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## Fixing the cracks



By Andrea Gates • Times-News writer

## Residents to vote soon on 10-year, \$33 million facilities tax, two years after approving \$49.7 million bond

Voters in the Twin Falls School District will go to the polls March 11 to determine if the school district will extend its long-standing — but soon to expire — facilities levy. School officials say the money is needed to maintain the district's dozen aging schools, which need more than \$33 million in repairs and upgrades over the next decade. The proposal has been endorsed by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, and by a par-

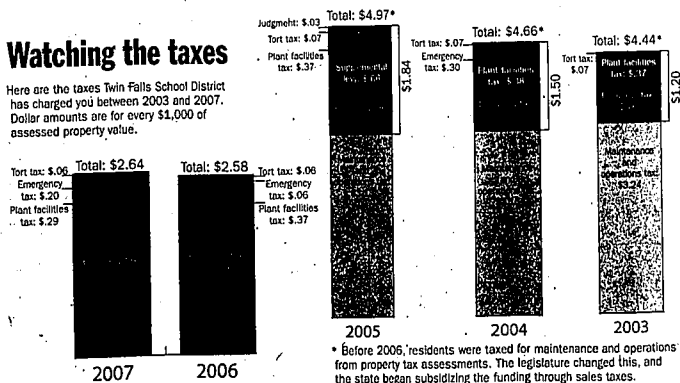
ent-teacher organization. There is no organized opposition, but district officials face a major obstacle to winning at the polls: Two years ago, in March 2006, voters narrowly approved a \$49.7 million bond issue, largely to build a new senior high school. With interest, that bond will cost taxpayers almost \$74 million by the time it is paid off in 2025. Some homeowners say they've paid enough.

"As a homeowner whose property taxes were recently increased by 25 percent, I don't care to hear anymore about the wants and needs of the school system," Twin Falls resident Tony Salterno wrote in a recent letter to the *Times-News*. To help win over voters in 2006, the district administration promised to use about \$12 million of the bond issue to also repair and upgrade other schools. The bad news came at Christmas.

SEE THE REST OF THE STORY ON PAGE A7.

### Watching the taxes

Here are the taxes Twin Falls School District has charged you between 2003 and 2007. Dollar amounts are for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.



### Your vote

- All Twin Falls School District residents who have lived in the district for at least 30 days are eligible to vote in the March 11 plant facilities levy election.
- Voter registration is allowed at the polls, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at all district schools except Bridge Academy.
- Passage requires 60 percent approval.
- Additional information: 733-6900.

### More inside

See how Twin Falls ranks in Idaho for the total property tax bite, on page A7. Also, see a list of some of what was promised during the 2006 tax process.

### At MagicValley.com

See a video and Interviews about the roof problems at Morningside School and how the district deals with repairs at the other schools.

### Honeywell, the best investment?

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

In 2005, Twin Falls school officials decided they couldn't wait any longer. They determined their buildings needed extensive roof repairs and electrical, heating and cooling system upgrades to make them more energy-efficient.

The district didn't have millions of dollars to pay for the work, but they had it done anyway — obligating taxpayers to a major debt without asking voter approval. School officials considered asking taxpayers for a supplemental levy, but the timing was bad. They were already gearing up for a March 2006 vote on one of the largest school bond elections in state history.

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### Sharing her journey

By Sharon Strauss  
Idaho Press-Tribune

NAMPA — A few years ago, Nampa resident Cindy Jacklich began drawing blanks: People became interested in what she told them she would do. It took her a long time to formulate answers to questions. In time, her behavioral gaffes and lapses of memory became more common and more noticeable to her friends and family. "When I was playing cards, they'd laugh at me because they thought I was being funny," Jacklich said.

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Cindy Jacklich of Nampa, seen here on Feb. 5, created an audio diary to chronicle her medical journey of early onset Alzheimer's dementia while she was still able.

### Drought, growth have Western states studying dams

By Nicholas K. Geranos  
Associated Press writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — The era of massive dam construction in the West — which tamed rivers, swallowed towns, and created irrigated agriculture, cheap hydropower and persistent environmental problems — effectively ended in 1966 with the completion of Glen Canyon Dam.

But a booming population and growing fears about climate change have governments once again studying dams, this time to create huge reservoirs to capture more

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**TODAY'S FORECAST**

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**Complete weather report: See page D8**

**TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$4 per person, 734-5084.

**CHURCH**

Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main St., freewill offering, 536-2315 or 543-6980.

**SPORTS**

First day of Hartford Disabled Ski Championships, week-long event hosted by Fairfield's Soldier Mountain Ski area; includes 50-70 racers, coaches, family members, two X-Games winners and 46 representatives from Hartford Insurance Company; also includes charity raffle, live-band party and closing banquet dinner-ceremony at The Mint, Fairfield, 788-3788, 726-9013, 726-4056 or (423) 298-5134.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com.

**THREE-DAY PLANNER**

**ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

March 5 — Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association 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.

**CHURCH**

March 4 — Lenten Luncheon, a light lunch of soup with St. Nicholas School mime group performing in preparation for Easter, noon, church fellowship hall, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., freewill offering, used for mission service and local church food pantry, 436-3354.

March 5 — Centering Prayer Practice, monthly topic and event: "Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit," 7:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 734-9499 or 733-8881.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

March 4 — Magic Valley Now Neighbors Club luncheon, guest speaker Dan Riffle of Clear Lakes Trout Farm, 11:30 a.m., Snake River Grill (corner of State Street and Hagerman Avenue), Hagerman, \$12, 731-2082 for reservations by today.

March 4 — Mary Time Club meeting, with hostess Marie Webb, 2 p.m., at the home of Rose Crawford, Twin Falls, 735-5213.

March 4 — Burley District Grazing Board annual spring meeting, 6 p.m. no-host dinner and 7 p.m. meeting, Wayside Cafe (off exit 211, north of Burley), 436-6952.

March 5 — American Mothers, Inc. of Magic Valley meeting and potluck luncheon, noon, BridgeView Estates Great Room, 1818 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls, 733-5133.

March 5 — Bliss Flower and Garden Club meeting, with teacher of horticulture Joann Robbins on the care of evergreens, 1 p.m., at the home of Mayvis Thompson, Bliss, 352-4260.

**EDUCATION**

March 3 — Hunters education class, first-night sign up and registration, 6 p.m., Castleford School, \$8 registration fee, 537-6601 or 731-6601.

March 3 — Summit Elementary School dedication, with keynote speaker Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, 7 p.m., in the cafeteria, Summit Elementary School, 200 10th Ave. W., Jerome, (208) 324-3396.

**HEALTH**

March 3 — Beginning day of Curves Food Drive, a 13-day program to benefit local food banks; discounted service fee to new members (certain terms of membership apply) who bring bag of non-perishable groceries, Curves of Twin Falls, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., 734-7300.

March 4 — Strong Women Strong Bones exercise program, beginning of six-week, Tuesday/Thursday strength training classes taught by certified Tufts University Instructor Rhea Lanting, noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$10, weights provided, pre-registration required, 734-9490 ext. 24 or rhlanting@uidaho.edu.

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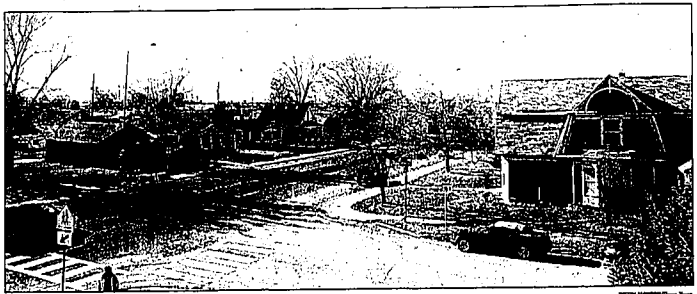
March 3 — Caregiver Support Group meeting, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Kaiz Conference room, South Central Health, Twin Falls, 736-2122.

**MORNING BRIEFING**  
**PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY**

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



This photograph of early Twin Falls was taken by Clarence E. Bisbee from atop Bickel Elementary School sometime after 1938, the year the school building was built. The photograph shows a wide view of 2nd Avenue East in downtown Twin Falls. Twin Falls was founded in 1904 as a planned community, designed by celebrated Franco-American architect Emmanuel Louis Masqueray, with proceeds from sales of town site lots going toward construction of irrigation canals. Unlike the rest of the city, streets in the downtown neighborhood run northeast-to-southwest and northwest-to-southeast. Many of the oldest homes in Twin Falls are in the downtown area.



**Idaho Tally**

Y	Y	REPUBLICAN ENERGY PLAN: Voting 197 for and 222 against, the House on Feb. 27 defeated a Republican alternative to HR 5551. The GOP plan differed, in part, by stripping the underlying Democratic bill of its tax increases on the five largest oil companies and its new authority for state and local governments to issue tax-exempt bonds for initiatives to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. A yes vote backed the GOP plan.
N	N	SENATE SUPRIME MORTGAGE RELIEF: Voting 40 for and 46 against, the Senate on Feb. 28 failed to reach 60 votes needed to advance a Democratic bill (HR 3221) enabling holders of shaky subprime mortgages to rework payment terms in bankruptcy court. The existing bankruptcy code does not protect primary residences. This bill also would increase funding for mortgage counseling and enable local governments to use Community Development Block Grants to buy up shaky mortgages.
Y	Y	IRAQ PULLOUT MANDATE: The Senate on Feb. 26 voted, 70 for and 24 against, to advance a bill (S 2633) that would require the administration to start withdrawing most U.S. forces from Iraq within 120 days and cut off most war funding by the same deadline. The troops left behind would be used to conduct strikes against al-Qaeda, protect U.S. infrastructure and personnel and train Iraq security forces. This procedural vote drew support from Democrats opposed to the war as well as Republicans who favored a debate to showcase their view of U.S. progress in Iraq. The bill was later shelved. A yes vote was to advance the bill.
Y	Y	WAR STRATEGY SHIFT: Voting 89 for and three against, the Senate on Feb. 27 advanced a bill (S 2634) requiring the administration to report to Congress within 60 days on its broad strategy for confronting al-Qaeda strength of America's enemies by region and country and set forth proportional U.S. military responses. The report would require plans to limit reserve deployments to once every four years and active-duty deployments to once every two years. The bill was later shelved. A yes vote was to debate the bill.
Y	Y	INDIAN HEALTH CARE: Voting 83 for and 10 against, the Senate on Feb. 26 passed a bill (S 1200) to renew through 2017 an array of federally funded health-care programs for American Indians and native Alaskans. The bill would expand care at Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals, tribal clinics and Veterans Administration hospitals and improve children's health insurance programs such as Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). The bill is projected to cost \$35 billion in discretionary spending and \$110 million in entitlement spending over 10 years.

