	3

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Answer :

EXTANT BLEACH FORGET
FIGURE LEGACY PRYING

What the drill sergeant
concentrated on at the dance --

**LEFT, RIGHT,
LEFT**

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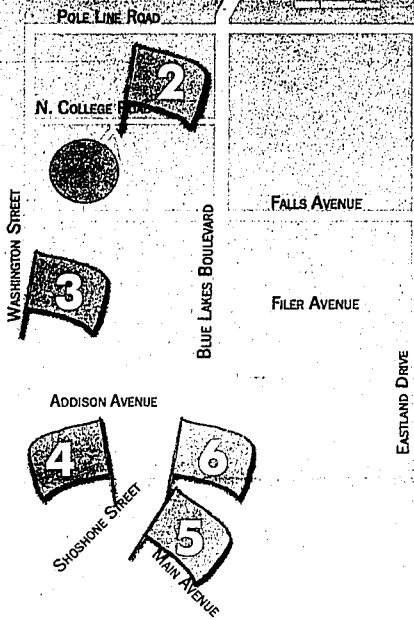


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GET OUT

Our winter adventure series

in Twin Falls



KIMBERLY ROAD

Don't let winter boredom bring on the blues. Pick an adventure that suits your fancy, and get out of the house.

To help you plan your trip, the *Times-News* sent reporters to all corners of the valley to scout for prime get-out-and-do spots. They found fun that's fine when the weather's not.

In Twin Falls today, Virginia Hutchins shows you what's to like about the city's science, sewing and many things between.

Our "Get Out" series will run every Sunday through Feb. 17, and each week we'll give you the lowdown on attractions in a different area of south-central Idaho.

Next week, look for Melissa Davlin's picks in the West End.

1 Trail around Dierkes Lake

Perhaps the city's loveliest bit of urban wilderness is the trail around Dierkes Lake. Accessible on all but the harshest days of winter, the trail offers intimate views of the Snake River Canyon.

The loop trail — close to a mile and a half — begins and ends at the Dierkes Lake parking lot, with no other outlets. Most of its length is unpaved, and some is an uneven surface of dirt and rocks. Several staircases of wood and metal carry bikers past any difficult climbing, but it's still a trail for the sure-footed. This experience of silence and solitude is worth the walk.

Birds rustle in brush beside the trail. Snow decorates the canyon rocks and draws incredible patterns on the lightly frozen surface of the lake, and you might spot wildlife tracks on the ice. On the

north side of the lake, the trail looks down on Dierkes Lake to one side and the Snake River to the other. If you take a camera, you'll keep it busy.

A word of caution: If you're not familiar with the trail, don't walk it the same day news snow falls; wait for other bikers' footprints to show the way. Snow doesn't melt as fast in the canyon as it does in town.

GET THERE: On Falls Avenue East, drive two miles east of Eastland Drive North. Turn left on 3300 East, which after a mile will lead you directly onto Shoshone Falls Grade to descent into the canyon. The Highway district sands the grade down to the city's toll booth. After that point, the city is responsible for road maintenance, but higher-priority streets in town sometimes keep its

crew busy. So the bottom of the grade might not be sanded the same day it snows.

Soon after the toll booth, watch for a right-hand turn leading to the lake.

HOURS: Dierkes Lake and nearby Shoshone Falls Park are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. But go early enough in the day that you can finish your hike with daylight left to spare.

COST: This time of year, it's free. The city reopens its toll booth on Shoshone Falls Grade at the end of March.

DON'T FORGET: Sturdy shoes, warm clothing, water and your camera. A walking stick — or the hand of a walking partner — could help steady you if rocks on the trail are slippery.

—Virginia Hutchins

2 The Herrett Center

Perhaps you've zipped through the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the way to a meeting. And your kids might have visited on a school field trip.

But the museum has more depth than you can appreciate in a glance or with a big group. In fact, it can keep you occupied for hours.

Try your hand at a pump drill in the prehistoric Idaho exhibit. Enjoy volumes of art, archeology, sciences and Northwest history in the reading library. Design an animal totem on a magnetic board in the Northwest Coast mask room, or test your sense of touch: Can you tell skunk fur from black bear?

In the jungle archeology exhibit, examine bugs and fossils under a digital microscope,

play science computer games, piece together puzzles, stamp a Mayan figure as a temporary tattoo, and try to spot the tiny and vividly colorful dart frogs in their aquariums. (Warnings: Brushing sand away from a Mayan artifact replica might give you the urge to hum the "Indiana Jones" theme.)

The museum constantly changes its small features — like hands-on kits or computer games — and replaces at least one of the six major exhibits every year. New this winter is a display of mammoth bones and other fossils. Watch for the "please touch" signs beside some fossils.

GET THERE: 315 Falls Ave., on the north side of the College of Southern Idaho campus. Access is most direct from North College Road.

HOURS: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday. Call ahead (732-6655) if you want to avoid visiting while a field trip of schoolchildren occupies the museum.

COST: Museum admission is free. Planetarium shows cost \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. For show times and a calendar of the observatory's free star parties, \$1 family-night telescope viewings and \$2 astronomy talks, visit herrett.esl.edu online.

DON'T MISS: The museum store. It offers science toys, books and puzzles, and handmade stone jewelry — some of the coolest gifts in town.

—Virginia Hutchins



Let our video stories take you on a tour of each of these attractions, at Magicvalley.com.

Find more of Twin Falls' hidden treasures inside on page F6.

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-grain center. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENU:
Monday: Fried chicken
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Birthday dinner, ham
Thursday: Cube steak
Friday: Sloppy Joe

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
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.
Foot clinic
Music by Haak
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
Saturday: Super bingo, 1 p.m.

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.

MENU:
Tuesday: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Oven-baked chicken
Thursday: Baked ham

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Meatloaf
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.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site
105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon. Monitors. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dance Club
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center
210 E. Wilson, Eden. 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.

MENU:
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Italian sausage
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Table tennis, 8:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Lunch at Keanehy, 11 a.m.

Carey Senior Center
Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENU:
Thursday: Fried fish or chicken strips

Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Chicken cordon bleu
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Closed for holiday
Tuesday: Pool
Wednesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Community pinocchle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve 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.

MENU:
Monday: Sloppy Joe
Wednesday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
Friday: Lasagna

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.

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.

MENU:
Monday: Lásagna
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Friday: Chili

Richfield Senior Center
130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENU:
Monday: Sausage gravy and biscuits
Thursday: Hamburgers

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.

MENU:
Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Chef salad
Wednesday: Birthday lunch
Thursday: Chicken-fried steak
Friday: Chicken or fish

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.

MENU:
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. fundraiser luncheon
Tuesday: Barbecue beef sandwiches
Thursday: No meal
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. fundraiser luncheon
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Chili bowl fundraiser
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Income tax help, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., by appointment

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENU:
Monday: Vegetable soup
Tuesday: Sweet-and-sour chicken wings
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Liver and onions

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Pork roast dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup,

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.

MENU:
Monday: Creamed turkey over rice
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe
Wednesday: Hash brown casserole
Thursday: Salisbury loaf
Friday: Birthday dinner, hot beef sandwiches

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Commission for the Blind, 12:30 p.m.
Last Resort Band
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 a.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Dick and John
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Magic Valley Singles Square

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.

MENU:
Tuesday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Beef noodle soup
Friday: Roast pork

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.

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MENU:
Tuesday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Beef noodle soup
Friday: Roast pork

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.

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.

MENU:
Tuesday: Chili dogs
Wednesday: Salisbury steak

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.

