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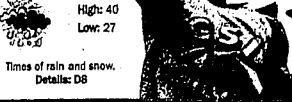
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BOOM OR BUST



Will M.V. ethanol gold rush pan out?

Construction on the Renova ethanol plant near Heyburn, pictured here, was halted after the company stopped trading its stock late last year. Trading has resumed, but contractors have yet to return to work for fear they won't be paid. Some see the setback as an ominous sign for the Magic Valley's burgeoning ethanol industry.

By Matt Christensen • Times-News writer

What was once hyped as a regional ethanol boom could be headed for bust. After much fanfare about a regional piece of the ethanol pie, the industry is struggling to get off the ground in southern Idaho. Crop experts are downplaying the significance of a corn surge on the valley's ag sector. Politicians are asking questions about the industry's effects on trade and the environment. Local contractors have walked off the job site at one of the plants near Heyburn, where construction has halted.

The future seemed much brighter just a year ago, when plans for two Cassia County ethanol plants were announced by Renova Energy, a London-based company with offices in Boise and Pacific Ethanol, a California business. The facilities would be the state's first commercial fuel-grade ethanol facilities, and company officials lauded the economic surge that would come from 70 new jobs. They touted the environmental benefits of 70 million gallons of environmentally friendly fuel that could be produced at the plants each year. Agriculture specialists were excited about diversifying the southern Idaho ag market to include more corn, which is not a traditionally popular southern Idaho crop.

Kernels to cash

Ethanol producers prefer corn, which is a cheaper source for ethanol than potatoes or barley. As a result, corn is being grown in record numbers in states not known for their corn production. In 2007, U.S. farmers planted the most corn in a season since 1941, up 12 percent from just the year before, according to

the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In Idaho, farmers planted 1 million more acres than ever: an estimated 300,000 acres — almost 100,000 acres more than just four years ago. But much of that Idaho corn won't reach an ethanol plant: it winds up in the stomachs of cows.

Ethanol production from Idaho-raised corn may simply not be economical, because livestock producers are willing to pay more for corn than ethanol plants can afford. In Iowa, a state that leads the nation in corn and ethanol production, corn sold last year for about \$3.15 a bushel. In Idaho, corn cost 60 cents more, at \$3.75 a bushel.

Corn prices in both states have increased significantly in the past two years, but nowhere near the economic growth seen in Idaho's dairy industry.

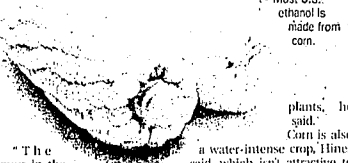
In just one year, dairy industry revenue nearly doubled, from \$1.28 billion in 2006 to just over \$2 billion in 2007, according to University of Idaho economists.

INSIDE:

A timeline on the history of ethanol in the U.S. and the Magic Valley. See page A3

More about ethanol

- Ethanol is a liquid most commonly used as a fuel or fuel additive. In the U.S., most ethanol is produced to replace Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether, or MTBE, an environmentally dangerous fuel additive.
- Some cars run on fuel with as much as 85 percent ethanol, though most of the gas that contains ethanol sold in the U.S. contains about 10 percent.
- Most U.S. ethanol is made from corn.



plants, he said. Corn is also a water-intensive crop. Hines said, which isn't attractive to farmers who are struggling through a drought and water crisis or have money invested in equipment for other crops. Hines predicts the Magic Valley ethanol plants will have to import most of their corn from Midwestern states, where, despite record harvests, farmers are struggling to produce enough corn to meet ethanol plants' demands. Ethanol company officials say they'll import most of their corn at first but that local farmers could sell to the plants once they're up and running.

The personal property pie

Push to eliminate tax on businesses being discussed in Legislature

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — For Idaho lawmakers, taxes are getting, well, personal. With the nation's economy turned sluggish and Idaho's slowing down, a proposal to eliminate the personal property tax on businesses has reemerged in the halls of the 2008 Legislature. So far, it's unclear how, or if, such a massive tax cut — estimates are for more than \$100 million — can be achieved but the chatter has certainly begun.



On the Web

For more stories about the Idaho Legislature, a blog by political reporter Jared S. Hopkins, a Who's Who in the Idaho Legislature and more, go to magicvalley.com and hit the Legislature 2008 button.

Lawmakers and companies call it unfair and unnecessary. The push for repealing the tax businesses pay on supplies has been strong since 2001, when a similar tax on agriculture equipment was eliminated. Last year, a bill passed the House but was held in the Senate amid concerns about how to replace the money.

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Idaho developers hope to lure boomers in 'amenity migration'

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Salt Lake City developers have quietly acquired thousands of acres in southeastern Idaho in hopes of becoming another destination on America's amenity migration, where hordes of baby boomers are leading the charge west for skiing, golf and water sports.

Bruce Barnett and Brad Angus are promoting their Black Bear Resort, with plans for a European-style mountain village and a 600-slip marina, near where 18-mile-long Bear Lake straddles the Idaho-Utah border.

Even as investors now tour the snow-covered site, some longtime Bear Lake County locals fear the project, including a proposed U.S. Forest Service land swap to expand skiing, will mean traffic, a wildlife exodus and higher taxes.

This is just the latest among Rocky Mountain resort settlements stretching from Colorado to Montana aiming to capitalize on a post-World War II generation whose investment portfolios are flush with a collective \$7.6 trillion, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Edging toward retirement, they now want to buy mountain and lake property close enough so the kids can fly in for the weekend.

Bear Lake is 120 miles from Salt Lake City, Logan, Utah, a town of 50,000, is an hour away.

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Obama easily sweeps to victory in South Carolina primary Elections 2008

By Mark Z. Barabak
Los Angeles Times

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Barack Obama romped to victory Saturday in the South Carolina presidential primary, powered by black voters energized by the prospect of electing the nation's first African American president.

The victory gives the Illinois senator a big lift heading into the coast-to-coast balloting Feb. 5. But the outcome, after a week of racially charged campaigning, also pointed to a heavily polarized electorate. Obama won four out of five

whitest states in the country — he carried just a quarter of South Carolina's white vote, according to exit polls. Hillary Rodham Clinton and John Edwards, who split most of the white vote, finished second and third, respectively. With almost all of the vote

counted, Obama had 55 percent of the total vote, Clinton 26 percent and Edwards 17 percent. Clinton, who left the state for Tennessee around the time polls closed at 7 p.m., called Obama to extend her

black voters. But after finishing a strong first in Iowa early this month — one of the

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday. Includes weather icons and forecast details like 'High 40 Low 27 29/17'.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Breezy and cloudy with mixed winter showers developing. Highs middle to upper 30s.
Tonight: Blustery with freezing rain changing to snow. Low next 20.
Tomorrow: Cold enough for mainly snow showers. Cold winds blowing. Highs upper 20s.

Complete weather report: See page D8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Singer-songwriter Ian Tyson in performance, sponsored by KE2I 95.7 and the College of Southern Idaho Radio Program. 7:30 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. \$36. www.tickets.csi.edu.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

The seventh annual prime rib and salmon benefit dinner, in honor of the late James Moulson to provide for needs of Magic Valley peace officers and scholarships to College of Southern Idaho law enforcement program. 1 p.m. appetizers, wine tasting and no host bar and 2 to 6 p.m. dinner (with entertainment by Crossfire and Brett Reid), Rock Creek Restaurant, Twin Falls. \$30. 732-6296.

FAMILY

Registration for Feb. 2 Teen Warrior Day, dependent of all branches of service (active, guard, and reserve) and 4H members seventh through 12th grade are invited to do team building, bowling, scavenger hunt, combat, dining out luncheon and more, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mountain Home Air Force Base Youth Center, no cost (provided by 4H/Military Grant), 587-2136 ext. 751 or maryannp@uidaho.edu for a registration form.

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

THREE DAY PLANNER

EDUCATION

Jan. 29 — "2008 Let's Talk About It" book discussion ("Not for Children Only"), includes "Charlotte's Web" by White and "The Wind in the Willows" by Graham, 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., books available for checkout, 326-4143.

FAMILY

Jan. 30 — Grief Share, "The journey of grief was not meant to be walked alone," 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2262 Hiland Ave., Burley, child care available, 654-2500 (through April 23).

HEALTH

Jan. 28 — Prism Weight Loss Program Introductory class, 6 p.m., Gooding Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., Gooding, \$10 cost, 934-8508.

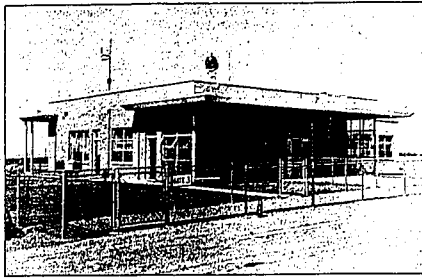
Jan. 29 — Beginning of "The Healthy Diabetes Plate," a five-session, weekly diabetes education program for people with the disease, family members and those wanting to learn more about it, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$25 per person or \$35 per couple (covers materials, food and snacks), class limit of 23, 734-9590 or rhlantini@uidaho.edu.

Disabled spy satellite falling from orbit, could hit Earth in late February or March

By Eileen Sullivan Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A large U.S. spy satellite has lost power and could hit Earth in late February or early March, government officials said Saturday. The satellite, which no longer can be controlled, could contain hazardous materials, and it is unknown where on the planet it might come down, they said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the information is classified as secret. It was not clear how long ago the satellite lost power, or under what circumstances. "Appropriate government agencies are monitoring the situation," said Gordon Johnson, a spokesman for the National Security Council, when asked about the situation after it was disclosed by other officials. "Numerous satellites over the years have come out of orbit and fallen harmlessly. We are looking at potential options to mitigate any possible damage this satellite may cause." He would not comment on whether it is possible for the satellite to perhaps be shot down by a missile. He said it would be inappropriate to discuss any specifics at this time. A senior government official said that lawmakers and other nations are being kept apprised of the situation.

MORNING BRIEFING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



Twin Falls Public Library photo

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

Justin Field was named for the first Air Force man of Twin Falls to lose his life in active duty during World War II: Sgt. Raymond R. Loslie, a radioman in a B-17, died when the bomber he was in was shot down over the Solomon Islands in 1942. The airport was built in 1946, and currently there are five flights a day to Salt Lake City with roughly 70,000 passengers visiting the airport each year.



Mirage photo by Tom Brown

AROUND THE WORLD

GAZA STRIP

Egyptian riot police prevent Gazans from leaving Rafah

RAFAH — Egyptian riot police and armored vehicles restricted Gaza motorists to a small border area of Egypt on Saturday in the second attempt in two days to restore control over the chaotic frontier breached by Hamas militants.

President Mahmoud Abbas stuck to his tough conditions for resuming contacts with Gaza's Hamas rulers, dimming prospects for Egypt's attempt to have the two Palestinian rivals come to Cairo for talks on resolving the border crisis.

"It's a little soon to tell," Lynn told The Associated Press moments before he and a team of six inspectors entered the building Saturday morning. "We haven't completed the testing today. But there is no damage to the casino area."

NEVADA

Las Vegas hotel-casino remains closed following fire on roof

LAS VEGAS — The fire-damaged Monte Carlo hotel-casino remained closed to guests Saturday while inspectors checked the 32-story building for damage following the blaze that blackened the facade of the top floors. Ron Lynn, chief of the Clark County Building Department, said he did not know when he would permit the 3,000-room hotel to reopen.

KENYA

Gunfire rings out in streets; at least 16 bodies taken to mortuary

NAKURU — Sporadic gunshots rang out Saturday in this western Kenyan city as those forced from their homes by postelection violence threatened revenge. Police took 16 charred bodies to a mortuary, where onlookers sobbed.

Hundreds of homes were burned down in Nakuru, the regional capital of the Rift Valley, the area that has seen some of the worst clashes between members of President Mwai Kibaki's Kikuyu tribe and other groups who accuse the president of stealing Dec. 27 elections.

Nakuru, a city of 300,000, had until now been spared the political violence. But fighting broke out late Thursday when people heard Kibaki was insisting he was Kenya's "duly elected president," said Pastor Richard Nuto of the African Faith Gospel Church.

Across the country, the riots and ethnic fighting that followed the election have killed at least 685 people.

— The Associated Press

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED

Idaho Tally



Table with 3 columns: Y/N, SENATE GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE, CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE, 2008 DEFENSE BUDGET. Includes voting counts and descriptions of bills.

IDAHO LOTTERY advertisement including Saturday, Jan. 26 results and Wild Card information.

Times-News advertisement including publisher information, online services, and mail information.

Snowpack levels advertisement with a table comparing snowpack percentages in various locations like Watershed, Salmon, Big Wood, etc.

ETHANOL THROUGHOUT HISTORY

<p>1920s Gasoline became the motor of choice. Standard Oil began adding ethanol to gasoline to increase octane and reduce engine knocking.</p>	<p>1941-1945 Ethanol fuel production increased due to a massive ethanol demand. But most of the increased demand for ethanol was for non-fuel wartime uses.</p>	<p>1975 U.S. began phasing out leaded gasoline and ethanol-gasoline blends appeal as a possible octane booster.</p>	<p>1985 Low crude and gasoline prices forced many ethanol producers out of business, despite an ethanol subsidy of 60 cents per gallon. Even with low corn prices, which are the main driver of ethanol production costs, they can't prevent the high rate of market change.</p>	<p>1995-1998 With a poor corn crop and the doubling of corn prices in the mid-1990s to \$5 a bushel, some states passed subsidies to keep the ethanol industry solvent.</p>	<p>2007 Two energy companies announced plans to build ethanol plants in Cassia County.</p>
<p>1930s Fuel ethanol gained a market in the Midwest. Over 2,000 gasoline stations in the Midwest sold gasohol, a gasoline with blends of between 6 percent and 12 percent ethanol.</p>	<p>1945-1978 End of WWII reduced need for war materials, price of fuel and ethanol use. Commercial ethanol fuel is mostly unavailable in the U.S.</p>	<p>1983 The Surface Transportation Assistance Act increased the ethanol subsidy to 50 cents per gallon.</p>	<p>1992 The government provided tax deductions for purchasing (or converting) a vehicle that could use an alternative fuel such as E85 and for installing equipment to dispense alternative fuels.</p>	<p>1997 U.S. car manufacturers began mass production of flexible-fueled vehicles capable of operating on E85, gasoline, or both. Most of the vehicles used gasoline as their only fuel because of the scarcity of E85 stations. Today, there are just four E85 stations within 200 miles of Twin Falls.</p>	<p>2008</p>

Source: Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration

Boom or bust

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Hines isn't so sure.
"As more ethanol plants come on line, I don't think we'll be able to grow enough corn to meet their needs," Hines said.

The ethanol explosion

There were just 50 ethanol plants in 17 states in 1999, according to the Renewable Fuels Association, a biofuels advocacy group. Eight years later, ethanol plants are scattered across 26 states, with 77 more facilities under expansion or construction, including the two in southern Idaho.

"Much of the growth can be credited to heavy government subsidies for ethanol producers, which are expected to be extended in the farm bill currently before Congress, and to oil companies' willingness to form long-term deals with ethanol producers."

In fact, most ethanol sold in the U.S. is through long-term, fixed price contracts with oil companies, according to the ethanol industry's trade association. The means the price an oil company pays for ethanol doesn't fluctuate, even when the market does. Some contracts are tied to a gasoline benchmark, so that when gas prices fluctuate, the oil company pays. The smallest amount of contracts is sold on the "spot" market. Last week, ethanol was selling for about \$2.35 a gallon.

Producing ethanol from corn costs between \$1 and \$2 per gallon, depending on who you ask.
The potential for profits has increased competition in the market, which has hurt some companies, including Pacific and Renova. In the past year, stocks in both companies have plummeted.

Developers

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"It's halfway between Park City and Jackson," Barrett said of Black Bear's distance from established resorts towns in Utah and Wyoming. "It's nearly impossible to find another place to put a resort like this."

Other places across the West to experience the phenomenon include Eagle County, Colo., or southwest Montana, now home to ski and golf resorts including Big Sky and Billionaire timber baron Tim Bilssett's private Yellowstone Club. Tamarack Resort, about 100 miles north of Boise, opened in 2004 and has sold \$50 million in real estate to help it finance ski lifts, a golf course and marina.

Kenneth Johnson, a senior demographer at the University of New Hampshire Carsey Institute, said rural, agricultural dependent counties saw an exodus in the 1990s, but many counties with scenery and recreation experienced substantial migration, often from older newcomers who were followed by younger people eager to sell their homes there.

The 75 million baby boomers born from 1945 to 1964 are active, wealthy and well-traveled, so pulling up roots and replanting them beneath a mountain panorama doesn't sound so absurd. Johnson's work shows scenic rural counties near metropolitan areas such as Denver or Salt Lake City have been even more powerful magnets for older newcomers. "Not only is it easy for them and grandchildren to get

Pacific halted construction of an ethanol plant in December near Callpatria, Calif. Renova recently stopped trading its stock on the London stock exchange for three weeks, prompting local contractors to walk off the job site near Heyburn.

The company resumed trading this month, but workers haven't returned. "I'm worried I won't get paid," said John Kleopfer, part-owner of a paving company that was working on the plant. Renova owes his business almost \$250,000 and as much as \$1 million to other contractors.

Kleopfer said the hit to local contractors and the regional economy could be avoided if the plans collapse. But even if the plans are successful, some worry the ethanol plants will harm existing local businesses, such as the Scouler Co., which sells distillers grain, a byproduct from ethanol production that producers feed to livestock.

An earful for dairies

Nearly every dairy in the area feeds distillers grains, much of it brought from Colorado, said Todd Strayer, a business manager in the company's Jerome office. Ranchers and dairymen are in an unusual position in the ethanol picture: They're forced to pay higher prices for corn, a staple for their livestock, but they're paying less for distillers grain, which has become more popular as a feed supplement.

Both Renova and Pacific have said they'll sell distillers grain to livestock producers in the area.
Globally, it's not just dairymen feeling the pinch. Speculative demand for corn has driven prices so high,

countries dependent on U.S. imports can't afford to feed their poorest residents. In Mexico, for example, tortilla prices tripled and prompted President Felipe Calderon to cap tortilla prices last January at 77 cents per kilo gram — about half their peak value. Tens of thousands of protestors marched in Mexico City in February when the cap was largely ignored. At the time, Mexico's Economy Minister Eduardo Sojo blamed ethanol, saying food corn supplies had dwindled.

U.S. politicians are still trying to sort out the repercussions of the ethanol boom. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, is one of them. An ethanol advocate, Simpson said he's now concerned with the effects of ethanol on trade, including the so-called Mexican tortilla riots, and the environmental consequences of ethanol.
Some environmentalists have blamed the ethanol industry for a large "dead zone" at the mouth of the Mississippi River, where scientists suspect nitrogen fertilizer runoff from increased corn production is killing aquatic life.

A federal report released in the fall warns that increased nitrogen application could threaten groundwater quality. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality lists the Magic Valley as a high priority area for current groundwater pollution due to nitrogen that could be from fertilizer runoff.

Ethanol supporters say more corn takes greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere, but skeptics say the fuel it takes to grow and ship more corn negates the deductions. "It depends on how you do the math, Simpson said.

Despite these concerns, Simpson still sees a bright future for ethanol in Idaho. "I've been a supporter of ethanol, and I think it should be used more widely," he said. "And Idaho could be a center of production for it."
Neil Koehler, Pacific's president and CEO, agrees. His company's plant is scheduled to be finished before the end of summer, and workers for the plant have already been hired. He's not concerned Renova's problems are an indication of a limping industry.

"We're still really excited about ethanol in Idaho," he said. "We're on the final lap of finishing the plant, and we're still going strong."
"That remains to be seen for the industry at large, here in the Magic Valley."

Renova needs to renew investor interest in the Heyburn plant. Company officials have indicated, through the company's Web site, they would tour the plant site with investors this month. Calls to the company's Boise office were not returned for this story.


In the meantime, Magic Valley contractors, businessmen and farmers will wait, hoping to find the gold at the end of the ethanol rainbow before it collapses.

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there, they want to come, because it's such a nice place," he said.

Bear Lake's turquoise-blue water is the result of limestone deposits suspended in its 208 foot depths. The limestone is responsible for another curiosity, too, with the lake home to four species of fish found nowhere else: Sardine-sized Bonneville cutthroat trout, Bonneville whitefish, Bear Lake whitefish and the Bear Lake sculpin.

The area "is very popular with hikers and hunters who want a more secluded or backcountry experience," said Dennis Duehren, the Forest Service district ranger in Montpelier. "It's gorgeous."

Mountain men including Jim Bridger and American Indians met on the southern shore between 1825 and 1840 to trade. Mormon pioneers arrived starting in 1863, in towns they named Paris and St. Charles. On August 13, 1896, outlaw Butch Cassidy robbed the bank up in Montpelier.

More recently, lakeshore towns over the border in Utah including Garden City, famous for its Raspberry Days festival, have been the focus of condominium development, but these second homes have been pushing northward for a decade.

Barrett and Auger have rezoned 2,200 of their 6,000 acres for home sites and commercial development.
Construction includes a Tom Welskopf-designed golf course, due to open in 2009, off-road vehicle trails and 10 lifts on a 800-acre "terrain

park" for tubing and some skiing, Barrett said. That's small potatoes compared to their eventual aim of a federal and state land exchange in the next decade, so skiing can be expanded to a 9,500-foot mountain.

Barrett wants Idaho to trade isolated parcels of state land located inside Forest Service-managed wilderness or riparian habitat near Yellowstone National Park for less environmentally sensitive federal land in the Bear River Range. Should that happen, he'd lease the state land for his ski lifts.

"It's pretty dramatic, the economic impact we're going to have on the county," Barrett predicts, adding he's bought land quietly to avoid sparking real-estate speculation. Lots on the golf course will start at \$325,000, he said. "We're selling predominantly to baby boomers who want to have legacy property for the kids and grandkids, but who are not independently wealthy."

Still, not everybody at Bear Lake is thrilled with the idea. Rick Thomas, 67, family arrived three generations ago, farming hay and raising cattle in 125-sold Bloomington just across the fence line from Black Bear. At local meetings, he's raised concerns that Barrett and Auger will run short of cash, leaving their project half-finished. After all, the first owner of Tamarack filed for bankruptcy in 1995, before the project north of Idaho's capital city was resumed by deep-pocketed Mexican investor.

Miss Michigan, Kirsten Haglund, crowned Miss America 2008

By Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Miss Michigan Kirsten Haglund, a 19-year-old aspiring Broadway star, was crowned Miss America 2008 on Saturday in a live show billed as the crowning of the 87-year-old pageant's new, hipper side.

Haglund, of Farmington Hills, Mich., sang "Over the Rainbow" to clinch the title. She beat Miss Indiana Nicole Elizabeth Best, the first runner-up, and Miss Washington Elyse Umenou, the second runner-up for the \$50,000 scholarship and year of travel that comes with the crown.

Haglund, who studies music at the University of Cincinnati, grew up in a pageant family. Her mother is an active volunteer, and her grandmother, Iona Hunt, competed for the crown as Miss Michigan 1944. Hunt was in the audience Saturday.

Haglund, a cheery, classic blond, wore a revealing silver sequined dress and black bikini during the evening gown and swimsuit portions of the pageant. As her platform issue, she promised to advocate for awareness of eating disorders, an illness from which she has recovered.



Miss Michigan, Kirsten Haglund, is crowned Miss America 2008 at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Taxes

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The primary proposal is from the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, a lobby representing businesses. Under the legislation, the exemption would freeze personal property levels at 2008 values and phase in the relief for owners over four years starting in 2010.

"What better time to incentivize growth for businesses in the state of Idaho than when there's the potential for a downturn in the economy?" asked IACI President Alex S. LaBeau. "I guess the quote should be, 'what better way to insulate yourself?'"

Supporters say that as growth occurs and increases the property tax base for counties, it naturally increases the value of personal property tax revenue. As a result, businesses say they are taxed for money they would otherwise invest in the economy.

"I don't take the bean-counting approach, it's a business approach," IACI President Alex S. LaBeau said.

The main roadblock to lifting the tax has been how to make up the money cities and counties rely on, partly because it carries the percentage of total property tax revenue in Twin Falls County has remained between 10 percent and 15 percent over the past nine years.

But in Cassia County two years ago, the amount was 60 percent — \$17 million — of the county's revenue from property taxes.

"The question really does come back to the economy — can we replace those revenues for the counties and the cities with state funding?" Senate Pro Tem Bob Goddard, R-Suba Springs, told reporters last week. "Right now that's looking very questionable at best."

IACI's proposal would replace the revenues — at the 2008 level — with sales tax revenues from the state's general fund. LaBeau said IACI's proposal would actually help counties like Jerome County, where the personal property tax was 20 percent of all property tax collected in 1999, but decreased to 12 percent two years ago. It also dipped by \$4 million.

Meanwhile, the possibility of granting an exemption and logging a grocery tax credit bill will be unveiled this week. Hedke called it a compromise. At the moment, since the sales tax increased in 2006 — could lead to political thorns.

"I don't think that'll happen," said House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Hedke, R-Coeur d'Alene, on the business tax exemption. "It's not politically viable. We'll be viewed as helping out business and not the average citizen."

GOP leaders say a grocery tax credit bill will be unveiled this week. Hedke called it a compromise. At the moment, since the sales tax increased in 2006 — could lead to political thorns.

Although lawmakers say the items are unrelated, some tax experts say it's a political tradeoff since one law helps families and the other helps businesses.

million, said House Minority Leader Wendy Hunt, D-Ketchum.

While the businesses will take advantage of the exemption, the state may not expect too much resulting growth, said Don Reading, an economist with Ren Johnson Associates in Boise. Several years ago, a bill aimed at helping Albertsons proved unbeneficial after the company decided to leave Idaho.

And after the Legislature approved a tax break for Micron to build a new manufacturing plant, they decided to go to Virginia.

"Businesses take advantage of them if they can, but the record of them recreating economic growth — the vast majority don't do that," Reading said. "You see business as usual. Things just clunk along as they clunk along."

Judith Brown, director of Idaho Center on Budget and Tax Policy at the University of Idaho in Moscow, said there will be three effects: freezing the tax rates will increase personal property in other classes

of property and skew numbers that normally change each year; and using sales tax revenue means other ongoing programs would be sacrificed.

"I've been watching the Legislature for a long time and I've not seen IACI argue for anything but lowering taxes," she said. "I just think it's an opportunity they see given the current power structure in Idaho and they're going for broke."

Brown said that Idaho has already been cutting back taxes for businesses, and stimulus takes effect immediately — not in two years.

She said doing so could create a skewed tax structure — horizontal inequity — because some companies, such as manufacturing plants and utilities pay a lot of personal property tax but little in real property. Farms pay little personal property but more in real property taxes.

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Primary

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Edwards 10" dashed on the big-screen television, the growing crowd began to chant, "Yes, we can!"

Communications director Robert Gibbs credited what he called the "record turnout" with helping propel Obama to victory. And he discounted early polls that showed the candidate bleeding away white voters.

"I do believe South Carolina — across racial lines, across income lines, across age lines — spoke in a loud and clear way to reject the politics of the past," Gibbs said, "that they wanted something different, that they wanted a candidate who could bring the country together to solve the problems that people face."

Edwards, a former senator from North Carolina, told reporters Saturday morning he was in the race to stay, regardless of what happened at the polls.

South Carolina presented the first Southern primary of the Democratic contest and was the first contested

state with a significant black population. Exit polls indicated about half of those who turned out were black, and many arrived with an eye on history.

Around noon Saturday, 17 consecutive black voters leaving a polling place in working-class Orangeburg said they had cast their ballots for Obama.

"It tells me that people and times are changing," said Sarah Favors, who has taught for 25 years at historically black South Carolina State University.

There were 45 pledged delegates at stake in Saturday's voting, to be divided on a proportional basis. But more significant was the momentum that comes with victory, which has gone back and forth between Obama and Clinton on virtually a weekly basis since his opening win in Iowa.

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Proliferation of free papers inspires Maryland 'Do Not Deliver' legislation

By Kristin Wyatt
Associated Press writer

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Councilman Finch didn't read a newspaper, but she picks up plenty each morning. At least one free newspaper is dropped at the end of her driveway each day, and she picks up more newspapers left by her neighbors.

All of them end up in the garbage. "We're not asking for it," Finch said. "And it's just littering our streets."

Complaints from the Westminster resident Finch and others about free home-delivery newspapers in Maryland have inspired State Del. Tanya Shewell to propose a "Do Not Deliver" registry that would work similarly to the "Do Not Call" registry for telemarketers. If approved, it would be the first of its kind in the nation.

Shewell said her constituents complain that they're just ignored when they call a newspaper asking that delivery be stopped. She said people can't stop deliveries even when they leave town, meaning papers are left around as an invitation to burglars. The newspapers often litter roadsides and storm drains.

"I love free newspapers. We're not trying to hurt the business of the newspapers," Shewell said. "All we're asking is for them to stop delivering to people who ask them to stop. People don't know where to call. They don't know how to stop it."

The complaints started soon after the 2006 launch of The Baltimore Examiner, a free paper which delivers about 230,000 of its total 250,000 circulation to Maryland homes six days a week, making it the state's largest daily.

"I started getting calls from people who called numerous times and were promised it

would stop, and it didn't," Shewell said. "They're trashing up our community."

Examiner representatives did not respond to several messages seeking comment. However, the head of the Examiner's parent group said in Friday's edition of the newspaper that he is concerned about the complaints.

"My desire for the newspaper to not go to those who don't want it far exceeds their desire to stop getting it. ... I

hate it when we annoy readers, and keeping that annoyance to a minimum is among my highest priorities," said Michael Phelps, CEO of Clarity Media Group's Baltimore-Washington Examiner Newspaper Group.

The newspaper industry is fighting the proposed registry, saying it isn't needed.

"Nobody wants to send out papers that are wasted, that people just throw away," said Jack Murphy, executive direc-

tor of the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Press Association.

Shewell's bill would give newspaper publishers seven days to comply with a request to stop an unsolicited home delivery. If the deliveries continue, publishers could be fined \$100 a day. It would also require free newspapers to print a toll-free phone number in a conspicuous location for people who would want delivery stopped.

Shewell's bill is likely to run into opposition from lawmakers in both parties who worry it could violate constitutional free speech protections.

"I like information," said state Sen. Catherine Pugh. "If people are out of town, they can make arrangements for their yards. I just don't think government needs to do everything. We can take some responsibility for

our own lives." The bill could prove a legal morass, said T. Barton Carter, a media law expert at Boston University. It's uncertain how valuable a "Do Not Call" analog is, he said.

"Usually, when you're talking about print media and just delivering it to the outside, that's not seen as intrusive as calls. So, it's not clear it would survive a similar First Amendment analysis," Carter said.

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OCALA, Fla. (AP) — A car speeding down a private airport runway ran off an embankment and was airborne for 200 feet before smashing into a tree early Saturday, killing all five young men in the vehicle, the Florida Highway Patrol said. Investigators did not know whether the BMW was alone or was racing another car on the air strip at the exclusive "fly-in" community of Jumbo Air Estates, where pilot-actor John Travolta has a home, officials said.

According to the preliminary investigation, the car ran off the 85-foot-high embankment at the end of the runway. When it struck the large tree, the car split in two, scattering wreckage over an area of 200 square feet.

Three of the five occupants were ejected, said Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Mike Burroughs.

"As too early in the investigation to determine a speed and also to determine whether seat belts were in use at the time of the crash," Burroughs said.

He also said it was too early to determine if alcohol was involved. "There were no visible signs of it," Burroughs said.

Two of the five men — ages 18 to 20 — were from Ocala, two were from Fairfield and one was from Anthony, but it was not clear if any of the men lived within the community.