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Big Lost	101%	78%
Little Lost	113%	84%
Hemlock Fork/Teton	102%	84%
Upper Snake Basin	90%	76%
Oakley	106%	89%
Salmon Falls	102%	84%

As of March 1

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

# Dams

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winter rain and spring snowmelt for use in dry summer months.

New dams are being studied in Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon, Colorado, Nevada and other states, even as dams are being torn down across the country over environmental concerns — worries that will likely pose big obstacles to new dams.

"The West and the Northwest are increasing in population growth like never before," said John Redding, regional spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Boise. "How do you quench the thirst of the hungry masses?"

There are lots of ideas for increasing water supplies in the West. They include conservation, storage of water in natural underground aquifers, pipelines to carry water from the mountains, desalination plants to make drinking water from the ocean, small dams to serve local areas. Most of those ideas are much more popular than big new dams.

In Washington state, Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire put together a coalition of business, government and environmental groups to create the Columbia River Management Plan, which calls for spending \$200 million to study various proposals to find more water for arid eastern Washington.

Jay Manning, director of the Washington state Department of Ecology, believes that massive new dams on the main stems of rivers are unlikely. But it is quite possible that tributaries will be



An overview of the Grand Coulee Dam, about 70 miles west of Spokane, in north central Washington is shown in 2007.

dammed, and reservoirs pumped full of river water.

"It is inevitable we will take steps to increase water supply," Manning said. "Storage is part of that solution."

Demand for water from growing cities, industry, agriculture and struggling fish runs is already high. Increasing the pressure as fears that climate change will cause rain instead of snow to fall in winter, reducing the slow-melting snowpack that provides water in dry summer months.

Gregoire's plan drew the support of many environmentalists by including many ideas they prefer, including conservation measures and metering more uses of water.

But the state is also studying dams, drawing opposition from some environmentalists, particularly a group called the Center for Environmental Law and Policy.

"Our water future doesn't lie with new dams," said Dr. John Osborn, a Spokane physician and chairman of the Sierra Club chapter in Spokane. "It's water conservation."

Osborn contends dam

boosters have run a well-orchestrated, under-the-table campaign to push for new dams for the benefit of business, underplaying the costs and environmental destruction and ignoring the benefits of improving water conservation programs.

In other states:

- In Idaho, some still hope to rebuild the Teton Dam, which collapsed in 1976, killing 11 people and causing widespread destruction.

- Four major water storage projects are being studied in California, including a proposal for a new dam on the San Joaquin River, said Sue McClurg, of the Water Education Foundation in Sacramento. Republicans in the California Assembly say they will block any plan to improve water supplies that doesn't include new dams.

- The Southern Nevada Water Authority, which serves Las Vegas, is considering a reservoir to capture more Colorado River water before it flows into Mexico.

- In Colorado, there is a proposal to create two new reservoirs on the Yampa River.

A major barrier to new dams is costs, which run in the billions, Manning said. It's unclear how much the federal government would be willing to pay.

A recent study of the Black Rock dam proposal in the Yakima River basin concludes the 600-foot-tall dam would cost \$6.7 billion to build and operate, but would return just 16 cents for every dollar spent to build and operate.

The explosive growth of the West in recent decades is in part a product of an earlier binge in dam construction that provided plentiful water and cheap electricity.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation built more than 472 dams to capture, store and deliver water, including Shasta Dam in California, Bonneville Dam on the Oregon-Washington border, Fort Peck Dam in Montana and Grand Coulee Dam in Washington.

The construction of Glen Canyon Dam on the Arizona-Utah border, dedicated in 1966, galvanized the rising environmental movement because the resulting creation

of Lake Powell inundated a huge swath of scenic land. The upsurge essentially ended the era of giant dams.

But the population of the Western states grew nearly 20 percent in the 1990s, to more than 64 million, and continues to swell even as climate change poses new threats to the water supply.

Meanwhile, researchers at San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography

figure climate change until a growing demand for Colorado River water could drain Lake Mead and Lake Powell — two of the nation's largest man-made reservoirs — within 13 years.

Critics called the study absurd, but both lakes have been hit hard by a regional drought and are half full. The Colorado River provides water for about 27 million people in seven states.

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# Journey

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Finally, a visit to the doctor revealed a disturbing diagnosis: Alzheimer's dementia.

She was just 55 years old. Jacklich was horrified. She never saw this coming. Alzheimer's didn't run in her family, and she didn't think she was old enough to get Alzheimer's.

To cope, Jacklich began writing her thoughts, and feelings in poem form. Then, she created a CD of her writings — an audio diary to chronicle her medical journey while she was still able. "I then realized I could use my writings to benefit other Alzheimer's victims and help my family with my own medical cost," she said.

Thirty percent of the \$20 donation for the CD, titled "My Feelings & Thoughts: Alzheimer's Dementia," goes directly to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Boise. The remainder will go toward the cost of creating the CD and to help pay for her own medical care.

The poems describe the illness laying siege to her memories. She talks about the frustration of trying to express her thoughts and the awkwardness she feels when people stare at her in bewilderment. Her poems reveal her terror of being lost in a world of Alzheimer's, knowing that someday she will not recognize loved ones, unable to show her love.

As the disease progresses, Jacklich finds herself hardly able to talk some days. At restaurants, people stare at her, she says.

On her CD, the words somehow flow freely. But in person, speaking is a slow and laborious process.

Confusion comes quickly: At a recent photo shoot at the Idaho Press-Tribune,


Jacklich holds out her audio diary to the photographer. "Is this yours?" she asked with uncertainty. She is still, her husband Tony said, in the early phases of the disease.

Writing has helped Jacklich reclaim her spirit, if not her memories. The poems depict Jacklich at first hopeless, then hopeful, as

she realizes the disease has not yet defeated her.


"This is a good experience for me because I'm learning how other people may feel that have gone through this," Jacklich said. "I have a good attitude. I feel I'm going to be OK no matter what."

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# Bush declines to promise that more troops will return home from Iraq before he leaves office

By Deb Riechmann  
Associated Press writer

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush declined Saturday to repeat promises made by others in his administration that more U.S. troops will return home from Iraq than scheduled before he leaves office.

Decisions about troop cuts beyond those now planned through July would be based on generals' recommendations, the president said.

"There is going to be enormous speculation," he said in a joint appearance at his ranch with Denmark's prime minister, Anders Fogh Rasmussen. But, Bush said, "My sole criteria is that whatever we do, it ought to be in the context of success."

He did suggest strongly that Iraq's provincial elections in October will require waiting until after the voting to bring more troops home.

"I think our generals ought to be concerned about making sure there's enough of a presence so that the provincial elections can be carried out in such a way that democracy advances," he said.

A senior administration official had told reporters dur-

ing a briefing Friday at the White House. "I fully expect there to be more reductions this year — and so does the president."

Troop withdrawals are scheduled to bring the U.S. force presence in Iraq down to 15 brigades by July, for a troop

total of about 140,000.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, makes his next required report to Bush in early April. He is expected to recommend four weeks to six weeks after the end of that round of cuts

before deciding upon more, in order to assess the impact on the insurgency, Iraqi government's readiness and security gains. That would put off any new decision about cuts until August or September at the earliest, and Bush's remarks seemed to suggest it would

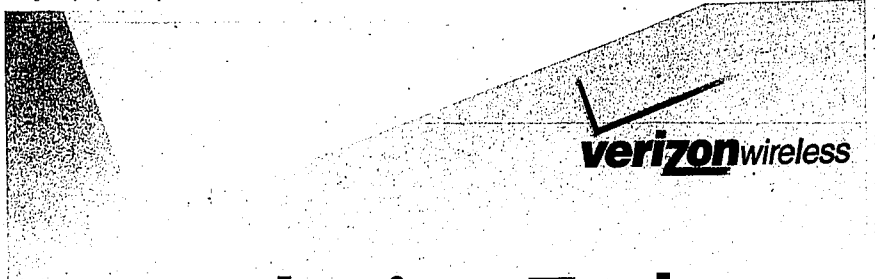
come even later.

A chief topic of the talks between Bush and Fogh Rasmussen was NATO's increasingly tough fight in Afghanistan against militants.

The U.S., so far unsuccessfully, has pressed for some NATO members to send more

troops to Afghanistan and drop military restrictions that the U.S. says hampers the effort. Bush and Fogh Rasmussen made the case again.

"We expect people to carry a heavy burden," Bush said.



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# Fugitives can run and don't need to hide

By Joe Mair  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Wanted for rape in Florida, Eloy Williams was stopped by Georgia police but soon let go.

Florida authorities hadn't entered his name into a national police fugitive database, so Georgia police had no idea Williams was wanted for rape.

They found out only after Williams had raped four more women in Georgia and a 14-year-old girl — victims of a breakdown in America's patchwork system of fugitive hunting.

An investigation by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch has found that in state after state, year-after-year, fugitives have been let go by police, only to victimize more people.

In between crimes, realtives have used their real identities to get new drivers licenses in new states — and even have registered with police as sex offenders — and still have avoided arrest.

A review of thousands of pages of government records, an analysis of dozens of computer databases and interviews with hundreds of police officers, prosecutors, ex-fugitives and crime victims found:

• Police don't alert other states to more than a third of felony warrants.

• Most state and local agencies don't check fugitive lists before handing out IDs and benefits.

• Authorities routinely refuse to pick up fugitives found in other states — even some wanted for violent crimes.

The lapses mean that hundreds of thousands of fugitives can run, and they need no hide.

"What a message, huh?" said Lt. Jeff Silva of New Bedford, Mass. "Commit a crime and just leave the state, and good luck. Unless it's salacious enough to get on (America's) Most Wanted, you're good."

Massachusetts is notorious among states for failing to enter its warrants into a special FBI database checked by officers across the country. Figures obtained by the Post-Dispatch show that nearly 80 percent of the state's violent felony warrants aren't entered, so police elsewhere have no way to know if they stumbled upon a fugitive.

Fugitives such as Darrin Bates. Wanted by three separate jurisdictions for charges including rape, assault and intimidating a witness, Bates was caught in 2006 driving a stolen car in Georgia and housed in a rural jail as a non-violent inmate.