MENU:
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Meatballs
Friday: Turkey and dressing

ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

MENU:
Monday: Fish and chips
Tuesday: Ham and beans

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENU:
Tuesday: Buffet
Wednesday: Chili
Friday: Fried fish or chicken strips

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.
Dinner at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENU:
Tuesday: Buffet
Wednesday: Chili
Friday: Fried fish or chicken strips

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.
Dinner at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENU:
Tuesday: Chili dogs
Wednesday: Salisbury steak

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Sports parents, the movie version

The guy with the buzz cut next to me in the bleachers wants to know if we're allowed to eat in the gym. I tell him I saw some people with pizza, but I wouldn't risk it. "Did you see the movie?" I ask him. "Oh, yeah," he says.

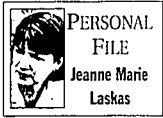
"We had to watch a movie. We, the parents of the girls — a grade-school girls' basketball team — had to watch a movie and sign a form saying we watched the movie and understood its point.

"Did you understand the point?" I ask the buzz-cut man.

"Good manners in the stands makes for good manners on the court," he says, quoting the movie. "A lot of rules. Are they worried we'll throw glass bottles at the opposing team or something?"

"I tell him I think the point was to remind us not to behave like a snarling caged animal just because our kid gets called for a foul."

"I think they're more worried to re-train us on matters of fan etiquette: Please stay seated. Refrain from stomping your feet on the bleachers, making that obnoxious rumbling noise of doubt. Don't yell out sug-



gestions for a different zone defense to the coach. Don't yell at your kid for missing a shot; realize she's just a child. Don't yell out demands to replace a player who can barely dribble; realize she's just a child, and this is supposed to be fun!

"Fun. Right now this isn't fun. I am worried about doing something wrong, getting caught, say, eating pizza outside of some pizza-catering zone I may not be aware of."

I console myself with the thought that my mother never had fun at my basketball games; she was so bored that she used to bring a book. I double-console myself with the thought that my husband's parents never ever came to his games.

"Back in the old days," he said to my daughter at breakfast this morning, "parents did parent things and kids did kid things. There wasn't all of this... minding." His point was the optimistic one. He thought the mixing was a wonderful evolution in family life. He was thrilled to be able to come to this, the first Comets game of the season.

I'm wondering where he is. Soon, I see him

approaching, carrying two pieces of pizza. Oh, dear. The buzz-cut man sees him, and I find myself in the uncomfortable position of wanting to pretend I am not married to my husband. "I'm not sure we're allowed to eat in the gym," I say when he arrives. He says he saw other people with pizza. "He didn't see the movie," I say to the buzz-cut man. (Only one signature per household was required on the form.) "What movie?" my husband says.

"Sit down and hide the pizza," I say to him.

He sits, gets in position, stomps. "Wow!" he shouts. Oh, dear. He watches, chews, stomps some more, turns to me. "They're playing man-to-man? In the first quarter? Why would they not put those girls in a zone defense?"

"I wouldn't suggest it, Sweetie," I say. "Just — stay calm." (I wish he had watched the movie.) A girl on the opposing team, the Wildcats, steals the ball, goes for the fast break and scores. My husband erupts, leaps to his feet, careful to cradle the soggy pizza plates: "Wooooo! What a play!"

Ordinarily I would be optimistic one. He's ranting for the wrong team. (He does this with sports, too — he cheers individual accomplishment rather than, well, the good guys beating the snout out of the bad guys, the more classic

style of spectatorship to which I subscribed.) "Honey, you have to stay seated," I say. "I signed a form." "He looks at the like I've turned into a man or something. The buzz-cut man backs me up. "You sorta had to see the movie," he says to my husband.

With two minutes left in the first quarter, substitutions are made, allowing for the exciting appearance of player No. 41, my daughter. "Wow!" my husband shouts. "That's my girl! That's my girl!" She waves. She seems happy to see him.

I find myself in the uncomfortable position of pretending I'm married to the buzz-cut man. I slide closer to him, ask him about his daughter. He says she's No. 25, and she's still beached.

My husband, all swept up in his fan frenzy, overhears this information and punches the air with a new chant: "Twenty-five! Twenty-five! We want 25!"

"The kid's not a duck he's heading," I mumble to anyone sitting nearby who might need an explanation.

At halftime, my husband offers to buy a round of ice cream sandwiches for anyone within earshot. "God, this is fun," he says to me. "My parents should have come to my games."

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

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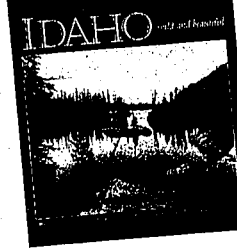
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Family confronts dilemma of care for ailing father

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been going round and round about moving home. My father's illness and memory loss have brought us face-to-face with the issue. This dilemma is not for those families who can afford to pay for someone to care for a patient in her or his home. Nor does it apply to those who can afford an assisted-living facility.

When is it the "best-case scenario" for someone's continued care to be provided by a nursing home? Or should the parent be able to remain at home despite the consequences? Is it more compassionate to prolong his or her life in an environment that he or she would never have chosen or agreed



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

to, or is it irresponsible to honor his or her wishes to live alone, with limited assistance, even though it may lead to an early death?

My father's care is far too complex and time-consuming for me or any other family member to take on in our own homes.

Your advice would be welcomed in making this complicated and emotional decision.
—DISTRESSED

DAUGHTER IN ILLINOIS
DEAR DAUGHTER: The decision you're facing is a wrenching one, and you have my sympathy. The question you must answer is, is your parent aware enough of his surroundings that he even knows where he is?

Has he reached the point that he could wander and be unable to find his way home? Is he getting the way home to eat? Can he bathe himself, or does he need assistance with hygiene and dressing? Is there family close enough to check on him in case he falls? If there was a fire, would he know what to do?

These are scenarios in which your father should not be living alone. If he has become so demented that

he is a danger to himself, then sad as it may be, you must listen to your conscience and understand that past promises no longer apply.

DEAR ABBY: After giving my wife of 10 years a divorce, she continues to contact me. She'll call about little things like what color to paint the house, things that are going on at work, or who she went dancing with. Why is she doing this?

ALREADY MOVED ON: **DEAR ABBY:** **ALREADY MOVED ON:** Because you don't, although she requested the divorce, she's unable to completely let go. Or, she fantasizes that you're actually

interested in the things she's talking about. If her calls are an imposition, why don't you tell her so and put an end to the conversation?

DEAR ABBY: I'm a male, in my second year of high school. I'm interested in joining a club at school called the Gay Straight Alliance. The purpose of this club is to end prejudice against gays, lesbians and bisexual people. The club tries to show the community that gays are people, too, and that they don't deserve to be ridiculed and discriminated against.

My parents oppose my wanting to join. They told me that because they do not support gay rights, I should-

n't enroll. My father even threatened to write the school board to keep me from joining the club. The school board must abide by his wishes if he writes them to do so. While I understand my parents' lack of support and do not expect it, would my father's actions be appropriate?

—STRAIGHT BUT

NOT NARROW
DEAR —STRAIGHT BUT NOT NARROW: Not in my book. But he has done something right. He has raised a son with the intellect and backbone not only to think for himself, but also to speak out. It would be wonderful if you could educate your father, but don't count on being able to do so.

Babies often attract unwanted advice

By Claudia Grynatz Coppain
Special to Newsday

MHAILLE, N.Y. — When your baby has a diaper rash, let puppies lick her bottom.

Yes, folks, that was truly advice for new parents, dispensed by Rosie O'Donnell while she was still on "The View." And while this may be the grossest baby advice ever in the history of broadcasting, parents of newborns can attest that it's certainly not the most outrageous.