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People can expect rebates by May under economic recovery plan

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Most taxpayers could expect a rebate of up to \$600 starting in mid-May under the economic aid plan set to go through Congress within weeks.

Couples could get twice as much, with even more for most families with children. All that, however, depends on smooth sailing at the Internal Revenue Service, and the agency already is up to its eyeballs in filings and refunds.

The Treasury Department says that despite the strains of tax filing season, the IRS will be able to begin delivering the payments within 60 days after President Bush signs the plan into law. The completed process in approximately 10 weeks, possibly sooner. The payments would come separately from regular tax refunds.

"The IRS has already begun trying to prepare for this," said Andrew DeSouza, a Treasury spokesman. "They'll be ready to go."

But figuring out if you qualify — and for how much — can be complicated, thanks to confusing rules designed to get the money to middle-income workers and ensure it also benefits low-income people who are most likely to spend the cash.

"Almost overnight, who earns 'income' will receive a tax cut," said Douglas W. Hennerdoff, an analyst at the Brookings Institution. "The idea is to target the money on the people who will spend a large share of it, and to target it on people who are likely to be hurt by an economic downturn."

People who do not make enough to pay taxes but had at least \$3,000 in earned income would get \$500. Those earning less than that would be disqualified, as would the wealthiest. Older people living solely off Social Security checks would not get the rebate.

Individuals with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$75,000 and couples with income exceeding \$150,000 would get smaller checks. Contributions to individual retirement accounts, 401(k) retirement accounts and health savings accounts would not count toward the limits.

About three-quarters of those eligible for the checks are working people. About one-quarter would qualify solely through pension or interest income, such as retirees or people who are unemployed. Eligible people would get at least \$300.

For middle-class people, the rebates are fairly straight-

"The IRS has already begun trying to prepare for this. They'll be ready to go."

— Andrew DeSouza, a Treasury spokesman

forward. Most individuals would get a \$600 rebate, couples would get \$1,200, and those amounts would rise with the size of their families. High- and low-income people, however, would get only a partial benefit.

People with income less than \$75,000 would get a rebate equal to the taxes they paid in 2007, up to \$600. Couples with income less

than \$150,000 could get up to \$1,200. Those who earned more than \$3,000 but owed little or no taxes would get a flat \$300, or \$600 per couple.

So a low-income family of four — with \$35,000 in income and virtually no tax liability — would get \$1,200. That includes the flat \$600 per couple and \$300 for each child.

A single person earning minimum wage would receive the lower rebate, \$300.

A single parent of two with income of \$30,000 and a tax bill of \$433 would get \$1,033 — a \$433 tax rebate plus \$300 per child.

To focus the payments on middle-class people, the plan includes rules that reduce the rebates for those with higher incomes. For each dollar over the limits, the payment goes down by 5 percent.

That means that while a family of four with income of \$95,000 would get \$1,800 — \$1,200 for the couple and \$300 for each child — a family of four with income of \$160,000 would get less, and the same family making \$200,000 would get nothing.

Sheriff says Wash. state woman shot 3 of her kids, killing 1, and killed herself

By John K. Wiley
Associated Press Writer

CLARKSTON, Wash. — A woman shot three of her children, killing one, then used the gun to kill herself, a sheriff said Saturday.

Elizabeth Duman, 31, and her 18-month-old son Abraham were found dead at their hillside home Thursday and two others of her eight children were found with gunshot wounds.

"At this time, the evidence indicates the deaths and injuries are the result of Elizabeth using a firearm," Asotin County Sheriff Ken Hancock said in a statement Saturday.

Sheriff's Lt. Dan Hally said Saturday that investigators were still trying to find a motive for the shootings. He said they did not know if Duman had sought mental health counseling.

Ruth Rose Duman, 33 months, remained in critical condition and her 3-year-old brother, Johannes, was in serious condition Saturday at a hospital in Spokane, authorities reported.

Hally said earlier that officers went to the home Thursday after receiving a call from William Duman, 33, who said he had found the bodies of his wife and child. He was not there at the time of the shootings, Hally said.

William Duman was with the surviving children, Hally said.

Asotin County has services available round the clock, whether or not people are covered by health insurance. Gail Price, clinical director of Quality Behavioral Health, said she provides mental health services in the county.

Price said federal privacy laws prohibited her from saying whether Elizabeth Duman had sought treatment.



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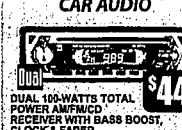


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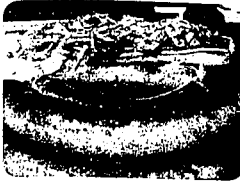
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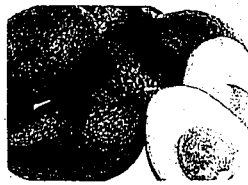
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Central Florida could tip scales in Tuesday's GOP primary

By Seema Mehta
Los Angeles Times

LAKHLAND, Fla. — Linda Powell, an ardent supporter of President Bush, leads the state Republican women's club and has met all of the major GOP presidential candidates. Yet the 53-year-old real estate agent, who lives in this former citrus and phosphate mining hub in Central Florida, can't make up her mind about who to vote for Tuesday in Florida's presidential primary.

"I honestly don't know," said Powell, who is torn by the candidates' varying appeals as economic, national security and social issues conservatives. "The thing I want most is someone who will speak the truth."

Undecided Republicans like Powell living in the corridor that divides the Sunshine state into northern and southern halves, could tip the scales in Tuesday's primary. And they are being heavily wooed by the leading candidates.

Compared with other parts of the state, GOP voters in the Central Florida cities and suburbs along the I-4, a 132-mile stretch of highway linking Daytona Beach and Tampa, are more ideologically diverse and less predictable. They are a hodgepodge mix of the factions — business people, retirees from the Northeast and the Midwest, military veterans and social conservatives —

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that President Reagan united under the conservative banner in the 1980s.

"What you've got in Central Florida are all the elements of the Republican Party, the Republican coalition," said Lance deHaven-Smith, political science professor at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

The diversity is fueled by the region's demographics, which are evolving because of the explosive growth here in recent years. It's the fastest-growing part of the state and quickly diversifying with an influx of Hispanics. The population of Orange County, the home of Orlando, has more than doubled over the past 20 years and is now slightly more than 1 million.

State Sen. Daniel Webster, a Florida chairman for the Mike Huckabee campaign who represents the western part of Orange and neighboring Seminole and Osceola counties, said the messages of each of the candidates resonates with a segment of the area's Republican voters. "There is an ability for each one of the candidates to gar-



Republican presidential hopeful, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, stops for a photo with supporters as he leaves a campaign stop at Opticus Corp. in Lutz, Fla., Saturday.

ner significant support here," Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani are concentrating time and

resources mining for Republican votes in the remaining days before the Florida vote. McCain, for example, is courting veterans and seniors. He held a Friday roundtable in Tampa, plans to speak Sunday at the Villages retirement community and will spend Monday in Orlando and Tampa.

Central Florida accounts for "almost half the primary vote in the whole state, so it's ordinarily considered the battleground," McCain strategist Charles Black said. "That's where all the potential undecided voters are."

Romney spokesman Kevin Madden: "It's a key area for everyone. There are many counties there that have a growing population and face economic uncertainty and economic challenges, and that is an area where we focus

from a strategic standpoint of getting out the vote. Romney was greeted warmly at a Wednesday stop at the Moffit Cancer Center in Tampa, where he spoke to a couple hundred people on the edge of the University of South Florida campus. Alluding to the nation's economic problems, Romney said his business experience and acumen make him the right leader for the times.

It's a theme that resonates with voters like Cheryl Bartolomeo, a Tampa resident who works in the facilities department at the cancer center and who grew up in Boston.

"I like his business approach to running the country," said the 35-year-old, who plans to vote for Romney. "He seems to be a straight shooter."

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From generation to generation

Michael Arrington succeeds his father as president of Starr Corp.

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Starr Corporation is something of an anomaly in a world where less than half of all businesses passed down to a younger generation of family members will actually last more than two years.

But what makes the Twin Falls-

based commercial and industrial construction firm even more unique is that with each generation it has managed to grow — evolving from a small construction business to a commercial builder that generated more than \$7 million in revenues during 2007.

Earlier this month, Michael Arrington succeeded his father,



Glenn Arrington, as president of Starr Corp. — 25 years after the latter succeeded his father as president.

"A lot of men become more conservative with age, and you can't do

that in this business because there are a lot of risks that you have to take," Glenn Arrington said. "We balance so many unknown things like the cost of materials and the weather, and you just have to be

Michael Arrington, right, discusses building plans during a walkthrough of the Canyon Crest Restaurant with his father, Glenn Arrington, Friday afternoon in Twin Falls. Starr Corporation, which started as Arrington Bros. Construction in 1965, is continuing its tradition of family ownership.

willing to lay it on the line." Laying it on the line has landed Starr Corp. some of the largest projects in south-central Idaho, which include the future Health and Please see STARR, Page B3

Growing concerns

Complex financial trades worry economy watchers

By David Cho
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Even as lawmakers agreed Thursday on a tax rebate to stimulate consumer spending, a new threat to the economy is emerging because of the complex way the financial system has recently tried to cover its losses.

The issue has come to a head as damage mounts from the subprime mortgage crisis. While early estimates put losses from these troublesome home loans at \$250 billion, the total exposure could be five times greater, mortgage analysts and researchers say.

The explanation for that may seem, initially, unrelated to mortgages. Financiers have realized in recent years they could start gambling on things they didn't own. Many banks, hedge funds and institutions began making side bets on a host of other financial developments as varied as an earnings report at Sprint Nextel and the fate of North Korea's economy.

Like two gamblers betting on a football game they don't play in, investors all over the world made bets on the performance of securities backed by subprime mortgages. These bets were so profitable and generated such large fees on Wall Street that they eventually outgrew the total value of the mortgages themselves.

The market for all of the side bets, called credit default swaps, exploded from \$6.4 trillion in 2004 to at least \$43 trillion at the end of 2007, far surpassing the total value of the debt markets, according to the Bank for International Settlements.

Swaps originated as insurance for financial institutions, that lent money. They sold these policies to other investors who, in turn, could trade

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Toni Logan Goodrich, co-owner Oxford Assaying and Refining Corp. in Anchorage, Alaska, shows gold flakes, nuggets, and a seven-by-four-inch brick weighing 18 lbs, worth about \$250,000, at the shop as she talks Tuesday about how small-scale miners generate 95 percent of the business.



Prospectors head for Alaskan wilderness as prices hit all-time high

By Jeannette J. Lee
Associated Press writer

GIRDWOOD, Alaska — New snow, knee-high, conceals the tumbled boulders lining the banks of Crow Creek. The water temperature hovers near freezing and the air is several degrees colder. For the men crouching up to their chests in the glacier-fed stream, it is an ideal day to search for gold.

"We do real good in the wintertime because the creek's so low," said Mike Telgenhoff, before clambering up the bank in a sopping leather hat and duds. He settled onto an overturned bucket at the brink of a smoky fire. "I've made a lot of money at it, but I've spent a lot, too. You don't get rich doing this."

Telgenhoff is part of a trio of miners who no longer live themselves after the winter freeze. But with gold prices spiking at more than \$900 an ounce this year — an all-time high — these hardcore treasure seekers anticipate more company than usual after the spring thaw.

As the beguiling commodity soars in value, other citizen prospectors, both amateur and veteran, are taking up the pursuit. Membership in gold prospecting clubs is climbing nationwide, along with sales of pans, dredges, metal detectors and other small-scale mining equipment.

A trade show in January hosted by the Gold Prospectors Association of America in Orange County, Calif., typified the trend.

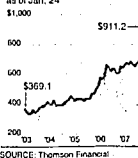
"I saw more people walking out with more metal detectors and sluice boxes than I can remember in a long time," said Ken Becker, general manager of the 45,000-member association. "That



Telgenhoff, right, plugs a suction dredge while Vince Lombardo works under a rock as they look for gold in Crow Creek in Girdwood, Alaska, Thursday. The number of small-scale miners is increasing as gold prices spike to an all-time high of more than \$900 an ounce for gold.

Gold prices soar

In the last five years, the price of gold has risen more than \$500 per ounce.



\$900 is really getting to people." SOURCE: Thomson Financial AP

The organization, recently sold by the Outdoor Channel, is the largest gold prospecting association in the country. Hundreds of calls and e-mails are pouring in, new memberships are steadily mounting and the number of renewals at the close of 2007 was twice as high as the year before, said Brandon Johnson, director of operations. As a result, the group is preparing to bring in more staff.

"I predict that in the near future, membership will grow significantly faster," Johnson said from the association's office in Torrance, Calif. "We're in the first or second inning of growth."

Investors typically turn to gold during times of political and economic instability. The falling dollar, threat of a recession, political upheaval in the Middle East and rising cost of oil and other commodities have boosted the metal's appeal as a safe investment.

To be clear, a rush rivaling those in 19th-century California, Alaska and Canada's Yukon Territory is not about to happen. These grizzled prospectors have long since been replaced by recreational gold hounds — mostly seasonal workers and retirees.

Roughly 150 families in

Alaska live off gold from their claims, according to state officials, but scores of longtime prospectors say a career in small-scale mining is generally unpredictable, tough on the body and yields little to no profit.

"If you love ditch-digging, you'll just love gold mining," said Steve Hirschbach. He owns Alaska Mining and Diving, the go-to mining supply shop in the city of Anchorage. "It's just hard labor. I know a guy up in Nome who did really, really well, but he was like a human backhoe. The guy could just

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Trucks take a safety detour

By Louis Sahagan
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Miguel had more reason than usual to be anxious as he drove his big rig out of the Port of Los Angeles' China Shipping Terminal.

By his own admission, his 24-year-old truck was dangerously overloaded. The suspension was shot, the tires nearly bald. Over his CB radio, other drivers barked warnings that the California Highway Patrol had set up several checkpoints nearby.

"I'm worried," said Miguel, a 47-year-old independent operator who requested anonymity to avoid trouble with the law.

"If I get inspected, I could get put out of business," he said, easing into traffic while scanning for the CHP. "Something real bad could happen at any moment on the road. I'm doing the best I can. It's a vicious cycle."

It's also a way of life for many of the about 16,000 truckers who serve the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports, the nation's busiest

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A hantero, or "tire man," cuts new grooves into a bald truck tire. Regrooving is legal, provided the tires are designed for it and their steel belts aren't damaged in the process. If the belt is cut, "that tire becomes a time bomb," an expert says.

Photo by AP Photo/Chris Wedel

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Dan Hall
BURLEY — Dan Hall is a new real estate agent with Exit Realty Snake River and also owner and manager of Hallmark Quality Restoration Renovation Remodel Inc., both in Burley.
 Hall is a former resident of Burley, having moved to Boise to go to school some 40 years ago. He worked in construction as a framing

contractor to help finance his way through school. After 11 years he had attained a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a master of arts degree and then walked away



Hall

from a Ph.D. program in philosophy and returned to construction in high end residential custom homes in Boise and the McCall area.
 He has an extensive 35-year background in all phases of residential and commercial construction, both as a sub-contractor and general contractor.
 Hall moved back to Burley

in July 2007.

He plans to make his experience and services available to the insurance industry, as well as private home owners and commercial businesses through out the Magic and Wood River Valleys. He will provide inspections, content loss and damage scope sheet reports with photos and estimated restoration cost proposals.

MILESTONES

READY FOR VALENTINE'S



Stella Martinez and Joyce Helme

Stella Martinez and Joyce Helme look over the wide variety of Valentine's Day baskets and gifts available for purchase in the snack bar of Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. The baskets were made and donated by Martinez and her sister Maggie Holm. Their mother Eva Rebolloza is a resident at the facility and the two have become well acquainted with the staff and other residents at the center. They have donated various handcrafted items to bake sales and other fundraisers at the center and offered to do the baskets to help with continuing fundraising efforts. The baskets range in price from \$4-20 and have gifts items for boys and girls, children and adults. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go back to the facility to help provide activities and other needs for the residents. The sisters will also be making Easter baskets for the spring holiday, which is March 23 this year.

JUBILEE HOUSE



Jubilee House

Jubilee House held a ribbon cutting at its new location, 315 Grand View Dr., Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors assisted with the ribbon cutting. Jubilee House is a valuable addition to our community and will help ensure that lives will be shaped as they are put back into society. For more information about Jubilee House: 736-2566. Pictured from left, Gary Love; Jan Lockock; Vicki Adams, founder/chair, Cherise Merrick.

EXTRA MILER



Brian Weaver

Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors presented Brian Weaver, pharmacist at the Twin Falls Ride Aite, the 'Extra Mile' award. Weaver was given the award after being nominated by a customer who appreciated his professional attitude.

MAKE MY GETAWAY



Matthew and Kaelyn Hales

Make My Getaway is a travel agency owned by Matthew and Kaelyn Hales. They recently had a ribbon cutting at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's office attended by the Twin Falls Chamber's Ambassadors. They can assist you in taking care of your personal or business travel needs. For more information: 308-8726. Pictured from left, Matthew and Kaelyn Hales.

Crisis

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them and speculate on whether the riskiness of a loan would rise or fall.
 The astonishingly rapid evolution of swaps took place largely outside the view of regulators. Many Wall Street investors now say that these side bets may have magnified losses in the mortgage industry because they pulled in unrelated investors and financial institutions.
 An example of this danger came to light when a little-known firm called ACA Financial Guaranty caused some of Wall Street's biggest banks to write down billions of dollars in holdings, restating their value on corporate balance sheets. ACA revealed last month that it had promised to cover \$60 billion worth of mortgage and corporate debt, but had enough cash to cover only a fraction of that. Merrill Lynch, Citigroup and financial institutions in Canada and France, which had all sold swaps to ACA, set aside billions in case the firm collapsed.
 ACA isn't the only firm that took on more swaps than it could handle. Two of its larger competitors, MBIA and Ambac Financial Group, had also promised to cover mas-

sive losses in subprime mortgages but now say they don't have enough cash to do so.
 That shortfall is threatening MBIA and Ambac's \$1 trillion business of providing insurance to companies and municipalities that issue bonds. The prospect of losses rippling across the bond markets has pushed banks and regulators in New York and Washington to craft a multibillion-dollar rescue package for the firms. It could involve a cash infusion of up to \$15 billion.
 With the possibility of a recession and the global financial system unsettled, federal officials say the swaps market has become a primary concern. Since swaps are traded privately, outside any exchange or clearinghouse, it is difficult for regulators to know how losses can spread and who is making the riskiest bets.
 "Given the size of the market now and the lack of public information on who holds what ... this market will be really tested for the first time if we do see a big round of defaults," said David Muves, head of capital markets research group at Moody's. "It's a risk factor no doubt."
 As ACA demonstrated, when one firm in the chain of

swaps contracts has a shortfall, it can affect many financial firms and banks around the world, said Greg Medcraft, chairman of the American Securitization Forum, an association of investors.
 "There was a chain effect," he said. "That's the great concern at the moment. It gets to the common theme of trust and confidence. Banks rely on trust and confidence, and if that trust and confidence is impaired, if people start getting panicky about financial credit quality of a counterparty, you'll have a further tightening of credit availability."
 Since becoming a major financial player, the swaps market has not been tested when default rates were high. In the past few years, as swaps grew, the rate has remained at historic lows — below 1 percent of all corporations. But both Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's estimate that defaults will reach 4 to 5 percent this year. S&P reported Thursday that the amount of corporate debt issued by companies in distress has increased to its highest level in four years.
 Bill Gross, managing director of PIMCO, one of the

largest bond funds in the world, calculates that losses on swaps contracts could reach \$250 billion this year if default rates return to historic norms. If a recession were to occur, the default rate and the resulting losses among swaps likely would be much higher and far more widely felt.
 Swaps have made the global financial system a much smaller place since they became common in the 1990s.
 Corporate bond holders enter into swaps contracts to try to minimize their losses in case the company issuing the bonds runs out of cash or cannot make payments on its loans. The bond holder does this by paying a financial firm to cover any losses. That financial firm, in turn, typically creates and sells swaps to cover its own risky positions.
 This process continues, forming a chain of swap contracts and linking the fortunes of banks, hedge funds and financial firms around the world. As a result, many parties end up sharing the risk of a single investment. Advocates of this financial instrument often say swaps spread risk a mile wide and an inch deep.

Trucks

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port complex. The truckers have helped fuel the extraordinary rise in port traffic in the past decade and are key to what government officials and businesses hope will be continued growth.
 But keeping many of those trucks on the road is a challenge. Many of the risk-taking drivers and discount mechanics, body workers, welders and junkyards — legal and otherwise — amid the refineries, murky channels and harbor terminals.
 For example, because a gauge showed that the weight of his load exceeded regulations — and because he views his truck's brakes as untrustworthy — Miguel used the trailer to block off the entire rig. The CHP considers that maneuver particularly dangerous — and illegal.

Like many other independent haulers, he contracts with licensed motor carriers, or a trucking broker, linked to shipping companies and cargo owners, such as big-box retailers. Each morning, Miguel shows up at the broker's dispatch window to solicit jobs.
 Like other drivers serving the ports, he's a "short-hand trucker," ferrying containers to distribution centers across Southern California.
 He gets paid by the load — but the emergency call cost \$8.90 an hour — and works 65 hours a week. It costs him about \$500 to fill the tank with diesel fuel and roughly \$2,000 a year for truck insurance.

On the morning Miguel was called for the CHP, he had contracted to haul a 40-foot trailer to Rancho Cucamonga. The 80-mile haul, one of two such trips he planned to make that day, would gross him \$320. But the emergency call had contracted to haul a 40-foot trailer to Rancho Cucamonga. The 80-mile haul, one of two such trips he planned to make that day, would gross him \$320. But the emergency call had contracted to haul a 40-foot trailer to Rancho Cucamonga. The 80-mile haul, one of two such trips he planned to make that day, would gross him \$320.

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trucks as we can on a daily basis; unfortunately, we can't get to all 16,000 of them.
 "But they're really rolling the dice," he said. "They may get away from us on a given day, but eventually they'll get stopped."
 In the meantime, low-income truckers have a hard time repairing a towed or a part of eastern Wilmington traversed by dirt roads and lined with repair shops — though "shops" implies that these businesses operate out of buildings. In some cases, the repairmen work in open lots behind corrugated metal sheets.
 The shops are thrifty alternatives to dealerships. At JNJ Truck Repairs, for example, an engine overhaul costs for about \$1,800. "A dealer will charge about \$4,000 for an overhaul," said JNJ's owner, Juan Enriquez, 42.
 In August, Enriquez's hands were badly burned in an accident at his shop. "I was working on an engine when some gasoline spilled and caught fire," he said. "I didn't go to the hospital. I cured myself at home with aloe vera juice."
 A block away, Mexican ranchera music issued from a boom box in a cluttered yard where truck driver Augusto Arroche, 32, of Long Beach waited for "workers to finish repairing a large crack in the hood of his truck for about \$1,000. "A dealer will charge about \$3,000 for this job and take two weeks to do it," Arroche said, as a husky brown guard dog named Mambo roamed nearby.
 "Here, they're charging \$700 a week for a trucker to let me pay \$400 today and the rest later. At 3 p.m., I'll be back on the road."
 Peter Brown, a spokesman for the California Trucking Association, says that represents trucking organizations and promotes safe driving, said he worried about "rogue truckers cutting costs at the expense of public safety. I compare it with someone diagnosed with hepatitis continuing to work at a fast-food restaurant and putting everyone else at risk."
 But torn between state traffic cops and an intense competition, many independent truckers said they had no choice but to resort to such measures as lashing bumpers to chassis with bungee cords and smearing mud over cracked parts to hide the problems from CHP officers.
 The cost-cutting serves the interests of shippers and merchants, argued Rafael Pineda, an environmental activist and political consultant who has worked extensively on issues concerning port trucks. "The moment you try to regulate the system or raise wages for truckers, they scream it's a tax that will penalize drivers and will ultimately increase prices for consumers."
 Port authorities are under growing pressure to upgrade the fleet, which contributes to accidents and produces a stew of toxic substances — including diesel emissions — that have been linked to asthma, cancer and premature death.
 In recent years, the 18-mile-long Long Beach Freeway (Interstate 710) connecting the ports with rail yards east of downtown Los Angeles has averaged 2,000 accidents annually, more than 50 of them involving trucks, according to a statewide database. Included in those accidents are hundreds caused by road debris, often shed by trucks.
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 Collaring illegal truckers remains a challenge of "a cat-and-mouse game," said CHP Officer Patrick O'Donnell, who specializes in inspecting commercial vehicles. "We do the best to inspect as many of these

Pakistan seeks to dispel concerns, says its nuclear assets are safe from militants

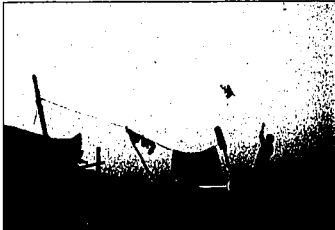
By Matthew Pennington
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's nuclear weapons are safe from Taliban and al-Qaida militants because of the military's stringent security system and a political climate that precludes a takeover by religious extremists, a top official said Saturday.

Seeking to dispel international concerns amid increased violence, Khaled Kidwai, head of the Strategic Plans Division which handles Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, said Pakistan uses 10,000 soldiers to keep the weapons safe and has received up to \$10 million in U.S. assistance to that end.

"There's no conceivable scenario, political or violent, in which Pakistan will fall to extremists of the al-Qaida or Taliban type," Kidwai told foreign journalists at a briefing.

Kidwai, a retired general, said his division was prepared for any contingency, and had reassessed the militant threat in light of escalating



A Pakistani boy flies a kite on the roof of a house on the outskirts of Islamabad, Pakistan, Saturday. Pakistan has become more alert to the possible threat posed by Islamic militants to its nuclear facilities in recent months but its security system is fail-safe and would prevent the Taliban or al-Qaida from ever gaining control of the weapons, a top official said Saturday.

attacks on security forces and intelligence personnel. He said he had received no information of a terrorist plot against nuclear facilities.

Pakistan, which acquired its nuclear technology secretly and outside international oversight, tested its atom bomb in 1998 in response to a test by India, its historical rival and neighbor.

Worries over Pakistan's nuclear security deepened when the chief scientist

behind its uranium enrichment program, A. Q. Khan, was exposed in early 2004 as having sold sensitive technology to Iran, North Korea and Libya.

Khan, the scientist who became a national hero for his role in developing Pakistan's atomic bomb, remains under house detention. Pakistan insists the government was unaware of his dealings, but it refuses to allow foreign investigators to

question him in person. Pakistan has since instituted a command and control system to prevent a repeat, but new security questions arise as Taliban fighters expand their reach beyond the Afghan border and al-Qaida reportedly regroup.

Media reports have said the Pentagon has contingency plans for seizing Pakistan's nuclear facilities if they ever fall into the hands of Islamic extremists. Kidwai called it "irresponsible talk" and said the United States would not succeed in such an operation.

Kidwai spoke as residents in northwestern Pakistan fled their homes a day after security forces there began pounding militants' hideouts, killing 30 suspected militants, officials and residents said Saturday. Authorities blamed the militants for hijacking four truckloads of military supplies earlier this week.

The fighting marked the first time the violence has spread to Dara Adam Khel, a town on a key road linking Peshawar with the battlefields of Waziristan, a lawless region regarded as a stronghold for Taliban and al-Qaida.

Gunmen kidnap American woman in Afghanistan

By Noor Khan
Associated Press writer

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Gunmen kidnaped a burqa-clad American aid worker and her driver in southern Afghanistan's largest city early Saturday, the latest in a series of kidnappings of foreigners in the troubled country.

Cyid Mizell, who worked in Kandahar for the Asian Rural Life Development Foundation, was snatched from a residential neighborhood as she was on her way to work. Jeff Palmer, the aid group's international director, said the group had not been



The area's governor is blaming what he calls an enemy of Islam and an enemy of America. She was wearing a traditional burqa when taken. At Maglevolley.com

contacted by the kidnapers and that he did not know their identity or demands. Asadullah Khalid, the provincial governor, blamed the kidnappings on the "enemy of Islam and the enemy of Afghanistan." Khalid said the 49-year-old

American was wearing a burqa when she was seized.

Several foreigners — including 23 South Koreans, two German construction workers and two Italian journalists — have been kidnapped in Afghanistan in the last year, but kidnappings of Americans are rare. An American civilian was briefly abducted in Kabul in April 2005 but escaped by throwing himself from a moving car.

A professor at Kandahar University, Muhammad Gul, said Mizell taught English at the university and gave embroidery lessons at a girl's school.

Gul said she speaks the

local language, Pashto, well and that if Afghans asked about her background she would say she was from the Alkozai tribe — a well-known Pashtun tribe in the Kandahar region.

"She is a very patient and calm woman," Gul said. "She was always thinking about Afghanistan's future."

Palmer said she has worked for ARLDF on income-generating women's projects in Kandahar for the last three years.

"It is our hope that our worker will be released safely and quickly and we are doing all that we can to resolve the situation," Palmer said.

Whales a cause in the West, a delicacy in Japan

By Blaine Harden
The Washington Post

TOKYO — At Ohana, a restaurant not far from the Japanese parliament in central Tokyo, a small plate of chilled raw whale costs \$12. A full whale is \$80, while whale in a hot pot goes for \$29.

The mammalian flesh for these dishes — available year-round and served mostly to businessmen older than 40 — comes from Japan's annual whale hunt, carried out, the government here declares, to advance "scientific" knowledge of cetaceans.

An international ban on whaling grants an exception for scientific hunts, and Japan's whaling fleet uses it nearly every year to harvest several hundred whales — killing and dissecting the animals is the best way to study their physiology and learn how to safeguard them, Japanese officials contend. The fleet then brings home thousands of tons of whale meat for sale to grocery stores and restaurants such as Ohana.

The hunt is on again this year in Antarctica's Southern Ocean, generating photographic high-seas confronta-

tions between whaling vessels and eco-activists while severely straining relations between Australia and Japan, longtime allies and major trading partners.

The hunt also seems to be widening a cultural chasm between Japan and the Western world. Many people here regard whale as merely seafood. But in much of the West, the whale is special. It is not a creature to be sliced thin and served on a plate with ginger and grated garlic.

"Ohana serves minko whale sashimi. It has a dark red color, a soft texture and a delicate taste, not fishy, a bit like carpaccio."

Courts and political leaders in Australia are trying and, so far, failing to stop the Japanese from whaling in Antarctic waters over which Australia claims jurisdiction. The claim to those waters is not generally recognized by other countries, and certainly not by Japan.

"This is not scientific whaling," Kevin Rudd, Australia's new Labor prime minister, said recently. "This is commercial whaling."

intends to "accumulate an evidence base" for a legal challenge that would "end commercial whaling, period."

An Australian federal court order demanding that Japan

abandon its hunt was hand-delivered this week by the Humane Society International to a Japanese whaling firm in Tokyo. The firm refused to accept it.

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French police question trader implicated in fraud at Societe Generale bank

By Pierre-Antoine Souchard
Associated Press writer

PARIS — Police on Saturday questioned the young trader blamed for a massive fraud that cost France's Societe Generale bank more than \$7 billion, as the country's president accused global financial institutions of having "gone haywire" and urged common sense.

The possible motivations of the 31-year-old trader, Jerome Kerviel, remained a mystery, and the bank said it appeared that he made no personal gain from the unauthorized trades.

Judicial officials said

Kerviel was taken into custody earlier in the day — two days after Societe Generale's announcement that he was responsible for one of history's biggest frauds. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

Under French law, Kerviel can be held up to 48 hours. The debate further rattled an already nervous banking sector and has fueled a debate about risk management.

"If we can make profits in a matter of hours, we can also have huge losses," President Nicolas Sarkozy said during a visit to India. "We must stop with this system that has

gone haywire and that has lost track of its aim."