He escaped about four weeks later, forced his way into an 88-year-old woman's home and, as she prayed aloud, beat her and blinded her in one eye.

The FBI has no idea how many warrants aren't in its database. The agency convened a task force last year to try to figure that out. But based on available estimates, as many as 60 percent of all felony warrants could be missing from the database.

Law enforcement officials partly blame the rules for entering warrants. They're supposed to enter warrants within three days and double-check warrants for accuracy at least once a year.

The FBI insists the rules are needed to ensure innocent people aren't detained, but some departments decide the rules aren't worth the hassle, particularly because most fugitives don't flee.

In 2001, authorities in South Florida's Broward County issued an arrest warrant accusing Williams of kidnapping and raping a woman. But a clerk made a mistake and didn't send it to the FBI, so it never made it into the national fugitive database.

Authorities in adjoining Miami-Dade County had the chance to put Williams' name in the FBI database three months later, when he slipped an unattended court hearing on charges of dealing drugs. But that county was unwilling to travel outside of Florida to pick him up, so it chose not to enter its warrant into the FBI database.

After moving to suburban Atlanta, records show that Williams was stopped twice by police. Each time, when his real name was run through the FBI database, it came back clean.

Williams said he was stopped "way more than twice" and that he learned that he didn't need to hide his name from police.

"I thought they were trying to catch me, so of course it surprised me. I was confused," he said. "I didn't know what was going on. I didn't care at the time, either."

Detectives in suburban Atlanta later linked him to a spree of rapes, including a 2003 attack on Latoya Turner, who still has nightmares.

She said she did not know her rapist was a fugitive until told by the Post-Dispatch, and she fears the gaps in the system will allow more fugitives to be let go.

"They're basically getting back out on the streets without anything on their record," Turner said. "That's just giving them permission to keep raping and robbing."

Police in some jurisdictions can't enter fugitives' names into the FBI database because they won't issue warrants even when they say they have enough evidence to arrest the suspects.

In metro St. Louis, authorities haven't issued warrants for thousands of felony fugitives, for crimes up to murder. St. Louis police and St. Louis County prosecutors rely on what they call a "wanted," because they prefer that the suspect found before obtaining a warrant.

Warrants are not allowed in the state and FBI databases. Officials said most fugitives don't flee and can be caught without relying on the FBI database.

Most fugitives do stay close to home, but law enforcement officials from across the country say an increasing number of fugitives are fleeing. And state and local agen-

ties — citing stretched budgets and staff — routinely fail to take basic steps to boost the odds that those fugitives will be caught before committing more crime.

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Willie C. Parker, 81, has been a fugitive from Maryland justice for nearly 43 years, spending the last two decades in Clinton, N.C.

## A life on the lam ends after four decades

By Aris Thomas-Lester  
The Washington Post

When the law caught up with Willie Carroll Parker after nearly 43 years, he didn't put up a fight.

It was 1:30 in the afternoon Feb. 20, and he was relaxing in the back bedroom of a house he has shared with a buddy in North Carolina since leaving his wife six months ago.

When deputies from the U.S. Marshals Service surrounded the white clapboard house, Parker had just finished his lunch. He was relaxing in bed in a shirt and skivvies, watching television.

"Are you Mr. Willie Carroll Parker?" Deputy Brandon Taylor asked as other deputies flooded the house.

"I am," Parker responded. Taylor had a warrant for Parker's arrest. "He was very cooperative," Taylor said. "I guess he knew his time was up."

At 81, Parker is considered Maryland's oldest living fugitive — he has been on the lam since 1965, when he escaped from an Eastern Shore prison where he was serving time for robbery, officials say.

Now, he's in trouble again. His arrest in connection with that escape was part of a Maryland corrections department operation to apprehend fugitives who have failed to pay their debt to society, officials said.

After spending a week in jail in North Carolina, Parker was released on bail Thursday pending a hearing this week to determine whether he will be extradited to Maryland.

Parker, a sickly man who can barely walk, let alone run, admits that he took off four decades ago. He spent years on the run, surviving on odd jobs and the kindness of pretty women. But he stopped all that after a judge told him that Maryland no longer wanted him, he said.

At the time of his arrest, Parker had been a fixture for about 20 years in and around Clinton, N.C., a farming town of fewer than 10,000 people about 60 miles south of Raleigh.

He had bought two homes. He owned a van and had a valid driver's license. He was registered to vote. He was collecting Social Security benefits. He was under the care of physicians, who were paid through his Veterans Affairs benefits, public records show.

"I been right here all the time," Parker said in a telephone interview from the Sampson County jail, where he was held until Thursday. "I been living in the same place, driving the same roads, working under my own name. Now they're trying to say I've been running."

After being convicted of robbery with a deadly weapon in 1953, Parker was in and out of prison until 1965. He was eventually assigned to work for a nearby farm. One day, as his employer drove him back to prison, the subject of money came up.

"For some reason, people used to always think I had a lot of money," Parker said. "This fellow was asking me if I had any. I told him I did and that it was in Baltimore. He offered to take me there to get it. I'd just give him some. He drove me there."

Parker said the man let him out of the car, and "I just kept going."

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# Muskrat fur flies at beauty pageant

By David A. Fahrenthold  
The Washington Post

GOLDEN HILL, Md. — Contestant No. 1 sashayed down the catwalk, her hair bouncing in blonde curls, and smiled a radiant beauty-queen smile. She picked up a furry dead rodent about the size of a football.

Then she took out a very sharp flap-jack blade and stuck the point in just above the animal's tail.

"Then," she said, narrating the incision as sweetly as a Miss America contestant talking about world peace, "you're going to want to take your knife."

This was the "talent" portion of the 2008 Miss Outdoors pageant, part of an improbable Eastern Shore festival that combines the worlds of beauty contests and competitive muskrat skinning.

For years here, young women have paraded in glittery evening gowns, and then — on the same stage — skimmers in camouflage hats have separated small animals from their pelts.

This year, two girls chose to do both.

Their story played out less than 60 miles from Washington, in a place where time is slowly eroding a culture built around the Chesapeake Bay's boot-sucking marshes. These teenagers were afraid that, without their participation, both the pageant and the skinning races might decline even further.

So they sought to take on a hybrid role, one foot in their world and one in their grandparents'. In one weekend, they would be both modern princesses and old-time, blind-covered "rat"-skimmers.

"... You want to take your knuckles," 17-year-old Samantha Phillips, Contestant No. 1, was saying. One of the pageant judges squinched up her face in shock. "And separate the meat from the hide, just like this."

"Oh my God!" a boy in the audience yelled, at the sight of a woman in perfect makeup with her hand inside a muskrat.

Then, from another part of the crowd, an older woman's voice: "She's good."

The pageant and the skinning contest were part of the 63rd annual National Outdoor Show, held last month in the town of Golden Hill. To get there, drivers turn off the highway to Ocean City and wind more than 15 miles through marshes to a rural crossroads. There is little evidence of town or hill.

"This is really the end of the world, back up five feet,"

one contestant's mother said. The festival began with the muskrats — bucktoothed marsh critters whose pelts are sold to the fur trade. Over the decades, friendly rivalries among local skimmers gave birth to the World Championship Muskrat Skinning Contest, which now draws crowds of more than 1,000.

His rules are simple: "Fastest time, clean 'rat,'" locals say, meaning that the hides can't be nicked or torn as they're removed. The pelts are usually taken home and sold by the skimmers; the carcasses are sometimes stewed with liberal amounts of sage and eaten. Scientists do not believe the event presents a threat to the local muskrat population.

For 54 years, the skinning contest has also been accompanied by a beauty contest.

No one here thinks that's odd. "It's not like, 'Oh my God, it's a beauty pageant!' Oh my God, they're skinning muskrats!" said Tiffany Brittingham, 22, a sixth-grade science teacher. "It's just a norm."

Still, for decades, it wasn't the norm for women to do both. They were pageant people or skinning people. Then came Brittingham in 2003.

"She skinned a muskrat in full makeup and sparkly earrings," said Amy Nicholson, a New York-based filmmaker who shot a documentary, "Muskrat Lovely," during the 2004 pageant, when Brittingham did the same thing. "You kind of can't believe it's actually happening."

In 2005, when she walked out of the talent portion of the pageant with a muskrat thrown over her shoulder, a man in the audience yelled above the cheers. "I want to marry you!"

On that third try, Brittingham won. This year, both Phillips and Dakota Abbott, 16, entered both the beauty contest and the skinning competition. Phillips also chose to skin during the pageant's talent portion.

"I'll be honest," she said. "I can't sing, I can't dance and I don't play any musical instruments." So it had to be muskrats.

But both said they were also motivated by something deeper: a strong attachment to a fast-changing place and the fear that someday people here might not care about beauty queens or know the smell of muskrat guts.

"Ten years ago... there was, what, probably 15 people in Miss Outdoors. We have five



Dakota Abbott, this year's Miss Outdoors, was one of two pageant contestants to also enter the muskrat-skinning contest at the National Outdoors Show in Golden Hill, Md.

"It's not weird. You can be graceful and beautiful and well-poised and skin a muskrat." — Samantha Phillips, a Miss Outdoors pageant contestant

people this year," Abbott said. The skinning events also have fewer participants than they did decades ago. "If we don't keep it going, then it's not going to go anywhere."

Phillips is headed to Villa Julie College near Baltimore next year, and Abbott, a junior, is also thinking about schools outside the Eastern Shore. Phillips will study nursing; Abbott is thinking about marine biology. There's no guarantee they will be able to find jobs back here.

So while they still had time, the two wanted to dive as deep as possible into the traditions of Chesapeake marsh country — a place where beauty queens can get their hands bloody.

"It's not weird," Phillips said. "You can be graceful and beautiful and well-poised and skin a muskrat."

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# Fixing the cracks

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With Canyon Ridge High School now under construction, district officials say that bids for construction and materials are far higher than anticipated.

According to current district estimates, the high school alone could cost \$47.5 million, leaving too little money to fulfill the bond levy campaign promises.

The district has said it will be forced to scale back the project, sell property, shift some promised school repairs to the extended facilities levy or to delay some of the work.

"Unfortunately, no one could have projected the rapid acceleration of prices," said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs.

Exactly how the district will react if voters reject the facilities levy is unknown. A School Board member warned of cuts, but district officials won't discuss specifics.

They will, however, point to specific needs, such as \$4.7 million necessary to fix seven roofs. Many other projects cited by the district are modest, such as re-tilling the Twin Falls High locker rooms and sealing cracks in O'Leary Junior High's asphalt running track.