My daughter was going through a phase where she was biting people," recalls Susan Torney, a mother of two. "And somebody said to me, 'When my brother was biting my mother, my mother - just hit him back and he never bit again.' She told me to bite my daughter back."

It's not just unsolicited advice, weird or otherwise, that parents of newborns complain about. They are also the recipients of unwelcome comments and scoldings from family, friends and even complete strangers.

"At the mall, I was carrying my daughter through the exit doors to go outside and an older woman stopped me and asked where my daughter's hat was," says Long. "I told her it was in her car. She said, 'You're a disgrace. Write Janene Mascarella, another time.' Some strange woman gave me an earful after I whipped out Nutter Butter cookies and gave them to my kids. She asked me if I knew what was in there and actually snatched the package out of my hands to read the label to me!"

Then there is the endless barrage of often tactless personal questions: Is the baby adopted? Did you take fertility pills? What was your experience? Do you really plan on going back to work? When are you going to put her on a schedule? Did you have a C-section?

"When my daughter was 3 months old, I went to visit my husband's office. There must have been about 10 or 15 people standing around, and I'd never met them. One woman, who is single and has no kids, said, 'Did she come out of your vagina?'" recalls Gabby Brennan of Sudbury, Mass. On another occasion, "I was feeding my daughter out of a bottle, when a complete stranger asked me what was in the bottle," she says.

Brennan has experienced so many tactless remarks from people that she created a line of baby apparel that gently but

"Once, when I was pregnant, a complete stranger walked up to me and grabbed my stomach. I grabbed her back. She said, 'What are you doing?' and I said, 'What are you doing?' Then she ran away."
— Gabby Brennan of Sudbury, Mass.

Remarks that cross the line

People are generally well meaning, but often thoughtless about their comments to new mommies and daddies, who may be exhausted, insecure about their parenting skills and overly sensitive. If you know a new parent, authors Rebecca Odes and Cerdwen Morris suggest you avoid the following:

- Is she sleeping through the night yet?
- You look so tired.
- Your baby seems hungry/sleepy/fussy.
- Is he a good baby?
- 'You'll spoil him'
- That baby is not eating enough (or is eating too much).
- She just misses her working mommy.

Also, do not ask a new mom why her baby is crying. Babies cry,

pointedly "talks" back to strangers. Odes and Morris in the gabbababy line read, for example, "please resist the urge to give advice, my parents are doing a great job" and "please don't ask my daddy if he's babysitting" and "please don't touch my hands — I put them in my mouth."

"That last one is a whopper, for new parents are quite touchy about people touching their babies. And with good reason: It seems there are no personal space boundaries when it comes to infants in public places, with people assuming an adorable baby in a stroller is a free-for-all.

"Getting an earful about what you should or should not do is, for better or, mostly, worse, a fact of life for parents... as common as swings in a playground," say Rebecca Odes and Cerdwen Morris, authors of "From the Hipp: A Comprehensive, Open-Minded, Uncensored, Totally Honest Guide to Pregnancy, Birth and Becoming a Parent." And some people will simply never resist the impulse to touch a cute baby.

But while strangers can be intrusive, for the most part,

they're not malicious. Keeping that in mind is one way to handle the sticky situations that come with being a new parent.

Another is to try to step back and consider the offending, albeit well meaning, stranger, in-law or friend. It's a good idea not to take unwarranted actions and questions personally. Instead, try to keep in mind that, while you would never kiss a strange baby's foot or ask a new mother how quickly after birth she started having sex with her husband, others might not have that kind of mental filter.

And while advice often is dispensed willy-nilly, sometimes other parents do have some suggestions based on their own experiences. At least listen to their ideas with an open mind, because the advice is usually not meant as a reflection of your poor parenting, but rather as wisdom from someone who's been there, done that.

You may not agree with their suggestion, but they may certainly be worth considering.

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Minor flirting could lead to major passion, Libra

IF JAN. 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your ambitions seem to know no bounds during the year ahead. An important aspiration may become almost an obsession.

This could take the form of an intense desire to become physically fit, to own your own business or to build a huge portfolio. Although your desire to wield power and create wealth peaks next July, you will have numerous opportunities to develop strategies and business acumen during March. You may be put in touch with a mentor or adviser who will help you make key decisions during the next several weeks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Glory in being independent. Your unorthodox style might win you praise or advancement in the week ahead. Just because you are a free spirit, however, does not mean you can ignore responsibilities.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Resuscitate an old hobby this week. Latent delights may be revived as you find there is more time for pleasures. Elders might offer some very helpful advice or a trip to the library can be rewarding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your people skills. Let the power of attraction act on your behalf to bring the right people closer. This is a good week for you to learn a new computer skill or go to the extra degree with a study.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Money makes the world go around. You are apt to be reminded several times this week that it is better to spend a little more in order to receive better quality. Don't be bashful about making a new acquaintance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Adapt to small changes. What you consider rock solid for years might seem like sand beneath your feet later this week. It could be necessary to mirror someone else's attitudes to achieve harmony.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

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Jeraldine Saunders

22): Concentrate on home, sweet home. Relationships with family members might grow and thrive throughout the week ahead. Spend extra time building your own nest or improving your environment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A minor flirtation could trigger major passion. This is not a good week to end or begin a relationship, but you may entertain some sensual notions. Get good advice from a sibling, relative or a neighbor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You aren't interested in half measures. When your attention is riveted on someone or something, you go to it full throttle. You could have an opportunity to make money or make beneficial music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): When life happens, you lemonade. You should be able to convert criticism to your advantage this week. Be on the lookout for a small opportunity that will yield large, positive results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pump up your self-esteem. Repeat some self-empowering mantras this week to overcome the influence of negativity. Some quiet time spent in serene retreat may inspire you to make solid improvements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be picture perfect. This isn't a good week to exceed the speed limit or buy a large item. Someone might decide to make an example out of you or your charm could fail you at the most inopportune moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take the high road. Remain generous and trusting during the week to come even if others don't respond as desired. If plagued by a host of insignificant problems rest assured that there is an equally trivial cure.

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Did you get a new calendar over the holidays? If so, it probably has lots of important dates marked on it, such as Mother's Day and the first day of summer. There are lots of other, less important dates to take note of this year, too. Here are some of our favorite "holidays." You can keep this story all year as a handy reference. That way you won't forget when National Fresh Breath Day is.

JANUARY

- Oatmeal Month
- 20: Penguin Awareness Day
- 24: National Compliment Day
- 28: Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

FEBRUARY

- 1: Hula In the Coola Day
- 5: International Pancake Day
- 14: Ferris Wheel Day
- 23: Curling Is Cool Day

MARCH

- National Frozen Food Month
- 9: Panic Day
- 16: Lips Appreciation Day
- 22: International Goof-Off Day

APRIL

- National Kite Month
- 17: National High Five Day
- 29: National Hairball Awareness Day
- 30: Hairstylist Appreciation Day

MAY

- 2: No Pants Day
- 3: Lumpy Rug Day
- 12: Hamrick Day
- 16: National Pizza Party Day

JUNE

- National Candy Month
- 13: Blame Someone Else Day
- 26: National Handshake Day
- 29: Log Cabin Day

JULY

- 3: Compliment Your Mirror Day
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- 13: Embrace Your Geekness Day
- 27: Take Your Houseplant for a Walk Day

AUGUST

- 6: National Fresh Breath Day
- 19: Aviation Day
- 22: Be an Angel Day
- 28: National Dog Day

SEPTEMBER

- National Piano Month
- 1-5: National Waifu Week
- 9: Wonderful Weirdos Day
- 26: Love Note Day

OCTOBER

- National Popcorn Poppin' Month
- Spinach Lovers Month
- 12: National Cake Decoration Day
- 31: National Magic Day

NOVEMBER

- 6: Saxophone Day
- 7: Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day
- 14: National American Teddy Bear Day
- 21: World Hello Day

DECEMBER

- 4: National Dice Day
- 5: Bathing Party Day
- 15: Cat Herders Day
- 21: Humbug Day



In the winter, the pandas at the National Zoo in Washington munch the inside of their favorite food, bamboo. That part, called culm, is loaded with carbohydrates and gives Mei Xiang, right, and Tian Tian extra energy to help them keep warm.