He added: "It appears to be time to inject a bit of common sense into all these systems."

French officials said the trader had been dealing with more than \$73.3 billion. That figure outstrips the bank's market capitalization of \$52.6 billion, and is close to the annual GDP of entire nations such as Slovakia, Qatar or Libya.

It remains unclear whether Kerviel's actions, if proved, were motivated by malice, ambition or some other reason. Three union officials representing Societe Generale employees said

managers at the bank who briefed them about the fraud told them Kerviel was having family problems. Acquaintances described Kerviel as reserved and considerate, a young man who once taught children judo and held the door for elderly neighbors.

Experts and others including France's prime minister have questioned whether a single futures trader could have managed such large sums. Some have suggested Societe Generale might have used Kerviel as a scapegoat for other losses.

Paris prosecutors are conducting a preliminary investigation based on three com-

plaints: one by the bank accusing Kerviel of fraud, and two by small shareholders.

In an interview published Saturday, Societe Generale's chief executive, Daniel Bouton, dismissed the notion that the bank's actions helped fuel the turmoil on world markets.

"It's absurd," Bouton told Le Figaro daily in an interview published Saturday. "Anyone could calculate our contribution to the market in recent days."

Bouton said Kerviel had been betting throughout 2007 that markets would fall to a winning position. But the trader overstepped his

authority and wagered much more money than he should have, Bouton said.

So at the beginning of January Bouton said Kerviel voluntarily created losing positions to neutralize his earlier gains and cover his tracks.

But this month's quickly dropping markets turned this said affair, into a Greek tragedy. His virtual losing position became huge," Bouton was quoted as saying.

Despite the bank's \$7.14 billion losses, which Bouton called "enormous and abnormal," he insisted Societe Generale's viability was not at risk.

Rescuing ancient citadel offers a beacon of hope for war-torn Iraq

By Elena Becatoros
Associated Press writer

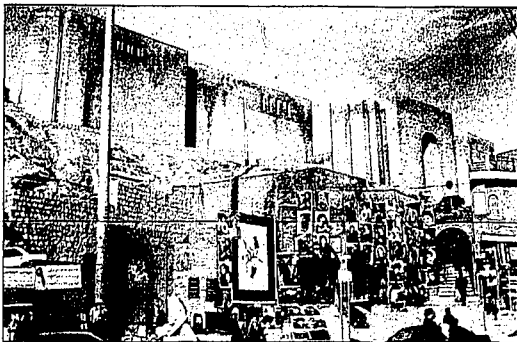
IRBIL, Iraq — Towering above the modern streets and buildings of Irbil, the citadel's narrow alleyways and dusty courtyards stand almost deserted. Its mud-brick houses, built atop layers of ancient civilizations stretching back through millennia, are crumbling.

Irbil's citadel, claimed to be one of the longest continuously inhabited urban areas on Earth with a history of more than 6,000 years, is in danger. Its slopes are eroding and its buildings are collapsing.

But authorities in northern Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region have a plan to rescue it. They hope to turn the citadel, and the vast archaeological wealth buried within the mound on which it stands, into a world-renowned tourist site complete with hotels, coffee houses, art galleries — and a vibrant, permanent living community.

The planned reconstruction is a beacon of hope for Iraq's rich cultural heritage, and offers the only connection between the relatively tranquil Kurdistan region in the north, and the violence in other parts of the country.

In Irbil, the Kurdistan region's capital 215 miles north of Baghdad, the only indication that this is still a country at war is the tall con-



People walk by a part of the citadel walls that was built in the 1980's by the Saddam Hussein regime in Irbil, 217 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq, Jan. 10. Towering above the bustling markets and painted blast walls of modern Irbil, the citadel's narrow alleyways and dusty courtyards stand almost deserted. Its mud brick houses, built atop layers of ancient civilizations stretching back through millennia, are crumbling.

crete blast walls, featuring bucolic murals, that protect government buildings and major hotels from bombs.

"Still, saving the citadel is a tall order. Of its more than 800 houses, no more than 20 are in an acceptable state," said Mohamed Djedid, Director and UNESCO Representative for Iraq.

"You have now a very important monument ... in the heart of the city and it is dead," said Shireen Sherzad, who heads newly formed committee leading restora-

tion efforts and is also an adviser to the Kurdistan region's prime minister, Nechirvan Barzani.

Also, Sherzad estimates it will cost \$35 million for the initial three years of the project, and for now, "We don't have any funding resources."

But all agree that the citadel, with its three mosques, its 650-year-old hammam, or Turkish bath, and homes with painted interiors and elegant arches, needs urgent attention. "The situation is very criti-

cal. All the houses are crooked" and liable to collapse when it rains, says Ihsan al-Tofiqi, the representative of a Czech company helping in restoration efforts and using digital imagery to map out the site.

The company, Gema Art Group, has taken more than 200 photos inside the citadel and another 250 outside, along with satellite images and 30 photos from a military helicopter, it said in a 2007 report. Before this mapping project, the most recent plan

of the citadel was a map from the 1920s.

The company is also creating a virtual three-dimensional model, expected to be completed by the end of February that will help pinpoint restoration needs.

Across Iraq, cultural and archaeological treasures are at risk — at best neglected, at worst looted, vandalized and bombed.

The International Council of Monuments and Sites, a Paris-based nongovernmental organization of experts, listed the citadel in its 2004-5 report on endangered sites in Iraq as one of five cases

"where the damage was so serious that one can talk of cultural genocide."

Little is known about the early inhabitants of Irbil, but the citadel's secret is water —

an abundant supply has maintained civilization after civilization.

The site "is a rich historical repository holding evidence of many millennia of habitation, more than 14,000 years old, making it the longest continuously inhabited site in the world," said UNESCO's Djedid.

The citadel sits atop a roughly 100-foot-tall mound formed by layers of successive settlements, including Assyrians, Akkadians, Babylonians, Persians and Greeks.

The epic Battle of Gulgamela, in which Alexander the Great defeated the Persian King Darius in 331 B.C., is believed to have been fought just 20 miles to the north, local authorities say.

China says environmental problem is in the bag

Government wants to ban production of plastic bags

By Mark Maglieri
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — They dance in the wind, decorate trees and dot rivers. They rip into fingers and bang against legs. By some estimates, China uses 3 billion of them every day.

But if the government has its way, the thin plastic bags that blight this country soon will be a thing of the past. Under an ambitious plan announced in advance of the Summer Olympics, China has announced a ban on the production of the flimsiest of the bags by June 1.

"I think it's a great idea and really support it," retired factory worker Tang Xihuan said as she inspected several plastic bags filled with pork, dates and herbs at one of Beijing's many "wet markets" that sell everything from bloody slabs of meat to leech fish. "In fact, people should start right now. I should too, but I don't because we're all lazy. The difficult part is changing old habits."

The sheer volume of the bags is explained, at least in part, by shopping habits. Many people shop daily, preferring to buy small quantities either because they lack refrigerators or because it's fresher. And with more bags have come new, more wasteful practices. Consumers who used to juggle a dozen eggs in a wicker basket on the back of their bicycles now make their bicycles now make in its own plastic bag so it won't rattle around in the

trunk of their cars.

"I've wanted this change for a long time," said Yang Weiping, 45, a Beijing shopkeeper for nearly a decade. "Customers ask for bags and they refuse, and you can't really refuse. Some even ask without buying anything."

If China can pull off the bag ban with its 1.3 billion people, it would set an example elsewhere, improving its environmental image and curbing the scrapies that Beijing has the political will to tackle vested interests and lazy habits in the interest of going green.

"Plastic shopping bags, due to reasons such as excessive use and inefficient recycling, have caused serious waste of energy and resources and environmental pollution," the State Council said on its Web site in announcing the ban.

Similar efforts have been

tried elsewhere with mixed success, but never on this scale. In March, San Francisco became the first U.S. city to ban common plastic shopping bags, and Bakersfield, Calif., Boston and Phoenix are among the other cities considering bans or fees.

As part of the Chinese policy, the government also requires retailers to charge customers for thicker plastic bags, which aren't covered by the ban, including those found in "quality" supermarkets and clothing stores.

In theory, China should find it easier to switch to reusable cloth, vinyl or bamboo bags, because many consumers have those up only in the 1990s, well within the memory of older Chinese.

China's track record on related bans has not been all that successful, however,

prompting criticism that this is little more than a publicity stunt by a government addicted to campaigns that often lack follow-through. In recent years, Beijing has announced bans on plastic packing materials, disposable wooden chopsticks, plastic lunch trays and throwaway cosmetic items distributed in hotel rooms, only to see each restriction quietly ignored within months.

Part of the problem, environmentalists say, is the mid-set in a country that saw the Cultural Revolution wipe out most notions of public good and now finds itself in a headlong rush to acquire wealth.

Perhaps the biggest problem, however, is that the plastic-bag policy has been crafted without much thought to how it would work, industry experts say.

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EDITORIAL

City will bring workable vision to downtown

It's welcome news. Leaders of Twin Falls' Historic Downtown Business Improvement District voted last week to turn administrative duties over to the city. The City Council will likely accept BID management next week.

The BID organization will remain, but in effect the change marks the end of a 26-year experiment in downtown self-management and promotion.

Sometimes it's been successful, and but more often not. A succession of BID directors and boards have failed to come up with a sustainable vision for commerce and redevelopment.

It will be a challenge, but the city has a better chance, chiefly because the City Council and its economic development team see revitalizing downtown as part of a larger goal: Reimagining the Townsite, the city's historic core.

Retailing is just part of the equation. There's money out there to be invested in housing and commercial real estate, but the amount will depend on developers' perception of the potential of the Townsite.

There's no shortage of ideas, some conceived by Mayor Lance Clark in November as part of his "2010 Initiative."

Clark suggested adding 100 housing units downtown, developing new recreational facilities in the Townsite, and starting a community reinvestment program. That would require local banks to organize a cooperative loan program with special rates to assist investors. The idea is for them and business owners to share the risk — as well as benefits.

As it's constituted, the BID simply doesn't have the bandwidth to accomplish those goals. Years of feuding among downtown retailers and others have left it a house divided.

Frankly, the BID board badly needs fresh perspectives and new ideas. In its new advisory capacity, we'd like to see the board expanded to include representatives from other parts of the city and perhaps from unincorporated parts of Twin Falls County as well.

For it's not just about downtown anymore: Twin Falls will succeed or fail economically as a community, not as a piecemeal collection of retail centers.

Downtown has a future if the city's leadership is smart and takes advantage of the assets that are unique to the 104-year-old neighborhood.

But the tried-and-true just won't work anymore.

Our view: Downtown Twin Falls will soon be under new management, which means its future is brighter.

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

A stimulating look at the candidates

One of the benefits of an extended presidential campaign is that it presents real-world tests for candidates. Some take the form of pop quizzes assessing contenders' instincts in a crisis. Others are more like take-home exams — the latest, and perhaps most revealing, being competing plans for an economic stimulus.



RUTH MARCUS

In practical terms, this is irrelevant. The moment for stimulus will be long past by Inauguration Day. But as a way of judging how candidates view government's role, how they balance politics and policy, and how sound their thinking is on economic policy, the proposals offer a revealing report card.

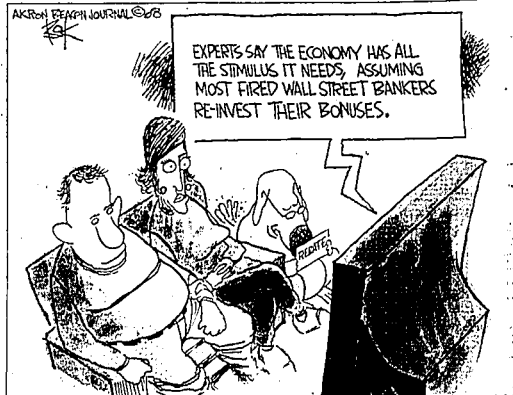
My grading starts with President Bush, because he sets the curve.

• George W. Bush: B-minus. The president gets extra credit for signing flexibility on his 30-day \$145 billion package and for not insisting on extending his tax cuts, which made no sense as stimulus and would have doomed its chance of passing.

A tax debate — the White House has floated \$600 per individual — is a good approach. Bush loses points, however, for excluding those without income tax liability, even if they pay payroll taxes. He also fails to try to extend unemployment benefits. In efficiency and fairness, both are exactly backward. As Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke explained, "If you're not getting the paycheck to paycheck, you're more likely to spend that extra dollar."

Bush says tax incentives for business investment must be a significant part of the package. But such breaks don't work well. The most effective anticipated after they were adopted from 2001 to 2003: The Congressional Budget Office found the impact of those provisions to be "relatively modest." Moody's estimates they cut at 27 cents for every dollar spent.

• Barack Obama: A-minus. I criticized his previous tax



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plan, but Obama is at the head of the class with an intelligently designed, \$120 billion stimulus plan. He would spend a \$250 tax credit to most workers, followed by another \$250, triggered automatically, if the economy continues on its sour path. Obama would direct a similar rebate to low- and middle-income seniors, who are not so squeaky and could get checks quickly.

One demerit Obama omits any increase in food stamp benefits, which Moody's estimates would have the greatest bang for the buck, \$1.73 for every dollar spent.

• John Edwards: B-minus. Edwards gets points for handing in his paper early — in December, he issued a \$25 billion stimulus proposal (plus \$75 billion more if needed), including important help to states to avoid cutting Medicaid rolls. But like Hillary Clinton (see below), he would spend too much money on programs — investing in "green collar" jobs, for instance — with too long a lag to make them an effective stimulus. Edwards's grade goes down because he also hasn't explained how the \$75 bil-

lion would be spent.

• Hillary Clinton: C-plus. Clinton, too, raised the issue early, then turned in a faulty first draft with a \$70 billion stimulus plan that didn't provide much immediate assistance. It included a \$25 billion increase in the program to help low-income Americans with heating costs — an excessive amount (the current program is under \$3 billion) that probably wouldn't kick in until next winter. Even worse was her housing plan, including a five-year freeze on sub-prime mortgage rates that could produce higher interest rates and reduce liquidity.

Four days later, Clinton said she would immediately implement a \$40 billion tax rebate plan she had put in reserve in her first draft. Fine, but over the Obama plan devotes a far greater percentage to spending that is more likely to jump-start the economy.

• John McCain: D-plus. The senator should have his plan sent back with "Did you read this assignment?" scrawled in red ink. There's a respectable argument that stimulus isn't needed.

wouldn't be effective and could be counterproductive. But the normally straight-talking McCain doesn't make it. Instead, he proposes permanent tax cuts — cutting corporate rates, increasing investment breaks, eliminating the alternative minimum tax — misquoting as a stimulus plan.

• Mitt Romney: D. Romney's plan is way too big, (\$23 billion) and badly constructed (most of the stimulus goes to business breaks, his individual tax credits don't go to those who need them most, and his huge, long-term tax cuts would harm growth if not paid for). You don't have to be a Harvard Business School grad to understand that encouraging savings is not encouraging spending.

• Mike Huckabee: D-minus. Huckabee understands economic anxiety better than economic principles. The only way his sketchy proposal could stimulate the economy is by scaring Americans into consuming now, before his Fair Tax takes effect.

• Rudy Giuliani: Incomplete. His position is too internally contradictory to grade. The former New York mayor told ABC's George Stephanopoulos that "permanent reductions have a bigger impact in stimulating an economy," then said of the Bush plan, which has no permanent cuts, "If it stays where it is, it's a good idea."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't be taken in by Dirty Energy Spin Meisters

Beware! The earth and its life forms are being attacked once again by the Dirty Energy Spin Meisters. A group called "Americans for Balanced Energy Choices," backed by the coal industry and its utility allies, is embarking on a \$35 million campaign to rally public support for coal-fired electricity and to fuel opposition to legislation that Congress is crafting in an effort to slow climate change.

Be skeptical of any effort on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute. It is spinning nuclear energy as clean and green, a blatant lie.

On April 23, 2006, the NEI, with help from the public relations firm Hill & Knowlton, launched the "Clean and Safe Energy Coalition" public relations campaign. NEI is fully funding the group. It has hired, as a spokesperson, former Environmental Protection Agency head Christine Todd Whitman. As head of the EPA, Whitman disputed the

validity of a government-commissioned report that human beings are contributing to global climate change. After 9/11, at the behest of the White House, she told those who worked in the financial district of lower Manhattan it was safe to go back to work, while leaving insufficient evidence for such a statement. Consequently, thousands of citizens and rescue workers are suffering serious related illnesses. Whitman was given the EPA job based on her record as governor of New Jersey. On her watch, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was virtually destroyed by her appointee, Robert C. Shinn Jr.

We are now feeling the effects of the NEI public relations campaign. The campaign set the stage for the proposed Brunee and Payette nuclear power plant. Do not be fooled! There is still no safe storage of high-level radioactive waste, and nuclear power is not safer today than 30 years ago. Remember Three-mile Island? JIM SYLVA Hansen

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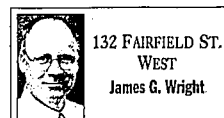
Newspapers are indeed a business. We make money by selling news, entertainment and information. And we want to make lots of money — so much so that we can pay our bills, make the payroll and improve coverage of our community.

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Sure, we want to sell papers. But if a



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journalist quashes real news or hypes a non-story to "sell newspapers," the paper loses credibility. Over time, our "product" — useful, true news — would use value because people would know that they're willing to sell our credibility for a buck.

Nor are sales our only concern. If that were the case, you'd be looking at a picture of Briney Spears in her scanties on the front page today. Yes, we know you would love that, but that's not what we do. Good newspapers spend more time on public affairs than the affairs of stars, even though the latter might "sell more papers."

Instead, we employ reporters, photographers and editors to cover our community. You might not always like what they do, but you should know that they approach journalism as a public trust, not as a moneymaking proposition. The brilliant guys who created this country wrote freedom of speech and the guarantees of an independent press into the Constitution for a reason, and we don't want to let them down.

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More often than not, people who say we just want to sell newspapers are people who have fallen a bit short and simply don't want anyone else to know. Or the court folks who win the lawsuit or get their way before the County Commission or avoid blowing themselves up while trying to find a gas leak with a BleiGlyper typically don't think there's anything at all wrong with a story about the event. But for the losing party in the court, folks or the citizen whose request for some special treatment from the commission gets laughed out of the room ... well, we're just trying to sell newspapers.

Then there are crime stories. People love crime stories. They can't get enough when the article is about the misfortunes or misdeeds of other people. But when they get caught driving drunk, knocking over liquor stores or trying to buy photos of Briney Spears in her scanties ... well, we're just trying to sell newspapers.

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OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...



... passive felons

Lowell Tribune

"You're watching 'America's Most Wanted.' Just when Walsh flashes the face of a fugitive on the screen, 'We need your help to wipe this scum off the street,' he scowls.

They, you know that guy. He lives next door. Maybe you should call the cops. Then again, they're paid to catch

bad guys. You're not. So you flip the channel and say nothing.

Should you get busted along with the fugitive? Should silence be a crime? Idaho legislators are grappling with that very question. The bill before them deals specifically with sex offenders. If convicted felons fail to report a sex offender they know is evading authorities, should they be held criminally liable? The bill makes staying silent a felony — meaning those found guilty could spend more than a year in jail.

Silence is a passive act, points out Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls. It shouldn't be a felony. "This could make a felon out of me by me standing there mute," he says.

You certainly have a moral responsibility to tell authorities. If you suspect someone you know might hurt other people, but a legal responsibility? If your lips are sealed, how can police know what you knew and when you knew it? They would need hard evidence that could be examined in court.

As legislators consider making silence against the law, they ought to consider the cold fact that such a law is virtually unenforceable.

The bill raises numerous other questions. Why does the bill single out sex offenders? Shouldn't you have the same legal responsibility to report all potentially violent criminals?

Average citizens shouldn't be required — under penalty of law — to make those sorts of judgment calls. If everyone is snooping on everyone else for fear of going to jail, the law is encouraging a police state mentality rather than responsible citizenship.



... Micron's secrets

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Will Micron Technology stay in Idaho, or will it go? Even state officials are baffled. Gov. Butch Otter's chief economist

says Micron will stay. Otter's economic development guru suggests Idaho should plan on life without its largest private employer — just in case.

The whole situation has a muddled, improvised feel, largely of Micron's making.

Private companies like to keep their competitors guessing — the essence of a shrewd business strategy. Companies shouldn't leave the state's decision-makers guessing. But Micron's tight-lipped approach to losses and layoffs has bred a culture of confusion.

The confusion reached a head (leather this month). Jim Flick, the head of the Commerce Department, said the state should prepare two budgets: one that assumes Micron will remain in the state, one that assumes Micron will leave.

Micron ... is "either going to stay and everything's great or they're going to leave and everything's bad."

How should lawmakers read the company's signals, and the mixed messages from the executive branch? The

Micron question will go a long way to set the tone for the spending decisions facing lawmakers.

It may make some lawmakers uneasy about Otter's \$3 billion general fund budget, and the governor's plans to pour surplus dollars into college scholarships, state building and park maintenance and scientific remodeling of Idaho's aquifers. It may also give lawmakers qualms about raising vehicle registration fees to address a statewide backlog in highways.

In a February 2005 report — which still appears on Micron's Web site, even after \$320 million in 2006-07 losses and 1,100 Treasure Valley layoffs — the company touts its economic impact on Idaho. At the time, Micron accounted

for 3.7 percent of Idaho's economic activity. Said the report: "It is unusual for a single private employer — especially in the high-tech sector — to have such a large impact on the state's economy."

With that impact comes responsibility. Even in a turbulent business such as the semiconductor industry, transparency is key. The guessing game over Micron's future provides more proof that Micron has done a poor job of helping Idaho understand what the future holds.

As a Statehouse adage goes, when Micron catches the sines, the state's economy gets the flue.

We can hardly blame lawmakers if they're having a hard time reading the thermometer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illegal immigrants should stop playing 'ethnic card'

Let's assume you are an intelligent young person, aspire for an improved lifestyle and want to attend a prominent Ivy League university to improve your life.

Unfortunately, your application for admission has been denied for whatever reason. Is it your God-given right to just show up on campus and attend classes? Take up dorm space? Have a student pass to enjoy campus amenities? I don't think so. A similar analogy could be used if you wanted to live in some stranger's house because the lifestyle was better, so you just moved in. There are laws forbidding such antics. They're categorized as trespassing laws. At this point, you need to reassess what you can do legally.

I believe the same holds true for non-Americans who wish to come to this country to improve their lives. There are entrance requirements that are based on the legal rights of the United States of America (not the United States of North America or the United States of the Western Hemisphere) as a result of their status as a guest and defend itself. That means to protect its citizens, their health, their economy, their rights to education and their safety, among other issues. These entrance requirements exist to protect temporary employment, for temporary travel and business and for a path to citizenship if that is what a person desires.

If you are a legal immigrant, welcome to the United States of America. If you are here illegally, you need to consider yourself a criminal and your face deportation. If your homeland has barriers to your return or to your family's return, it is not our problem — you created it. It would be wonderful if the

folks who are emotionally caught up in this issue would address it as a legal issue and stop playing the "ethnic card."

STEVEN WOODS
Twin Falls

Life as we know it will end if Hillary is president

Cleaning the White House when Hillary leaves is about the only cost-savings program she will bring to the American people. It's pretty inexpensive to clean an empty house!

Hillary's ridiculous ideas like government-sponsored 401K's, baby bonds, etc. will require huge tax increases. Unemployment will skyrocket, businesses will cut jobs and the economy will just pay taxes. Sept. 11 terrorists will become commonplace in the United States.

The thing you Democrats don't seem to understand is we must attack these terrorists in countries where they are allowed to train and prepare their heinous attacks. We must stop supporters like Saddam. The best defense against terrorism is a great offense. I have you forgotten about Sept. 11 and an Al Qaeda pilot and I was flying that day. Trust me, that day will always remain vivid in my mind.

The sad thing is, President Clinton had the ability to stop Osama long before this tragedy, but instead he put his head in the sand; now look at all the innocent people who died on that horrible day in 2001 on U.S. soil. I'm not saying President Bush is perfect and that I agree with everything that has occurred, but I truly believe he is doing the best job possible.

Yes, valiant men and women have given their lives to protect our freedoms, and I'm very thankful for them. But if we don't stand up and prevent this from happening

again, all these great lives will be for naught. If you truly want Hillary for president, I suggest you move to the Middle East for a month or two. If that is the environment you want, then by all means vote for Hillary, but make sure you keep both hands on your wallet if she is elected.

MARTY VAN TASSELL
Paul

Nuclear energy promises a bright future for Idaho

The recent power outage and another "no nukes in my backyard" letter shows just how important electric service is to our standard of living. Electric service now comes from hydroelectric generators on our rivers. Oil and natural gas fired turbines generators and renewable come from wind and sun. The hydro has problems with migrating fish. Oil now costs \$100 a barrel, and renewable is minor and those big fans kill a lot of birds.

Nuclear-powered turbo generators have none of these problems, but such plants are very expensive, require very specific locations but, fortunately, now can use proven technology to assure complete safety.

Nuclear facilities are now in operation worldwide. France now generates 80 percent of its electricity and is selling its technology in many countries. Our Navy uses nuclear power in many of its ships, particularly in its fleet of submarines where close confinement of operators are accident free for months. I would rather bet on technology than the media scare tactics.

Government and qualified companies may have found a location in Idaho for a very advanced nuclear plant. Those living nearby should consider what might be lost. Their village could soon be a modern city with new

hospitals, new schools, new expensive services, massive home construction. Population increases with childers, security, maintenance and operational personnel.

Electrical energy from nuclear facilities has proven safe and dependable. The technology is available. Knowledge and experience are available from the engineering laboratories near Arco. National and state officials have encouraged this development.

Let's build several plants, sell the surplus, accumulate wealth, relieve partially our demand for oil and create considerable employment. In many national surveys, Idaho seems to be near the bottom of state rankings. For once, let's be first in something.

DANIEL DECKER
Holley

Get Back Into Life!

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Authorities using draft to curb opposition, Russian activists say

By Peter Finn
The Washington Post

MOSCOW — For two years, Oleg Kozlovsky has been a fixture at anti-Kremlin street demonstrations, confronting riot police and just as often getting arrested. One of the leaders of a youth movement called Oborona (Defense), Kozlovsky, a 23-year-old graduate student at Moscow's Higher School of Economics, said his group's goal is nothing less than the "downfall of the authoritarian regime."

"The police system has not been able to cope with this small yet cohesive and dedicated group," Kozlovsky wrote last year on a blog. "Oborona has now been transformed into a serious political force."

But the system, as Kozlovsky calls it, has finally silenced him. Late last month, Kozlovsky was picked up by police, taken to a military conscription office and quickly shipped to a military base to serve a year in the army. He and friends say his status as a student legally exempts him from service.

Authorities are increasingly using the threat of the draft to intimidate the small but hard-nosed community of young activists who oppose President Vladimir Putin, according to opposition and human rights activists. Service in the army, which has a well-documented history of violent and sometimes fatal hazing, is feared by many young Russians, not just those who oppose the government.

"All young people understand the repressive character of our army, so it's a real threat," said Pavel Shaikin, a member of Oborona. "And in Oleg's case, I think they

"All young people understand the repressive character of our army, so it's a real threat."

— Pavel Shaikin, a member of Oborona

wanted to take him out of circulation before the presidential elections."

Russia will elect a new president March 2, but opposition groups have pledged to take to the streets to protest what they see as Putin's determination to allow no challenge. However marginal, to the election of his chosen successor, Dmitry Medvedev, the country's first deputy prime minister.

The group Citizen and the Army, which opposes the draft and wants a volunteer army in Russia, said that in the past year it has documented dozens of cases of young political activists being taken to conscription offices. In nearly all cases, the draftees had a history of joining protests led by Garry Kasparov, the chess grandmaster, and his ally Eduard Limonov, head of the outlawed National Bolshevik Party.

"Illegally drafting people is not new, and it's happening all over the place. But the political motivation is a new tactic," said Maxim Burmitsky, head of legal defense at Citizen and the Army. "Kozlovsky's case is finally drawing some welcome attention to a serious problem."

Just this month, Burmitsky said, at least four cases came before the courts involving young activists appealing their conscriptions.

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Kim Mankins is a real estate agent and the mother of two daughters.

"When you pay for health care yourself, you're more careful about how you use it."

For the past five years, I've paid for my own health insurance. To save money, I chose an individual plan with a \$5,000 deductible. That means I pay for most health care expenses myself.

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I won't compromise on my health care to save money. It's not about settling for less or going without. It's about getting what you need and not being wasteful. When you pay for it on your own, you take a more proactive approach to your health care. That's just the way it is.

— Kim Mankins
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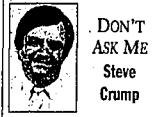


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Stop the morning commute madness

Sleep in. It's the only safe thing to do this time of year. You could look it up: If you commute to work before noon during the winter months in south-central Idaho, you're far more likely to get into an accident than in any July.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

I asked Nathan Jerke, the Shoshone-based spokesman for Region 5 of the Idaho Transportation Department, to check the statistics for me. Here's what he found out:

On nine-week-travelled sections of south-central Idaho highways in December, January, February and March from 2005-2007, there were 61 wrecks before noon. That's higher than for any other four-month period of the year.

The worst stretches for morning winter driving statistically are Interstate 84 between Twin Falls and Burley and Idaho Highway 75 between Bellevue and Ketchum. But U.S. Highway 30 between Blain and Twin, Addison Avenue in Twin, Highway 75 from Shoshone to Bellevue and I-84 from Wendell to its junction with U.S. Highway 93 are almost as bad.

And 2005-2007 were three dry winters; this one isn't. So your boss is placing your life and limbs in jeopardy by insisting you clock in before the PM.

This you must tell him or her, as soon as you get around to making it to work.

Look, it's in the boss' best interest too. Employees who are in traction or waiting in the borrow pit for a tow truck just aren't as productive as those sitting at their offices, computers playing Free-Cell.

Productivity experts have done mountains of research about mornings, and they've found that the typical worker takes a lot of time to get himself together. There's going to the coffee machine, reading e-mail, reading blogs, shuffling papers, ordering stuff on clay, tearing off the pages of desk calendars, going back to the coffee machine, gossiping with co-workers — all of which takes at least two or three hours.

By eliminating mornings, supervisors would cut out many of those distractions. Folks who show up for work at say 2:30, understand they don't have much time to spend on the job.

You could, of course, suggest to your supervisor that you be allowed to work at home during those bleak winter mornings. If he or she insists to getting a note attesting that you woke up and actually turned on your home computer at some point between midnight and noon, I'll be happy to help.

Naturally, I'll need you to write me one to give to my boss.

Look, there's a reason that the sun gets up so late this time of year. It's 3 degrees outside, the air's bad, it's icy and Old Sol would much rather be in Key West.

As it happens, there are plenty of tropical vacation packages available on the internet just now. Look them up on the computer when you get to work this afternoon.

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SCIENCE SLEEPOVER



Parents and children line up during the check-in for the 'Night at the Museum' event held Friday night at the Herrett Center in Twin Falls.

More than 100 children camp out at CSI's Herrett Center

By Andrea Gates Times-News writer

The big draw was "Rocket Man," but of course late-night slumber parties in the galleries of a real museum added to the excitement of more than 100 energetic kids.

Toting their sleeping bags and pillows, about 137 children did more than just visit the Herrett Center Friday night at the College of Southern Idaho — they slept there overnight.

It was the ninth year children snored beside pictures of "Shaman at work" and glass cases displaying royal Mayan headdresses beside jade ornaments. Organized by Darcy Thornbrough, education coordinator for the Herrett Center, the night was full of hands-on workshops for kids to learn about chemistry, archeology, horticulture, astronomy, photography, veterinary technology, nursing, physics and aquaculture.