## Status quo or windfall?

In letters to the editor, PowerPoint presentations to civic groups and postings on the district's Web site, Dobbs and others hammer home the facilities levy's key selling point: it will not increase the combined bond and plant facilities tax rate.

If approved by a supermajority of voters, the facilities

tax would go from 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to about \$1.27 per \$1,000, if the district's net taxable market value remains constant.

District officials stress, however, that the total combined facilities bond and plant facilities levy rate currently \$2.38 per \$1,000 — would not increase because the state will pick up a larger share of bond payments starting next year.

Bear Bangs, president of O'Leary's Parent Teacher Student Organization, said he strongly supports the levy.

"It's something that's not going to raise taxes as we see them now," Bangs said.

And on Feb. 22 the Chamber of Commerce told its members that "This proposed levy will not increase the current tax rate for property owners."

But that doesn't mean taxpayers won't pay more for the levy alone.

Over the past 10 years, the district took in \$6.4 million in plant facilities levy revenue. If voters approve the new levy, the district could collect five times as much — about \$33 million — over the next 10 years. Even while the total rate may remain constant, the yield from this levy alone will grow because the net market value of property in the district in recent years has ballooned — 34 percent last year alone, according to the County Assessor's Office.

Passage of the plant facilities levy would mean a tax of \$140 per year to the owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 with a homeowner's exemption of \$89,225.

But if the proposal is rejected, that same homeowner would see a savings of about \$32 per year because the current, smaller levy would expire.

## Promises at the polls

When boosters were campaigning for the high school bond in 2006 they circulated pamphlets that listed the cost of Canyon Ridge High at \$37.6 million, with \$12.1 million of the bond issue going for "renovation and reconfiguration" of nine other schools.

Those improvement projects weren't specified on the ballot, however, and district officials now say there are no guarantees in light of higher bills for the new high school.

"The district may have to delay some projects, and a limited number of the maintenance-related projects may be funded from the plant facilities levy over an extended period of time," School Board Chairman Bryan Matsuoika wrote in a letter published by the *Times-News*.

When asked which projects would be affected, Dobbs responded via e-mail with the same statement.

But Dobbs and others pledge that none of the proposed plant facilities revenue will be used to cover expected Canyon Ridge cost overruns, because it won't be needed.

When asked if he thought voters wouldn't approve spending more money on the new high school project, but would want to spend more on repair and upgrades at other schools, Dobbs said he didn't know.

Dobbs didn't respond to a question of why the new high school and repairs at other schools are being treated as

separate political issues.

Dobbs says that construction is much lower than figures cited by Dale Thornsberry, the district's facilities manager.

By Thornsberry's count, the project is likely to finish about \$9.9 million over budget, or about \$17.5 million all but \$2.3 million of the bond issue for a 219,716-square foot facility at \$216 per foot.

Why the difference? The higher number includes all costs, including unavoidable charges for site preparation, engineering, design and management fees.

While the district pledges not to use the plant facilities levy for Canyon Ridge, voters are being asked to give broad authority in how much money the board will collect and how it will be spent. The board would be authorized to collect as much as \$13 million per year for 10 years starting July 1. According to the ballot language, the board could use the money to construct, furnish and equip schools, furnish school sites, make improvements to existing buildings, purchase school buses, pay lease agreements or pay off construction loans for new buildings. Nothing is said about Canyon Ridge.

When voters last were presented with a plant facilities levy, in 1998, the ballot language was just as general but it specified an exact amount of \$509,792 to be collected in the first year, with a 5 percent increase each year until 2008.

## Maintenance budget

Another selling point in the levy campaign is a statement that the school district is

## 2006 Facilities bond promises

According to a brochure produced in 2006, some of the \$49.7 million bond was to pay for these repairs and upgrades:

- Elementary schools: \$5,390,000
  - Bickel, Harrison, Lincoln, Morningside, Perrine, Sawtooth
  - Expansion and classroom remodels
  - Special/severe needs classrooms
  - Upgrade technology/computer labs
  - ADA/site safety/upgrades (indoor-and-out)
  - Cafeteria/multipurpose room upgrades and expansions

## Junior High Schools: \$200,000

- O'Leary and Robert Stuart
  - Reconfiguration for 6-8 middle school
  - Special/severe needs classrooms
  - Computer technology

## Twin Falls High School: \$6,525,000

- 9th grade wing
  - Cafeteria/student commons
  - Classroom remodels
  - Professional technical/computer upgrades
  - ADA/site safety compliance
  - Science lab and fine arts upgrades
  - PE and athletic facility improvements

known statewide for wisely managing its facilities.

"Chamber (of Commerce) folks say that new people coming in make these kinds of comments," Matsuoika said when asked the source of that assessment.

The district says it has spent more than \$31 million on facilities over the past 10 years, including plant facilities levy revenue. But it is not immediately clear exactly how the money was spent. When asked for an accounting, the district provided broad descriptions with expenditures grouped in general terms such as "supplies and materials," "purchased services" and "supplies-maintenance."

Under state law school districts are required to allot a specific amount of money each year to maintain and repair student-occupied buildings.

In arguing the need for the continued facilities levy, district officials say that complying with this law means they should set aside \$33 million over the next decade, or four percent of the cost of replacing all district buildings.

But the state only requires districts to put aside 2 percent — in this case, \$15.15 million. The 4 percent figure is a high-end recommendation.

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## Work

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to build a new high school and to save \$12 million in other repairs.

"There is still the question of whether a supplemental levy would pass, and the negative impact it would have had on the later (2006) facilities bond," said Superintendent Wiley Dobbs.

The district forged ahead, signing a contract with Honeywell Building Solutions, a subsidiary of the international aerospace giant, for Twin Falls schools.

Honeywell installed energy efficient lighting in 11 buildings, upgraded or installed new heating, ventilation and air conditioning and other mechanical systems, and replaced four roofs — \$8.7 million in total.

The majority of Honeywell's work went into energy-saving projects; roofing accounted for \$3 million, Dobbs said.

Dobbs, in a testimonial posted on a Honeywell Web site, credits voter satisfaction with the projects as a reason that taxpayers approved the 2006 bond levy. The Honeywell contract is also favorably mentioned in public presentations on the upcoming March 11 plant facilities levy.

Leaving out the cost of avoiding public vote.

"All told, the district will pay the \$8.7 million, plus another \$2.8 million in financing costs to Honeywell through 2020, according to district audits.

The district also pays Honeywell more than \$20,000 per year for an open-ended service contract to maintain and repair its work.

Under the terms of the ballot measure, some of the \$3.3 million per year the district hopes to raise through the plant facilities levy could be used to pay off the Honeywell contract, though Honeywell is not specifically named. This year's payment is more than \$700,000, including \$374,000 in interest.

"I was convinced and still am convinced now that the Honeywell performance contract was the best decision for the school district at that time," Dobbs wrote in a recent e-mail.



The roof at Morningside Elementary School, installed in 2005 by Honeywell Building Solutions, is now leaking.

Dobbs said interest on a levy-supported bond would have been about the same as Honeywell's rate, and holding a levy vote would have slowed the process.

"The performance contract probably saved the district money," Dobbs said. Exactly how much money was saved remains unclear.

In a 2006 report to the School Board, Honeywell estimated first-year energy savings at \$174,626, though there was no savings in electric and gas consumption at Sawtooth-Elementary or at the two-junior high schools. The company offered to guarantee the district would save \$2.3 million over 15 years, but the district decided not to accept the guarantee or pay for subsequent energy audits, said Honeywell Spokesman Aaron Parker.

"We opted to go with the one year report to verify our savings... And then selected a less costly service agreement," Dobbs wrote in an e-mail.

Asked if there were any other reports on energy sav-

ings, Dobbs replied, "We will expect the same savings or better in years to come in as much as the cost of fuel, etc., is going up. The energy saving measures that were taken will reap benefits for years to come."

Meanwhile, Honeywell roofs installed in 2005 at Morningside Elementary and Harrison Elementary are leaking.

"We'd love to see those last few pieces in the leaky roof be done," Morningside Principal Steve Hoy told the School Board Wednesday.

Hoy said the school roof is in much better condition than in the past and that, "for a 51-year-old building it's in great shape."

The roofs have 30-year warranties, and Honeywell will likely work on the leaks this week, said Bob Parr, the district's facility maintenance director.

"The Morningside leak has been dripping into a bucket for the last couple months," said Emory Warren, the district's assistant maintenance supervisor. But Warren's not complaining.

"Compared to all the leaks we had before, this is great," he said.

# How the Twin Falls School District tax rate ranks

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

When it comes to the total property tax bite, the Twin Falls district is about average — 60th out of 115 statewide — something the district touts in its levy campaign.

If it Twin Falls ranks ninth-highest among the 52 school districts that have voter-approved plant facilities levies, according to the State Department of Education. If voters approve the new levy, it will move into fourth place.

Districts can ask voters for one- or two-year supplemental levies, which Twin Falls has done only once in recent years — for \$1.2 million in 2005. That one-year levy added about 65 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to tax bills.

State law also allows school districts to adopt annual emergency levies of up to 60 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value without taxpayer approval. Twin Falls routinely does so.

The School Board adopted emergency tax levies to raise more than \$518,000 in 2004; nearly \$123,000 in 2006 and more than \$515,000 last year. All were below the state cap. The 2007 levy, for example, added 20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to tax bills.

When asked about the levies, School Board Chairman Bryan Matsuoika referred questions to Superintendent Wiley Dobbs. Two other board members did not return calls for comment.

A school board can impose an emergency levy for maintenance and operation to cover enrollment increases, according to the State Department of Education. Dobbs said the district accurately projected the enrollment surge that prompted the 2005 emergency levy and used

the money to meet the need. In part by setting up modular classrooms.

The district's projections show the need for a new elementary school and middle school, Dobbs said, and voters could be asked in 2012 to approve a school bond for that. He said plant facilities levy money would not be

used to pay for that new construction or to repay its bonds.

Twin Falls has also collected more than \$100,000 each year since 2003 through a board-approved tort levy. Most Idaho districts impose the tort levy to cover the costs of lawsuits and liability insurance.