National Zoo animals adapt to the cold

By Macon Morehouse
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If you were an animal, how would you survive the winter chilliness and snow?

Forget about putting on a fluffy coat, burrowing under cozy blankets or sipping hot chocolate.

Animals in the wild have other ways to adapt (change in order to survive).

They might grow a thick fur coat or fly south to where it's warm. Some animals change color; Arctic hares, for example, change from brown to white to blend in with the snow (that's called camouflage). And some hibernate, sleeping through much of the winter so they need less energy and food at a time when food often is scarce.

Zoo animals don't need to worry about finding shelter or having enough food. But, like their cousins in the wild, they have special ways to deal with the cold. Many animals that spend time outdoors — such as Przewalski's wild horses, sloth bears and Mexican wolves — grow a thick winter coat.

If you could pet the wolves (not recommended) "it would be like burying your hands in the fur of a Saint Bernard," says Don Moore, who helps direct animal care at the National Zoo. "It's this thick, luxurious, long-haired coat."

Even the seals and sea lions grow longer hair in cold weather. Their wet bodies appear slick, so "it looks like they don't have hair, but they do," Moore says. "It's close to their skin and blubbery."

How do zookeepers know that the giant pandas are getting ready for winter?

Their poop turns yellow!

In the summer it's green, thanks to a diet of bamboo leaves and bark. But in the winter the pandas munch the inside of the grassy treat. That part, called culm, is loaded with carbohydrates and gives Mei Xiang, Tian Tian and Tai Shan extra energy to help them keep warm.

Even in the middle of winter, life is like a cruise on the beach for the Asian small-clawed otters. Why? Their pool is heated to a Florida-like 75 degrees. And their poolside rock is an even cozier 80 to 100 degrees. It's like resting atop an electric blanket.

"They are actually baking on the rock," Moore says. The fishing cats can lounge inside their poolside grottoes without a shiver thanks to heaters that warm the space to 90 to 100 degrees. Other zoo animals — including lions, tigers and the farm animals — have heat panels in their enclosures.

Zoo animals don't need camouflage to keep safe from predators. But the wild white-tail deer in nearby Rock Creek Park don't take any chances. Their shiny red summer coats become thicker and grayish-brown in winter to blend in with fallen leaves, bare branches and gray sky.

What's more, their winter hairs are hollow — like a polar bear's — which traps warm air close to the skin.

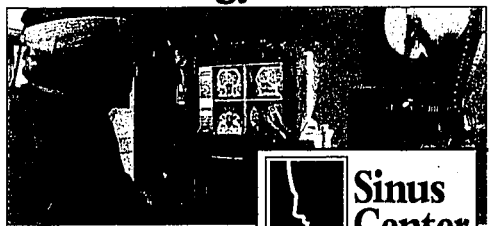
Unlike you, zoo critters don't put pants on inside out and do the hokeypoke hoping for snow, but they do know how to play in it once it gets here.

"The bears will dig" in it, says Moore. "The elephants will make snowballs; they'll go down on their sides and rub their heads in it." They must be making elephant snow angels!



Many animals that spend time outdoors at the National Zoo in Washington grow a thick winter coat, such as this Mexican wolf. "It's this thick, luxurious, long-haired coat," says zoo worker Don Moore.

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Two classes for the crafty people

Times-News

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering two classes of interest to crafty folks.

Find out all about Pergamano in "Paper Lace Parchment Craft," set for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5 through March 11, at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. In Gooding.

Using a variety of tools on parchment paper, Jennifer Eches will teach how to create intricate lacework designs. By adding other techniques including embossing, tracing with white ink, and color application with inks, felt pens, colored pencils and oil pastels, students can explore their creative side as they produce a card or picture.

The fee is \$90, which includes patterns and supplies.

Whether it's a family portrait or child's artwork, having it framed makes a difference. "I've Been Framed," taught by Phil Bowler of Phil's Framing, will teach how to choose a mat based on colors of the project, how to cut the mat and window that display the art, and how to cut the glass and the pieces of wood to make a frame. For the second class, participants are encouraged to bring a picture or artwork to get advice on framing options.

Class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 5 and 7 at Phil's Framing, 102 Fifth Ave. E. in Gooding. Space is limited. Cost is \$30.

Register: 934-8678, or stop by the center.

ANNIVERSARIES



THE HANEYS

George and Ruth Haney of Filer celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Jan. 15, 1943, in Salt Lake City. They were married Jan. 15, 1943 in the Salt Lake Temple.

They moved to Twin Falls in 1953, where they were in the real estate and insurance business. They retired in 1991 to go on their first mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They served two missions in England and one in Indiana. In 2003, they moved to Filer.



George and Ruth Haney

In January 2007, they were called to serve on their fourth mission in the Idaho Boise Mission in Jackpot, Nev. They have served in the Boise Temple since 1993.

Throughout their marriage, they have traveled to many parts of the world.

The Haney's have six children, George (Drew) Haney III of Twin Falls; Pam (Mike) Youngs of Bountiful, Utah; Brooke (Les) Charlton of Coeur d'Alene; Chad Ray Haney (deceased); Linda (Russ) Grimmert of Arlington, Texas; and Tad (Lisa) Haney of Filer.

The couple has 29 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

THE CROUSONS

James and Lucille Crouson of Wendell will be honored at a reception for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited at noon Saturday, Jan. 27, at Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell. The family requests no gifts.

James Crouson and Lucille Scott were married Jan. 24, 1958, in Pocatello.

He retired from the U.S. Army and Massey-Ferguson Inc. She retired from Crescent Court Hospital as an activity director. They have four children. James Bradley (Susan) Crouson of Lodi, Calif.; Jeffrey



Lucille and James Crouson

Lee (Hebecca) Crouson of Lockeford, Calif.; Jennifer Lynne (Toby) Sciles of Clovis, Calif.; and John Travis (Dyan) Crouson of Stockton, Calif. The couple has eight grandchildren.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Ellie Alan Clark, daughter of David and Sarah Clark of Burley, was born Dec. 27, 2007.

Akasha Rose Maddox, daughter of Joe Maddox and Nancy Sautter of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 1, 2008.

Jaylin Ted Koehn, son of Krigi and Cathy Koehn of Murtaugh, was born Jan. 14, 2008.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Dominic Lucas Guerrero, son of Jose and Claudia Guerrero of Glens Ferry, was born Dec. 31, 2007.

Anthony Rae Allen Castro, son of Gary Castro and Healeigh Kermer of Shoshone, was born Jan. 2, 2008.

Haley Marie Forschler, daughter of Richard and Danielle Forschler of Jerome, was born Jan. 3, 2008.

Hector Niclaus Cabral Nevezar, son of Hector Nevezar Jr. and Marcia Leal of Jerome, was born Jan. 4, 2008.

Charles Bythal Van Zante, son of Charles and Kristel Van Zante of Jerome, was born Jan. 8, 2008.

Adan Lee Puentes, son of Gabriel and Linda Fuentes of Jerome, was born Jan. 8, 2008.