With a fuzzy-headed infant slung across her chest, Boise mom Angela Reynolds said her 11-year-old daughter has been a regular patron at the event for three years.

"It's a good opportunity. It gives them an idea of what's fun about science," Reynolds said. "It's hands-on. It's not just about what's in a textbook."

Four of the museum's teenagers enjoyed nights at the Webb's so much when they were younger that they volunteered to supervise this group of eager kids — from activities and lights out to pickup.

"They get to find out about science in a fun way," said Webb, "and they get to stay up all night."

There were some kids who snoozed off before midnight, but not many. Said 17-year-old volunteer Joseph Simonson, "It took a while for them to all go to bed."

but it quieted down around 2 a.m., Simonson said early Saturday, waving goodbye to bundled up children.

CSI campus security officers also checked the slumber galleries throughout the night, said Thornbrough.

When it was finally time to leave, 10-year-old Evan Brock from Twin Falls said his favorite part of the night was "Rocket Man." Also known as Kevin Young, a project engineer with the Idaho National Laboratory, "Rocket Man" came equipped with a large silver chest, packed with props. The purpose of his visit was to teach kids about rockets, but he said he also really wanted to engage young minds.

Mission completed, at least for Brock. "Brockets launch satellites," Brock said. "I liked seeing what they do and how important they are."

From space satellites beam television and radio signals and keep the world connected. They also help track the earth, Young said, "especially now with global warming."

"We need all these bright, young kids in science and engineering," he said. "We're really trying to get the positive message out."

Science can change the world, hopefully for the better, Young said.

The event originally partnered with Idaho State University and Idaho Public Television, but has since branched off with its own unique local offerings, Thornbrough said.

For \$30 per child, snacks were included and a light breakfast was served Saturday before groggy-looking parents loaded their kids into minivans at 8 a.m.

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With public comment period over, lawmakers dive into teacher pay

BOISE — Thursday marked the end of three consecutive days of public testimony — more than 12 hours — regarding teacher pay plans Idaho legislators will consider.

Now, it's the lawmakers' turn.

The "ISTARS" plan being pushed by Superintendent of Schools Tom Luna would raise teacher base salaries, but it requires teachers to give up their "continuing contracts" job security for those such as principals.

The "We Teach" plan, from the Idaho Education Association, would let pay teachers more without forcing them to change their contracts.

The Senate Education committee is expected to consider them by midweek.

"It's unclear what legislators would look like if it reaches the House, but the topic still brings chatter," Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, a former kindergarten teacher who sits on the House Education Committee, said she hasn't made up her mind on either plan and is still gathering information.



LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK Jared S. Hopkins

reward for my hard work or extra work or success."

But Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, another committee member, still favors the ISTARS plan. Patrick said it creates accountability, and his wife, an elementary school teacher, would likely join it.

Patrick said he noticed that much of the testimony from teachers was against Luna's plan, but that the final number of teachers supporting ISTARS will depend on the funding.

"There's a silent group out there," he said. "The percent of Idaho teachers who would take advantage of Luna's plan has fluctuated. On Friday, Luna said current estimates indicate about 25 percent. The rest now rests at \$16 million."

"I was pleased at the number of superintendents, principals and teachers that came to testify in front of the lawmakers," he said, adding that he didn't notice any surprises since he's been working on the pro-

posal for months.

Some upcoming items: Jerome County Commissioner Joe Davidson is scheduled to appear before the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee regarding a gubernatorial appointment to the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission.

Patrick said he plans to introduce legislation that would require background checks to be done on school bus drivers if districts contract the particular service out to private companies.

On Monday the Senate Judiciary committee will hold a hearing on a bill that would make dog fighting a felony. Idaho and Wyoming are the only states where the activity is not a felony. Past attempts at amending the law have failed, but some momentum has shifted after the attention regarding Michael Vick's case.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said he has a transportation bill in the works with some lawmakers. Smith, who declined specifics, has been critical of the federal GARVEE program and is a former chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board.

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Changes sought after candidate disqualified

Association of Idaho Cities works to close loophole in local elections law

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

When election results were announced for a couple of two-year openings of the Castleford City Council, it looked as if Ryan Bliek had one of the seats in the bag.

Although Bliek was the notable freshman in both age and council experience, there were 38 votes cast in his favor, giving Bliek, 24, more than incumbent candidates Clint Jackson (25 votes), Pansy Pett (20 votes) and Richard Schlund (26 votes).

But this was no competition. Bliek couldn't win. In fact, his fate was sealed upon his declaration of candidacy at City Hall in October. According to Idaho code 50-431, Bliek had to be a qualified elector of Castleford in order to run for office.

"When I signed my declaration of candidacy, I understood the rules as having to be 18 (years old), a resident of Castleford for over 30 days and a registered voter," Bliek said after the election. "Before moving to Castleford I was registered to live in Caldwell, and I thought that in March I was qualified."

Since Bliek never updated his voter registration to reflect his Castleford address, he wasn't qualified legally to seek the position. Due to a loophole, now in the process of being closed, no one verified Bliek's information against the official Twin Falls County registry, so the problem wasn't initially caught.

In 2002, the Association of Idaho Cities sought legislative changes to have the nomination process work. One of the changes made it possible for those seeking office to merely pay a \$40 registration fee, instead of getting five qualified voters to sign a petition of candidacy.

Bliek filed the fee, signed a declaration of candidacy, and the process was done. City officials didn't become aware of the issue until the day before the election.

"There were some major changes to the nominating process in 2002 and we are still working through some issues," said Justin Hines, policy analyst for the AIC. "Before, all city candidates had to be nominated by petition. Had (Bliek) signed his own petition, like most candidates do, his not being able to run would have been caught right away."

Bliek used the alternate route created in 2002. Under the new rule, Bliek's name was not legally held to verification. Only when candidates use the petition route are all of the signatures checked against the official registry.

Ken Harward, executive director of AIC, said the loophole should be closed soon. "We are hoping for this session," he said. "The rule will then be in place for the next municipal election in 2009."

It's too bad the loophole wasn't caught until someone slipped through it, said Castleford Mayor Rita Ruffing. "We didn't even find out about the problem until the day before the election," Ruffing said. "Ryan's wife came into City Hall to fill out voter registration card, and it was only because of that did we find out Ryan wasn't registered to vote in Castleford."

She immediately called AIC to find out the city's next step. Ruffing said, "Ryan's wife came into City Hall to fill out voter registration card, and it was only because of that did we find out Ryan wasn't registered to vote in Castleford."

"The process has caused some residents to feel betrayed at the ballot box, Ruffing said. "I thought that once we found out Ryan wasn't qualified to run that his name would be withdrawn, but apparently that isn't the case," she said. "A few residents feel that the outcome of the election was affected."

Although Bliek swears the information contained on his declaration of candidacy was true, it is unlikely he will face consequences beyond embarrassment and possibly not being appointed.

"The city hasn't even even thought about pursuing legal action for perjury or anything," Ruffing said. "I don't think Ryan is morally fully innocent."

"As for what happens next, I think I could nominate Ryan, but the entire council would have to agree. If they don't agree I have to come back to town in 15 months and run in 10 days for their approval. We would do that until a councilman is chosen. Hope to have a name ready by February."

party convention in Boise June 12 to 14. Those delegates will in turn select delegates to the national party's convention and will participate in drafting the State Party Platform and other convention activities.

In 2004, more than 5,000 Democrats attended the presidential caucus statewide. Party leaders predict a higher turnout this year.

The caucuses are open to the public. Anyone who wants to participate as a Democrat and who expects to be a registered voter of Twin Falls County on Nov. 3, may participate.

Additional information: Deborah Silver at deborahsilver@emblem.com or 420-1661 or the Idaho Democratic Party at (200) 336-1015 or www.idahodemocrats.org.

T.F. County Democrats plan for Feb. 5 caucus

Times-News

Idaho Democrats will join those in more than 20 other states Feb. 5 in naming their choice for their party's presidential nominee.

The Twin Falls County caucus will be held at the Senior Citizen Center at 530 Shoshone Street W. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the caucus is to begin promptly at 7 p.m. Party rules bar latecomers from participating.

"This is a rare opportunity for Idahoans to have a real say in selecting our next president," said Deborah Silver, the Twin Falls County Democrats chairwoman. "We're expecting a great turnout, so we encourage participants to arrive early."

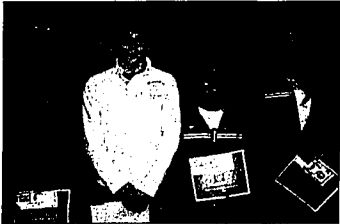
The caucus is also held to select delegates to the state

FRESHMEN OF MONTH



Minico High School freshmen Students-of-the-Month for Fall 2007 include, from left, Nathan Hanks, Sheldon Brown and Kathryn Primrose. Not pictured is Hazel Rojas.

SOPHOMORES OF MONTH



Minico High School sophomore Students-of-the-Month for Fall 2007 include, from left, Amador Chavez, Colby May, Victoria Vega and Michael Shea O'Donnell.

JUNIORS OF THE MONTH



Minico High School junior Students-of-the-Month for Fall 2007 include, from left, Jared Studer, Michael Christiansen and Caylee Pfeiffer. Not pictured are Griselda Juarez and Mykell Walton.

SENIORS OF THE MONTH



Minico High School senior Students-of-the-Month for Fall 2007 include, from left, Sarah Bigelow and Mason Merrill. Not pictured are Christine Harmon and Saul Martinez.

Christian Brando, eldest son of actor Marlon Brando, dies at 49

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christian Brando, the troubled eldest son of the late actor Marlon Brando, has died from pneumonia at a Los Angeles hospital, an attorney said Saturday. He was 49. Brando died Saturday morning at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center, said David Seecy, an attorney representing Marlon Brando's estate. Seecy said Brando was taken to the hospital on Jan. 11. "This is a sad and difficult time for the family," Seecy said. Born on May 11, 1958, Brando was a high school dropout and never had much of a career. He had small roles in a handful of movies, including 1968's "I Love You, Alice B. Toklas" but he was better known for his brushes with the law. He spent five years in prison after pleading guilty to manslaughter in 1990 for killing his sister's boyfriend, Dag Drolet, at the Brando family's hilltop estate.

RUPERT — Melvin Joe Ward, a 70-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, at the Burley Care Center. Melvin was born Nov. 11, 1937, in Wilmington, Calif., to Joseph Cryus and Mary Ward. He was active in football and baseball in high school and college, where he suffered a brain injury that affected the rest of his life. He designed the graduation announcement for his graduating class at Banning High School. He then graduated from Harbor College with an arts degree. He operated a shoe repair business in Ashland, Ore., and in 1975, he opened the Ward Shoe Repair in Rupert, retiring in 2000. He enjoyed collecting coins, painting, walking, fishing, playing the violin, watching concerts, and composing music. Melvin was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Melvin is survived by his nieces and nephews, Marsha (Keith) Bendele, LaWanda (Dan) Murril, Tyrone (Trenda) Copeland, Ruda Val (Ron) Crosby and Greer (Kaj) Copeland; and 19 great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Gloria McKendrick, and niece, Melody Fox. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Rupert Cemetery, with Bishop's Counselor Mike Tribe officiating. A viewing for family and friends will be one hour before the burial at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Branch, 710 Sixth St.



B. Myrtle Harder

BOISE — Myrt Harder, age 97, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008. Myrtle was born July 23, 1910, in Doran, Minn. Educated as an elementary teacher, she married Clarence Eugene "C.E." Harder in 1936. They had three children. They spent the World War II years in Portland, Ore. In 1948, they moved to Jerome, where C.E. and Myrt owned and operated Harder's Inc., an appliance and furniture store until 1974. Myrtle was active in the Jerome Civic Club, an avid golfer at the Jerome Country Club, involved in the Republican Women's Group and enjoyed playing bridge in several groups. She was instrumental in improving the Jerome City Library and an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Myrt lived life with enthusiasm and kindness toward others. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her positive attitude stayed with her throughout her years. Myrt was preceded in death by her husband, C.E., in 1990; and her son, Eugene, in 2006. She is survived by her daughter, Kay and her husband, Parker Woodall of Coeur d'Alene; her son, Robert and his wife, Sara Harder of Boise; daughter-in-law, Bette Harder of Spokane, Wash.; her sister, Hazel Heather of Susan, Calif.; and brother, Orlo (Bev) Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn. Myrtle also has two granddaughters, Glenda Daspit of St. Peters, Mo., and Kimberly Harder of Boise; three grandsons, Lance Woodall of Post Falls, Chad Harder of Portland, Ore., and Rob Harder of Boise; and two great-granddaughters, Kayla and Libby Daspit of St. Peters, Mo. The family would like to thank the Autumn Years Care Center and Legacy Hospice for the loving care they provided to Myrt. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83438.



DEATH NOTICES

Olevia H. Westbrook

Olevia H. Westbrook, 86, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, at her home. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at the mortuary; burial at 3 p.m. Friday at Cloverdale Cemetery in Boise.

Fae L. Stoddard

BURLEY — Fae Laitze Stoddard, 83, of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Church, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Ravensun Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Paul Bateman

RUPERT — Paul Bateman, 98, of Rupert, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at Vista Assisted Living in Rupert. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

N. Jeannine Jensen

CEDAR CITY, Utah — N. Jeannine Jensen, 79, of Cedar City, and formerly of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Cedar City LDS North Stake Center, 95 N. 2125 N.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 N. 300 W. in Cedar City, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Condolences can be sent at www.southernutahmortuary.com.

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Melvin Joe Ward

watching concerts, and composing music. Melvin was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Melvin is survived by his nieces and nephews, Marsha (Keith) Bendele, LaWanda (Dan) Murril, Tyrone (Trenda) Copeland, Ruda Val (Ron) Crosby and Greer (Kaj) Copeland; and 19 great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Gloria McKendrick, and niece, Melody Fox. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Rupert Cemetery, with Bishop's Counselor Mike Tribe officiating. A viewing for family and friends will be one hour before the burial at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Branch, 710 Sixth St.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County Arraignments (Jan. 23-25)
 Kristin S. Grimes, 46, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 1; released on own recognizance.
 Delores L. Spencer, 40, Jerome; felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 1; posted bond.
 Michael Arterburn, 23, Murtaugh; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 4; posted bond.
 Brandi Merkle, 29, Kuna; two counts petit theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; no hearing set; \$10,000 bond.
 Randall R. McCullon, 39, Beaumont, Calif.; forgery, possession of a forged check; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pre-trial hearing set for Feb. 1; 25,000 bond.
 Ralph Neimeyer, 55, Buhl; attempted strangulation; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 1; released on own recognizance; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 4; released on own recognizance.

\$2,500 bond.
 Joshua D. Larson, 29, Kimberly; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 4; released on own recognizance.
 Kale S. Stone, 29, Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 25; \$2,500 bond.
FELONY SENTENCINGS
 Marsha A. Shetter, 25, Twin Falls; state lottery prohibited acts; four years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; \$97,500 costs; 10 days in jail; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income.
 Michael P. Loy, 37, Twin Falls; plea of guilty to elude a police officer; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$97.50 costs; 30 days in jail; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; apologize to victim; driving privileges suspended for one year absolute and one year at the discretion of probation officer; must live at Port of Hope unless otherwise authorized by probation officer.
FELONY DISMISSALS
 Wendi S. Stevens, 30, Twin Falls; injury to a child; dismissed by prosecutor.
 David H. Bailey, 41, Twin Falls;

trafficking in methamphetamine/amphetamine by manufacturing; dismissed without prejudice by prosecutor.
CIVIL FILINGS
 Vicky J. Estridge vs. Cynthia Lundstrom and John Does A, B, and C. Seeking judgment against the defendants for special and general damages; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.
 Nicole R. Victor vs. Michael L. Winterholler. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.
 David Bourgeois vs. State of Idaho. Seeking post conviction relief of an old and abet burglary and aggravated assault felony conviction. Plaintiff alleges that he was given the wrong medications and that his guilty plea was given while under the influence of said medication.
 Bonnie R. Coats, Kerl J. Coats, Andrew T. Coats, Erica D. Coats, and Betty Coats, vs. Larsen and Pierce Properties LLC doing business as The Ground Round, James H. Madson, and John and Jane Doe. Seeking judgment against the defendant for past and future special damages in excess of \$100,000, general damages in excess of \$10,000; amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiffs allege that defendant's served patron, Samuel Naranjo, the alcoholic beverages to the point where he became intoxicated. Plaintiff's further allege that after Naranjo left the Ground Round after consuming alcohol, he lost control of his vehicle, crossed the center

line and struck Ed Coates, resulting in his death.
CHILD SUPPORT CASES
 The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:
 Heberto P. Salinas. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$295 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
 Lorle A. Hernandez. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$255 monthly support plus 53 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$387.40 for foster care and child support costs.
 Barry W. Wilmoth. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$225 monthly support plus 47 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
 Carl L. Subrook. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$248 monthly support plus 47 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
 Mohdin Husejnaglic. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$299 monthly support plus 51 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
DIVORCES FILED
 Sonya R. Egan vs. Chanoy R. Egan.
 James M. Remier vs. Candyce S. Remier.
 Samantha J. Holton vs. John E. Holton.
 Sarah Harvey vs. William B. Harvey.
 Ceigio R. Chappo vs. Jeri Chappo.
 Jeremy L. Klesig vs. Sarah E. Klesig.
 Leroy A. Garcia vs. Maryann Potts.
 Tony F. Preston vs. Rebecca A. Preston.
 Sara K. Lantz vs. Jon A. Lantz.
 Ruperta Hernandez vs. Severo Hernandez.

BURLEY BABY HONORED



Clitio Katherine Margarita Nevarez, daughter of Mary and Rene Nevarez Jr. of Burley, was the first baby born in 2008 at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. She was born Jan. 2 and weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 inches. She joins one sister, 2 1/2-year-old Dominga. Donna Simmons, president of the Cassia Regional volunteers, presents Clitio and her mother Mary with some of the prizes donated from area merchants for her being the first baby of 2008 born at the hospital.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



St. Nicholas Catholic School Students of the Month for December are, from left, back, Suleyma Alamillo, Pedro Villacana, Jaylee Simpson, Mayra Magana; center, Tully Menden, Kyle Montelitto, Mason Harwood, Gage Skaggs, Levi Welch, Matthew Gibson; and front, Felix Dopping, Shaelee Poole, Donovan Kenner and Elijah Roger-Moyes.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Drivers — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers are needed to drive a week or more. Information: Karen, 734-5004.

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.

Information is provided. Information: 733-6333.

unteers to serve as reading coaches in the classrooms. Volunteers are needed from 1:30 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 1 p.m., and 2:30 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. Thursday and Friday. Information: Betty: 733-1321.

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Volunteers/donations — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Program is in need of volunteers to help transport refugees, move furniture, sort donated items and tutor English by spending time with a family and practicing conversational skills. Bring donated items from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon) to a week or more. Information: Shannon, 736-2166, sepstove@spr.net.

end-of-life issues. Information: Heidi, 734-4064 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Buhl and Twin Falls area to take clients to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Volunteers — Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers for its new program, Eleventh Hour Angels. Volunteers are needed to spend time with patients who are in their final hours of life. Training is available. Information: 735-0121.

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Volunteers — The VISTA program at Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls is in need of volunteers in the afternoon Monday through Friday to read to children during library time and to assist in a sixth-grade class and first-grade class. Information: Tana at 733-4280.

Volunteers — The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volunteers to visit residents in skilled nursing and residential care facilities. Volunteers can be advocates for residents and improve elderly care. A new training session will begin later this month. Information: Mary or Laurene, 736-2122.

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: Darleen at 736-4675.

Volunteers — South Central Community Action Partnership is in need of volunteers to assist in food pantry, pick-up donated food (mileage reimbursed with correct documentation) and sort donated food items. Information: Leanne or Sandra, 733-3351.

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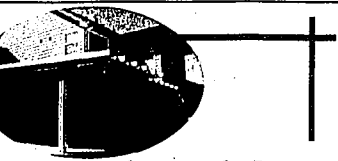
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Mentors — The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteers, age 55 and older, in Jerome and Twin Falls counties to mentor children in the home. Through the junior volunteer program, family and corporate volunteers, the hospice volunteers can be a part of many creative and compassionate programs for caregivers and those facing

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers to assist the elderly and disabled with nonmedical services including transportation, shopping, housekeeping, errand removal and handyman repairs. Mileage reimbursement and volun-

Volunteers — The Idaho Reads VITA program at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls is in need of vol-

unteers to serve as reading coaches in the classrooms. Volunteers are needed from 1:30 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 1 p.m., and 2:30 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 10:30 to 11:10 a.m. Thursday and Friday. Information: Betty: 733-1321.



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Life-size cutouts remind kids of military parents overseas

By Heather Mangan
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — Kiersten Young stopped playing when she spotted her father and reached up to touch his mouth.

"Dadda," the 13-month-old girl said with a grin.

"Yes, that's Dadda," the 11-year-old mother, Heidi Young, reassured her.

The "Flat Daddy" had worked as promised.

On that afternoon, Kiersten's father, Lt. Don Young, was actually in Kansas preparing for deployment to Afghanistan. But the Young family has found a synthetic replacement that seems to be helping Kiersten adapt to life in his absence — a life-sized plastic cutout of the lieutenant's upper torso, in full uniform.

The day of Lt. Young's deployment, his wife went to see Dennis Jablonski, owner of Sign-A-Rama, 215 E. Cedar St., with an odd request. She wanted him to make some

kind of replica of the soldier so his little girl wouldn't forget him. . . . when Jablonski entered the Flat Daddy business. Now, Jablonski makes the cutouts for others who have loved ones serving overseas.

As a family assistance specialist for the Pocatello Army National Guard, he'd first heard of the concept of having cutouts fill in for real people at a symposium. The day her husband left for Kansas, she started looking for places to have one made. She found a few Web sites that made the Flat Daddies, but many said the cutouts would take nearly six months to complete.

"I wanted to have it done locally and know it's being done right," Hiedi said.

Hiedi had met Jablonski at a family trip. Kiersten plays games with it and kisses it at night. It's important to make sure the Flat Daddy doesn't do something her real father wouldn't do, so Kiersten doesn't expect that when he comes back.

Although Hiedi's older children know better, Donald, 14, and Samantha, 10, still joke around with the cutout, Hiedi said. For example, they like to put various kinds of hats on the cutout's head.

asked how much it would cost, Jablonski said "no charge."

In place of payment, he asked for a small favor.

"I told her, 'You start telling the other spouses to come in,'" he said. "We'll take care of them."

And the price still stays at \$0. Jablonski said. On flatland, the cutouts can cost as much as \$49.50, plus \$9.50 for shipping and handling.

The cutout has become a regular part of the Youngs' lives. It sits at dinner with them and comes along on family trips.

In place of payment, he asked for a small favor. "I told her, 'You start telling the other spouses to come in,'" he said. "We'll take care of them."

Lt. Young does think it is a bit weird to have a cutout of himself. Nonetheless, he's happy with his daughter's constant reminder of who he is, Hiedi said. There is no way to tell how Kiersten comprehends the cutout, but the hope is that when her father returns, she'll recognize him.

Those wanting a Flat Daddy just need to bring in a high quality photo of their deployed soldier to Sign-A-Rama, Hiedi said. She said it's best to have the soldiers dressed in their military uniform because it enables children to associate their parents being gone with the uniform.

The cutouts are 36 inches tall and don't have legs. Hiedi said having only an upper torso puts the plastic parents at eye level with their children.

eran service men and women. He's made signs and banners for different events, such as Field of Honor, the Yellow Ribbon Campaign and POW/MIA's annual motorcycle rodeo.

"As a veteran, I thought it was time we gave something back," said Jablonski, an Air Force veteran who was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, during the Vietnam War.

Because of such service, Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, honored Jablonski with the 2007 Spirit of Freedom Award on Veterans Day. For the award, Jablonski received a certificate and a U.S. flag that was flown over the nation's capitol.

"It's good marketing for us," he said, "but it's good for us to help men and women who are serving."

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N. Idaho cities worry about costs of meeting river cleanup goals

POST FALLS (AP) — Federal timelines for cleaning wastewater dumped into the Spokane River could be cut in half, and officials worry that could significantly raise the costs of upgrading treatment plants.

Courtesy of Alene, Post Falls and the Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board are awaiting final word from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency this spring on permits for running their wastewater treatment plants.

Under the proposed permits, the plants would be required to upgrade their facilities over nine years to reduce the amount of phosphorus discharged during the summer to 50 parts per billion.

"This is quite a change," Cour d'Alene wastewater director Sid Fredrickson told the *Coeur d'Alene Press* in an article published Saturday. "We're at 400 parts per billion now, so getting it down to 50 will be quite an accom-

plishment, to say the least." And there are fears, based on comments from environmental groups, that EPA will reduce the timeline for compliance with the permit conditions, meaning funding for upgrades would also be expedited.

Under the end recipient of the push to get the problems addressed not in nine years, but less than five," Post Falls Mayor Clay Larkin said.

"This all translates into the need for money." Pollutants that enter the river contain nutrients, including phosphorus and ammonia, that cause plant and algae growth. As plants grow, they consume oxygen, reducing the amount for fish. Phosphorus comes from a number of sources, including human waste, fertilizer, storm runoff and household detergents.

Draft permits were issued last year for a water quality cleanup plan, called a Total Maximum Daily Load, that will govern the release of pol-

lutants into the Spokane River in both Idaho and Washington.

The river flows from Lake Coeur d'Alene through Spokane to the Columbia River near Grand Coulee Dam in central Washington. Environmental groups, such as the Sierra Club, have criticized the draft permits for allowing Idaho to discharge too much pollution.

Rich Eichstaedt of the Center for Justice in Spokane, Wash., representing the Sierra Club, has said the EPA is being too lenient by allowing Idaho facilities nine years to come into compliance.

Washington dischargers are being required to respond now to the Clean Water Act, while the EPA is giving those in Idaho a "free pass," he said.

Wastewater officials from several Idaho municipalities said it's too early to say what plant upgrades would cost, but it would be cheap. In 10 to 15 years back, it was estimated that a filtration

system would cost \$14 million, but with the increased cost of materials it's probably closer to \$20 million to meet the phosphorus limits," Post Falls public works director Terry Werner said.

A nine-year compliance schedule is needed to perform field studies, design construction, train employees and fine-tune the operation, Fredrickson said.

Post Falls has been operating under a permit that expired in November 2004, Werner said. The process for a new permit has been extended.

To treat some of its wastes during the summer, Post Falls has purchased 628 acres on the Rathdrum Prairie where treated wastes will be spread. But it will be three to five years before that system is ready, Werner said.

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Boise Cascade sale could be done next month

BOISE (AP) — A deal to buy Boise Cascade could be completed by the end of next month.

Boise Cascade spokeswoman Virginia Adlin says shareholders of private equity firm Aldabra 2 Acquisition will vote on the proposed acquisition Feb. 5. If approved, the deal could

close by the end of next month.

That \$1.6 billion sale of Boise Cascade's paper, packaging and newsprint units was announced last year. Aldabra will acquire corrugated plants in Burley and Nampa with about 270 workers, and another 500 corporate and transporta-

tion employees in Boise. Boise Cascade will retain distribution yards in Boise and Idaho Falls and a laminated beam plant in Emmet.

Since 2004, Boise Cascade has been owned since 2004 by the private equity firm of Madison Dearborn Partners.

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TSA: Boise screeners getting extra training after complaint

BOISE (AP) — A businessman's unpleasant airport experience has prompted additional training of screeners at the Boise Airport.

Dan Cartwright is a frequent flyer between Boise and Dallas. In early January, the 50-year-old software engineer was flying home to see his wife and daughter in Texas when a security screening by Transportation Security Administration officials left him feeling humiliated and angry.

"I felt like I was being terrorized," Cartwright told the *Idaho Statesman* in an article published Saturday. While sitting at a boarding gate, he was singled out by Boise Airport TSA workers for an extra, random security check. Cartwright said he questioned the TSA officials about the procedure.

"He basically told me to shut up about my traveling experience was over," Cartwright said. "They intimidate you. You can't talk back because they're the federal government."

Cartwright has filed a formal complaint with the TSA about how he was treated.

A Los Angeles-based TSA spokesman said the additional screenings, called the Aviation Direct Access Screening Program, began in August 2006. Such random screenings are routine at many European airports.

"It is completely random to add to the unpredictability," TSA spokesman Nino Melendez said. "We find value here in being unpredictable."

By design, there are no signs to let travelers know about extra searches, Melendez said. "It is intentional; the element of surprise," he said. "We've never had anybody complain that we've had too much security. It's good that they're out doing their job."

The screenings are generally done shortly before boarding begins and were started to ensure airport employees have not passed off things to travelers, Melendez said.

Cartwright's screening was close enough to his boarding

time that he was worried he could miss his plane while security officials searched him. That's why he waived the option to go to a private area for the screening, he said.

Melendez said the additional screenings should not result in someone missing a flight.

Melendez said Cartwright's complaint was noted and action taken.

"TSA leadership caught wind of this and took action. We act when passengers say they've been wrong. We're here to protect passengers' rights," Melendez said. "We have conducted remedial training on our security officers."

David Stempeler, president of the Air Travelers Association, said new security measures employed since Sept. 11 have sparked complaints like Cartwright's. "I have just two words for you: national security," Stempeler said. "They get away with all kinds of things, TSA does. I get all kinds of complaints."

Officials: Cause of canal break that flooded Nevada town still a mystery

By Martin Griffith
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Three weeks after a canal break swamped hundreds of homes in the northern Nevada town of Fernley, authorities are still puzzled over the cause of the rupture.

Betsy Riecke, area manager for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, said separate teams of outside experts and government personnel are investigating possible causes.

"We may never be able to pinpoint the specific cause," Riecke told The Associated Press. "The evidence in that specific area where the break occurred has washed away."

Officials have speculated

about causes, including structural weaknesses in the century-old earthen irrigation canal, rodents such as gophers and muskrats that could have punched holes in it, and unusually heavy rain.

The flood occurred during a potent storm that also dumped up to 11 feet of snow in the nearby Sierra Nevada.

Riecke said her agency will try to come up with permanent solutions to prevent future breaks after the tenuous issue separate reports later this winter. The Jan. 5 rupture was the sixth in the canal's history.

"We need to be sure that the canal will be safe before water is again delivered into it," Riecke said. "We don't

know yet when water can flow again in the canal."

The reclamation bureau owns the 32-mile canal that takes water from the Truckee River south to Fallon-area farmers, while the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District operates and maintains it under a contract with the bureau.

President Bush has declared the high-desert town 30 miles east of Reno a national disaster area, making federal relief available to those whose homes were inundated.

More than 300 individuals and families have registered for assistance so far through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, agency officials said Friday.

Fearing doomsday, man carves homes into rock

By Brooke Adams
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — The way things were going, Bob Foster figured the end was near and there was no safer place to be than inside a rock in southern Utah.

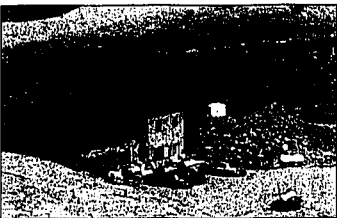
That was 1971. Nearly 30 years later, Foster still lives in a mammoth sandstone slab south of Moab, an astonishing creation he calls Rockland Ranch.

Through the years, Foster has carved eight homes and a "charity house" into the rock, creating comfortable and even luxurious dwellings. When he started it all, Foster was a younger, stronger man — one driven by apocalyptic fears and his fundamentalist Mormon faith to find a safe haven to rear his polygamous family.

He found 100 acres in the sagebrush desert, an edge-of-the-world spot off a twisting, red dirt road and dominated by a massive sandstone formation.

"It was crystal clear this is the place," Foster said. "I knew I was to cut holes in rocks for a refuge center."