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**NAVEL ORANGES**  
**10** ea. **\$1**  
for

**1 lb. Bag**  
**MINI CARROTS**  
**99¢**  
ea.

**10 lb. Bag**  
**POTATOES**  
**2** for **\$3**

**8 oz. Cup**  
**Whole/Sliced MUSHROOMS**  
**2** for **\$3**

**Fresh BROCCOLI**  
**89¢**  
bunch

**1 lb. Bag Daily**  
**SALAD KITS**  
**2** for **\$5**

**1 lb. pkg.**  
**STRAWBERRIES**  
**2** for **\$4**

**Red & Green**  
**SEEDLESS GRAPES**  
**99¢**  
lb.

**Sweet PINEAPPLE**  
**89¢**  
lb.

## QUALITY MEAT

**Boneless Beef**  
**EYE OF ROUND STEAK**  
**\$2.99**  
lb.

**Family pk. Lean**  
**GROUND BEEF**  
**\$1.79**  
lb.

**Boneless Beef**  
**SHOULDER STEAK**  
**\$2.49**  
lb.

**Family pk.**  
**NEW YORK STEAK**  
**\$5.49**  
lb.

**Boneless Baron**  
**BEEF ROAST**  
**\$1.99**  
lb.

**1 lb. pkg.**  
**BIG BUY BACON**  
**4** for **\$5**

**Full Brand Whole Sals**  
**PORK SPARERIBS**  
**\$1.99**  
lb.

**Full Brand Breakfast Link**  
**SAUSAGE**  
**\$1.99**  
lb. **\$1.89**

**Full Brand Boneless Pork**  
**SIRLOIN ROAST**  
**\$1.69**  
lb.

## SWENSEN'S MUST-HAVES

**Ant. 12 pk.**  
**COKE**  
**3** for **\$12.99**

**Ant. 32 oz.**  
**POWERADE**  
**99¢**

**Ant. 9-13 oz. Lays**  
**POTATO CHIPS**  
**2** for **\$5.39**

**Western Family Ant. 15 oz.**  
**CANNED VEGGIES**  
**39¢**

**Western Family 10.5 oz.**  
**TOMATO or CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**  
**3** for **\$1.59**

**Western Family 15 ct.**  
**TOWELS and 36 ct.**  
**BATH TISSUE**  
**\$5.99**

**Western Family 29 oz.**  
**PEACHES or PEARS**  
**99¢**

**Western Family 20 lb.**  
**CHUNK STYLE DOG FOOD**  
**\$3.88**

**Western Family Ass.**  
**24 PACK SODA**  
**\$2.99**

**24 oz. Classic**  
**WONDER BREAD**  
**3** for **\$5**

**White/Wheat 24 oz. Gina**  
**SYCAMORE BREAD**  
**2** for **\$4**

## FREEZER & COOLER

**Western Family 8 oz.**  
**WHIPPED TOPPING**  
**89¢**

**Ant. 56 oz. Breyers**  
**ICE CREAM**  
**2** for **\$7**

**Ant. 20-32 oz.**  
**TJ FARMS POTATOES**  
**4** for **\$5**

**Ant. Varieties**  
**STOUFFERS or LEAN CUISINE**  
**4** for **\$10**

**Western Family**  
**Ant. 10 ct. pkg.**  
**WAFFLES**  
**\$1.09**  
ea.

**Ant. 6 ct. Pillsbury**  
**TOASTER STREUDELS**  
**\$1.89**  
ea.

**Western Family 16 oz.**  
**VEGGIES**  
• Corn • Mixed  
• Peas • Beans  
• Peas & Carrots  
**69¢**  
ea.  
Case of 12.....**\$8.28**

**Western Family 10 oz.**  
**Frozen Concentrate**  
**ORANGE JUICE**  
**4** for **\$5**

**Western Family**  
**Ant. 6-8 oz.**  
**YOGURT**  
**2** for **\$1.69**  
ea.

**Selel Varieties**  
**Budget Gourmet**  
**ENTREES**  
**69¢**  
ea.

**Western Family Ant. 32 oz.**  
**SHREDDED CHEESE**  
**\$6.49**

## DELI

**2 pk. Chicken**  
**LEG QUARTERS**  
**\$1.49**  
ea.

**Chicken**  
**CORDON BLUE**  
**\$1.99**  
ea.

**Fresh**  
**COLESLAW**  
**\$1.99**  
ea.

**Mrs. Gerry's 12 oz.**  
**SPINACH/ ARTICHOKE DIP**  
**\$2.89**  
ea.

**TABLE CAKES**  
**\$3.99**  
ea.

**Champ's 5 ct.**  
**BAGELS**  
**\$1.99**  
ea.

**French**  
**BREAD**  
**88¢**  
ea.

**6 ct.**  
**ONION ROLLS**  
**\$1.69**  
ea.

## BAKERY

Order Qty	PLU#	Description	Pack	Size	\$ Case	\$ Unit
<b>Grocery Staples</b>						
	10486	WF Apple Juice & Blended Apple Juice	8	6.47	\$10.00	\$1.25
	10487	WF Pineapple - Chunks, Chunks, Sliced, Tidbits	24	20.7	\$21.12	\$0.88
	10576	WF Assl Canned Tomatoes - Whole, Sliced, Sliced, Crushed, Diced, and more	24	14.52	\$13.20	0.55
	10583	WF Canned Corn - Whole Kernel, Cream Style	24	15.7	\$9.36	\$0.39
	10007	WF Canned Green Beans - Cut, French Sliced	24	15.7	\$7.36	\$0.39
	10410	WF Canned Sweet Peas	24	15.7	\$7.36	\$0.39
	10219	WF Canned Beans - Chili, Garbanzo, Kidney, Gr Northern, Black, Pinto, Split Red	24	15.7	\$17.00	\$0.50
	10267	WF Chk - Hal, Mini, Thick & Chunky, Turkey	24	15.2	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10268	WF Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail - Halves, Sliced	12	29.7	\$11.88	\$0.99
	10223	WF Albacore Tuna	24	6.2	\$23.76	\$0.99
	10207	WF Soup - Tomato & Chicken Noodle	24	10.57	\$8.00	0.33
	10208	WF Mac & Cheese Dinner	24	7.57	\$4.80	\$0.20
	10579	WF Dry Spaghetti Noodles & Elbow Macaroni	8	46.2	\$19.67	\$2.33
	10326	WF Hunts Pasta Sauce - All Varieties	12	26.2	\$12.00	\$1.00
	10383	WF Tomato Juice & Vegetable Juice	12	46.2	\$16.00	\$1.33
	12029	WF Ketchup	16	2.47	\$12.64	\$0.79
	10210	WF 24-Pack Soda	1	24.12	\$2.99	\$2.99
	10089	WF Natural Spring Water	1	24.54	\$2.99	\$2.99
	10211	WF Blended Water - Distilled, Spring	4	120.2	\$3.52	\$0.88
	10205	WF Cleaning Appliance	24	15.7	\$9.36	\$0.39
	10097	WF Tomato Sauce	48	8.2	\$7.30	\$0.15
	10092	Icecube Hermy - Big 108 Oz Can	6	108.1	\$10.00	\$1.67
	10288	WF Cream Jelly	12	32.1	\$15.00	\$1.25
	10273	WF Peanut Butter & Fruit Spread	6	40.467	\$19.14	\$3.19
<b>Non-Foods</b>						
	11201	Golay Premium Dog Food - LOCAL PRODUCT	1	50 LB	\$24.99	\$24.99
	10212	WF Chyns Style Dog Food	1	20 LB	\$3.88	\$3.88
	10213	Fitbits Canned Cat Food	24	5.52	\$9.36	\$0.37
	10214	Suave Shampoo & Conditioner	4	15.17	\$5.28	\$0.88
	10156	WF Detergent Buckets - Regular & w/Beach	1	30 LB	\$5.49	\$5.49
	10159	WF Liquid Bleach - Regular Only	6	76.2	\$8.34	\$1.37
	01150	WF Advantage Pack Paper Towels	1	15 CT	\$5.99	\$5.99
	10149	WF Advantage Pack Bath Tissue	1	36 RL	\$5.99	\$5.99
	10200	Water Softener Salt - Extra Course	1	40 LB	\$10	\$2.50
	10201	Water Softener Salt - Petals	1	40 LB	\$12	\$3.00
<b>Frozen Foods</b>						
	10395	WF Frozen Orange Juice - Reg. Pulp, Fno, More Pulp, & w/Calcium	24	12.2	\$30.00	\$1.25
	10394	Fr. Potatoes - Hashed Shredded, Shaping, Steak	12	24.32	\$15.00	\$1.25
	10190	WF Frozen Vegetables - Corn, Peas, Cr Beans, Mixed Veggies, Peas & Carrots	12	16.2	\$8.28	\$0.69
<b>Bulk Foods Supervalues</b>						
	2028	Hard Red Wheat	1	50 LB	\$19.99	\$19.99
	2029	Hard White Wheat	1	50 LB	\$19.99	\$19.99
	10102	WF Flour - Bleached, Unbleached, Bread	1	25 LB	\$8.49	\$8.49
	10106	WF Granulated Sugar	1	25 LB	\$8.99	\$8.99
	2034	Morning Moe Powdered Milk	1	50 LB	\$129.99	\$129.99
	2041	Jasmine Rice	1	50 LB	\$24.99	\$24.99
	2044	Pinto Beans	1	20 LB	\$9.99	\$9.99
	2045	Papcom	1	25 LB	\$9.99	\$9.99
	2046	Instant Hot Cocoa Mix	1	25 LB	\$36.99	\$36.99
	2047	Bulk Brownie or Muffin Mix	1	25 LB	\$36.99	\$36.99
	2051	Dehydrated Eggs - 48 oz can equals 76 eggs	6	48.2	\$119.94	\$19.99
<b>Produce, Meat, &amp; Bakery</b>						
	10202	Pblatoes	1	10 LB	\$1.50	\$1.50
	10203	Yellow Onions (white supplies last)	1	50 LB	\$7.99	\$7.99
	10204	Small Navel Oranges	1	40 LB	\$9.99	\$9.99
	scan	Inst. Skinless Chicken Tender	1	10 LB	\$15.90	\$15.90
	scan	Idaho Trout Fillets	1	5 LB	\$14.90	\$14.90
	scan	Fort Brand Link Sausage	1	10 LB	\$18.90	\$18.90
	scan	Lean Ground Beef - Family Pack Size	1	LB	\$1.79	\$1.79
	scan	New York Steak - Family Pack	1	LB	\$5.49	\$5.49
	185	Fancy Table Cakes	1	ea	\$3.99	\$3.99

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(AP) While stocks made sharp gains in the first three days this week, the litany of concerns investors succumbed to Friday reflected the undercurrent of uncertainty that has

kept Wall Street on edge for months. For the week, the Dow lost 0.93 percent, while the S&P 500 gave up 1.66 percent and the Nasdaq fell 2.58 percent.