Paige Michelle Penhler, daughter of Ryan and Hollie Penhler of Jerome, was born Jan. 9, 2008.

Kyla Joelle Hurt, daughter of Ted and Melanie Hurt of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 10, 2008.

Andrianna Sue Howell, daughter of Tyler and Ashley Howell of Jerome, was born Jan. 10, 2008.

Nicholas Fernando Ourique, son of Fernando and Susana Ourique of Gooding, was born Jan. 11, 2008.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Amy Le Doan, daughter of Niga Le and Charlie Doan of Halley, was born Jan. 2, 2008.

Leslie Carrillo, daughter of Martha Lopez and Rolando Carrillo of Ketchum, was born Jan. 4, 2008.

Wiley Alyse Siegel, daughter of Julie and Neil Siegel of Ketchum, was born Jan. 4, 2008.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Kashah-Raye Michelle Enham, daughter of Samantha Jolyn Brauhorn of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 23, 2007.

Faolan Zane Folsom, son of Jaelyn Marie Jay of Twin Falls, was born Dec. 30, 2007.

Veronique Pineda-Sanchez, son of Veronique Pineda-Sanchez of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 1, 2008.

Lily Marie Romney, daughter of Kaycee Marie Romney of Jerome, was born Jan. 4, 2008.

Hadlee Marie Zuercher, daughter of Chantel Marie and Walter Brandon Scott

Zuercher of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 4, 2008.

Chloe Marie Endley, son of Candace Richelle Wright of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 4, 2008.

Keasen Mikol Tolle, son of Nancy and Lance MikolTolle of Jerome, was born Jan. 5, 2008.

Jesenia Alize Ramirez, daughter of Leticia Maria Nevezar and Jacobo Ramirez of Buhl, was born Jan. 5, 2008.

Jace Ilyan Carter, son of Stephanie Ann and Eric David Carter of Kimberly, was born Jan. 5, 2008.

Darion Lucas Naser, son of Mistie Michel and John Zachary Naser of Buhl, was born Jan. 6, 2008.

Lindsay Rae Goussen, daughter of Tara Leigh and Chadwin Rae Goussen of Buhl, was born Jan. 6, 2008.

Tamra Ann Cserenes, daughter of Nikki Ann and David Michael Cserenes of Hansen, was born Jan. 7, 2008.

Adam Henry Keyes, son of Christina Marie and Aaron James Keyes of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 7, 2008.

Isabel Carol Martinho, daughter of Melissa Cantone and Michele Luis Martinho of Wendell, was born July 7, 2008.

Teagan Rhue Wickel, daughter of Brandi Lee and William Chancie Wickel of Malha, was born Jan. 7, 2008.

Lana Saunter Romero Cantone, daughter of Francesca Michele Cantone and Jose Luis Hernandez Romero of Jerome, was born Jan. 8, 2008.

Dakota Brooke Waymunt, daughter of Drea Deborah and Tyler Russell Waymunt of Kimberly, was born Jan. 8, 2008.

Aylin Marie House, daughter of Tyrell Jamie Goff and Gavena Lyle House of Hazelton, was born Jan. 9, 2008.

Jackson Jacob Webb, son of Rebecca Lynn and Jacob Donald Webb of Hollister, was born Jan. 9, 2008.

Zander Orion Oman, son of Katherine Marjorie Nicole Oman and Andrew Don Oman of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 9, 2008.

Lexington Brock Porter, son of Melinda Kay Thomas and Chance Brendan Porter of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 9, 2008.

Edwin Omar Alecala, son of Maria Antonia Alecala and Gerardo Alecala-Diaz of Murtaugh, was born Jan. 10, 2008.

Cheche Larkin Carter, son of Shelby Dawn and David Larkin Carter of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 10, 2008.

Asher Henry Behnke, son of Candida Lynn Reinke and Jeremy Charles Reinke of Filer, was born Jan. 10, 2008.

Jazlyn Colene Higley, daughter of Matthew Garbin and Scott Chad Higley of Filer, was born Jan. 11, 2008.

Luke Levi Schilder, son of Renae Lee and Levi Justin Schilder of Gooding, was born Jan. 11, 2008.

Matthew Peter Kopsky, son of Melissa Grace Wuthier and John Peter Kopsky III of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 11, 2008.

THE REEDS

Lewis "Bud" and Vera Reed of Kimberly will be honored at a reception for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Creekside Community Church, 282 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The family requests no gifts.

Lewis Reed and Vera Bland were married Jan. 23, 1958, in Reno, Nev.



Lewis and Vera Reed

WEDDINGS

TIEL-NELSON

Heather Tiel and Montgomery Nelson were married Sept. 22 at Twin Falls Reformed Church.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Sally Tiel of Caldwell and Larry and Marilyn Sweency of Layton. The groom is the son of Don and Suzanne Nelson of Moscow.

Officiating was the Rev. Jerry Kester of Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene.

Musical accompaniment was provided by Sgt. Wade String Quartet. Soloists included a duet by the bride's sister Christi Effinger and her father-in-law, Steve Effinger, and a solo by friend Robin Hill.

Michelle Tiel, the bride's sister, was maid of honor, and Christi Effinger was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Holly and Heather Nelson, the groom's sisters. The groom's niece, Heather Nelson, was ring bearer.

Stuart Nelson, the groom's brother, was best man. Groomsmen were Don Nelson, the groom's father, and Alec Gaynor and Matt Neal, the groom's friends. Ushers were Ken Crater, the groom's friend, and Elijah



Heather and Montgomery Nelson

Ellinger, the bride's brother-in-law. The groom's nephews, Will Nelson, was ring bearer, Tracy Williams and Cindy Tiel, the bride's cousins, were candle lighters.

Laurie Lickley attended the guest book. Gift and program attendants were Danielle Shulten, Kathy Sothli and Siewia Webb.

A reception followed at the Buckin' H Resort in Hagerman.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Idaho and is public affairs specialist for the Twin Falls District Bureau of Land Management. The groom is a graduate of the U of I and trains performance horses in Twin Falls.

The couple resides in Twin Falls.

SILVESTER-WOOTTON

Casey Marie Silvester and Cody Lynn Wootton were married Jan. 4 at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Curtis and Theresa Silvester of Twin Falls. The groom is the son of John and Cathy Wootton of Pingree.

An open house was held Jan. 4 in Pingree. A reception was held Jan. 5 at The White House in Twin Falls.

Shylanna Austin of Pocatello, Sierra Wootton of Pingree and Meghan Underwood of Twin Falls were bridesmaids. Halle Silvester was flower girl.

Danny Austin of Pocatello and Jacob Silvester of Twin Falls were groomsmen. Carter Van Noy was ring bearer.

Special guests included Hodean Wootton, grand-



Cody and Casey Wootton

mother of the groom, and Shirrel and Carol Silvester, grandparents of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attends Idaho State University, majoring in education. She works at Great Harvest in Pocatello.

The groom is a graduate of Snake River High School and will graduate in May 2011 with a degree in creative writing.

The couple will reside in Pocatello.



THE HANSONS

DelRoy and Lerene Hanson recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family.

DelRoy Hanson and Lerene Empey were married Jan. 15, 1958, at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

The owners and operated a small dairy and farmed in Milo and worked at the Utah and Idaho Sugar Co. in Idaho Falls. They moved in 1976 to Hazelton, where they owned and operated a dairy and farmed until retiring in 2004.



DelRoy and Lerene Hanson

She was a registered nurse for 20 years at the Idaho Falls LDS Hospital. After moving to Hazelton, she worked alongside her husband at the dairy and on the farm.