Foster signed a 50-year lease for the property, located on state school trust land, and began blasting home-sized holes in the sandstone. There are 22 years left on the lease, which runs about \$6,400 per year, but Foster doesn't expect the government to last that long. So his work continues.



A house built within a sandstone slab is seen in this March 18, 2006 photo, south of Moab, Utah. Thirty years after he figured the end was near and moved to what he thought was a safer place, Bob Foster and a fundamentalist Mormon community continue to live in an astonishing creation he calls Rockland Ranch.

"It was crystal clear this is the place. I knew I was to cut holes in rocks for a refuge center."

— Bob Foster

wife divorced him) and 30 children. "I told the Lord I'd be out here until I was 75, but he had other plans."

Foster is a lanky man with bright blue eyes and skin dotted by rock blasts and desert sun. He once worked as a seminary teacher for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The LDS Church, which publicly disavowed polygamy in 1890, excommunicated Foster in 1972 after he became a fundamentalist and took three wives. Two had taken seminary classes from him years before they married. He was convicted of bigamy in 1974 and spent 20 days in jail doing "hard labor" — washing the sheriff's car. "I figured it was a new mis-

sion," said Foster, who to this day remains a compelling preacher.

The experience, though, helped give urgency to his pursuit of a safe haven for his family and friends. Foster worked in a uranium mine for nearly five months to learn how to "shoot" rock. He was 50 when he put that knowledge to work and began blasting at Rockland Ranch. Foster worked alone because "the Lord made me so strong." In six months, he cut 70 holes into the rock, which is about a half-mile long and 500 feet tall.

Money to fund the project came in strange and, in Foster's view, miraculous ways. Tourists would take a less-traveled fork off a state road, wind up at "The Rock," chat with Foster and contribute a few bucks. A man once showed up with a truckload of ammonium nitrate. A woman gave him thousands to keep the work going. Once, a blast shot out a tourist's windshield. "I laughed, handed me a \$100 bill and drove off," he said.

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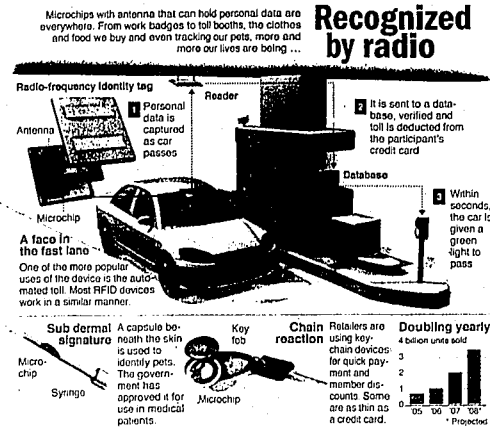
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Microchips everywhere: Boon for retailers, bane for privacy advocates

By Todd Lewan
Associated Press writer

Here's a vision of the not-so-distant future:
—Microchips with antennas will be embedded in virtually everything you buy, from cars to credit cards, allowing retailers and law enforcement to track consumer items and, by extension, consumers — wherever they go, from a distance.
—A seamless, global network of electronic "sniffers" will scan radio tags in myriad public settings, identifying people and their tastes instantly so that customized ads, "live spam," may be beamed at them.
—In "Smart Homes," sensors built into walls, floors and appliances will inventory and analyze eating habits, monitor medicine cabinets — all the while, silently reporting data to marketers eager for a peek into the occupants' private lives.
—Even fiction?



In truth, much of the radio frequency identification technology that enables objects and people to be tagged and tracked wirelessly already exists — and new applications are being patented, perfected and deployed.
Some of the world's largest corporations are vested in the success of RFID technology, which couples highly miniaturized and complex wireless radio antennas to broadcast information about sales and buyers to company databases.
Already, microchips are turning up in some computer printers, car keys and tires, on shampoo bottles

and department store-clothing tags. They're also in library books and "contactless" payment cards (such as American Express' "Blue" and ExxonMobil's "Speedpass.")
Companies say the RFID tags improve supply-chain efficiency, cut theft, and guarantee that brand-name products are authentic and uncounterfeited. At a store, RFID doorways could scan your purchases automatically as you leave, eliminating tedious checkouts.
At home, convenience is a selling point: RFID-enabled refrigerators could warn about expired milk, generate

weekly shopping lists, even send signals to your interactive TV, so that you see "personalized" commercials for foods you have a history of buying. Sniffers in your microwave might read a chip-equipped TV dinner and cook it without instruction.
"We've seen so many different uses of the technology," says Dan Mullen, president of AIM Global, a national association of data collection businesses, including RFID, "and we're probably still just scratching the surface in terms of places RFID can be used."
The problem, critics say, is

that microchipped products might very well do a whole lot more.
With tags in so many objects, relying information to databases that can be linked to credit and bank cards, almost no aspect of life may soon be safe from the prying eyes of corporations and governments, says Mark Blumenthal, former head of the computer-crime unit of the U.S. Justice Department.
By placing sniffers in strategic areas, companies can invisibly "rifle through people's pockets, purses, suitcases, briefcases, luggage" and possibly their kitchens and bedrooms —

anytime of the day or night," says Blumenthal, now managing director of technology at FTI Consulting Inc., a Baltimore-based company.
In an RFID world, "You've got the possibility of unauthorized people learning stuff about who you are, what you've bought, how and where you've bought it ... It's like saying, 'Well, who wants to look through my medicine cabinet?'"
He imagines a time when anyone from police to identity thieves to stalkers might scan locked car trunks, garages or home offices from a distance. "Think of it as a high-tech form of Dumpster diving," says Blumenthal, who's also concerned about data gathered by "spy" appliances in the home.
"It's going to be used in unintended ways by third parties — not just the government, but private investigators, marketers, lawyers building a case against you ..."
Presently, the radio tag most commercialized in America is the so-called "passive" emitter, meaning it has no internal power supply. Only when a reader powers these tags with a squirt of electrons do they broadcast their signal, indiscriminately, within a range of a few inches to 20 feet.
Not as common, but increasing in use, are "active" tags, which have internal batteries and can transmit signals, continuously, as far as low-orbiting satellites. Active tags pay tolls as motorists to zip through tollgates; they also track wildlife, such as sea lions.

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Cooking schools become latest places to ban trans fats

By Michelle R. Smith
Associated Press writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The movement to ban artery-clogging trans fats from food has a new venue: cooking schools.
The places that train the people who will someday be feeding the rest of us are cutting back or eliminating artificial trans fats from their menus, and some are taking a responsibility to teach students how to cook healthy foods.
"It's a very welcome change," said John O'Connell, Jr., a sophomore culinary arts student at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, one of the nation's largest cooking schools.
The school has started phasing out trans fats in its restaurants, hotels and dining services on four campuses around the country, and plans to be trans-fat-free by the fall semester.
"We have made sure that we do the right thing," said Karl J. Guggenmos, dean of culinary education at Johnson & Wales University in Providence

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... and they cost less than butter.
Trans fats are created when hydrogen is added to liquid cooking oils to harden them. Along with saturated fats, they raise levels of so-called bad cholesterol, increasing the risk of heart disease.
New York City banned cooking oils with trans fat from all restaurants last year, and several states and cities have debated similar measures. A number of fast-food restaurants chains are making the switch to trans fat-free cooking oils.
At the Culinary Institute of America, trans fat is one of the "hot button" topics, said

school spokesman Stephan Hengst.
"Once they get out in the industry, they've got to understand it," he said of students.
The school has about 3,000 students at its main campus and three branches, and boasts such famous alumni as restaurateur Charlie Palmer and best-selling author and chef Anthony Bourdain.
"Trans fats are banned at the school, Hengst said, except in advanced cake decorating classes where students work with trans-fat-based shortenings. But no one eats the cakes once they're decorated; they're thrown away.
"Baking is a science. You can't just substitute," she said.
Until recently, there weren't many good options for trans fat-free baking products, Guggenmos said. The school worked closely with its supplier to find ingredients that worked and to reformulate its recipes as needed.

At Johnson & Wales, it took months of work to get trans fats out of the school's curriculum. Their textbook has hundreds of recipes and about 50 included trans fats, said Wanda Cropper, who oversees the school's baking and pastry institute.
Eliminating it from some recipes was relatively easy — butter and olive oil are often good substitutes. But baking was different. Getting the right texture, color, smell and taste was tricky, and took a lot of trial and error, Cropper said.
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More than just cookies Girl Scout troop in Rupert plans trip to Mexico

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

RUPERT — The Girl Scout program can change the way girls see the world and their place in it.

Girl Scout Cadet Troop 71 in Rupert, under the direction of Katrina Shiner, is a prime example of the difference club participation can make in a young girl's life. Many of the girls, sixth and seventh graders, have been active in Girl Scouts since kindergarten.

Much like Boy Scouts, they do community service and learn skills for badges and recognition, though the skills they work on vary somewhat from the Boy Scout curriculum. The girls work on various types of projects including life skills, science, health, communications, art and sports. The girls learn the importance of personal responsibility, goal-setting and teamwork.

Troop 71 is part of the Silver Sage Council. Other troops are based locally as well. They are divided into four groups: Daisy Girl Scouts, ages 5-6; Brownie Girl Scouts, ages 6-8; Junior Girl Scouts, ages 8-11; and STUDIO 2B for girls ages 11 to 17. Girls 18 and older can join Girl Scouts as a leader.

"There's something for every age," Shiner says. "The program does so much to help them learn who they are and who they want to be."

Girl Scouts are best known for their cookie sales. Proceeds from these sales go toward the troops to help fund service projects, learning projects, awards and camps. Selling the cookies does more than just raise money, however. It also teaches the girls communication and business skills, as well as financial responsibility.

"They have to become little business people," Shiner says. "It gets harder to sell the cookies they get, so they have to know what they're doing and what they're talking about."

One service project Troop 71 holds regularly revolves around the residents of



Lexi Hendricks, left, makes a necklace for Larue Hawkins on Friday at the Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert.

What's it all about?

The Girl Scout program is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law and four fundamental goals that encourage girls to: Develop to their full potential. Relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect. Develop a meaningful set of

values to guide their actions and to provide for sound decision-making. Contribute to the improvement of society. For more information or to get involved with a Girl Scout program: Jamie Holmes, service unit coordinator, 436-3063.

the trip. "We've done so much locally it's time to go global," Shiner says.

To prepare cookies or for information about cookie sales and other planned events: Shiner, 436-7688.

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Countryside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Rupert, each month the girls not only visit with the residents, but also help them do crafts or other activities.

"It's fun to meet them and get to know them," says Morgan Churba, one of the Girl Scouts. Another Girl Scout, Lexi Hendricks said, "I like coming over here. I like to meet new people and they always have fun stories to share about when they were young."

The residents say they also enjoy the visits from the girls and treasure the projects they have made together, including necklaces, bracelets, quilts and centerpieces.

Troop 71 is also working on another special project. In June 2009 the girls will be traveling to Mexico to one of four Girl Scout world centers. While there they will not only have the opportunity to see the local sites and participate in activities, but they will also be doing community service and organizing activities for the local children of the area.

To raise the \$15,000 needed for the trip, the girls have planned a number of fundraisers and events. Money from cookie sales in February and March will still go to their local service projects and activities, but tips will be accepted to go toward

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Minidoka County has a Weed Advisory Committee that consists of seven members that are appointed for two-year terms. The committee works with the county Weed Supervisor, Reid Smith, to come up with ways of dealing with weed issues. Regularly-scheduled meetings only occur once or twice a year.

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Legal kids, illegal parents create precarious family situations

By Kelly Brewington
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — After years of struggle, Adela finally had found stability. With a renewed religious faith, her bounce-rocky marriage to Rigoberto had become strong.

Most of all, they had reason to celebrate: Their newborn Moses, by virtue of being born in the United States, possessed American citizenship, a privilege unattainable to the Honduran couple because they had entered the country illegally.

But chaos struck during a trip to Toys "R" Us on a frigid day in February. Police pulled over the Baltimore County family's truck for a traffic violation. Rigoberto was handcuffed. A month later, he was deported. Adela and her sons never saw him again.

"It is hard, but I stay here for my children," said Adela, 32, who declined to give her last name for fear of being deported. "But I'm scared."

Moses is among the nation's 3.4 million children living a precarious family dynamic — American citizens with at least one parent who is an undocumented immigrant. They account for about two-thirds of the 5 million children in illegal immigrant families, according to 2006 figures from the Pew Hispanic Center.

Known as "mixed-status" families, they present the toughest of challenges for politicians, policymakers and advocates battling over immigration reform.

Some illegal immigration foes call children like Moses "anchor babies," their births calculated by parents seeking benefits for their children that only the U.S. can offer. Immigrant advocates point to such families as case studies in the nation's broken immigration system, a structure so flawed that even U.S.-born children suffer.

Political pressure on federal immigration and Customs officials to toughen enforcement has resulted in workplace raids and arrests. Advocates warn that a swelling number of immigrant families will be thrown into chaos and, ultimately, separated by borders. Immigrant advocates say tales of deported parents seeking to reunite with their families are increasingly common.

"It really speaks to the lengths that families will go through to be together," said Miriam Calderon, associate director of the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy organization.

Families left behind face numerous hardships, said Calderon, whose organization commissioned a report with the nonpartisan Urban Institute in Washington to study deportations' effect on children. Communities panicked, families lost their breadwinners and children were stigmatized at school, researchers found.

"These were big shows of force," said Randy Capps, senior research associate at the Urban Institute. "They didn't just stop with the big raid at the plant, but these smaller raids continued and sort of kept the families living in fear. In the most extreme cases, parents basically hid in their homes for weeks."

Although Rigoberto was not snagged in a raid, Adela faced challenges because the family bills and the lease on their house were all in her husband's name. Adela found herself raising a fussy infant and a rebellious teenager on her own. Worse, she worried that authorities would deport her next.

Immigration and Customs officials deported 237,255 people in 2007, up from 204,500 in 2006. While the agency targets immigrants who have committed crimes, it has pushed to reduce a case backlog and conduct more workplace sweeps.

The strategies have heightened the sense of vulnerability among immigrants, both legal and illegal. A little more than half of all

Hispanic adults worry that a family member or close friend could be deported, according to a survey released recently by the Pew Hispanic Center.

Church leaders, educators and immigrant advocates have complained of immigration officers' tactics, including the detention of breast-feeding mothers after raids. Immigration officials responded by broadening

the use of ankle bracelets for women who otherwise would be detained during the deportation process. Still, others argue that undocumented immigrants must be sent back to their country of origin, regardless of the circumstances.

"There is no good solution; this is what happens when you ignore immigration law. You end up creating these dilemmas," said Mark

Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington think tank that supports tighter controls on immigration.

"That said, the activist groups' solution — letting the illegal parents stay — isn't much of a solution at all. It tells the illegal immigrant once they have a kid they get a free pass."

The solution, Krikorian

said, must be comprehensive: strengthening immigration laws, cracking down on employers who hire illegal workers, forbidding immigrants from gaining driver's licenses and "making it as difficult as possible to be an illegal alien."

But for Miguel Diaz, whose wife, Fidella, was deported to El Salvador in 2007, life is complex.

At 5 a.m. on day last

January, gun-wielding immigration officers arrested Fidella at the couple's Windsor Mills home, starting their two U.S.-born children, Edwin, 13, and Cynthia, 8.

"My children were crying, I could see on the officers' faces, they knew it was wrong," Diaz said. "It is anti-human. I said, 'You are dividing my family, why are you doing this?'"

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They're No. 1? CSI beats No. 3 Bruins

No. 2 Eagle men hand SLCC first loss of season

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The College of Southern Idaho men have done their part. They'll wait and see if the NCAAs Division I Basketball Poll voters do theirs on Tuesday.

In a game that set an all-time attendance record at Bruin Gymnasium, the No. 2 Golden

College of Southern Idaho forward Juan Pattillo goes up for a jam during the Golden Eagles win at Salt Lake Community College on Saturday.

Eagles made their best argument for a top ranking in the nation, topping No. 3 Salt Lake Community College 84-78 Saturday afternoon in Salt Lake City.

"Sure, you could make a good case for that," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said of his team's chances of supplanting current No. 1 Chipola College (Fla.) in the coming poll. "Especially when you go and beat the No. 3 team in the nation on the road."

With two busloads and a number of cars' worth of rowdy fans cheering them on, the 20-0 Golden Eagles improved to 5-0 in Scenic West Athletic Conference

play behind a career game from sophomore Preseason All-America selection Juan Pattillo. The power forward jumped in a career-high 31 points to offset DaVell Jackson's game-high 32-point effort for SLCC.

"He had tremendous focus and seriousness," Peery said of Pattillo. "For us, that was a special effort. He did great things."

The Golden Eagles earned half-time down 34-33, facing their first halftime deficit of the season. In response, CSI unambiguously shredded the vaunted SLCC defense in the second half. The Golden Eagles scored on 14 of their first 19 possessions after the break in putting up 51 second-half points against a Bruin defense that, until Saturday, allowed its opponents

only 51 points per game.

For their part, the 19-1 (4-1) Bruins leaned on Jackson, who pumped in 21 points after the break.

"Those two minutes when DaVell wasn't in the game, man those were two great minutes," Peery joked. "I loved those minutes. He's a good player and he had a great game."

CSI sophomore post Art Parakhoski aided Pattillo with a 13-point, 11-rebound double-double, while Joey Shaw scored 15.

Playing in what may be the most high-profile junior college basketball game of the regular season, the Golden Eagles left off

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Where there's a Will ...

Playing for stricken coach, Jerome girls poised for storybook ending

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

Jerome Burnham is really retired. It's the newly broken news and looked at each other, neither wanting to allow the tears welling in their eyes to spill over and make the situation any more difficult than it was already.

During the impromptu offseason lunch meeting with then-Jerome High head girls basketball coach Will Harbison, the two seniors-to-be were rocked by the revelation that Harbison's cystic fibrosis — a disease he was diagnosed with just one month after birth — had advanced to the point that he needed to go to Salt Lake City where he still awaits the lung transplant that will hopefully save his life.

It was a tough decision from a tough coach who refused to let others see how far he had exhausted himself.

"If you looked at him and didn't know he was sick, you wouldn't be able to tell. He never lets it show on his face, ever," said Reid. "We were really sad, but at the same time we were glad that he was getting it done so he can get better."

Said Burnham: "He wasn't just our coach, he's one of our best friends."

Harbison's relationship is tight with each and every one of the Jerome players, but there's something even tighter involving the two seniors, both of whom made their varsity

debut as freshmen during Harbison's inaugural season at the helm.

Last summer, he told each of the remaining players individually of his departure, but wanted his two leaders to be the first to know that he was leaving. The announcement was a sobering reminder about the reality of life outside of basketball, even if it shouldn't have come as a total surprise.

Late into last season, an internal suspicion mounted that this year would be dif-

ferent for Jerome's girls basketball team. But it wasn't until an offseason precipitated by a Great Basin Conference West tournament loss to Minico that Harbison confirmed to his players that this was the end, at least for the time being.

"We kind of had an idea that we weren't sure if Will would have the strength to go one more year, and his health started to deteriorate a little," said Brent Clark, who helped out the last couple of years and assumed what he calls the interim head coaching role for this season — or as long as it takes Harbison to recover. If he wants to resume coaching after the transplant. "It really hit home when he told the kids. He has a special bond with the girls, and really wanted to finish it out with the seniors."

The transition was an easy one on the court, but everywhere the Tigers look there are reminders of a beloved coach who can't be with them because of more important matters.

"It's strange that (during) pregame, he's not there," said Reid. "During the game, it's not like we've gotten a new coach, it's just like we've lost someone physically. But even though he's not here but physically,

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The Jerome girls basketball team huddles during a recent practice. The Tigers are 19-1 on the season.



College of Southern Idaho forward Juan Pattillo goes up for the basket against Salt Lake Community College Saturday in Salt Lake.

CSI women stop SLCC in overtime

Pringle-Buchanan comes up big late

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

SALT LAKE CITY — With her Golden Eagles hemorrhaging, LaCale Pringle-Buchanan pulled right on the tournament.

Pringle-Buchanan scored seven points in overtime as the No. 1 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team defeated Scenic West Athletic Conference rival Salt Lake Community College 75-66 Saturday afternoon in Salt Lake City.

Moments after the 19-1 (5-0) Golden Eagles survived a 16-point halftime rally by the 15-5 (4-1) Bruins,

Pringle-Buchanan scored CSI's first six points of the extra period,

giving her team a lead it held to with a death grip.

"In overtime, I kind of felt like I had to go on that little run to get something going for us," Pringle-Buchanan, who turned 21 Saturday, said.

SLCC forced overtime with a furious second-half surge that saw the Bruins come out of halftime with a 22-7 run before CSI freshman Maddy Plunkett took over. Playing inspired on Australia Day and her parents' 22nd wedding anniversary, the Aussie post scored nine of CSI's next 11 points as the Golden Eagles went up 49-36 with 8:20 remaining.

"Maddy's go-to player for us," Pringle-Buchanan said. "I feel like whenever we need somebody to come up with a big shot, she's someone to count on."

Plunkett finished with 15 points, while Pringle-Buchanan led CSI with 17 points, eight rebounds and

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CSI BOXING SMOKER



Megan Mackenzie receives a blow to the face as the CSI fighter takes on Lizette Livly of Utah Saturday night during the Cowboy and Cowgirl Boxing Smoker at the College of Southern Idaho. Though Mackenzie was knocked down in the first round, she was able to fight back in the second to win the match.

Blackfoot takes Halverson crown, Minico finishes 4th

By Zach Kyle
For the Times-News

Area winners: Cummins, Burgara, Cooper and Ramirez claim titles

RUHPERT — The Red Halverson tournament is the relief of the wrestlers, parents, coaches and (especially) Minico administrators who for two days have lived and breathed the exhaustion, highs and lows of a 24-team wrestling binge.

In an exciting Saturday, no match was more charged than the 169-pound championship match in which Minico's Brady Cooper scored four points in the final 30 seconds against Blackfoot's J.C. Peery to force overtime, then won with a takedown. Peery was ranked No. 1 and undefeated against Idaho wrestlers.

"Brady's getting better every week," said Minico coach and father Brad Cooper. "There's no telling what he'll do next week. I'm just proud as can be, a proud papa."

Brady Cooper said anticipating one of Idaho's top wrestlers didn't get in his head or change his preparation.

"I just wanted to wrestle my match, do what my coaches told me," he said.

Blackfoot ran away with the team title, but Minico, which took fourth overall, had



Minico's David Burgara, right, takes on Blackfoot's Conner Bingham in the 130-pound championship match during the Red Halverson Invitational Saturday in Rupert.

The strategy paid off for Burgara, who won 7-3 and remained undefeated on the season.

"It's about time I win this tournament," Burgara said. "I stayed undefeated for five tournaments, so I'm on the right track."

Ramirez won the 285-pound championship against Centennial's Jake Denzley in unusual fashion. Denzley hadn't lost to an Idaho wrestler all season, and had beat Ramirez in a close match earlier this year. After 3:51 of scoreless wrestling, Ramirez flipped Denzley, whose neck absorbed most of the impact. Ramirez was awarded two points for a reversal but Denzley was

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The Australian Open men's singles championship match between Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Novak Djokovic began at 1:30 a.m. today. For full coverage, see Monday's Times-News or visit magfvalley.com/sports.



LOCAL ROUNDUP

Tigers ride Clark's trey barrage

Times-News

Tek Clark buried six 3-pointers en route to a game-high 23 points and top-ranked Richfield quickly stole a 61-36 home victory over Mackay in a Class 1A non-conference game...

Richfield is No. 2 at Carey on Tuesday in a titanic Magic Valley Northside Conference clash.

"We play different styles. It will be interesting to see which style comes out on top," said Richfield coach Gary Ward.

Richfield 64, Mackay 36
Mackay 28:15-31-64
Mackay 10:15-20-31-64

NO. 2 ABERDEEN 68, NO. 3 WENDELL 50
Breck Lundberg led three Wendell scorers in double figures with 14 points and added eight rebounds...

Eric Larson was the star for the Trojans to avoid a 68-50 loss at Aberdeen in Class 2A non-conference action on Saturday evening.

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their fans, who erupted as Patillo slammed home two early dunks. That momentum carried through as the strip of black and gold in the gym's north corners batted the volume of the large-Protein contingent.

"We brought it, boys," Peery said. "We brought it. Our crowd was tremendous." CSI is back in action this Friday and Saturday, hosting North Idaho College. But after their team's big win, Peery finally had something positive to say about the early Saturday start times of this season's SWAC games.

"I'm glad that we played an early game, because I'm ready to roll into bed," Peery said. "This team may be ready to roll into No. 1."

No. 2 CSI 64, No. 3 SLCC 78
CSI 30:00-50-60
Slack 49-56-16, Kevin Galloway 11-21, Henry Perry 26-37, Jason Pelt 11-23, Adam Johnson 4-12, D.J. Simpson 11-19, Nick Bartz 5-12, Josh Peterson 5-10, Daren Jordan 0-10, Ben Hill 11-12, Logan Smith 20-38-14

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eight steals. That effort helped stave off Keisha Gatten's game-high 17 points for Salt Lake, along with 16 for post-Breanne Buchanan who wreaked havoc in the paint during the second half.

SLCC's Michelle Pace tied the game at 62 with 39.5 seconds left in regulation, cutting down the left baseline to score a lay-in. After Pringle-Buchanan lost the ball in a scrum that resulted in a jump ball to CSI with one second on the shot clock and 4.7 in the game, Pringle missed a jumper at the free-throw line off a Teri Fremayne inbound pass, relegating the game to its overtime conclusion.

"I thought we had a pretty good shot at the end," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "I'm really disappointed in my team's success to the end. Rogers spotted a slight smile after the game, saying, "Maybe we are O.K. Maybe we're not as bad as I thought."

CSI opened up a 30-14 halftime lead on the strength of a defense that held the Bruins to 21 percent shooting from the field. Pringle-Buchanan opened the scoring with a early 3-pointer before Lacet took control of the period's middle stages.

Second half lifts Hawaii past Idaho

Times-News

Hawaii outscored Idaho 34-29 in the second half after being tied at halftime to take a 59-53 win over the Vandals in Moscow on Saturday night.

Matt Gibson scored 16 points and dished out four assists to lead the Warriors (8-11, 4-3 Western Athletic Conference) to the win.

Idaho (5-14, 2-6) was led by a game-high 17 points from Jordan Brooks.

Hagerman 57, Gooding 40
Gooding 19:42-27-40
Hagerman 15:24-23-57

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Injured on the move and couldn't continue, making Ramirez a winner on an injury default.

"I didn't want to end like that," Ramirez said. "It's a shame he couldn't continue. He's a good opponent."

Ramirez said he and Minko's coaches anticipated a match with Densley and prepared a strategy for facing him.

"I kind of figured he was going to leg ride," Ramirez said. "I've been working that all week because I figured I was going to see him in the finals, it paid off."

Twin Falls finished fifth overall on the strength of Zak Stotters' second-place finish at 152. Todd Anderson's third-place showing at 130 and Chance Lewis' fourth-place result at 145. Stotters, who lost a narrow 4-3 decision to Madison's Jake Lords in the championship, was disappointed with his placing.

"Obviously, I expected to get first, but it didn't work out," Stotters said. "We're disappointed."

Jerome took ninth overall, and Cory Caminus took a 7-3 decision over Pucello's Tyler Praska to remain undefeated in the 103 championship.

As a team, Burley had a rough tournament, placing 19th. However, Jerrod Hammond took third at 152, and Corbin Bowers lost a tough semifinal match to Percy and ended up taking fifth at 169.

Hammond, whose opponent was forced to forfeit due

to injury without even taking the mat, was happy with the result but he wanted to wrestle for it.

"I was a little disappointed, but it's an easy win and third place, I guess," Hammond said.

Burley coach Clint Milliron said the tournament showed his boys' heartiness stood going into the conference tournament, and he praised Brad Cooper, his Mini-Cassid rival.

"I never realized it, but he's never won a high school tournament before this," Milliron said. "He's talented enough, he just never has. He showed a lot of heart, and the price he's paid in the past years, all the hard work, showed he can wrestle with the best in the state."

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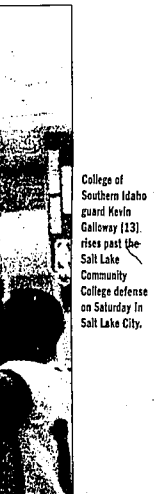
CO-ED TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Fifteen teams stepped onto the court at Baum Gymnasium for Twin Falls High School's fund-raising co-ed volleyball tournament on Saturday.

The top three teams from the "Gold" bracket, first to third, were: Esmerelda (Boise), Thompson (a coaches' team from Twin Falls High School) and a team from the College of Southern Idaho put together by Jim Carter and Scott Rogers.

The top three in the "Silver" bracket were, first to third, Lata (Burley), J-Evens' Trucking (Twin Falls) and St. Benedict's (Jerome).

Twin Falls varsity volleyball coach BJ Price and the team thanked all the teams who participated.



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Donohue ahead in tight battle of prototypes at 24-hour race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — An intense battle went into the 10th hour Sunday at the Rolex 24-hour at Daytona International Speedway, with David Donohue, son of the late Indianapolis 500 winner Mark Donohue, holding a narrow lead over a large group of Daytona Prototypes.

Brumos Porsche Riley of Terry Borcheller, Jono Barossa and J.C. France, son of NASCAR

member and Rolex Grand-Am Series founder Jim France, and the Ford Riley co-driven by NASCAR driver A.J. Allmendinger, John Pew, Ian James and Kurt Friselle.

Sports Shorts

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Bruin basketball crab feed nears

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls boys basketball team will host its third annual all-you-can-eat Dungeness crab feed from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 2 at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

North West Baseball seeks players

The North West Baseball League is seeking youths, managers and players for next season. The league will open auditions in January.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Woods builds 8-shot lead with ugly forecast looming

SAN DIEGO — Break out the umbrellas for rain, and the white flags for Tiger Woods.

Winning the Buick Invitational became a matter of when — not who — after Woods put on a clinic Saturday by hitting 17 greens in regulation, building an eight-shot lead and hoping he doesn't have to wait until Monday to collect a fourth straight title at Torrey Pines.

Woods finished off a 6-under 66 with a tap-in birdie on the par-5 18th, where his 3-iron landed on the bank general, a good but stopped short of going into the water. That put him at 18-under 198, tying the 54-hole tournament record set by Woody

Blackburn in 1985. Cink made a 35-foot eagle on the final hole to trim the lead to eight.

Woods shattered the Buick Invitational record for largest 54-hole lead (five shots), and it was the largest on the PGA Tour since Phil Mickelson led by eight shots at the BellSouth Classic in 2006. This is a course Woods loves, but he has never dominated like this at Torrey Pines. Two years ago, he was in an eight-way tie for the lead with six holes to play. Last year, he led to rally from two shots behind in the final round. "A lot more enjoyable," Woods said of his margin, "I'd like to have the biggest lead you can possibly have. You've still got to go out there and play well and just a number."



Tiger Woods reacts to just missing a birdie putt of the No. 8 hole during the third round of the Buick Invitational Saturday in San Diego.

need to go out there and hit good shots. You don't ever want to give guys a chance by playing poorly."

By Durant was among the deflated, having posted a 67 on the tough South Course only to lose ground. He was at 9-under 207, and when someone asked if the four should have a mercy rule, Durant could only laugh.

"If there was ever a week for it, this might be it," Durant said. Mercy might come from Mother Nature. Sunshine gave way to clouds late in the day, and the forecast today was for heavy rain that could wash out the final round. Players would have to return on Monday if the course conditions and forecast allow.

Morgan maintains lead at Turtle Bay

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Gil Morgan shot an even-par 72 in windy conditions to maintain the two-stroke lead after the second round of the Turtle Bay Championship.