Week's close Week ago  
 Dow Jones Industrial average: 12,266.39 12,381.02  
 Standard & Poors 500: 1,330.63 1,330.63  
 Commodities indexes: 215.67 207.72

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# Feeling the pinch



Tribes Interiors, of Twin Falls, which specializes in high-end furniture, relies on people coming down from Ketchum to purchase the majority of its products.

## While some markets remain strong, retailers say business is slowing

By Blair Koch  
 Times-News correspondent

At the Black Sheep Gallery in Twin Falls a refurbished farm hutch sits adorned with nick-knacks and long strands of wired garland. Today's customers are more likely to purchase the \$300 wood-on-hutch, said gallery owner Jamie McDowell, and forgo spending money on home niceties.

"People aren't buying the little items. The gifts and nick-knack type stuff is hard to move right now. While the number of sales overall is down we're doing OK because when people do buy, they're buying big-ticket items; chairs, cabinets and hutches," McDowell said.

She chalks up the Magic Valley's previous years' booming real estate market to continuing sales but doesn't know how long it will last.

"People are still moving to Twin Falls and the surrounding areas and they are decorating their new homes," she said. "I think shoppers are just being more practical. They are buying useful and needed items, not just spending money because they want some-

thing. They aren't being as generous with their gifts either. If they do buy a gift, they are spending less," McDowell said.

Kurt Hofner, owner of Twin Falls' Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, is letting prescription drug sales pull his stores through this period of consumer belt-tightening.

"Sales are definitely down from 2007 and way down from 2006 and 2005. What we are seeing is what we saw in the housing market—a decline. Of course, people have to buy their medication so we have a little bit of a buffer," Hofner said. "But sales of other items, like greeting cards and collectibles are declining."

Blame it on the media, said Idaho Department of Labor Economist Jan Roeser.

"While the local economy has slowed down somewhat it remains strong, I think we're entering into a period of slowed, yet sustained growth," Roeser said. "I think that consumer confidence is taking a hit in the Magic Valley because of what is going on in the rest of the country."

She said area unemployment and underemployment numbers remain low, wages are competi-

tive and more businesses are offering benefits. She explained that real estate prices are remaining stable and while sales have slowed, inventories are shrinking.

Roeser said local consumers are more likely shopped-out and taking a much needed spending reprieve.

"What we saw the last few years was as spending frenzied. People can only make so many upgrades and buy so many products before they have to slow down. Consumers are using some common sense right now, and that isn't necessarily a bad thing," Roeser said.

Even so, for businesses like Tribes Interiors, of Twin Falls, they will continue marketing their goods to a more affluent market.

"We have never had that much business come from Magic Valley consumers. We're lucky, we still get people coming down from Ketchum, even though we have a store in Sun Valley," said Tribes Owner



Jamie McDowell, owner of The Black Sheep Gallery in Twin Falls, puts price tags on new inventory. McDowell hopes Magic Valley consumers start spending more.

Diane Peterson.

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## An upside for the middle class

As wage growth slows, consumption increases

By Michael A. Fletcher  
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "The economy is not working for middle-class and working families," noting the typical American family earns less now than it did seven years ago. Citing the same trend, her Democratic presidential rival, Sen. Barack Obama, promises "to put America back on the path to prosperity."

Sen. John McCain, the likely Republican nominee, says, "It is harder for families to weather hard economic times."

"There are clearly some challenges out there, and it is easy to worry. But it is a mixed picture."

— Stephen Rose, a Washington economist

That they are increasingly anxious about their financial security, a feeling that has intensified in recent years because of flattening wages, rising income inequality, increasing consumer debt, soaring health-care costs, spiraling energy prices and, now,

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## Ferrell's full-court press for Old Spice

Company uses cross-promotion of new movie to reach audience

By Josh Friedman  
 Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — The pitchman calls himself Jackie Moon, but he is unmistakably Will Ferrell in character as the 1970s basketball player from his upcoming comedy "Semi-Pro," complete with Afro, headband and short shorts.

Everyone sweats six liters a day, he explains, glowing into the camera from a locker room.

"Now, I'm not familiar with the metric system or any other foreign language, but that's the equivalent of 300 gallons, I would guess," Ferrell says with a shrug, then commands: "Hey, cauterize your sweat glands shut ... sss-ka-onvw ... with Old Spice Pro Strength antiperspirant."

The science is beyond flimsy, but the logic of the unusual cross-promotion is clear.

Ferrell, one of the most tireless — some would say shameless — promoters on Hollywood's A-list, stars in a series of jocular television commercials plying Procter & Gamble Co.'s newest addition to the Old Spice product line. The spots help raise the profile of the R-rated "Semi-Pro," from New Line Cinema that opened Friday, while reaching the young male consumers P&G covets through humor, their preferred form of communication.

In "Semi-Pro," Ferrell's character owns, coaches and plays for a hapless Flint, Mich., basketball team named the Tropics.

The actor, who did not respond to

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## War's risks don't deter job seekers to Iraq's havens

By Bradley Brooks  
 Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Help wanted: possibly life-threatening risks, little freedom outside work, long hours but competitive pay. Must be willing to relocate to Iraq.

For many around the world, that is the sound of opportunity knocking.

The war in Iraq — nearing the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion — has focused attention on some modern twists to life in the field, from soldier-bloggers to base coffee shops serving up lattes.

But few are as profound as the

rise in military outsourcing.

While the spotlight shines brightest on the private security contractors and the fallout after the Blackwater Wotee shootings last year, the true face of the war-as-work world is the legions of Iraqis and economic migrants from even poorer nations chasing a chance at a juicier payday.

The Associated Press toured the shops and eateries in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone for a closer look at Iraq's little documented international force: the workers drawn to the war for a chance at profit.

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Pramod Benjamin, a 30-year-old from a family of farmers in the south Indian state of Kerala, stands inside a Subway restaurant in Baghdad's Green Zone.

## BIGGEST GAINERS AND LOSERS OF THE WEEK

For a complete stock listing, go to [MagValley.com](http://MagValley.com)

MNTA	10.16	▲ 2.26	VRNM	2.99	▲ .54	CP	73.19	▼ 1.99	ABH	10.35	▼ 4.28
JRJC	21.22	▲ 4.21	SAPE	7.38	▲ 1.14	RBN	34.05	▼ 35.43	LLNW	4.72	▼ 1.65

# YOUR BUSINESS

## MILESTONES



Sprinkler Shop Valley with dealership locations in Jerome and Paul earned a Valley Performance Plus Dealer designation for outstanding sales performance.

### Sprinkler Shop earns award for performance

VALLEY, Neb. — Valmont Irrigation recently announced that Sprinkler Shop Valley with dealership locations in Jerome and Paul earned a Valley Performance Plus Dealer designation for outstanding sales performance by delivering the highest standards of service and product support to its mechanized irrigation customers. Each location was judged separately and the company had to qualify for both as the Performance Plus Program focuses on the recognition of dealers as they strive to meet the ever increasing and changing needs of production agriculture.

"Being named a Performance Plus Dealer is a significant achievement as the dealer principals must make a commitment to strive for excellence in the areas of sales, aftermarket parts and customer service," said James Brown, Valmont Irrigation's Vice President of North American Sales & Marketing.

Sprinkler Shop Valley recently awarded their North American Dealer the dealerships after receiving input from customers in the key areas of sales, parts and service. More than 500 dealer personnel also attended the conference to build product knowledge, network with fellow dealers and reinforce their commitment to the Valley brand.

"Valmont Irrigation places a great deal of value in our dealer network and in our effort to provide to our ultimate customer. Customer surveys consistently show that the excellence of our dealers has made Valley the leader in all categories of sales and customer service. We are very pleased to congratulate Sprinkler Shop Valley for their superior customer service and leadership," Brown said.

Valmont Irrigation is the global leader in mechanized irrigation, technology and the world's leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation equipment. Since founding the industry in 1954, Valley products have been enhancing food production while conserving water, energy and natural resources. Valmont has sold over 150,000 Valley center pivots, linear and corner machines worldwide, irrigating more than 14 million acres in excess of 100 countries, around the world. For more information, 1-800-825-6668 or www.valmont.com/irrigation.

### Law firm announces new Twin Falls location

The law firm of Worst, Fitzgerald & Stover, PLLC, announced its new location at the Renaissance Office Park, 746 N. College Road, Ste. C, in Twin Falls. The firm consists of:

Richard J. "Tug" Worst, partner. He received his Bachelor of Science from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 1988 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from The Willamette University College of Law in 1992 and was admitted to the Idaho Bar in 1992. His areas of practice consist of personal injury litigation, corporations, commercial transactions, general civil litigation, real estate, employment law and contracts.

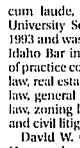
John O. Fitzgerald, II, partner. He received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Idaho in 1986 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Idaho, College of Law in 1990 and was admitted to the Idaho Bar in 1990. His areas of practice consist of business law, insurance, general law, real estate law, contract law and civil litigation.

Timothy J. Stover, partner. He received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1987 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence, cum laude, from Creighton University School of Law in 1993 and was admitted to the Idaho Bar in 1993. His areas of practice consist of business law, general law, commercial law, zoning law, contract law and civil litigation.

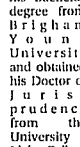
David W. Gadd, associate. He received his Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University and obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence, cum laude, from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2006.



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## STATEWIDE COLLECTION



Statewide Collection Inc., 311 5th Ave. N. in Twin Falls, held a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Linda and Gene Williamson are the new owners of Statewide Collections Inc. They plan to continue the great customer service that has been given to this community for the past 34 years. For more information: 734-4268. Pictured from left, front row, Linda and Gene Williamson, owners; second row, Cynthia, secretary; Fern, bookkeeper; Rebecca, collector and Tricia, collector. Not pictured, Melanie, paralegal.

## BUTTE FENCE



Butte Fence celebrated becoming a new Chamber member as they cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Butte Fence is located at 21391 Highway 30 W., Twin Falls. They specialize in fences, decks, awnings and boat docks. For more information: 733-8388 or (800) 218-1143. Pictured from left, front row, Chuck Elliott, owner; Deanna Wilson, office coordinator; Larry Beaver, office manager; back row, John Hoffman, sales and Scott Hymas, shop fabricator.