They are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

They have four children, Tony (Dianne) Hanson of Hazelton, Bonnie (Ken) Stevens of Kimberly, Karen Regier of Gooding and Cindy (Tim) Bullers of Gooding. The couple has 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



THE KOVARS

Gene and Donna Kovar of Filer recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a lunch for family and friends at Mandarin House in Twin Falls.

Gene Kovar and Donna McCauley were married Jan. 11, 1958, at the home of Ted and Doris Serier in Filer.

They have lived in Filer for 49 years. He worked for Acme Machine Works. She worked at Magic Valley Regional



Gene and Donna Kovar

Medical Center and later for Filer School District.

They have traveled throughout the U.S. and spend part of the winter in Arizona. They are active members of the Filer First Baptist Church.

They have three children, Debbie Kuar of Twin Falls, Scott (Annar) Norwood of Hagerman and Dave (Kyle) Kovar of Buhl. The couple has eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



THE PACKERS

Milo and Lois Packer of Hagerman will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center, 140 E. Lake St. The family requests no gifts.

Milo Packer and Lois Beck were married Jan. 23, 1958, in Pocatello. They spent the first 10 years of their married life in Pocatello. In 1968, they moved to Blackfoot, where they lived



Milo and Lois Packer

for 15 years. In 1993, new job opportunities took them to Temperance, Mich., where they resided until retiring in 1998. They now live in Hagerman.

The event will be hosted by their children, Kathy (David) Earnheart of Meridian; Eric (Karen) Packer of Klawock, Alaska; Cindy (Bob) Wade of Twin Falls; Michelle (Chuck) Beay of Blackfoot; and Becky (Gary) Reynolds of Casselford. The couple has 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

WEDDING

JAY-EGBERT

Heather Jay and Kyle Egbert were married Jan. 19 at Sweetheart Manor in Burley. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Teresa Richmond of Williamsburg, Iowa, and Sheldon Jay of Davenport, Iowa. Egbert is the son of Loyd Egbert of Burley and the late Jennie Egbert.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Iowa City High School and works as a U.S. Army transport operator. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Declo High



Kyle and Heather Egbert

School and a 2001 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He serves in the U.S. Army as a mechanic.

Announcements

To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@magicvalley.com. The photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday, if you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event.

GET OUT

Our winter adventure series

in Twin Falls

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3 Mi Pueblo



A visit to the new MI Pueblo Mexican Bakery is a cultural education — a bit of low-budget travel in case a trip to Mexico is on your winter calendar. Pastry cases line one wall; spice racks dominate another. You might spot a pile of big, fried pork skins in the meat market, or unfamiliar fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds in the produce department. Mexican brands dominate the grocery aisles. The store will track down the specialized ingredients you need for, say, a Venetian recipe. And this might be the best source in town for enormous stockpots.

At MI Pueblo — which is a taqueria as well as a bakery, grocery and convenience store — you can watch the making of preservative-free tortillas through the bakery window, stop for lunch at the taqueria or pick out a pretty pastry and sip coffee on the stool at the kiosk in the middle of the store.

DON'T MISS: Pumpkin-filled empanadas. The pineapple, strawberry and Bavarian cream flavors sound more predictable for these stuffed pastries, but the pumpkin is popular with empanada buyers and often sells out by evening.

worker who can, says Lizarraga, who has noticed many new customers who speak English, Bosnian or Russian venturing into MI Pueblo.

Those little whole, dried fish in the produce department? They're eaten as snacks with lettuce and salsa, Lizarraga explains, especially during Lent.

GET THERE: 449 Washington St. N.

HOURS: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Sundays are regular, pick a different day if you want to avoid a crowd.

COST: One of the store's best deals is at the taqueria: \$1 tacos. Three types of carne asada on little corn tortillas make a filling meal; load them up with salsa, cilantro and fresh lime at the condiment bar. You'll find a few restaurant tables between the candy aisle and the refrigerated beverage case.

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—Virginia Hutchins

4 Two blocks of Main Avenue

At the heart of downtown, Main Avenue packs big variety into its central two blocks, from tanning and tattoos to cookies and crafts, to flowers and tropical fish.

There you'll find both low-budget deals (\$1 greeting cards at Desktop by Design; five-for-\$1 used paperbacks at the Idaho Youth Ranch thrift store) and line shopping — high-end home furnishings, professional artwork, tools, original artwork, handcrafted jewelry, boutique clothing. At Sotaw's Antiques and Sleigh Store, you find what's arguably the city's best offering of vintage jewelry, and at Fashioning Beauties, the whimsical Mary Frances handbag collection.

Within those two blocks you can linger over hors d'oeuvres and live music at a wine bar, or over mocha at an old-style soda fountain. You might opt for a movie at a historical theater. Or settle onto sofas for an afternoon of free online gaming on a coffee shop's huge screen. Or watch jewelers operate a laser welder as their minute works shows on a TV. Year restaurant choices range from Irish-themed pub to organic deli.

But these two blocks of Main Avenue have also quietly become a destination for sewing, quilting, crafting and



Betty Jo Jones of Eden works on a quilt at Stitchin' Time in downtown Twin Falls in 2005.

scrapping enthusiasts. At least five businesses cater to them, with materials and equipment as well as classes, clubs, group work sessions

and inviting environments. At Stitchin' Time — a shop whose listing in the "Quilters' Travel Companion" draws interstate travelers downtown

— just touching the racks of fabrics seems to be therapeutic for customers. Renting the store's long-armed quilting machine for the day must be downright exhilarating.

GET THERE: Main Avenue, between Gooding Street and Hansen Street. To avoid parking meters, park in one of the free lots behind Main's businesses, and wander on foot to enjoy restored brick buildings from the city's early years. Bends and wide sidewalks provide Twin Falls' most pedestrian-friendly atmosphere.

HOURS: Many downtown businesses are closed on evenings and Sundays, but some have extended hours. For example, Scrappers & Stuffers Delight, with a massive selection of papercrafting supplies, is open until 7 p.m. on weekdays.

COST: Scrappin' Girls' friends, for instance, charges \$5 per person for its twice-monthly Saturday "crops" — six-hour group scrapping sessions. But whenever the store's workshop isn't occupied by events, you pay nothing to use the punches and die-cutting machines.

DON'T FORGET: Venture through the unremarkable entrance of Main Street Plaza to find remarkable artwork. —Virginia Hutchins

5 NazzKart

Need to burn off the winter blues? NazzKart Indoor Go-Karting is a good place to put your excitement.

You'll pay to do it, of course. But if your budget allows, you can choose from go-karts that reach up to 45 mph on an indoor track; games like ping-pong, shuffleboard and foosball; a golf simulator; and a 42-foot climbing wall, where hydraulics lower you slowly. For video gaming that's a few steps up from the home variety, a black banner surrounds a large screen to help players immerse themselves in the

experience. With 10 pool tables and no age limit, NazzKart is popular with young pool players.

Attractions span the ages — from a kids' bounce house to combat with airsoft guns and paintball BBs — so a trip to NazzKart works for a family of mixed generations and interests.

GET THERE: 302 Third Ave. S.

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Pin bikes race on

the go-kart track on Wednesdays (bring your own bike), and Thursdays are popular nights for airsoft.

COST: \$1 for unlimited pool, pingpong and foosball; \$5 for unlimited bouncing in the bounce house; \$5 per person per hour for Xbox; \$5 for four clients on the climbing wall. Airsoft costs \$10 for gun rental and \$3 per person; you'll pay \$10 per go-kart, per 10-minute race.