The 61-year-old Morgan had a huddle and bogey on each side of the wind-swept Paluhar Course for a 36-hole total of 7-under 137 in the Champions Tour's first field

event of the year. Jim Thorpe (71) and Bernhard Langer (71) were 5 under.

Defending champion Fred Funk, coming off a win last week at the winners-only MasterCard Championship, shot his second straight 70 to match Morris Hatahsly (73), Phil Blackburn (72) and Fulton Allem (72) at 4 under.

There were 16 players in the 186 on a calm Friday. Don Paskley (69) was the only one on Saturday.

Edfors first at Qatar

DOHA, Qatar — Sweden's Johan Edfors shot a 3-under 69 to take a one-stroke lead over Scotland's Andrew Coltart after the third round of the Qatar Masters. The 22-year-old Edfors had a 12-under 204 total. — The Associated Press

Super Bowl coaches Belichick, Coughlin actually like each other

NEW YORK (AP) — One evening last March during the NFL meetings in Phoenix, a group of fans leaving a restaurant encountered Tom Coughlin and Dick Jauron dining with their wives on the outdoor terrace.

Nothing unusual about that — Jauron, Buffalo's coach, was once Coughlin's defensive coordinator in Jacksonville.

Bill Belichick wasn't there. He doesn't spend much time at owners' meetings. But if he had been present, he might have been sitting with Coughlin and Jauron, among the few NFL

coaches for whom the Patriots coach has any genuine respect. Add Jacksonville's Rex Ryan and you might have the entire list of peers Belichick truly likes.

That makes next Sunday's Super Bowl almost a love fest between two men perceived to be among the NFL's least lovable coaches: Belichick and Coughlin, portrayed by television cameras and sometimes his own New York Giants players as the ultimate grumpy old man. It's more dramatic because Coughlin can keep Belichick from making history with the first 19-0 team in NFL history.

"Tom and I have a good relationship," Belichick said this week.

"We go way back," the '08s there at the Giants. We worked together closely, as a secondary coach and a receiver coach would. He's a good personal friend, and Judy and his family. We've spent time with them away from football, whether it was at Boston College, Jacksonville and so forth. I respect Tom. I think he's an outstanding coach and wish him well in every game but this one."

Coughlin, reminiscing 200 or so miles away, recalled when he and Belichick would sit up late at night working on drills for Coughlin's receivers and Belichick's defensive backs.

"It was always competitive, but competitive in a way that would help our team," Coughlin said. "We developed a relationship of cooperation then. It's done an excellent, excellent job." OK. Mutual admiration plaudits. But there actually seems to be a sense



New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin applauds his players before an NFL divisional playoff game against the Dallas Cowboys Jan. 13 in Irving, Texas. The New England Patriots play the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLII in Glendale, Ariz., next Sunday.



New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick gives instructions to his team in a game against the San Diego Chargers on Sept. 16, 2007, in Foxborough, Mass. The New England Patriots play the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLII in Glendale, Ariz., next Sunday.

of real camaraderie between the Super Bowl adversaries, who were together on what has to be one of the best staffs ever, the Giants of the late 1980s who beat Buffalo in the Super Bowl following the 1990 season. It was headed by Bill Parcells and included Coughlin, Belichick, Crennel, former Jets and current Virginia coach Al Coker, and Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis.

Not to mention Ray Landley, who got the Giants' job when Parcells stepped down in the spring of 1991.

"I always thought both of them were going to be pretty good," Parcells equipped this week about his two former assistants, even noting that he and Belichick were on the outs for a while — "a little difference of opinion on a couple of things," he how the fuma put it.

Belichick has been on the outs with a lot of coaches since Week 1 this year, when one of his former proteges, the Jets' Eric Mangini, turned him into the NFL for videotaping defensive signals. Belichick was fined \$500,000, and the team was fined \$250,000 and lost its first-round draft pick, though the Patriots still have the seventh overall, obtained from San Francisco.

The Patriots used the episode and the resentment it caused as incentive in a

16-0 regular season, now 19-0 after two playoff wins.

But the resentment among NFL coaches, which had simmered as the Patriots won Super Bowls after the 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons, became a little more open. It was most likely reciprocal. While Belichick never says anything overtly nasty, there's an overriding feel that he disdains many of his colleagues, whom he feels aren't quite as smart as he is.

Coughlin isn't in that category. As monomaniacal about the game as the Giants coach can be, Belichick was off his radar until the final game of the regular season. The Patriots won 36-35 to complete an unbeaten season, but the Giants were bolstered for the playoffs by showing they could stay with the best. And the two coaches remained friends through Coughlin's stints with Jacksonville and now with the Giants.

In his first three seasons in New York, Coughlin's obsessive ways often put him in conflict with his players.

The clash was intimate and debilitating on both sides.

By this season, his fourth with the Giants, Coughlin has moderated and Barber's retirement seems to have left the locker room a happier place.

Redskins fire assistants, but head coach still TBA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Redskins have virtually their entire coaching staff in place for next season — except for the head coach.

And that head coach won't be Greg Williams. Or Al Saunders.

As for the rest of the candidates, they'll have to wait until the Super Bowl is done. On a busy Saturday at Redskins Park, the team fired assistants Williams and Saunders, promoted Greg Blanche to lead the team's defense — and formally announced the hiring of Jim Zorn to head the offense.

There was more. Quarterbacks coach Bill Lazor and Al Saunders' son, offensive assistant Bob Saunders, will also not return next season.

The person selected to head coach Kirk Coakland has agreed to a new contract. Running backs coach Earnest Byner, the only other assistant whose deal was about to expire, has been in talks with Tampa Bay about a job but would be welcome to return as well.

Kiffin hopes to be back with Raiders despite reports of friction

MOBILE, Ala. — Lane Kiffin said he hopes to be back as Oakland Raiders coach next season, a day after reports surfaced that owner Al Davis has asked him to resign.

Kiffin was asked after coaching the North team at the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., on Saturday whether he wanted to return to a second season as Oakland's coach.

Hall of Famer Moon to be arraigned on DUI charges

SEATTLE (AP) — Hall of Fame quarterback Warren Moon will enter a plea Feb. 5 on charges of driving under the influence, court officials said. The charges stem from an arrest Dec. 28, when a Medina police officer saw Moon's vehicle on the Highway 520 Bridge at about 2 a.m. and noticed it had an expired registration tab, said Medina police Lt. Dan Youboski. Moon had a valid Texas driver's license, but his driving privileges had been revoked in Washington. Youboski told the Seattle Times.

The officer arrested the former Seahawks quarterback on suspicion of DUI. He was taken to a Kirkland police station, processed and released. If Moon enters a guilty plea at his February arraignment, he could be sentenced at that time.

Moon works as a color analyst on the Seahawks' radio broadcasts. A Seahawks spokesman said the team would defer comment until the process is complete.

"I hope so," he said. Kiffin would not comment further on a report by ESPN that Davis drew up a resignation letter for him two weeks ago.

"It's got nothing to do with this game, and these guys' last game here will be said."

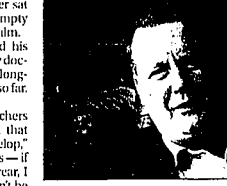
The Raiders denied the report when it came out Friday. Speculation about Kiffin's status began three weeks ago after reports surfaced following the season that he wanted to leave his defensive coordinator Bill Ryan. The Raiders dismissed those reports and announced that Ryan was staying on as coordinator. Kiffin was reportedly upset that he didn't have control of his coaching staff, leading Davis to ask for his resignation. — The Associated Press

Hank Steinbrenner promises patience (really), but team better win

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Hank Steinbrenner sat behind his desk and looked out at empty Legends Field, where all was quiet and calm.

Over and over again, he emphasized his philosophy — the New York Yankees' new doctrine — of tolerance, of deliberation, of long-term planning. That, however, only goes so far.

He is, after all, a Steinbrenner. "I will be patient with the young pitchers and players. There's no question about that because I know how these players develop," he said. "But as far as missing the playoffs — if we miss the playoffs by the end of this year, I don't know how patient I'll be. But it won't be against the players. It won't be a matter of that. It will be a matter of maybe certain people in the organization could have done something else."



New York Yankees general partner Hank Steinbrenner sits in his office during an interview at Legends Field Thursday in Tampa, Fla.

Series (file No. 27. His health appeared to deteriorate after he collapsed in December 2003 during a memorial service for football great Otto Graham in Sarasota, Fla., and again in October 2006 while watching his granddaughter perform in a play at Chapel Hill, N.C.

He hardly spoke in public the last two seasons, preferring to issue grandiose statements through his spokesman.

"I got to spend a lot more time with him than the other kids. It's been tough for all of us, though," Hank Steinbrenner said. "As a father he was great, as a boss he was."

He paused and started to chuckle. "Everybody knows how he was as a boss."

The standard for hyperactive, hyperventilating, hyper just about everything. No detail was too small to get involved in. No word was left unspoken.

Fire this guy! Trade that guy! Blast this one in the tabloids! Steinbrenner grew up watching the show. He even traveled with the team for parts of the 1985 and 1986 seasons, learning under Lou Piniella, Woody Woodward and Clyde King, before getting out of baseball and concentrating on Kistman Farm, the Steinbrenner thoroughbred stable in Ocala.

His dad repeatedly tried to lure him back to the Yankees, saying it was time to "let the young elephants into the tent."

Steinbrenner, like most people, didn't believe it. "It just couldn't do it," he said. "It didn't matter to me. I was doing other stuff at the time. This is something that was just a necessity now." "We're keepers of the flame, I guess," he concluded.

Steinbrenner has a spacious office on the third-base side of Legends Field, an anonymous 1978 World Series ball next to a family photo on his desk, a poster of Babe Ruth on one wall and an Alex Rodriguez commemorative 500th home run bat mounted behind him. A miniature drum racer — "He drives — is on the front of the desk, and a Fender Stratocaster guitar is on the floor near the door. He can walk out to a terrace every one in a while to catch a smoke.

Skiing at Whistler



This 2007 photo released by Tourism Whistler shows pedestrians in Whistler Village in Whistler, British Columbia.

Perfect powder comes at a high price

By Gregg Bell
Associated Press writer

WHISTLER, British Columbia — A dozen years ago, a roommate and I were wasting away another rainy winter night in Seattle when we decided to drive the pickup truck five hours north to Whistler. We left at 10 p.m., pulled into the lot near the lifts and spent a few fitful, freezing hours of semi-sleep in the cab until sunrise. We gladly paid about \$45 each to blissfully ski on the softest, freshest snow in the Northwest — which usually provides wet cement. On the way home we stopped at McDonald's.

You couldn't pull that off today.

Whistler and its twin neighbor Blackcomb Mountain, about a two-hour drive north up the stunningly beautiful Sea to Sky Highway from Vancouver, is widely recognized as one of the top resorts in North America by skiers and snowboarders. It's easily recognized by everyone else as a gorgeous paradise of snow amid the towering evergreens and jagged, rocky peaks of British Columbia's Coast Mountains. Once nestled into Whistler Valley you instantly forget you are just 70 miles north of Vancouver's urban sprawl.

But those qualities don't come cheap. The venue for the downhill skiing and snowboarding events in the 2010 Winter Olympics — plus the Nordic events nearby — has become a haven for those who want luxury near their lift lines.

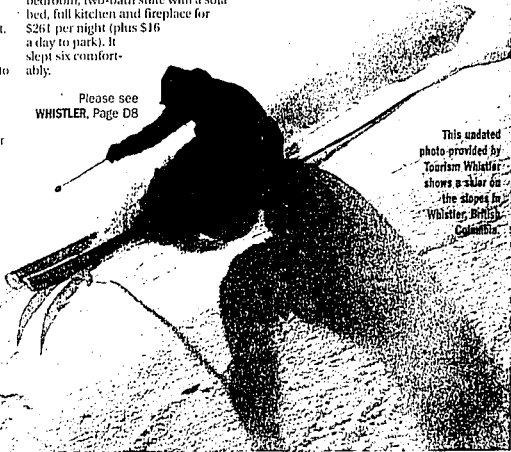
The standard daily lift ticket is \$91. All-day adult group lessons begin at \$77, with lift ticket. Fancy hotels such as the Four Seasons, the Fairmont Chateau, the Westin Resort and Spa and not one but two Pan Pacific palaces seem to be at every turn inside Whistler Village. The pulsing, main pedestrian walk of shops, bars, restaurants and two grocery stores even has a wine shop at the base of Whistler ski area.

Not a Motel 6, Super 8 or can of Hamm's beer in sight. And based on the ubiquitous "No Overnight Parking" signs, sleeping in a truck is no longer a hassle-free option.

My family of four and a married couple without kids — the most patient, tolerant friends on the planet —

— spent a pre-holiday crush Friday night and Saturday at Whistler in December. We found a room at the Tantalus Lodge, a 10-minute walk or three-minute shuttle van ride south of the Whistler Village Gondola. We enjoyed a two-bedroom, two-bath suite with a sofa bed, full kitchen and fireplace for \$264 per night (plus \$16 a day to park). It slept six comfortably.

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This undated photo provided by Tourism Whistler shows a skier on the slopes in Whistler, British Columbia.

How far?

Whistler is about 14 hours by car from Twin Falls. Take U.S. Highway 84 west to U.S. Highway 82. Take that north to Interstate 5, and follow that north to the border. Don't forget your identification! Take the Trans-Canada Highway north to Horseshoe Bay, then follow the Sea to Sky Highway to Whistler. Or fly to Vancouver, British Columbia, and drive from there, but remember you'll need a passport.

Whistler Kids gets the little ones skiing first

By Gregg Bell
Associated Press writer

WHISTLER, British Columbia — For those of us who took last-minute ski trips on the cheap before we became parents — slight — it's not easy to get back on the black-diamond slopes.

Ahh, but let me introduce you to Whistler Kids.

The staff of young, perky 20-somethings was exceedingly warm, helpful and organized. And they understand just how complicated family ski trips can be.

The patient equipment specialists let you pick up the rental gear the night before — until 5 p.m. in non-peak season, until 9 p.m. in peak winter time of mid-December through February. (They obviously have seen a fidgety preschooler before.) They also have a special, ski-free road that ends steps

from the lift and ski school area for morning drop-off and afternoon pickup.

You are better off pre-registering kids for lessons — either online, on the phone or in person — to ensure a space. We didn't see drop-ins and classes were full on the first day of the season they were offered.

There are Whistler Kids schools at Blackcomb, Whistler Village and Whistler Creekside, but equipment renters and lift operators tipped us off that the Whistler Village kids' school offers the best snow and best setup for beginners. A children's learning center at the midway stop of the main gondola that has a fenced-off training area and a clubhouse for warming breaks and lunch.

Our twins went into "The Corral," into the area signed "Age 3-4. Mini" and spent from the age 5-12 group for



This undated photo released by Whistler Blackcomb shows an instructor leading her pack of young skiers on the slopes of Whistler Mountain in British Columbia as they learn the basics. Whistler offers kids' ski and snowboard programs for children ages 3-12, as well as infant and toddler care for kids aged 3 to 48 months.

skiers and snowboarders spent a few frazzled minutes trying to meet parents' demands to keep friends aged 7-12. Their teacher inside the same class. Then

she took our Sarah and Eric away at 9 a.m., with advice when they wouldn't see them again until 3:15 p.m. Parents with separation anxiety can arrange to carry a pager through the day, but my wife and I relish rare free hours — we skied ourselves.

We spied on them once, steering a run to make sure we passed the learning area. Sarah walked up the "mugle carpet" of green patio turf and did a respectable snow plow on a relatively flat run of about 100 feet inside the fence. Eric leaped 100 feet back and fell, then got up to try his "french fry" go of straight skis. No tears, just cheers.

My wife wanted to be there when they emerged from the gondola exit at day's end, so they didn't feel abandoned. So we cut short our last run

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

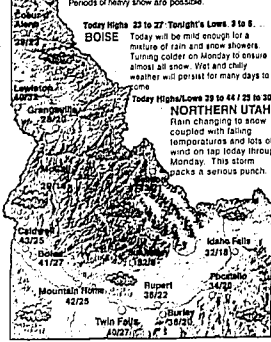
Today: Possibly mild enough for times of rain and snow. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Gloomy winds and scattered snow showers. Lows upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Lingering snow shower activity. Highs upper 20s to near 30.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy and cloudy with mixed winter showers developing. Highs middle to upper 30s.
Tonight: Blustery with freezing rain changing to snow. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: Cold enough for many snow showers. Cold winds blowing. Highs upper 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Get ready for a parade of winter storms. A chance for snow will be with its most days through mid-week. Periods of heavy snow are possible.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 41 at Twin Falls, Low: 26 at Selkirk.
New Year's Day: 41 at Twin Falls, Low: 26 at Selkirk.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: There never been 60 millionaires. But I have enjoyed a life of luxury. I've got a garage full of cars. I've got a big dog on a child. There are plenty of things that make life all of it.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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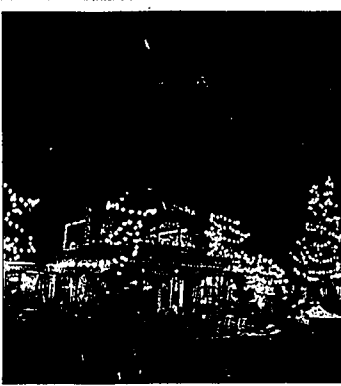
WHISTLER BLACKCOMB: Whistler, British Columbia, Canada; http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com or 800-766-0449.
GETTING THERE: From Vancouver International Airport, you can rent a car for the 2-hour, 45-minute drive to Whistler or take the Rainier to Whistler Express Bus (\$33.58, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. during peak snow season).

a driver's license and proof of citizenship (like a birth certificate) beginning Jan. 31. Children 18 and younger need proof of citizenship.
PRICES: General adult lift ticket per day during peak season: \$83. (Less for those with an IQRSE card and other discounts). Performance ski and snowboard/bike rentals for intermediate and expert skiers begin at \$40 per day, less for beginners.
ACCOMMODATIONS: Condos, villas, luxury hotels and resorts (Fairmont Chateau, Four Seasons, Pan Pacific, Westin, Hilton) dominate the immediate area of Whistler Village, with prices from \$243-\$535 per night during peak

north end of the village and the Grocery Store (they even deliver) at Village Square midway along the village's pedestrian mall. Next to The Grocery Store is a wine shop.
STATISTICS: The two mountains provide 38 combined lifts and 8,174 skiable acres. Average snowfall 33.5 feet per year at the summit of Whistler Mountain. Average alpine temperatures aren't bad, either: December-February are 23/11 degrees (33/20 in the valley). Blackcomb Mountain (elevation 7,494 feet) provides 5,280 feet — one mile — of vertical rise from base to top diamond runs. Whistler (elevation 7,160 feet) rises 5,020 feet.

Whistler

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Some hotels want two-night minimums. Then there's the currently unfavorable currency exchange rate, etc.
But, oh, what you get for all those loonies and tonies (Canada's \$1 and \$2 coins). Local merchants and many employees — seemingly all perks, in their 20s and many from New Zealand, Australia or Great Britain — push the fact that there is a four-season resort.
Ski season runs from November through June, with the spring months usually seeing higher prices. Blackcomb Mountain, elevation 7,500 feet (Whistler Mountain tops out at 7,160 feet). Blackcomb's summer glacier skiing and snowboarding are tentatively scheduled to run through July 27.
There's also vibrant mountain-biking season and a relatively new zip-line attraction. Some of Canada's world-class mountain bikers live at Whistler or at Squamish, the small town midway between Vancouver



This 2007 photo released by Tourism Whistler shows a night scene at Whistler Village in Whistler, British Columbia.

there will be a peak-to-peak gondola that will connect the two mountains at the 6,100-foot levels.
In preparation for the Olympics, the only highway into Whistler is torn up in a widening project. And half of Vancouver is seemingly under construction.
But Ryan Proctor, public relations coordinator for Intravest at Whistler, said the Olympics will consume only 10 percent of the skiable terrain at Whistler-Blackcomb.
"Still we'll be fully operational during the Olympics," Proctor said.
At Whistler-Blackcomb, that's a very good thing.

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and wanted to hear how it went.
Each kid gets a printed report card. As for the verbal report, I don't remember much about technical progress. All I remember is the teacher saying, "They actually have no fear. They just want to go fast."
You don't say. Just like at sea level.
Of course kids also want time to fool around. At day's end, I noticed a boy no older than 6, engulfed in an oversized, down coat and knit hat, clomping his ski boots over the gondola. He looked spent.
"Got to go back to your skiing lesson tomorrow!" his mother said cheerily. They were walking through a maze of people heading off Whistler Mountain at the end of what had already been six hours of lessons with the Whistler Kids program.
"Wow, I want to build a snowman," the boy whined.
Yes, at about \$150 day for lessons, lift privileges and rental equipment, you can bet your Range Rover that Junior was back learning "pizza" snowpuff stops and the "french fry" go position the next day.

See what's new online at Magicvalley.com

Government ban on lithium batteries in checked luggage under way

WASHINGTON (AP) — To help reduce the risk of fires, air travelers are no longer be able to pack loose lithium batteries in checked luggage.
The ban began Jan. 1. Passengers can still check baggage with lithium batteries if they are installed in electronic devices, such as cameras, cell phones and laptop computers. If packed in plastic bags, batteries may be in carry-on baggage. The limit is two batteries per passenger.
The ban affects shipments of non-rechargeable lithium batteries, such as those

made by Energizer Holdings Inc. and Procter & Gamble Co.'s Duracell brand.
"Doing something as simple as keeping a spare bat-

tery in its original retail packaging or a plastic zip-lock bag will prevent unintentional short-circuiting and fires," Krista Edwards, deputy administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, said in a release.

Desert Sun Vacations advertisement for Sydney, Australia, featuring a sailboat and pricing for 7 nights from \$1699.

Large advertisement for Peak, I Ski You. Resort condos starting at \$99* per night. Includes phone numbers 1-866-4MY-VACATION and 1-866-469-8222, and website www.vrivacations.com.

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Feb. 1
Annual Field Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine), at the **Gooding Basin**, 11 miles north of junction of 184 and Highway 93, mile marker 64. \$20 members and \$23 nonmembers. 733-6045.
Feb. 2
Funeral Home, 110 reserved seats, \$5 and \$5. 668-8884.
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Feb. 4
Ongoing car raffle for **Cherry Centre**, to raise funds for process of changing from **high school for children with developmental disabilities**. Tickets: \$10 each or three for \$25. (208) 899-6262 to purchase.

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The Oddfellow-Rebekah Groundhog Food, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Burley I.O.O.F. Hall, 1358 Oakley Ave., Burley, \$5 per plate, 678-3032.
Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of junction of 184 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 members and \$23 nonmembers, 733-6045.
District 4 Regional Cheer and Dance competition, 9 a.m., Twin Falls High School Baun gymnasium, \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and children, 733-6551.
L.I.F.E. Group "Quilt-In-a-Day" sewing day, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Clover Valley Lutheran School cafeteria, 3552 N. 1825 E., Buhl, no cost, 326-5347 or 326-5138.
Live Winter Showcase, 1 p.m. matinee performance and 7:30 p.m. evening performance, Roper auditorium, Twin Falls High School, \$5, 733-6551.
Capstone Missions 3rd Annual Crab Feast and Benefit Auction, 5:30 p.m. wine and cheese social and 6 to 7:30 p.m. dinner (with live, silent and dessert auction until 9 p.m.), St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Jerome, limited tickets \$35; table reservations available, 324-4257, 733-1187 or www.capstonemissions.org.
The Annual Fireman's Ball fundraiser, includes dance and breakfast, 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., American Legion Hall, Paul, \$5 at the door or from a fireman, 438-4101.

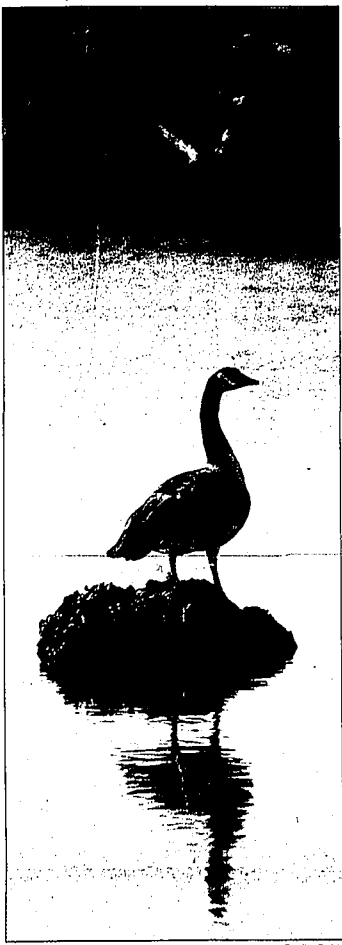
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Caregiver Support Group meeting, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Katz Conference room, South Central Health, Twin Falls, 736-2122.
Special Parents - Special Kids support group, for parents of children with special needs, all ages, 6 to 8:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meeting, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.
The Tennessee Three, Johnny Cash's legendary band presented by **Magie Valley Arts on Tour**, 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium, 113 adults and \$13 children, 732-6268 or www.csi.edu/artscenter.

Feb. 5
Magie Valley Now Neighbors Club luncheon, with guest speaker **Magie Valley** mural artist and writer **Gary and Beth Stone**, 11:30 a.m., Jerome County Club, 649 Golf Course Road, Jerome, \$12, 731-2082 for reservations for Feb. 3.
Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake dinner, featuring pancakes, eggs and sausage and sponsored by Wendell United Methodist Men, 5 to 7 p.m., Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main St., free-will offering, 536-6583.
Lincoln County Democratic Caucus, for all persons eight or more years of age by Nov. 4, 2008, who live in Lincoln County and wish to participate as Democrats, 7 p.m., Manhattan Cafe, 133 S. Rail St. W., Shoshone, www.idaho-democrats.org.
Delegate Selection Caucus, all interested Democrats encouraged to attend, 6:30 p.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First St. E., open to the public, 324-5493.

Feb. 6
American Mothers, Inc. of Magie Valley meeting and potluck luncheon, noon, **Bridgeview Estates Great Room**, 1818 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls, 733-6133.
Rosetta Assisted-Living Alzheimer's support group meeting, 8 to 9 p.m., 1177 Eastridge Ct., Twin Falls, one hour of free adult day care to first-time attendees, (208) 734-5422 to RSVP.
Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association (IOTFA) jam and meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m., with monthly meeting to follow, **Idaho Pizza Company**, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580.

Feb. 7
Kickstart Southern Idaho, with guest speaker **Doug Lincoln**, CPA on "Current Hot Tax Issues for your Business", 6 to 7:30 p.m., Pandora's Restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls, no cost, appetizers and drink tickets provided by Idaho TechConnect, brandon.armstrong@idahootechconnect.com or (208) 324-3455.
Buhl library book talk, with discussion leader **Dave Erickson** on Jack Nisbet's "Sources of the River: Tracking David Thompson Across Western North America," 7 to 9 p.m., at the library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., books available for checkout, 543-6500.

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Twin Falls Area Arts Council presents **The Valley Arts Commission of Mountain Home/Arts Council**, includes variety of genres of art by local and invited artists and entertainment by touring dancers 6 to 9 p.m., **Camelia Vineyards**, 6200 Hwy 142, food and wine, \$12 (no cash or wine donation for dining before 6 p.m.), **Camelia Vineyards**, 6200 Hwy 142, 735-1187.
Robert Fisher Dementia Caregiver Support Group, 6 to 7:30 p.m., **Debra's Home**, 1000 N. Main St., Twin Falls, 735-1187.
Prism Weight Loss Program Free Introductory Class, 6 p.m., Kimberly Christian Church, 307 Madison St. E., Kimberly, 733-9035.
Grandparents as Parents Support Group meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging, Twin Falls, 736-2122.



Feb. 12 — **Twin Falls Public Library Book Club**, focusing on the book "Ino Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer; 6:30 p.m., at the library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to the public, 733-2984, ext. 108 to reserve copy of book.
Feb. 12 — "2008 Let's Talk About It" book discussion ("Not for Children Only"), includes "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" by Taylor and "I am the Cheese" by Cormier, 7 p.m., **Public Library**, 219 Main St., books available for check out, 326-4143.

Feb. 13
Report American Legion Post 10 meeting, 7 p.m., Rupert Elks, 436-4806.
"The Love Doctor," speed dating meets salsa hosted by Motion with Rhythm, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Pandora's, 516 Hansen St., Twin Falls, \$10 speed dating only, \$10 dancing only, \$25 per person (speed dating, dinner with soft drinks and dancing or \$50 per couple (dinner with soft drinks and dancing), 404-3504.
Jerome Gun Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Snake River Elks Club on Highway 93, 733-6045.

Feb. 14
St. Paul's Lutheran Church 27th annual Pancake and German Sausage Supper, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. lunch and 5 to 8 p.m. dinner, 1301 N. Davis/Jerome, free-will donation, 324-2842 or spauls@magiek.com.
Magie Valley Advertising Federation monthly meeting and lunch, with guest speaker **Steve Avolos**, area manager of **The Buckle**, speaking on "Relationship Marketing" plus insights into his personal success story, 11:30 a.m. check-in, 11:45 a.m. program, former location of **LansCrafters**, Macy's corridor, **Magie Valley Mall**, Twin Falls, members \$10, member/guest \$15 and non-members \$25 (four lunch choices provided by **Garbette's**), rescheduled by Feb. 13), 809-0488.
Valentine's Day Dinner and Concert, 6 p.m., **Eighth Street Center**, Buhl, 543-2888.
Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of **Thelma Lee**, 1781 Julie Lane, Twin Falls, 734-8444.
Feb. 14, 15 — **ARRP Drivers Safety Class**, for all ages, no ARR membership required or driving insurance discount provided for participants age 55 and older, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Woodstone Assisted Living Center**, 491 Casswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, \$10 (pre-registration required), 733-2629.

Feb. 15
Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947, luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., **Jerome**, 1598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.
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Mini-Casino Service Providers Community Resource Meeting and no-host lunch, with presentations by **Mandy Badger** of SCCAP and **Margie Alexander** of Experience Works, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Connor's Cafe**, Interstate Exit 208 and Highway 27, Heyburn, bring business cards, flyers or brochures (optional), 678-9165 or 677-4872 ext. 7.
Feb. 21 — **The Buhl Rotary Club annual Spaghetti Dinner**, includes a silent auction for scholarships, 5 to 7 p.m., **Popplewell Elementary School**, Buhl, \$6 for adults, \$4 children, and \$15 for a family of up to five, 545-4348.
Feb. 21 — **Kiefer Charter School monthly board meeting**, 6:30 p.m., **Kiefer Charter School**, 771 N. College Road, Twin Falls, (208) 933-9287.

Feb. 22
Sweetheart Dance, featuring the **Idaho Old Time Fiddlers**, 7 to 10 p.m., **West End Senior Center**, 1010 Main, Buhl, open to the public, \$5 per single, \$9 per couple, 543-4577.

Feb. 23
Jerome Ducks Unlimited Chapter annual Couples Banquet, with dinner, catered by **The Snake River Grill**, 6:30 p.m., **2008 Open and 7 p.m. dinner**, Jerome Fairgrounds, 296-5425.

Feb. 24
Girls State Competition, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary, 1 p.m., American Legion Hall, 447 Seastrom Ave., Twin Falls, 733-8989.
Feb. 25
IBC (Kids, Books and Crafts), children in K-5th grade are invited to read and do crafts, 4:30 p.m., **Twin Falls Public Library**, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 110 to pre-register.