## WESTPORT INSURANCE



Westport Insurance & Consulting located at 1162 Eastland Drive, Ste. 2 in Twin Falls held a ribbon cutting recently with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors. They specialize in helping families, small businesses and seniors find solutions for health insurance, long term care insurance and life insurance. They also consult with small businesses for risk management issues and provide unbiased advice about insurance coverage. Westport Insurance & Consulting is a locally owned independent insurance agency representing and contracting with many different insurance carriers to provide the best value to customers in Idaho. For more information: Chris Stevenson at 733-5858.

and has served as a law clerk with the Fifth Judicial District Court for the Honorable John C. Hohnhorst and the Honorable Randy J. Stoker. His practice will focus on general civil litigation, contract law, business law, real estate and transactional law.

### Free tax returns available to those with no tax liability

The tax stimulus package means rebates for most taxpayers with no change until March 31 for select taxpayers who have no tax liability. Low income workers, or those who receive Social Security benefits or veterans' disability compensation, pension or survivors' benefits, receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007 will be eligible to receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 on a joint return) if they had at least \$3,000 of qualifying income.

Qualifying income includes Spousal Security benefits, certain Railroad Retirement benefits, certain veterans' benefits, and earned income, such as income from wages, salaries, tips and self-employment. While these people might not normally be required to file a tax return because they do not meet the filing requirement, they must file a 2007 return in order to receive a rebate.

"Liberty Tax Service wants to help people who do not normally have to file a return get the rebate they are entitled to receive. Many people who receive Social Security and veterans' benefits are likely to overlook this opportunity to get the stimulus payment. Last year, over 30 million taxpayers missed the telephone excise tax credit that was due to them. We don't want that to occur with the tax stimulus package," states Chris Hymas, general manager for Liberty Tax Service at the Lynwood. "Liberty is known for our commitment to give back to the communities that support our company. This is just another way we can help out."

Liberty Tax Service will be mounting a public awareness campaign to ensure that everyone entitled to a stimulus payment is alerted. Anyone who has questions can e-mail taxreb@libertytax.com for more information. Representatives from Liberty Tax Service are available to comment on this program as well.

## CAREER MOVES

### Gloria Rudolph

Gloria Rudolph, formerly of Smart Style Family Hair Salon in Jerome, has moved to management of Master Cuts in the Twin Falls Magic Valley Mall next to Shoppo.

Rudolph has more than 40 years of experience in cosmetology.



Rudolph

### Jaime Wiersema

JEROME — Jaime Wiersema of Sleep Evaluation Labs has earned the Registered Polysomnographic Technologist credential.

This internationally recognized credential represents the highest certification in the field for health care professionals who clinically assess patients with sleep disorders to obtain this credential, a technologist must have necessary clinical experience, hold CPR certification or its equivalent, adhere to the BHPPT Standards of Conduct and pass the RPSGT credentialing exam.

Wiersema's achievement of the RPSGT credential represents a commitment to the highest professional and ethical standards for public health and safety.

### Scott A. Lang

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Colonel Scott A. Lang, Deputy Director of Logistics and Engineering headquartered at North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States

### Northern Command

Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., retired Feb. 1 after more than twenty-six years of distinguished service to the Armed Forces.

Lang was born in Boise and received his commission through ROTC from the University of Idaho and commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Quartermaster in 1981 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He holds a Baccalaureate Degree from the University of Idaho, Master's Degrees in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology, Procurement and Acquisition Management from Webster University, National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Logistics Executive Development Course. He has served in a variety of troop and staff assignments.

Awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He has also earned the Parachutist Badge and Higger Badge.

Lang and wife Birgit have two children, Christie and John.

He is the nephew of Stella Powhus of Twin Falls.



Lang



Tennille Houston, registered dietician at Cassia Regional Medical Center, teaches Bonnie Kay how to administer her medication.

## Diabetes education program merits ADA recognition

The Cassia Regional Medical Center Diabetes Education diabetes self-management education program in Burley has been awarded recognition from the American Diabetes Association.

The program was originally recognized in September of 2007. This program offers high-quality education services to the patients it serves. The ADA Education Recognition effort, begun in the fall of 1986, is a voluntary process which assures that approved education programs have met the national standards for diabetes self-management education programs. Programs that achieve recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide state-of-the-art information about diabetes management for participants.

Self-management education is an essential component of diabetes treatment. One consequence of compliance with the national standards is the greater consistency in the quality and quantity of education offered to people with diabetes. The participant in an ADA Recognized program will be taught, as needed, self-care skills that will promote better management of his or her diabetes treatment regimen. All approved education programs cover the following topics as needed: diabetes disease process; nutritional

management; physical activity; medications; monitoring; preventing, detecting and treating chronic complications through risk reduction; goal setting and problem solving; psychological adjustment; and preconception care, management during pregnancy, and gestational management. Assuring high-quality education for patient self-care is one of the primary goals of the education recognition program. Through the support of the healthcare team and increased knowledge and awareness of diabetes management, the patient can assume a major part of the responsibility for his/her diabetes management. Unnecessary hospital admissions and some of the acute and chronic complications of diabetes may be prevented through self-management education.

"The process gives professionals a national standard by which to measure the quality of the services they provide," commented Tennille Houston, registered dietician, certified diabetic educator at Cassia Regional Medical Center. "And, of course, it helps consumers to identify these quality programs."

The program also consists of two registered dietitians, Houston and Rebekah Ramsey, Rebecca Harper, RN, assists as well as manages the department.

## We want

# YOUR BUSINESS news

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# Tiffany & Co. plans to go small-scale

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The blue box is shrinking. Tiffany & Co. will test a new concept in Glendale this fall with its first small-scale store, the high-end jeweler said last week.

The 2,600-square-foot store will open in October in the Americana at Brand, a retail and residential center across the street from the Glendale Galleria shopping mall. Tiffany's 46 existing

stores are each about 7,100 square feet.

If a store about one-third the typical size succeeds in Glendale, Tiffany may open as many as 170 more across the country, the company said in a statement. It said that these would give Tiffany "the potential to significantly accelerate U.S. sales growth over the medium to long term and enhance profitability."

Launching a more compact Tiffany is an attempt to "introduce more people to

the brand," said David Schick, an analyst with Sifted Nicolaou who covers the company. He added that smaller stores have financial advantages, such as lower inventory requirements.

The Glendale store will offer more silver jewelry than traditional Tiffany stores, he said, and won't sell engagement rings or "high-priced statement jewelry," such as the "diamond buckle necklace, a belt-shaped adornment with 34 carats, in a plat-

inum setting that comes with a price tag of \$148,000.

Beth O. Canavan, Tiffany executive vice president, called the scaled-down store "a new way of looking at Tiffany."

Like many retailers, Tiffany has felt the squeeze of the slowdown in consumer spending. Holiday sales slipped below expectations. Sales in January were "modestly improved" from December, the company said in a statement in February.

## Middle class

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declining home values.

But as Americans' wage growth has slowed, their rate of spending has accelerated, leaving some economists dubious about claims that the middle class is worse off than before.

"There are clearly some challenges out there, and it is easy to worry. But it is a mixed picture," said Stephen Rose, a Washington economist who is writing a book about the middle class.

Median family income in the United States has decreased about \$1,000 since peaking in 2000. The income decline came after more than a quarter-century of slow growth. Between 1973 and 2000, incomes increased at just a third the rate of worker productivity, a sharp break from the previous generation when family incomes and productivity both doubled, fueling an unprecedented expansion of the middle class.

The wage stagnation experienced by many Americans has been accompanied by a sharp growth in income inequality. After-tax family income for the nation's middle tier of wage earners increased 21 percent between 1979 and 2005, to \$50,200. Incomes of the top 1 percent of wage earners, meanwhile, tripled, to just over \$1 million, even as the number of millionaires increased 21 percent from 1979 to 2005, to 153,300.

Rose says that if total compensation — which includes

## Better and Worse Off

Between 1989 and 2004, the net worth of the average American family increased by 35 percent, but household debt more than doubled as more families used debt to finance day-to-day expenses. Over the same period, the country has been enriched by rising productivity, but stagnating wages mean the average worker isn't reaping the benefits.

Median household figures, in 2004 dollars

	1989	2004	Percent change
Income (before tax)	\$37,700	\$43,200	15
Assets*	115,500	170,800	48
Retirement accounts	16,100	35,200	119
Home value	102,600	160,500	56
Debt	22,000	55,300	151
Mortgage debt	46,900	95,000	103
Credit card liability	1,300	2,200	69
Net worth (assets minus debt)	68,800	93,100	35

\*Financial and nonfinancial

SOURCES: Survey of Consumer Finances, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis

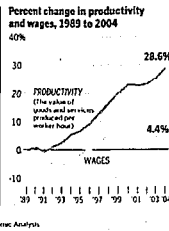
the increasing cost of health and other benefits — is included, American workers have done better than census numbers would indicate. Also, he said, upward mobility allowed 13 percent more Americans to earn inflation-adjusted salaries of \$100,000 in 2004 than in 1979.

And while workers change jobs more frequently than in years past, they are less likely to be laid off than in previous years, said Steven J. Davis, a University of Chicago economist who recently concluded a study on the matter. Moreover, median household net worth increased from \$69,000 in 1989 to \$93,000 in 2004, pushed in part by an increasing home ownership rate.

Some analysts like the plight of the middle class to

an increasingly perilous high-wire act guarded by a steadily shrinking safety net: Americans yearn for a steadily improving lifestyle by sending more family members to work and by juggling more debt. The savings rate, which topped 11 percent in the early 1970s, plunged below zero in 2005, as more people turned to credit cards and home equity loans to pay their way.

Items once considered luxuries — dishwashers, central air conditioning, video cameras — are now common. The average size of new homes has increased 40 percent in the past generation. And as many consumer items cost less, Americans are shopping more. In 1991 the average American bought 33.7



pieces of apparel; by 2002 he or she bought 48 items, according to Boston College sociologist Juliet Schor. In 2005, for example, Americans were projected to discard more than 63 million computers.

Americans are twice as likely to travel overseas than they were in 1980, and overall they spend more time ever for other recreation, including sporting events, movies and plays — the mark of an ever-improving quality of life, some researchers say.

"The amount of leisure enjoyed by the average American rose substantially over the past 40 years," University of Chicago researchers Mark Aguiar and Erik Hurst concluded in a recent study.