That all adds up. If your appetite for a winter day is hearty, you might opt for the



NazzKart Indoor Go-Karting employs 80 people. Peterson explains the rules of the track.

\$39.95 special: three hours of access to everything except food, drink and airsoft.

DON'T FORGET: Go-kart drivers must be at least 6 years old and 4 feet tall. So don't

promise the kiddies an experience you can't deliver. —Virginia Hutchins

6 Twin Falls Public Library

Perhaps you've overlooked the library. If so, it's time for rediscovery.

The Twin Falls Public Library changes constantly: Its collection of audiobooks has surged to 3,200 titles and is growing; downloads are free to library card holders. There's now a dedicated space in the basement for computer use and "young adult" books, and the space is slated for renovation with teen-friendly colors and furniture — maybe even beanbag tables and vending machines. By spring, the main floor should have a quiet reading area beside big windows overlooking City Park.

It's not all about books. At the library, you can check out videos and music, peruse dozens of magazine titles, read newspapers from all over the West, surf the Internet and comb a century of old Times-News issues on microfilm.

But perhaps most fascinating and unpredictable is the



Don't miss: www.twinfallspubliclibrary.org, which the library keeps up-to-date with schedules of book club discussions, children's story times, craft sessions and the like. On Friday, the library will start its monthly Brown Bag Lecture Series, bring a lunch and listen to a lecture on a topic of Idaho interest.

look for clues about your family's history.

GET THERE: 201 Fourth Ave. E.

HOURS: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; closed Sunday.

COST: Library cards — free to Twin Falls residents — cost \$10 per year per household (or \$35 for seniors) for those who live outside the city limits. But you can pay nothing to sit and read anything in the building, or to use the library's free wireless Internet access, which went live in December.

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Grand^A Adventure

By John Marshall • Associated Press Writer

GRAND TARGHEE, Wyo. — Bill Royall chose the University of Denver so he could take the winter quarters off from school and hit the slopes.

His powder-searching ways continued after college, landing him in Vail for a few years before it eventually became too crowded, too trendy. A move to Aspen ended with the same claustrophobic result.

And so it went, Royall's quest for a quieter skiing sanctuary going on for years, taking him to places like Steamboat Springs, Taos, Sun Valley. And it always ended the same: moving out when the crowds moved in.

The nomadic journey seemed to come to an end about 20 years ago when he arrived in Jackson, Wyo., a place still oozing with that dusty-floor saloon charm of the Old West.

But, like all the other ski towns that had lured Royall with its charms, Jackson changed, attracting fuzzy-jacket-wearing out-of-towners to the slopes and trendy shops with pricey paintings and sparkly T-shirts lining the streets.

Then Royall found Grand Targhee. Just a few miles from the Idaho state line on the western side of the Grand Tetons, this small resort at the end of long, winding road has the pristine powder hardcore skiers need, the coziness that families love and the charm that purists like Royall crave.

A down-home alternative to upscale Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee is a throwback to the days of the small-town ski resorts, the kind of place where lift operators know the regulars' names and the glistening snow is the only sparkle anyone will ever need.

"When you go to a lot of big-time resorts, it's a lot of hustle and bustle, glitter and glamour and we don't want that," says Royall, a stone carver from Southport, Maine, who spends three or four months every winter in Grand Targhee with his wife, Emery. "Grand Targhee is a non-threatening ski environment."

Grand Targhee's appeal starts with the Tetons, the 13,000-foot peaks that jut dramatically from the high plains like jagged teeth. Reach the top of the main lift and you get a clear view of these craggy moun-



This undated photo released by Grand Targhee Resort shows a skier on the slopes at Grand Targhee Resort in Grand Targhee, Wyo.

ains, seemingly a short double-diamond run away.

But Grand Targhee is more than just a hill with a view.

Thanks to a unique weather pattern that shows incoming storms to the western slope of the Tetons, Grand Targhee has an annual snowfall of nearly 500 inches, with up to 650 inches in the whitest of winters. And the storms don't seem to hit the other side of the Tetons quite as hard; a storm that drops 10 to 12 inches in Jackson may dump up to two feet in Grand Targhee.

Get more than 40 feet of snow a year, and you'll be skiing powder nearly every time out.

"The first thing people usually hear about is, which is a good thing, is the snow issue," says Susie Barnett-Bushong, Grand Targhee's marketing director. "People all over the world recognize that Grand Targhee consistently has some of the best snow annually."

Grand Targhee has a little of everything, groomer runs for the beginners, terrain parks for the rail-and-box snowboard crews, snowcat rides for back-country skiing and over 9 miles of cross-country through wooded glades and open meadows.

Summer time has just as many options, from horseback and mountain bike riding to zip lines and climbing walls.

The base area is small, particularly by today's sprawl-across-the-mountain standards, but Grand Targhee has everything you might need: a bar, a couple of restaurants, a ski shop and a small market, and more stores just down the road in Driggs, Idaho.

If upscale restaurants, art galleries or mango mojitos are your thing, Jackson is just 45 minutes away.

Cozy and convenient, that's Grand Targhee.

"It's just a wonderful place," said Kathy Campbell of Norris, Pa. "You can just let the kids go ski for a while and every body meets each other at the bottom, but lunch, it's a great family atmosphere." But what makes Targhee feel like home is the staff.

There's little turnover from one season to the next, meaning the lift operator you met five years ago is still there to say hello the first day of the season, the bartender who poured you that smooth vermouth still tending, bottle in

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GRAND TARGHEE, WYO.: www.grandtarghee.com or 800-827-4433. Lift tickets: full day \$59, half-day \$41. (Children \$36, \$29 half-day; seniors \$38, \$30 half-day; children 5 and under free.) Skiing season typically lasts until at least mid-April. **GETTING THERE:** The Jackson Hole Airport is 42 miles from Grand Targhee and has plenty of flights with major airlines, though you will have to cross a mountain pass to get to the western side of the Grand Tetons. Idaho Falls Regional Airport is 85 miles away and flights are a little cheaper here than in Jackson in the summer. Grand Targhee has a contract with a shuttle company to pick up guests flying in, and that's usually the best bet if you don't plan to leave the resort and won't need a car. But if you want to drive around the area or back to Jackson Hole, car rentals are available. **ACCOMMODATIONS:** There are 96 rooms on site, starting at \$99 per night, and the resort manages an additional 50 properties, including condos, less than 10 miles away. A few motels and cabins are a little farther down the road in Driggs, Idaho.



How far?

Grand Targhee, Wyo., is about four hours by car from Twin Falls. Follow U.S. Highway 84 to U.S. Highway 26, head north to U.S. Highway 15, then take U.S. Highway 20 past Rexburg. Follow the brown signs to Targhee Recreation Area through Driggs.

Skiers brave the cold on the slopes at Grand Targhee Resort.

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Targhee

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 hand, when you finish that last fun.
 And they do it with a smile on their faces, that genuine glad-to-see-you-again grin that makes you feel welcome.
 Topall remembers a time he decided to hitchhike his way up the mountain from the family's cabin and was picked up by a member of the resort staff who was driving alone in her Audi. Not long after that, the same

woman picked up Royall again.
 "A single lady picks up this old ski bum," he said. "We sort of knew each other, but I'm sure she didn't recognize me the first time she picked me up. She must have figured I'm a skier. I'm only going to the resort, so what's the harm?"
 But even the coziest of places need room to breathe. That's why Grand Targhee is working on a plan to expand lodging from 96

to 525 units and add another lift, along with more restaurants and activities. The resort and the Teton County Board of Commissioners are bashing out the details.
 "We truly are mixed up, so to make it a better experience on the same footprint, a great little nook at the end of the road, we need to have some of the services that our customers are really asking for," Barnett-Bushong said. Of course, sometimes progress comes at a price.