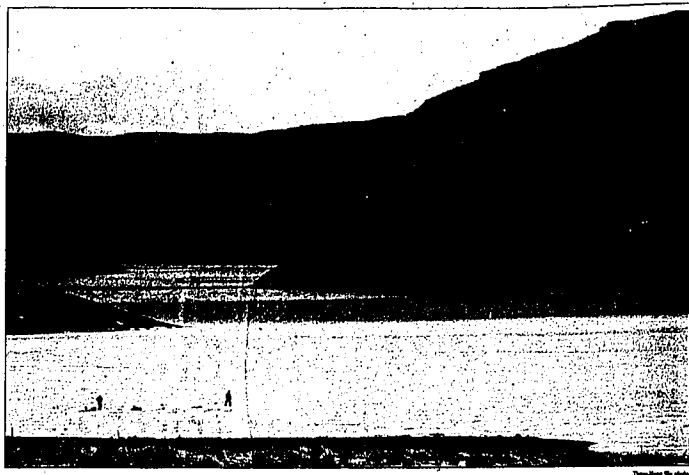
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Feb. 27, 28 — **Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention: Children's Mental Health Training**, offered by **Baylor University**, **Idaho State University** and the **Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention and Intervention Training**, trainings to help identify at-risk youth sponsored by the **Idaho State University**, includes official health, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (27) and 8 a.m. to noon (28), **Ray Administration building**, 316 Falls Ave., College of Southern Idaho, free. Continuing Education Credit offered, pre-registration required, (208) 372-1189 or today@isu.edu.

Feb. 27
TAB (Teen Advisory Board) interested teens invited to read reviews, make recommendations for the young adult collection, suggest teen programs and add input into remodeling of new young adult area, **Yescapes**, 6 p.m., **Twin Falls Public Library**, 733-2984, ext. 110.
Feb. 28 — **Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting**, 7 p.m., at the home of **Jay Mitchell**, 203 Orchard Drive W., Twin Falls, 316-2345.
The Kimberly and Hansen libraries book discussion group, with "English Creek" by Ivan Doig led by **Janet Cousins**, 7:30 p.m., **Kimberly Public Library**, 120 Madison St. W., books available for checkout at **Kimberly and Hansen libraries**, 423-4556 or 423-4122.

Feb. 28
Brown Bag Lecture Series, with **Annette Rousseau** on "Nurses' Great Work: Diversity, Long Lunch or Pre-order" 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., **Howells Opera House**, 2787, (Other performances: Feb. 27/77, 27/78, 27/79, 27/80, 27/81, 27/82, 27/83, 27/84, 27/85, 27/86, 27/87, 27/88, 27/89, 27/90, 27/91, 27/92, 27/93, 27/94, 27/95, 27/96, 27/97, 27/98, 27/99, 27/00) 208-371-2100.

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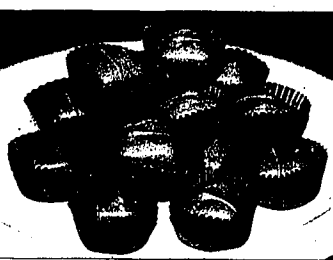
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Faulkner Planetarium "Planet Patrol: Solar System Stakeout" at 2 p.m.; "HSKY Radio Station of the Stars" at 4 p.m.; "Fey Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon" at 8:15 p.m.

Upcoming classes at CSI

Self Hypnosis will be held Monday, Feb. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho campus in Shields Building 102. The cost of enrollment is \$125 with an additional \$10.50 paid to the instructor, Curtis Johnson, for class materials. The non-credit course number is XM5C-040 C01.

Please Welcome



Dr. Bowyer, of Snake River Urology, received his medical training from Ohio State University School of Medicine and completed his residency at University of California, Davis Medical Center. He is board certified in Urology and has been practicing in the Magic Valley since 2002.

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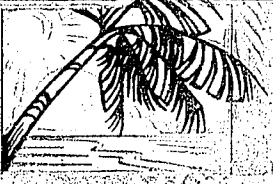
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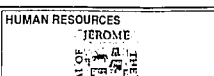


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St. Benedicts
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- Marketing/Community Relations Coordinator (PT)
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Miscellaneous

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Professional

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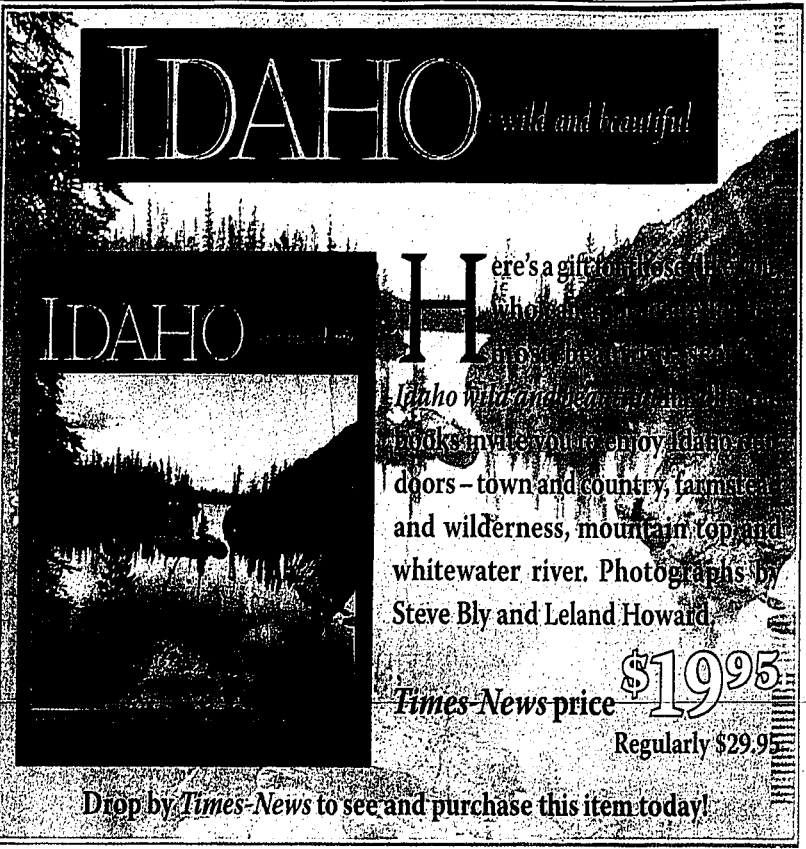
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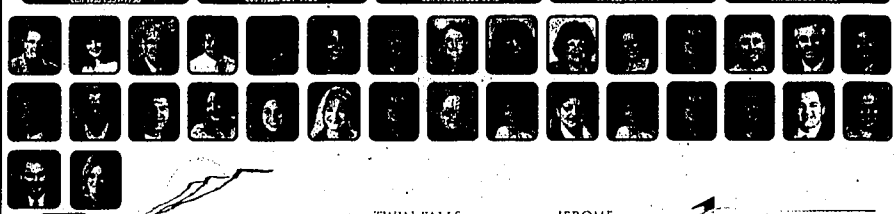
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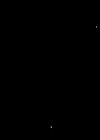
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101 Lost and Found: Found Mini Pinchoir/Tender mix...

102 Lost and Found: Lost ring near Cruisers in Twin Falls...

110 HOME HEALTH CARE: BONDED CAREGIVER with references...

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: I'm not sure I really understand the advantages of using bidding boxes...

101 Lost and Found: FOUND Cat on Monday 01/21 in vicinity of...

101 Lost and Found: FOUND Bull Mastiff, 5 years old...

104 Personal: Every woman's dream! Ruggedly handsome man with big muscles...

301 Business Opportunities: Cooper Norman Great Businesses for sale...

ANSWER: I like boxes. As someone with poor hearing, I never miss a bid now...

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 50 Legal, 101 Lost & Found, 102 Cards of Thanks...

101 Lost and Found: FOUND German Shepherd cross dogs...

104 Personal: Know someone with a drug or alcohol problem? Medically assisted outpatient detox and treatment...

304 Investments: DRACO INVESTMENT CORP. CASH for Deeds of Trust, Mortgages and Real Estate Contracts...

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held a Q-4-3, ♠, ♠, ♣-6-5, ♠-K-9-5-4-3, nonvulnerable vs. vulnerable...

101 Lost and Found: FOUND Border Collie Cross, red collar, with blue and brown eyes...

101 Lost and Found: LOST Golden Retriever, mix. 5 year old named Bentley...

107 Pregnancy Alternatives: Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests Confidential...

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ANSWER: Without the opponents bidding, I think three diamonds would be natural and forcing...

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- FOUND: 2. Red Min Pin cross male, Flor Ave 3. Rott cross black & tan, male pup...

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704 Pets and Pet Supplies: AMERICAN BULL DOGS 2 left, 11 wk old...

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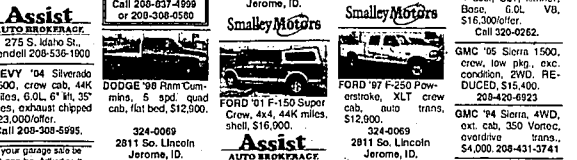
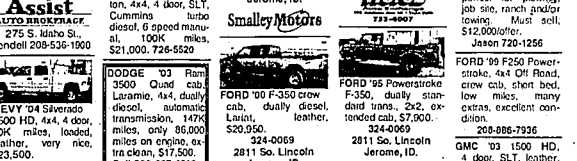
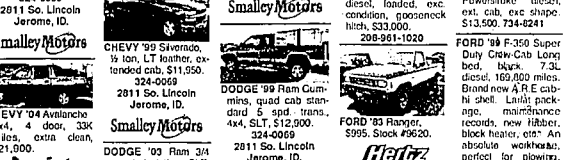
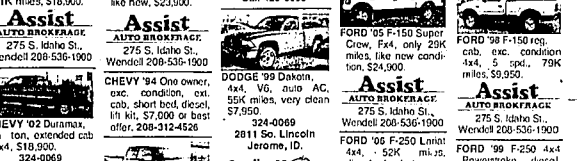
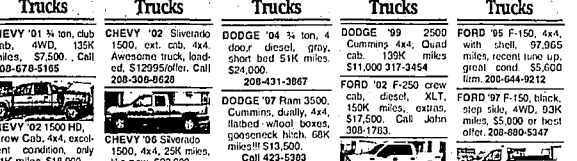
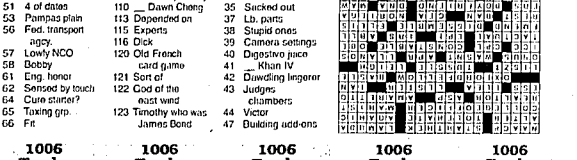
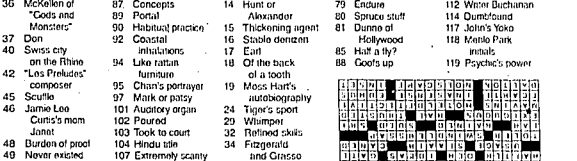
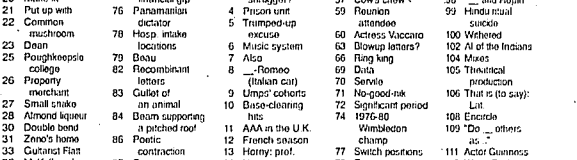
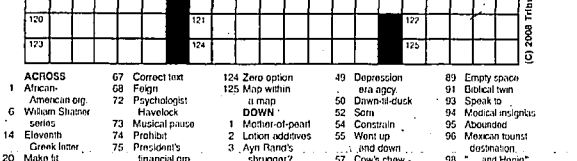
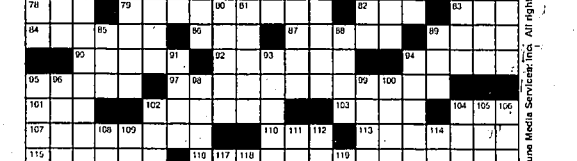
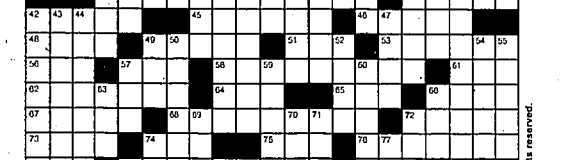
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Sunday Crossword

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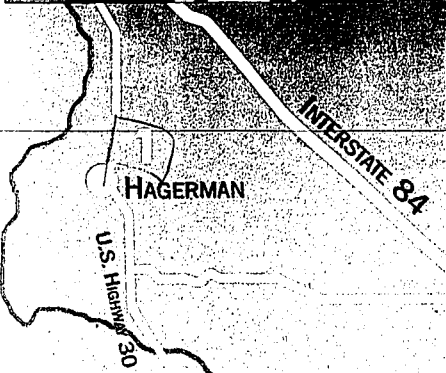
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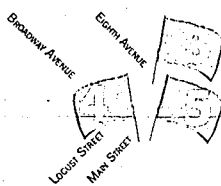
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Have a craving for hot soup or cool art? You can find it all, and more, in the West End.

The *Times-News* is sending reporters to all corners of the valley to scout for prime get-out-and-do spots. Melissa Davlin scoured Buhl, Hagerman and Filer to find fun things to do — even in the winter months, when many would rather stay inside.

So get off the couch and discover what Magic Valley's West End has to offer.

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, keep an eye out for Ariel Hansen's picks in Wood River Valley.



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1 Hagerman Fossil Beds visitor center

A replica of a Hagerman horse's fossilized skeleton greets you at the visitor center for Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. Pose for pictures with the horse and make your way around the room for an archeological tour of southern Idaho's ancient history, including a 4 million-year-old turtle shell protected by glass.

Except for the turtle, most of the exhibits are replicas instead of fossils. Children are encouraged to explore and learn with their hands. A raised sand bed hides fake fossils for children to uncover, and fake mastodon skulls invite tiny hands to touch. (Resist the urge to touch the fragile Hagerman horse, though — it's against the rules.)

Don't just read about the exhibits, though. Ask questions and learn about the history of the Hagerman horse. For example, the fossils were first excavated by Smithsonian scientists and taken back to their labs in Washington.

D.C. When Hagerman researchers demanded the fossils back, the Smithsonian refused — it had done all the work and wasn't about to give them up. These tidbits and more give new life to the dusty fossils.

The center is also the temporary home of the Minidoka Internment National Monument exhibit. Trace the history of the camp, which interned Japanese Americans during World War II, through photos and brief explanations on the walls.

GET THERE: 221 N. State St., Hagerman
HOURS: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday through May.

COST: Free.

DON'T MISS: A conversation with the park ranger on duty. Hit up the ranger for scoops on upcoming programs at the monument and fun things to do in the area.

— Melissa Davlin

Lots more online at Magicvalley.com

For video tours of these West End attractions — plus stories, photos and videos about fun spots all around south-central Idaho — visit the special "Get Out" page.

Find more of the West End's hidden treasures on page F6.

2 Niagara Springs State Park

Get some fresh air and get out to Niagara Springs State Park, part of the Thousand Springs Complex near Hagerman.

As you cross a grate before entering the park, look to the left and see the shockingly beautiful springs flowing out of the Snake River Canyon walls. There's a tiny parking area within a quick walk of the falls.

Enter the park and drive past the bright blue river. If you're brave, venture out into the freezing wind and enjoy the amenities. Picnic areas are available at the park, and fishing is open year-round. If the weather's nasty, though, stay inside the warm car and just enjoy the view.

Caution: The steep dirt

road into the canyon isn't recommended for motor homes or trucks pulling trailers and is best avoided by everyone in bad weather.

GET THERE: From Interstate 84, take exit 157 for Wendell. Travel south on Idaho Highway 46/Rex Leland Highway for 6 1/2 miles. When the road curves to the left and drops into the canyon, you're there.

HOURS: Gates to the park are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COST: Visitors can see Niagara Springs, which lies outside the park, for free. You'll pay \$4 per car to enter the park.

DON'T FORGET: A thermos of hot chocolate and a camera.

— Melissa Davlin



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; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday: Chicken-fried steak Tuesday: Ham and beans Wednesday: Lasagna Thursday: Meatloaf Friday: Franks and sauerkraut ACTIVITIES: 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. Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise class, 1:30 p.m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Lunch bingo.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Bull. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60, Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$3.50, under 12: Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday: Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday: Monday: Tomato soup Tuesday: Turkey gravy over potatoes Wednesday: Twice-baked potatoes Thursday: Roast beef sandwiches ACTIVITIES: Today: Swiss steak dinner, 1 p.m. Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-1577 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, call 543-1577 by 10:30 a.m. Fun clinic

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. MENTUS: Tuesday: Sloppy Joe Wednesday: Ham Thursday: Birthday lunch, fried chicken ACTIVITIES: Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Jackpot trip, 3:30 p.m. (weather permitting) Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Nc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12: Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. MENTUS: Monday: Potato soup Wednesday: Sausage gravy with biscuits Friday: Ranch steaks ACTIVITIES: Monday: Nu-2-U Thrill Store open, 9 a.m. to 7 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. Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:50 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50 for seniors.

Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. MENTUS: Monday: Fried chicken Tuesday: Chicken and dumplings Wednesday: Sweet-and-sour meatballs Thursday: Roast beef 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. Birthday party Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; drift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed internet. MENTUS: Monday: Ribs and sauerkraut Wednesday: Baked chicken Friday: Lasagna

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. MENTUS: Monday: Chicken a la king Tuesday: Liver and onions Wednesday: Barbecue chicken Thursday: French dip sandwiches Friday: Ham ACTIVITIES: Monday: SilverSneakers

exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and Jane, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, 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. MENTUS: Tuesday: Roast beef Thursday: Creamed chicken over potatoes ACTIVITIES: Wednesday: Bake day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. MENTUS: Monday: Roast pork Thursday: Lentil soup and egg salad sandwiches

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$4, under 60: \$2, under 12. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. MENTUS: Tuesday: Soup Wednesday: Spaghetti Friday: Menu not available Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

724 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5,

non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. MENTUS: Tuesday: Barbecue pork ribs Wednesday: Baked chicken and rice Friday: Turkey chicken ACTIVITIES: Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m. Jerome shopping trip, 8:30 a.m. Tuesday: Table tennis, 8:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. MENTUS: Thursday: Pot roast

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. MENTUS: Monday: Pork chops Tuesday: Taco salad Wednesday: Beef stew Thursday: Spaghetti Friday: Chicken, fish or pork chops ACTIVITIES: Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwehdeman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4072 for appointments Friday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2821 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. MENTUS: Tuesday: Beef tacos Friday: Meatloaf ACTIVITIES: Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. MENTUS: Monday: Hot beef sandwiches Tuesday: McFlib sandwiches Wednesday: Birthday choice Thursday: Beef enchiladas Friday: Birthday choice ACTIVITIES: Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:05 a.m. Exercise Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Thursday: Pool Exercise Community pinocchle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Clewley Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12: \$1.50. 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. MENTUS: Monday: Baked potatoes Tuesday: French dip sandwiches Thursday: Enchilada pie ACTIVITIES: Monday: Taxes, 1 to 4 p.m. By appointment Friday: TONS, 9 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Bull 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, Friday: open MENTUS: Tuesday: Pizza Wednesday: Beef tacos Friday: Meatloaf ACTIVITIES: Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.



Piper has no trouble climbing into or out of the family's SUV, courtesy of Ramp4Paws, Cathy Trauernicht's dog-friendly invention.

Ramp gives dogs a leg up

The Washington Post

Hadley, the Trauernicht family's first black Lab, sprained both front legs jumping out of the family station wagon 14 years ago. Cathy Trauernicht became so concerned about dog safety that she spent years developing a pet ramp she finally put into production last year.

"It's dangerous for dogs of any age or breed to jump onto concrete," says Trauernicht of Potomac, Md. "I've talked with many vets about the injuries they see with dogs, especially with SUVs."

She found that most ramps on the market were heavy and cumbersome and did not fold up compactly to store in the car. She worked with an engineer to develop the patented design using lightweight plastic with textured strips to add traction. It rolls up for storage and transport.



Piper on a Ramp4Paws. The ramp comes in two sizes, and \$169.95 for vans with sliding doors. Both are designed for animals up to 160 pounds. Directions for training dogs to use the ramps are included. Available at www.ramp4paws.com.

Caregivers need help, too

By Peter King Special to Newsday

If you take care of someone, don't forget to take care of yourself.

Family caregivers may feel the unbearable weight of their task. For many, the juggling act becomes a high-wire act as they try to balance more demands and growing stress. "The average family caregiver is a 46-year-old adult daughter with two kids and a husband," says Shirley Poll, the New York state representative for the National Family Caregivers Association. Of course, that is just the average. Poll points out about 40 percent of family caregivers are men. Many still have kids at home while trying to care for an

elderly parent in failing health.

"The stress factor is huge on family caregivers within the sandwich generation," Poll says.

Here are some tips from the NECA on how to ease that stress.

Protect your physical: Do not let yourself get physically and emotionally drained. In Poll's case, while caring for her mother, she says she became seriously ill because of the demands of caregiving. Make sure you see a doctor regularly and find ways to take breaks from caregiving.

Accept help when offered: Too many caregivers refuse aid from family and friends. If someone wants to help,

find tasks they can do. It may be as simple as spending an hour with your loved one while you take a break. And if no one offers help, do not be afraid to ask.

Speak up: When you become a caregiver, you also become an advocate, Poll says. Get all the information you can about your loved one's diagnosis and treatment options so you can be involved in medical decisions.

You can also find strength by talking with others in your position. Where do you find these like-minded people? Go to support groups," Poll says.

For tips on caregiving, go to the NECA Web site, www.thefamilycaregiver.org.

Clean up your dog's mouth

Newsday Tell the truth: You don't brush your dog's teeth. No one does. Some dog folk we know swear by Leba 113 (pronounced "leeba three"), a human-grade spray that contains mint and roses. These herbal ingredients are supposed to stimulate the production of enzymes, change mouth chemistry and help soften tartar. Visit www.lebablab.com or call 866-532-2522.

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Alzheimer's has an effect on kids, too

By Katherine Shaver
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Elana and Jolie Cohen visited their great-grandmother in Gaithersburg, Md., recently, she greeted them with a gleeful "Oh, my girls! My girls!"

But what followed wasn't a typical chat. Their great-grandmother, Barbara Rukovina (whom the girls call Mucker), usually makes no sense. She doesn't remember their names. Often, she doesn't seem to know where she is.

Rukovina is quickly losing her memory — and not because she's 92. She has Alzheimer's disease.

The fatal illness, which is named after a German doctor and pronounced *ALZS-high-merz*, kills brain cells that help people remember, think and behave.

Everyone forgets sometimes, like when you leave your backpack at school. But people with Alzheimer's lose so much of their memory that they can't remember basic things such as how to make a sandwich.

About 5 million Americans have the disease, which usually affects those older than 65. Researchers are trying to find a cause and a cure.

Rukovina's illness started three years ago. Jolie remembers when Mucker suddenly announced that she had to leave an ice cream parlor because she needed to get back to the nursing home for her wedding. (Her husband died in 2006.)

Watching their great-grandmother get worse is sad and sometimes scary for the girls. Mucker lives on a locked floor at Asbury Methodist Village — visitors must punch in a code to get in or out — because Alzheimer's patients often try to wander outside, where they could get lost or hurt.

On a recent visit, Elana, who is 18, gave Mucker a colorful placemat she had made in her second-grade class. About 10 minutes later, Mucker acted as if she had never seen it. "Oh, what's this?" she said with a pleasant smile.

Sometimes she's funny. The girls shared a giggle



Sisters Elana, left, and Jolie Cohen visit their great-grandmother, Barbara Rukovina, who is losing her memory because of Alzheimer's disease, at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, Md. The fatal illness kills brain cells that help people remember, think and behave.

What to do

If a relative or friend has Alzheimer's:

- Learn about the disease so you will know what's happening and what to expect as it gets worse.
- Know that even if the person forgets a lot, he or she still feels your kindness.
- Do things together to stay close. Blow bubbles. Go for a walk. Read to him or her.
- When you're with the person, make sure you stay safe. It's not a good idea to have him or her drive you somewhere, for example.
- If it's a grandparent who is sick, remember that your mom or dad might be really stressed out from caring for that person. For more information, go to www.alz.org and click on "Living With Alzheimer's" and then "Just for Kids & Teens."

Source: Alzheimer's Association

when Mucker turned to Elana and asked, for no reason, "Do you want me to be a dumbbell?"

Once in a while, she surprises them by making perfect sense. "Those are cute," she said,

eyeing Jolie's pink Crocs.

But most of the time she's difficult to understand. Elana and Jolie smile and nod anyway.

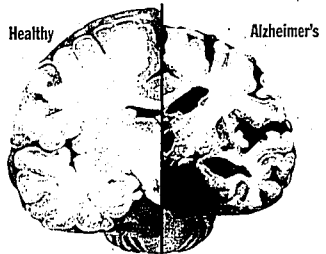
"They say they don't want to hurt her feelings.

"You just sort of go along with it," said Jolie, who is 10 and in fourth grade.

Experts say such visits are key to staying close. Kids should remember that people with Alzheimer's still love them, even if the disease is affecting them," said Peter Insel, of the Alzheimer's Association, which is based in Chicago. "They're still the person they've always known and loved, and they can still do things with them."

Jolie and Elana agreed. "I still love her," Elana said of Mucker. "She's part of our family."

The workings of the brain



Your brain has three main parts.

1. The cerebrum is involved in thinking, feeling, remembering and problem-solving; it also controls much of the body's movement. The cerebrum has a wrinkled gray surface called the cortex.
2. The cerebellum controls coordination and balance.
3. The brainstem manages automatic responses such as breathing and heart rate.
4. An adult's brain has about 100 billion nerve cells (neurons) that connect like trillions of tiny tree branches. Neurons are the main type of cell destroyed by Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's patients live an average of eight years with the disease, though some live much longer. The earliest changes might begin 20 or more years before diagnosis. At this stage, thinking, learning, planning and memory are starting to be affected.

The mild-to-moderate stage of Alzheimer's usually lasts two to 10 years. Speaking and understanding what others are saying might be affected.

The severe form of the disease might last one to five years. Because of cell damage, the brain shrinks, patients can't communicate and they fail to recognize family and close friends.

Source: Alzheimer's Association

"They're still the person they've always known and loved, and they can still do things with them."

— Peter Reed, of the Alzheimer's Association



Jolie Cohen helps her great-grandmother, nicknamed Mucker, find the correct room at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, Md. The girls say that watching Mucker, who has Alzheimer's disease, get worse is sad and sometimes scary.

Who was Alzheimer?

Alois Alzheimer was a German physician. In 1907 he wrote about the abnormalities he had found while examining the brain of a woman who died after developing severe memory loss and other problems with thinking and speaking. After more research was done, another doctor suggested naming the disease after Alzheimer.

Books that might help

Written for fourth-through seventh-graders, these books look at how kids and teens are affected by a loved one having Alzheimer's.

• "An Early Winter," by Marlon Dane Bauer. An 11-year-old boy must learn to accept his grandfather's illness.

• "Horse Whispers In the Air," by Daniel Daley Mackell. A teenage horse handler has

enough to worry about with out her grandfather wandering away in the middle of the night.

• "The Graduation of Jake Moon," by Barbara Park. His grandfather's decline embarrasses a boy and strains his friendships and family relations.

Source: Alzheimer's Association

GET OUT

Our winter adventure series

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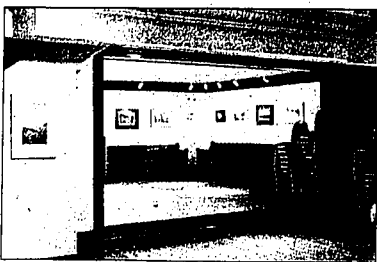


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3 Eighth Street Center, Buhl

The Eighth Street Center, popular for hosting events and wedding receptions, houses the gallery for the Buhl Arts Council. Visitors are welcome to wander in during gallery hours and take their time absorbing the works of talented local artists. In the middle of the day, the gallery is empty and quiet, inviting visitors to pause and reflect on the art instead of rushing through. The renovated former church's architecture is worth attention, too.

Exhibits rotate every couple of months. Until the end of February, Jackie Plastino's photos

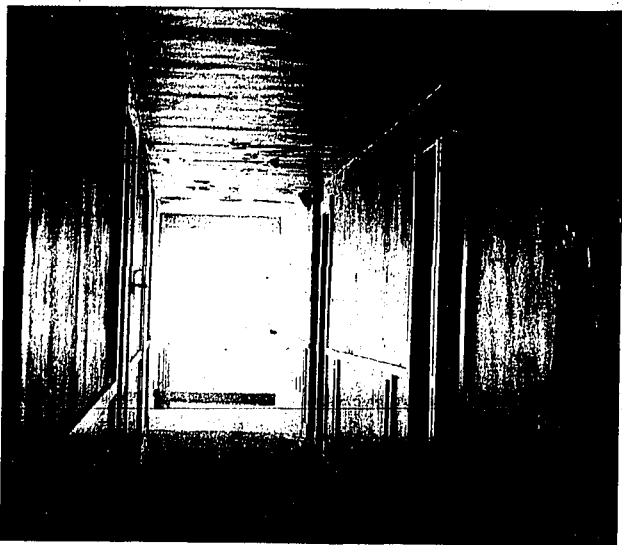
from Argentina grace the event center's walls. **GET THERE:** 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl. The art gallery is right inside the front doors.

HOURS: Noon to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

COST: Free to view the exhibit. Plastino's photos cost around \$75 to \$175, and paintings in the foyer are more expensive.

DON'T MISS: Pause momentarily and observe the way sunlight filters into the building. It's a calm, serene place — perfect for an art gallery.

—Melissa Davlin



4 Buhl Hotel

The second floor of the Buhl West End Senior Citizen Center hides the historical Buhl Hotel. You can't just wander upstairs by yourself, but you can request a guide to lead you through.

Follow your guide up the steep, solid-wood steps and into the dim hallway. You can almost hear the guests who kept the hotel alive from its opening in 1927 to its closure in the '70s.

Each room is painted a different vivid color. One room's bright tangerine walls contrast with the next room's lavender. Stories of bank robbers and ghost hunters give life to the tour.

Because the senior center doesn't have the resources to restore the building, the second and third floors are unfortunately unkept. The floor is littered with piles of debris and a few unthick pigeons that found their way into the building, but couldn't get back out. Don't be intimidated — the dirt adds to the tour's charm.

Once downstairs, take the old elevator to the basement and see the tunnel under Main Street. According to the guide, Buhl had an entire system of tunnels under the streets. Now, the tunnels leads only to storage for the senior center, but visitors can easily imagine what it

looked like 70 years ago.

It's a fun, unusual way to kill half an hour and a great way to connect with the area's history.

GET THERE: 1004 Main St., Buhl. **HOURS:** Call 543-4577 for a reservation. Best times: 1 to 3 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

COST: A tour is free, but donations to the senior center are welcome — and deserved — for the tour guides.

DON'T FORGET: A light jacket. There's no electricity or heat in the hotel.

—Melissa Davlin



5 Cosmic Jolt, Buhl

This quirky little coffee shop is a welcoming stop in downtown Buhl. Cosmic Jolt not only serves warm drinks, but cooks up breakfasts, hot sandwiches and soup.

Grub isn't the only thing that draws patrons. Bookshelves packed with old paperbacks and superhero memorabilia line the walls. Customers can sit in the shop and read or take a book home for 50 cents or a trade.

Another draw: the friendly atmosphere. The cook jokes with customers, the owner jokes with the cook, the customers joke with each other. The environment is just as warm and welcoming as the steaming bowls of tomato bisque.

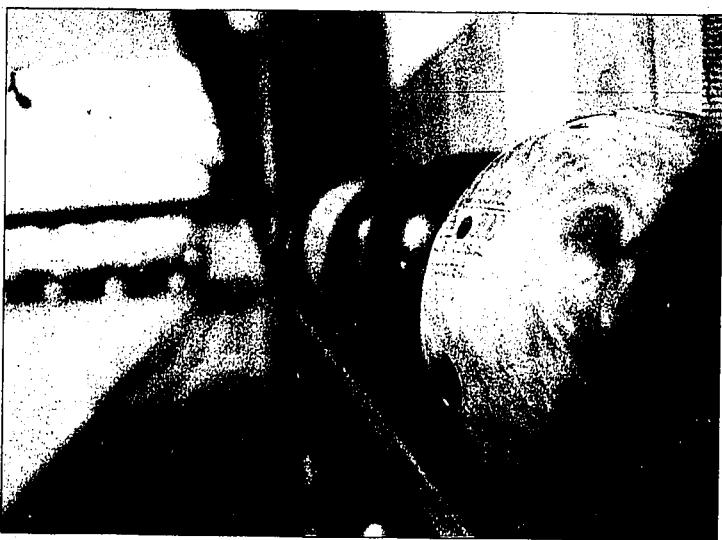
GET THERE: 120 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. **HOURS:** 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

COST: Drinks range from \$1.50 to \$3.50. A loaded omelette with toast will put you out a mere \$6; you can get one at lunchtime if you sweet-talk the chef. Used paperbacks are 50 cents.

DON'T MISS: The 20-ounce raspberry smoothie for \$3.50. Yes, it's made with syrup and half-and-half, but those are two real red raspberries atop the whipped cream garnish. This thick smoothie will fill you up.

—Melissa Davlin

See more about these West End treasures online at Magicvalley.com



6 Cedar Lanes, Filer

Cedar Lanes Bowling Alley may just be the hippest place to bowl in Magic Valley. The funky purple walls, the great food, the satellite radio, the air hockey and, oh yeah, the bowling make Cedar Lanes a great place to spend a winter afternoon.

Absent are the musty smells of old cigarette smoke and chalk. Cedar Lanes, which eliminated smoking before the 2007 howling alley smoke ban, smells more like a restaurant. Aromas of peppercorn and relish fill the air and invite bowlers to the

snack bar. Load up on curly fries or split a large pizza with your friends, then hit the lanes.

If you want to shake things up, visit Cedar Lanes on a Friday or Saturday night for Spectro Bowling. Black lights illuminate the pins and make

for a great family outing or a fun date.

GET THERE: 405 U.S. Highway 30, Filer.

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Spectro Bowling is 10 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, plus 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

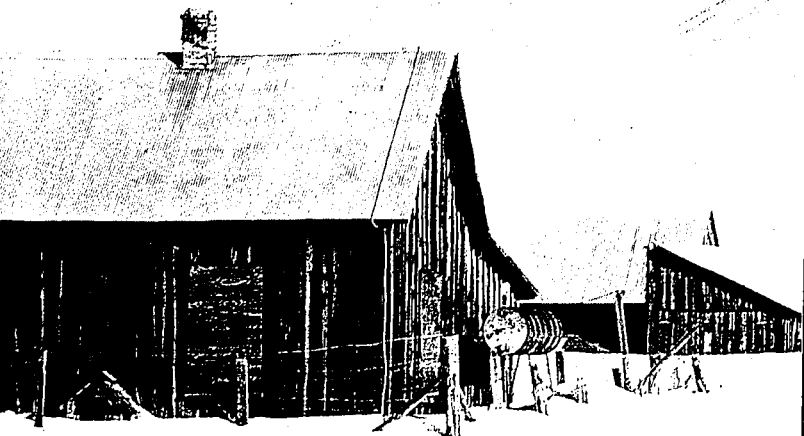
COST: Open bowl is \$3.50 per game. Shoe rental is \$2.50. Spectro Bowling is \$12 for two hours of unlimited bowling and includes shoe rental.

DON'T FORGET: Call and check league times before showing up. Different leagues bowl at various times, so make sure there will be an available lane before heading to Filer.

—Melissa Davlin

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From Monasteries To

SCAGLIOLA STONE MAY BE A MANMADE FAUX STONE, BUT ITS DURABILITY AND QUALITY BLEND WITH ITS OLD-WORLD CHARM TO DELIVER ARTISTRY FIT FOR A CASTLE

By Chuck Ross
CJW Features

truly high-end status, combining stone's natural stylings with one of a kind artistry to create a truly unique alternative to more mundane finishes.

Scagliola - pronounced 'scat-yola' - is a faux stone technique with origins reaching back to Egyptian times. Historians say that 17th Century monks perfected this art, in which a mixture of powdered gypsum, marble chips and pigments can be styled into surprisingly realistic imitations of marble, limestone and other stone materials.

Labor costs weren't a factor for the monks, who developed scagliola to patch their monasteries' aging surfaces. As the art form developed, however, practitioners began creating expensive inlaid furnishings and luxurious interiors in faux finishes that far exceeded the friars' humble DIY efforts. Scagliola reached its peak in the Gilded Age of the late 1800s and early 1900s, adding to the opulence of robber barons' palaces - and creating a sense of formal authority in statehouses across the United States.

Streamlined mid-century tastes nearly did scagliola in and its techniques and formulas nearly disappeared. But combined interests in historic preservation and natural stone finishes have helped resurrect it in the last several decades.

Kathleen Vassar's scagliola obsession began in the mid-1980s, when she and her former business partner, Amy Wells, landed a job aiding the restoration of the very formal Benjamin Franklin Dining Room at the State Department in Washington, D.C. Scagliola covers double height columns lining either side of this impressive space.

The duo, partners in the company Wells Vassar that Vassar now owns, then scoured the Library of Congress for formulas, and mixed up innumerable batches of chips, gypsum and pigments in search of just the right combination. The high end design community quickly recognized the appeal of a manmade stone that could be custom blended to match even the most ornate marbles

and patterning - as well as any rooms decor.

Our first client was Mark Hampton, Vassar says, dropping the name of the decorator who, in the 1980s and 1990s, helped promote country home classiness in his plans for Barbara Bush's White House and innumerable East Coast summer cottages. "He bought a ton of it. That gave us a lot of confidence to keep going."

Thierry Francois, owner of Atlanta based Francois & Co., grew up surrounded by old stone in his native France. And, with half of his family drawing out Italian roots, he also was exposed to the work of the earliest scagliola practitioners in the churches and monasteries where they had practiced their trade originally. Studying with an Italian master of the craft, Francois learned the difference between the craftsmanship needed to make this unique material versus that which was involved in creating cast stone products.

You can form stone today, but scagliola is all about the quality of the finish, he says. And you can only get that quality by hand.

Francois offers a line of mantels and stove hoods, with classical lines that would be equally at home in a French chateau as in any modern McMansion. In fact, many of these products are directly modeled on original pieces from several centuries ago. Francois frequently purchases mantels and other pieces from European sources and uses these originals to form the molds that become his scagliola creations.

Today's new homes assume increasingly castle like proportions, many homeowners are drawn to the Old-World materials and craftsmanship once found in, well, castles. Natural stone in slabs and tile is one such now standard upgrade, with granite kitchen counters and marble bathroom floors reaching near-cliche status.

However, another Old-World touch is just emerging from



Manmade scagliola stone can match the intricacy of carved limestone at a fraction of the cost.

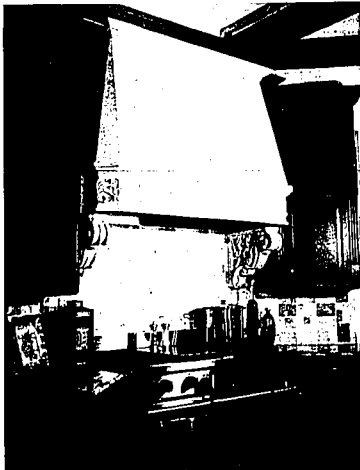


Image courtesy of Francois & Co.

We're doing some amazing replicas of pieces that are 500 to 600 years old," he says.

While the lines and details may match those of centuries-old originals, these new mantels also can be tinted to match the surrounding decor. And the material can offer savings over carved stone creations, Francois says. For example, an intricately patterned mantel carved from real limestone could cost up to 40 percent more than a scagliola version, he says. His scagliola mantels start at \$2,500 and range up to \$15,000.

But scagliola's stone-like charms aren't limited to large-scale mantels, panels and hoods. Francois also offers smaller corbels, which can be used as decorative architectural accents. And Wells-Vissar has developed several lines of tile and tile accents that could be used to create a luxe look that's uniquely your own. Though certainly more expensive than ceramic products, or even most natural stone field tiles, the products can be customized to match your color scheme and add a hand-crafted feel to any kitchen

or bath. You can buy your 80-per-square-foot field tile and embellish it with scagliola, Vissar says. Her 1-by-1-inch field tile runs approximately \$60 per square foot, with decorative moldings starting at approximately \$50 per linear foot. "So you've taken a installation that's very plain and turned it into a Roman bath - it becomes ornamental and World."

This is the approach adopted by customers selecting scagliola from Tampa, Fla.-based Marla Davidson Tile and Stone Co. Though the material can be used to create stunning stove hoods, Francois & Co. offers models starting at \$5,000. Davidson customers have opted to simplify their hoods in scagliola-crafted accent tile, according to Janice Froehlich, a Marla Davidson associate. The added investment provides wow factor returns in customers' appreciation.

What's so great about it is the feel of it - it's very tactile, Froehlich says. Also the look - it gives a lot of dimensionality. - CFW Features

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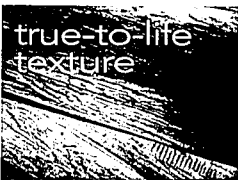
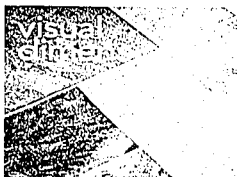
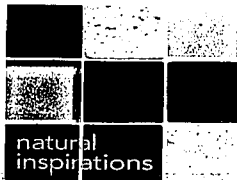
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DON'T LET THE DIZZYING EFFECTS OF COLOR PALETTES AND CRIB STYLES INTIMIDATE YOU. TAKE IT ONE PIECE AT A TIME, AND SOON YOU'LL HAVE THE NURSERY OF YOUR DREAMS.

By Kari Stevens
CWA Lifestyle

Today's nurseries break tradition by moving beyond gender-specific pastels and Mother Goose storylines, and taking a modern turn. There's no need to limit yourself to

customary baby tones - design a nursery fit to your taste at a pace that suits you.

CONTEMPORARY PARENTING

Born from a need to simplify our busy lives, today's baby sanctuaries keep it clean with a contemporary look. This industry shift moves away from visual over-

stimulation and takes on a less-is-more mentality.

The mod look is super hot right now, says Lindsay Clark of children's furniture store Bratt Decor, Baltimore. So much so that the company recently launched a new line dedicated to the trend. Its focus is on clean lines and minimal detail. Taking standard pieces like the crib and using a

palette of mochas and whites gives the traditional an updated look.

But the Beverly Hills-based team behind the children's furniture brand Serena & Lily encourage mixing it up. While their current line offers sophisticated colors like chocolate and oatmeal, according to co-founder and designer Serena Dugan, "Don't feel confined to a style."

"If you want the modern crib but have vintage bedding, choose a playful piece of modern art, mounted in an ornate antique frame to pull it together. Art and accessories bridge any contrasting styles to achieve a cohesive look."

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

You'll need to create a space as unique as the baby who will occupy it. Avoid the cookie-cutter showroom look by adding some personal touches.

Seek out unique items from flea markets and online auctions to create a one-of-a-kind room for your baby, Dugan suggests.

Clark suggests adding some personal touches to your nursery. Decorate the walls using special photographs of family and friends.

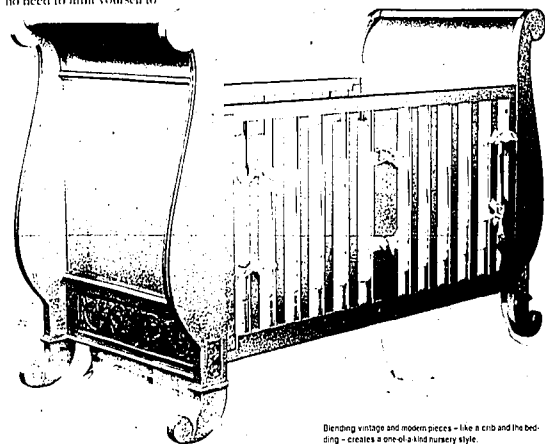
"It creates an environment of love and support and helps parents during those inevitable sleepless nights that they will spend rocking their little one to sleep."

Another great way to highlight individuality is to use your baby's name in the decor. "Spelling out his or her name on the wall using hand-painted wall letters, spicing up your crib with a monogrammed pillow or bumper, or hanging personalized art on the wall are all great ways to bring the baby into the room," says Susie Dougenouse, owner of Rosenberry Rooms, Cary, N.C.

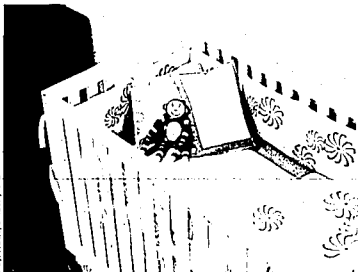
BARE NECESSITIES

When shopping, Dugan recommends separating essentials from extras.

"Splurge on a cushy upholstered glider or the favorite item that defines the style of the



Blending vintage and modern pieces - like a crib and the bedding - creates a one-of-a-kind nursery style.



Whether it's bold orange stripes or an animal motif, let your bedding and upholstery show your style selection.

room," she says. "Save on a changing table that is actually a dresser with a changing pad Velcroed on top."

Every nursery will need a crib, but before buying one, Clark suggests doing a pulse check with the rest of the furniture in your house.

It is important to view your nursery as a cozy little extension of your home. And before you pick the large pieces, choose the textiles first. Your bedding and upholstery steer your style selection.

To warm up your retro-mod room, Tougerousse says, go with an area rug and a table lamp with lots of vintage light bulbs for softer lighting.

As your baby decor and accessory collections expand, storage space becomes sparse. Look for pieces with hooks and hidden drawers to maximize your growing needs.

AVOID GADGET OVERLOAD

New parents easily fall prey to getting caught up in the craze of the industry, so remember that just because a product is on the market doesn't mean you should buy it.

Avoid gadgets in search of a problem. There is a whole world of parenting products that do nothing better than taking up space," says Jeanette Skvard, the creative director of Boodlee, a Greenbrae, Calif., children's bed

ding store.

The only time to go over board is when it comes to safety regulations. The crib has made headlines in recent months with recalls and updates, so this is one craze worth listening to.

CLEANSE YOUR COLOR PALETTE

While the mood twist drives the latest turns in the baby industry, it's the traditional color schemes that seem most affected. Muted, sophisticated neutrals make their mark.

Great for both genders, go for darker tones based in browns and blacks and pair with light neutral hues or white. Serena & Lily created new colors to meet this design demand.

The saturated Chambray replaces powder blue, as vivacious berry pink, fuchsia, and delicate Shell upstage pastel pink. Choosing accessories with an antique silver finish adds a touch of tradition to your modern scene.

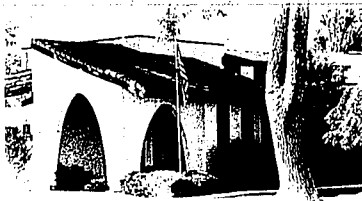
With your newly modified nursery, remember too much of one look can stifle even the slickest selections. At the end of the day, it's not the furniture that fills the room with love; it's the love that will give the room its character.

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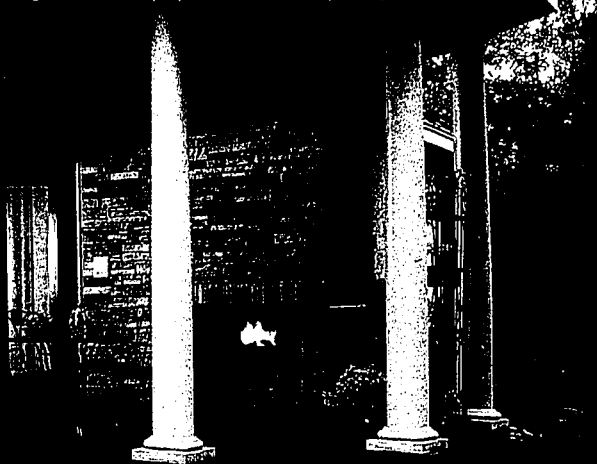
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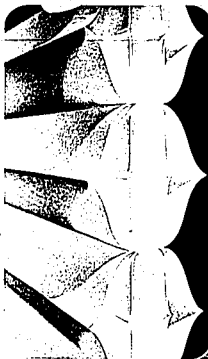
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ASK ANY DESIGNER: ADDING TEXTURE CAN TRANSFORM A ROOM. BUT JUST WHAT IS IT? AND HOW DO YOU USE IT?

By SUEY FARUK KASSAB
CTW FEATURES

While you're sitting in your living room, look around. You've chosen colors for walls, floors and fabrics. You've decided on lighting and added art. But notice something you might not have: texture.

It's the warmth of a fuzzy rug, the silk throw over the leather couch, the dull surface of a painted wall against the gloss of wood trim.

"Comfort is what sumptuous textural fabrics add to our busy daily lives," says Hal Swanson, of Swanson-Ollis Interiors, Los Angeles. "Layering these woven dreams into rugs, upholstery, wall coverings and drapery call out, 'Come, relax, and don't be afraid to put your feet up!' I love hearing stories from clients whose friends have visited their homes over the years and are convinced they have added something new each time they visit, only to find out it's been there for years."

That's what texture does - it makes a room look new and fresh. In fact, designer Matt Lorenz, winner of Bravo's "Top Design" show, says he relies on texture, not pattern, when designing.

"Texture adds another layer to the room," Lorenz says. "Texture is not just about touching and feeling and making something soft or coarse. It's also about visual variety."



Touchy feely: A lustrous silk wall-covering, herringbone-woven ottomans, tassels, fringe and cords all add texture to an inviting sitting room. It's all about "artful mixing," says designer Hal Swanson.

It does more than just change how a room looks: It also changes the feel - how cozy is it? Is it nice to spend time in? Rooms with only hard, smooth textures like bare wood floors, glass tables and shiny metal lamps feel unfriendly.

The key to using texture, say designers, is in unexpected contrast.

Julie Rosenblum, spokeswoman for Nourison Rug Corp., says that lots of customers use rugs to do this.

One person might use a soft, fuzzy rug to downplay the formality and warm up marble in a master bedroom, for example. "There's also a trend in naturally textured rugs," Rosenblum says. "Think about seagrass, hand-spun wool or animal skin."

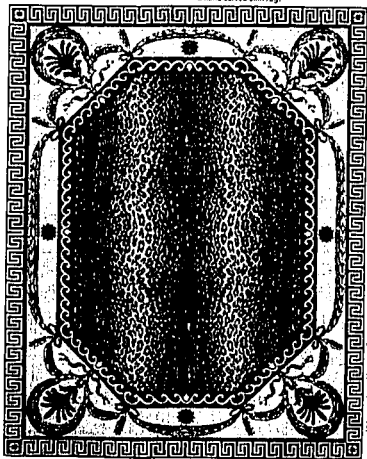
Louis Cohen, founder of LLC Design in Aventura, Fla., says that natural materials are popular in just about anything.

the natural quality of the exterior world and takes us back to the earth and adds warmth. It makes something people can relate to and you're able to pick up volume in the room the way color would otherwise do."

He uses upholstery textures in bedrooms and grass cloth or silk on curtains or a wood frame around a stone wall.

"Great fur pillows done in moderation are very chic and cool," says Lorenz. "Leather is popular now. You can take a leather sofa and put some awesome velvet throw pillows on that."

Lorenz loves using fresh texture from the ground up: a leopard pattern on a hand-carved skin rug.



Texture from the ground up: a leopard pattern on a hand-carved skin rug.



Compare and contrast: Just juxtaposing textures gives a sense of sculpture, dimension and richness. Here, a metal lamp on a wooden nightstand; cushy bolsters and pillows against richly grained wood headboards.

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but are afraid of it getting dirty, don't forget there are ones that look like silk.

Cohen likes using small decorative accessories as ways to contribute to texture. "Putting a metal lamp on a wood nightstand, or a wooden lamp on a glass nightstand, are wonderful opportunities for a sense of sculpture and dimension as well as richness," he says. "It's about balance. People's biggest failure is that they fall in love with an object, want to include it, but don't consider how it applies to the rest of the room."

Upholstering headboards is another idea.

"It makes the bed look more substantial, and the bed instantly looks 10 times more cushy," Edwards says. "You can take cotton or silk, upholster the headboard, and always change it out and use a dither

and color later."

Chairs are another place to add texture. If a chair has a wooden frame, use a textile like a tightly woven silk and paint the frame with a crackle finish.

"Fabrics that people associate with handbags are more available now," Lorenz says. "You can have a bed set from a discount store and put a cashmere throw on it and it jumps up 10 notches."

No matter how you add texture, you're sure to spice things up.

"The artful mixing of multiple textures and colors in the fabrics, furnishings, finishes, art and accessories," Swanson says, "provides a much more interesting environment for any room in your home."

• CTW Features

moss - rather than flowers - to add texture. "I take fresh moss from the florist, put water on it, and lay it across the dining room table," he says. "It stays green constantly."

Cohen likes to play contrasting materials against each other. Instead of a rough object against another rough surface, put a beautiful glass bowl on a rough wooden table. "Things that look polished look best against dull surfaces; rough items look best against smooth ones," he says.

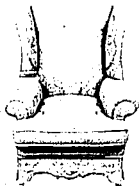
Kelly Edwards, co-host of HGTV's "Design on a Dime,"

says textures are often overlooked on walls, one of her favorite spots to decorate.

"Right now what's really big is textured wallpaper," Edwards says. "You can buy wallpaper that looks like linen, leather or crocodile skin. If you can't afford it, you can create the look of wallpaper by painting walls a base color and using a fine toothed comb over it to make it look like linen."

"Some designers use stucco, or paint walls with a suede finish with sand mixed in for a stucco effect.

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SmartDispense Technology

Getting smarter with washing also applies to GE's Profile Dishwasher. It has SmartDispense Technology, a reservoir that holds an entire 15-ounce bottle of liquid dishwasher detergent so you only have to fill the machine with soap every couple of months, not every day.

SmartDispense automatically dispenses the right amount of soap for every load using a pump system throughout each pre-wash and wash cycle. According to the Fairfield, Conn.-based company, a low detergent light signals when detergent begins to deplete and approximately three to seven more washes remain in the reservoir. SmartDispense is available now on Profile dishwashers for \$1,679-\$1,429.

Whirlpool Centralpark Connector

The refrigerator - location of food, family pictures, personal achievements and important lists - has been reconfigured to now serve as a charging hub for electronics like MP3 players and cell phones. Whirlpool's Centralpark Connector gives consumers a connection point to plug in and use a portable DVD/D system, satellite radio, digital picture frame or an interactive message board. The fridge has been an area that collected pictures and reminder notes for years, so we followed consumers on how electronics are migrating into the kitchen and the idea made a lot of sense," says Matt Newton, innovation manager at the Benton Harbor, Mich.-based company. Devices can be attached and removed from the fridge door as needed.



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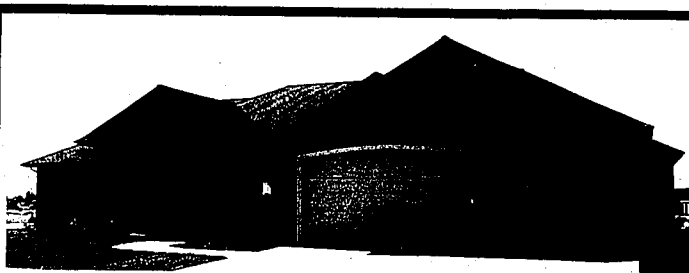
The feature will be available on one model in fall 2007 for \$1,200-\$2,000. Consumers can buy the connector when they purchase the appliance or after. "With this refrigerator, you don't have to remember where you left

your phone charging (under mat on the table or buried on the bedside table), the refrigerator is prime real estate, Newton adds.

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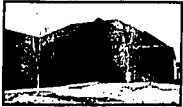


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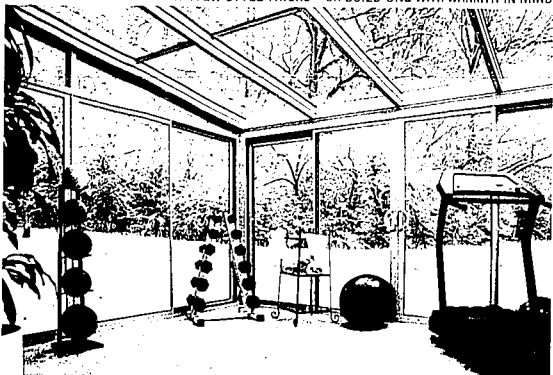


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Keep your sunroom cozy and functional as the snow starts falling by making it an actively room or a sitting room — just make sure you have plants!

warm gold tones over bright yellows for colder months.

Even switching to heavier fabrics can make the room feel cozier. Trade in those cotton slipcovers for corduroy or velvet, or exchange your sisal rug for a wool one. You might even throw a tablecloth over a glass coffee table to heat up that cool surface.

And since a sunroom traditionally brings the outside in, it's a good idea to invest in a few well-chosen plants. "It makes you feel like you haven't left beautiful things, living things, totally out of your life for winter," says Audrey Long of Audrey Long Interior Design, New Hope, Pa. She favors the relaxing qualities of ferns and those gorgeous white blossoms on peace lilies. Long also advocates doing anything you can to make the space feel cozier. Add a footstool to give people more

space to cuddle up or replace standard pillows and throws with soft, inviting down.

The right window treatments can raise the mercury up both literally and figuratively. Leslie Harris, from Leslie Harris Interior Design in Los Angeles, always favors a sheer under drape.

"It's almost like lingerie to me," she says. "You can see through it, but it creates a softness against glass." She might combine this feminine touch with a light-weight wool over drape to pull closed once the sun goes down — offering insulation against the cold air. Harris also suggests warming up your stone or hard-wood floors with an area rug or simply lighting candles to create a more inviting atmosphere.

If a sunroom is still a glimmer in your eye, you have the time and luxury to make sure it's

constructed to withstand those blustery winter days. "I tell people to approach the room the same way they would their body if they were going outside," says Allen Metlan, national sales manager for Patio Enclosures, Macedonia, Ohio. "You start with the feet." In construction terms, that means you need an insulated foundation.

Next Metlan advises homeowners to outfit their sunrooms with nice, warm clothes. He recommends a thermally efficient framing system, which means vinyl, wood or thermally broken aluminum. The latter means no exterior aluminum directly touches the inside, so your interior is better insulated. This step also includes the glass, and he suggests people go with dual-pane glass with an overall thickness of 7/8 to 1 inch. Your windows should also have a low-e coating — to

Sunrooms win popularity contests in the spring and summer, but once the thermometer starts to plummet, this space may start to feel as neglected as a swimsuit. Fortunately, this valuable square footage doesn't have to turn into a ghost town after Halloween.

You can transform your sunroom into a winter hideaway — an irresistible place to cozy up with hot chocolate — with a few inspired decorating tricks. And if you're starting to think about building one of these light-filled spaces, you can make sure it's designed to stay comfy even on the coldest day of the year.

While most sunrooms or four-season porches are heated, they don't always seem warm and inviting in the winter.

"It's psychological," says Linda Merrill of Chameleon Interiors, Duxbury, Mass. "You don't want to touch wool in the summer. It makes you feel hot just thinking about it. It's the opposite in the winter. Glass makes you feel cold." So how do you counteract the chilly thoughts all those windows bring to mind? Just make a few strategic changes to heat up your decorating scheme.

For starters, Merrill recommends pushing the room's current color palette darker. If there are light green pillows on the couch, for instance, swap them for dark green versions in the winter. Similarly, you might favor



Forget about the cold: Warm up your sunroom in the chilly months with bright lights, rich colors and greenery. And don't forget to enjoy the view.

help keep heat out in the summer and in during the winter - and be filled with a gas like argon to slow down air transfer.

Heat comes next on the checklist, and McLean doesn't advise relying on your existing furnace. Since most thermostats are in the living room - typically a well-insulated, interior room - the heat probably won't kick on enough to keep an exposed, mostly glass room toasty during the winter.

But your options for heating the sunroom range from gas heat to electric baseboards and radiant floor heat. James Ruppel, marketing director of Four Seasons Sunrooms, Holbrook, N.Y., favors the latter: "I personally think it's one of the most effective methods," he says. Unlike forced air heat, he believes heat from the floor warms up the furniture as well as the air, so you're not chilled the minute you touch a table or sit down on a chair.

You can also heat the room with a distinctly winter touch:

a gas fireplace. Rod Stalberg, owner of Sunrooms by Design, Port Byron, Ill., says about half his projects include these cozy centerpiece. "You can design an entire sunroom just around the fireplace," he says. "You're creating atmosphere." Plus, you're designing a space with built-in warmth and coziness for the fall and winter.

Finally, a sunroom needs a roofing system that acts much like a warm cap on your head. McLean says you'll need R20 to R30 insulation, depending on what part of the country you live in. If you're going with a glass roof, he suggests adding a shading system you can pull down when the sun returns at night for extra protection from the cold. All these details add up to a sunroom that's just as inviting on the first day of spring as on New Year's Day - a true four-season paradise.
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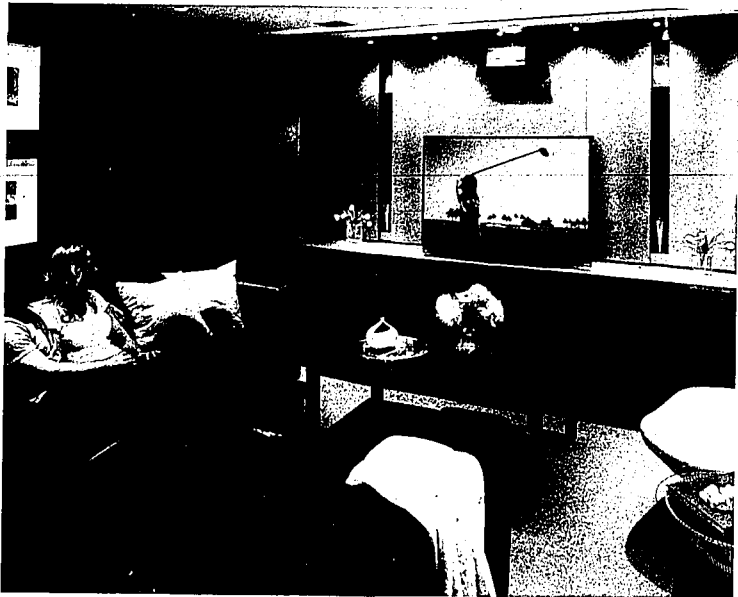
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Get your glasses ready, here comes 3DTV

Just when you've cleared out the ginormous entertainment center and upgraded the boxy TV set to a sleek flat-panel model, the technology goes and changes on you ... sort of.

Three-dimensional technology is being built into some of the latest models from TV magnates Samsung and Mitsubishi. But because the technology currently is

inherent only to not-that-thick-but-not-that-thin DLP TVs, the slim-set owners will be missing the big, coming-right-at-you picture.

DLPs - which use a rear-mounted, mirror-laden chip to project images - run on a 120Hz engine. And because 3D technology is built on independent views for both the right and left eye, the 60Hz frame-rate allotted to each eye creates a picture

that is less agonized by flicker than past technologies. While the technology has evolved, there is still one constant: the glasses. They're no longer the polarized, multicolored specs of the 1950s, but today's stereoscopic specs still are needed to add another, ahem, dimension to the viewing experience.

Until it is built into broad-casts, 3D technology is delivered via software run through a PC,

which can convert games and movies from two-dimensional to 3D. 3D starter packs - which feature software, components and glasses - are available from software manufacturer TriDef.

So when rearranging your living room, remember not to put the couch too close to the TV. You don't know what might jump out and hit you.

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