While it would be nice to have more lodging and eating options, to put a new shine on the place, the expansion will likely bring in more people. That could lead to crowds — just what purists like Topall don't want.
 "The expansion will be great and I hope it goes through," he said, followed by a short pause. "On second thought, our little secret might get out, so maybe I don't want expansion. This place is perfect the way it is."

Q&A: Are your papers in order?

By Catharine Hamm
Los Angeles Times

Question: I want to fly from Los Angeles to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in February. I don't have a passport, but I hear that a certified birth certificate (not a photocopy) and a driver's license will get me in and out of country. True?
 —William Frohmanberg, La Mesa, Calif.

Answer: For flies, false. If you don't have a post-holiday headache, what follows surely will give you one, thanks to the U.S. government's now-you-need-it, now-you-don't approach to travel documents. So listen up.

If you are planning to travel to any anywhere outside the United States and its possessions or territories, go immediately to www.travel.state.gov and apply for your passport.

With luck, you should have it in four to six weeks. If, however, you are traveling by land or sea — and that means the weekend car traveler to Rosarito Beach in Baja California, Mexico, or the ferry-ride day-tripper from Seattle to Victoria, Canada — the rules are different, the timeline for the rules is different and the documents you need can be different.

Thoroughly confused? You have a right to be. The tangle began last January when a first part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative went into effect. It said air travelers needed a passport for travel that involved Mexico, Canada and parts of the Caribbean. The existing, unannounced applications swamped the processing system, creating a backlog at one point of 3 million passport applications and waits of 12 weeks or more for a passport's return.

Congress realized, in the hullabaloo of its heart, that its constituents weren't getting their passports and were annoyed about missing their vacations. So in June, it relaxed the "passport or else for air travelers" rule until Sept. 30. That gave processors some time to catch up.

Part 2 of the WHTI — the land/sea phase — was to go into effect in June, but toward the end of 2007, Congress, again in the hullabaloo of its heart, realized the potential for another passport debacle (and perhaps realized that annoyed constituents in an election year could be problematic). It delayed implementation until June 2008.
 To add to the confusion, the U.S. State Department is talking about a new passport card, which should be avail-

able in the spring. This limited-use document, of which I like to call it, Passport Lite, would cost \$45, less than half the cost of the regular passport, and could be used for land/sea crossings from Canada, Mexico and parts of the Caribbean.

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Tips for honeymooners

By Vani Rangachar
Los Angeles Times

Heads up, all you people who got engaged over the holidays. Forget about planning the wedding. Let's concentrate on the fun stuff: planning the honeymoon.
 Honeymooners' websites can do a lot for you. What's hot: The site is rich in resources if you are trying to figure out where you and your spouse-to-be want to go: weather info with suggestions on destinations by month, top 10 lists, a poll to figure out your "moon type," even advice on how to handle mosquitoes. I liked the "Honeymooner's" — "Resort Finder," which "offered resorts based on budget and preferences."
 What's not: It's aimed at women. The beauty forum includes advice on "Honeymoon Shaving or Waxing." The user forums

are not robust, with only a few postings.

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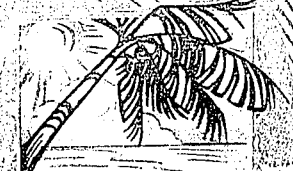
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Flying the friendlier skies? Delta offers videos on air etiquette

By Daniel Yee
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Volumes have been written about how to properly behave at weddings or which fork to use at fancy dinners.

But when it comes to dealing with the neighboring passenger who hugs precious airline arm space or the unruly kid who won't pipe down on crowded flights, there's precious little out there.

Until now, Delta Air Lines Inc. is trying to raise awareness of behavior in the air by creating an animated series of videos showing passengers confronted with delicate social situations.

The Atlanta-based company is rolling out "Planeage: The language of traveling by plane," a series of 25 humorous videos the airline has posted online and introduced on flights this month.

"We understand what you go through as a traveler," said Tim Mapes, Delta's vice president of marketing. "These videos can reinforce 'Hey, you don't want to be that guy who..."

The snippets include "Middleman," about the middle-seat huddy; "Kathastrophic," depicting unruly tots on planes; "Lav Dance," about the person who bumps into everyone in the airplane aisle while returning from the lavatory; and "Shady Lady," about the passenger who misuses or closes the window shade without considering other passengers.

The videos, which were created after Delta officials heard crewmembers talk about experiences aboard planes, are meant to "help raise travelers' consciousness about what it means to be good travel companions," said spokeswoman Betsy Fallon.

Airlines and customers have differed on what it means to be a good traveler. Southwest Airlines Co. was criticized for telling a young woman in July that her outfit was too revealing to fly. Chief Executive Gary Kelly issued an apology for the young woman, Kyla Elbert, that was read on "The Dr. Phil Show."

"We expect our employees to use good judgment, common sense and good taste and we feel it our customers, and therefore we won't have issues on board a flight," said Southwest spokesman Chris Mainz, who said his airline may consider following

Delta's lead. Part of the problem is that airlines haven't properly educated the public on what to expect aboard a plane, said Andrew B. Thomas, an assistant professor of international business at the University of Akron and an author of books on air travel and security.

And growth in air travel has meant thousands of new passengers who have never been in the air, he said.

"The airlines have finally caught on to the fact that the amount of people traveling, especially the amount of people who haven't traveled

before is exponentially rising," Thomas said. "There has to be some kind of (process) where people can become familiar with the travel experience and hopefully not while in flight."

The move has won praise from Anna Post — the great-great-granddaughter of etiquette icon Emily Post — who said the videos could be an effective way to teach passengers how to better fly the friendly skies.

"The more aware people are about how their actions affect others, the better the chances are that they'll make more of an effort to be consid-

On the Web:

<http://blog.delta.com/2007/10/31/planeage-language-of-traveling-by-plane/>

erate," said Post, who leads business etiquette seminars at The Emily Post Institute in Burlington, Vt.

"The times when I see rudeness happening is when I don't see people being self-aware. It's great to see an airline acknowledge they understand the crazy situations passengers go through."



Charles Ogilvie, director of flight entertainment for Virgin America, shows how to use a computer in the first-class seating section on a Virgin America plane at San Francisco International Airport, Dec. 17.



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Italy: Remains of ancient luxury villas open to visitors in Rome

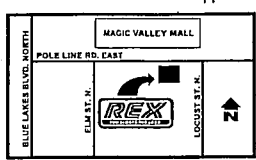
ROME (AP) — The restored ruins of two opulent Roman villas and private thermal baths have opened to the public here, equipped with 3-D reconstruction that offers a virtual tour of the luxurious residences found in downtown Rome.

A 2,000 square-yard complex, dating from the 2nd to 4th centuries, features well-preserved mosaic and marble floors, bathrooms and collapsed walls that archaeologists believe belong to a domus — the richly decorated residences of Rome's wealthy and noble families.

"We have found a residential high class neighborhood, where probably senators and knights used to live," archaeologist Paola Valentini said. Visitors will be able to walk on glass catwalks above the villas' underground remains, immersed in semi-darkness just a few feet from the modern city.

Another historic site, Emperor Augustus' frescoed palace atop Rome's Palatine Hill, will partially reopen to the public March 2 after decades of restoration work, officials said.

Palatine is one of the city's famous seven hills. Since the palace was closed in the 1980s, experts have spent over \$17 million to restore the parkered garden of Rome's first emperor and piece together precious frescoes that time had reduced to fragments. The palace was built in the 1st century B.C.



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