## Iraq

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For instance, Pramod Benjamin, a 30-year-old from a family of farmers in the southern Indian state of Kerala, has been in the Green Zone for more than three years making sandwiches at a Subway restaurant.

"I'm happy and I want to stay. I need the money," he said in a recent interview on a foot-long bun for an American soldier.

Before he arrived, he made about \$270 a month working in Kuwait for Subway. In Baghdad, he makes \$900 — and, like most outside workers at the facilities in Iraq, he pays nothing for living quarters and meals.

There are roughly 166,000 coalition troops in Iraq compared with the nearly 161,000 contract workers, according to Central Command.

A 2007 census of contract workers conducted by U.S. Central Command said 30 percent of those — or 45,500 workers — are "third-country" nationals, meaning neither Iraqi or American. Iraqis make up 53 percent of the total while 17 percent are Americans.

"I'm here so I can make a better life for my family," said Miguel, a Peruvian manning a checkpoint in the Green Zone. "With the money I make here, I might be able to buy a house, maybe start a business back home."

Miguel, who only gave his first name for fear of being fired, makes \$1,000 a month. In Peru, he said he would be making half that.

Their willingness to work in a war zone stands in contrast to a near mutiny last year by the U.S. diplomatic corps. The State Department nearly had to force diplomats on threat of dismissal to take posts in Iraq.

The pay may be relatively good, but the risks are real.

At least 1123 contract workers have died in the nearly five years since the American-led invasion, according to a U.S. Labor Department fourth-quarter report for 2007. That compares with nearly 4,000 deaths among U.S. soldiers in Iraq.

The latest worker known killed was an American working for a New York-based consulting firm, SOS International. Jerome McCauley, 44, of Shawboro, N.C., died after being shot Jan. 31 on the road to Baghdad's airport, once considered the most dangerous stretch of asphalt on the planet, but relatively quiet of late.

In September, private guards working for Blackwater Worldwide, who protect U.S. diplomats, fired into a busy intersection in Baghdad, leaving 17 civilians dead. There have been other deadly incidents.

The dependence on contract labor, analysts say, is in part a response to former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's push for a leaner fighting force. But it is also a result of the particular nature of the Iraq war, where fighting and reconstruction are happening simultaneously; the military simply cannot do both without help.

The Labor Department's death statistics do not give nationality breakdowns and there could be more contract workers killed in Iraq than reported. The count is based on the number of families filing for death benefits, and non-Americans might not routinely submit claims, said Deborah Avram, a professor at the University of California-Irvine and author of the 2005 book "The Market for Force: The

Consequences of Privatizing Security."

Hundreds of companies doing business in Iraq depend on third-country nationals for labor. American chains like Subway, Burger King and Pizza Hut have outlets dotted across Iraq, either on military bases or in the Green Zone.

Mostly all checkpoints in the Green Zone are manned by third-country nationals — at the moment mostly Peruvians and Ugandans.

Other such workers cook, clean and do laundry for private companies and the U.S. military.

The Labor Department's statistics do not indicate where the contractors' deaths occurred in Iraq, but most were reported by firms whose employees often work outside the Green Zone, such as translators employed by L-3 Communications Titan Corp. who work with soldiers in the field.

Many Iraqis are also drawn to work in the Green Zone, manning shops that cater to the huge pool of contract laborers who eat rich dishes of hummus in the Freedom Cafe and buy whiskey and beer in the two liquor stores serving the area.

A 23-year-old Baghdad native, who asked that his name not be mentioned for fear of his life, manages one of the Green Zone's tobacco shops, which features five enormous hookahs and a floor-to-ceiling humidifier full of Cuban cigars that can fetch \$200 a box.

"I can get more money working here and it is worth it, despite the danger," the man, dressed in a tan track suit, said on a recent afternoon.

"I've been working here for a year. My wife and family knows, but I tell my friends I work in a grocery store in

Karadahi," he said, referring to a Baghdad neighborhood just across the Tigris River from the Green Zone.

With the \$500 he makes a month, the man said he is able to support his wife and help his father and brother with food and rent. He works 11 hours a day for two weeks, sleeping in quarters behind the tobacco shop, then heads home outside the Green Zone for two days of rest.

Down the road, bundled up against Iraq's cold winter in khaki military cargo pants, a sweater, thick fleece and a stocking hat, the security contractor Miguel counted off the other benefits his colleagues inspected cars for bombs or contraband.

"I don't have to pay for food, rent, clothing, nothing," he said, thumbing the M-4 rifle slung low across his chest.

"Third-country nationals see it as a good economic opportunity to go work in Iraq. But the public perception is that the U.S. is sort of paying off these people to do the dirty work," Avram said in a telephone interview.

Benjamin, the Indian sandwich maker, said he works 12 hours a day, seven days a week for a six-month stretch. He then spends 15 days off in Kuwait while his Iraq visa is renewed.

"About four months ago, a mortar hit about five meters (yards) behind our shop," he said. "I was here, everything shook, and I laid down on the floor."

Another day, about 20 mortars hit nearby. "Bap-bap-bap," he said, "everywhere," he said, eyes widening at the memory.

And what about his mother's back in India?

"Yes, she is worried, but what to do?" he said. "There are no jobs in India. So I stay here."

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CONTRIBUTION



Valley House Homeless Shelter recently presented a plaque to Cactus Pete Resor and Casino for their long-time support and partnership with the Valley House shelter. Pictured from left, Art Martinez, Valley House office assistant; KrisAnn Brown, Cactus Pete Resor and Casino public relations representative and Sharon Breshars, Valley House executive director.

## 4 nominated for N.Y. Times Co. board

NEW YORK (AP) — Dissident investor Harbinger Capital is proposing its own slate of four directors for The New York Times Co., saying the company needs to reformat its efforts on the Internet.

Harbinger geared up for a shareholder fight with the storied publishing company Friday by filing its own

proxy statement with the SEC.

The Times has said it would meet with the Harbinger candidates and was still considering whether to accept their nominations.

The candidates include a marketing professor who has been working with Harbinger to propose changes at the Times.

## Old Spice

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interview requests, ad-libbed much of the material in the eight ads during a daylong shoot, signing off with such politically incorrect tag lines as "Don't smile like a turtleneck" and "The finest street-legal anti-perspirant you can get outside of Mexico that's not poisonous."

For P&G, the Cincinnati-based consumer products conglomerate whose portfolio also includes Tide, Crest, Pringles and Pampers, the campaign is the latest move aimed at reinvigorating the venerable Old Spice brand. The company launched Pro Strength antiperspirant and deodorant in January.

Old Spice, introduced in the late 1930s, first as a fragrance for women before becoming a favorite of American males, had been considered a '70s relic with lagging sales to match when P&G bought it in 1999.

The company reached out to younger males with, grass-roots marketing, replaced the clipper shop on the distinctive cologne bottle with a sleek racing yacht, and added product lines such as High Endurance and Red Zone to complement the original Old Spice.

Old Spice, whose chief rivals include Axe, Right Guard and Degree, claims about 12 percent of total antiperspirant and deodorant sales in the U.S. National Information Resources Inc. estimates at \$1.2 billion. It is the leading brand aimed at males, according to P&G. Sales have quadrupled in the last decade, driven by the newer lines.

"What was a sleepy brand has become a fantastic growth story," said James Moorhead, P&G's Old Spice

brand manager.

Working with the Portland, Ore., advertising firm Wieden & Kennedy, P&G "repositioned" the brand more than a year ago starting with a humorous commercial starring 11-movie actor Bruce Campbell that was tagged with the line "Experience Is Everything" along with the classic whistle from Old Spice's 1970s ads. The dapper, strong-chinned star of the "Wild West" horror movies reminded consumers of Old Spice's heritage even as he made good-natured sport of it.

"We've found humor a very effective way to communicate with guys 18 to 34 years old," Moorhead said.

Other marketers are tapping into the cheeky machismo theme as well. A popular TV, print and online campaign for Dos Equis beer features a suave, bearded actor portraying an adventurer known only as "The Most Interesting Man in the World."

Because of its sports theme, P&G considered "Semi-Pro" a perfect tie-in partner for Pro Strength, a premium, \$7.99 stick aimed at the 25 percent to 33 percent of males who consider themselves unusually active perspirers, "either on a going basis or in situations," as Moorhead put it.

The company has been running the commercials on TNT's National Basketball Association telecasts and such shows as Comedy Central's "Futurama" and "The Colbert Report," and this month posted all eight versions at its Old Spice Web site. P&G said daily traffic at [www.oldslice.com](http://www.oldslice.com) has jumped sixfold but declined to give specific figures.

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# Israeli air strikes kill 54; militants fire barrage of rockets

By Ibrahim Barzak  
Associated Press writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli troops turned heavy firepower on rocket squads bombarding southern Israel Saturday, killing 54 Palestinians in the deadliest day in Gaza since the current round of fighting erupted in 2000.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and seven were wounded in the clashes, the military said.

The violence took a heavy toll on Gaza civilians. Moderate Palestinian leaders called the killings a "genocide" and threatened to call off peace talks.

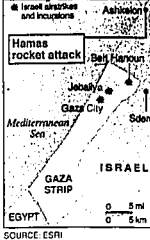
"The response to these rockets can't be harsh and heinous," said Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "It is nowadays described as a holocaust."

The spasm of violence came days before Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was to arrive in the region to judge Israel and Palestinians close to a peace accord. But the rising tensions threatened to mar her visit.

In Washington, National Security Council spokesman Gordon Johnstone expressed regret for loss of civilian life on both sides but put most of the

## Death toll growing

Since Wednesday more than 70 people have died in clashes between Israel and Hamas militants including many civilians.



blame on the Palestinians. "There is a clear distinction between terrorist rocket attacks that target civilians and action in self-defense," he said in a statement.

The U.N. Security Council met Saturday night behind closed doors in emergency session at the request of the Palestinians and their Arab supporters.

"We want a condemnation of the killings and we want also a call for a cease-fire by the Security Council," said the Arab League's U.N. observer, Yahiya Mahmamassi. "What's



Palestinian Hamas militants take position next to a burning barricade during an Israeli army operation east of Be'er Hanan, in the northern Gaza Strip, Saturday. At least 54 Palestinians, including as many as two dozen civilians, were killed in clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinian militants.

happening now is jeopardizing the peace process."

Such resolutions have failed repeatedly in the past because of U.S. and European objections that they are not balanced in their condemnation.

Early Sunday, Israeli aircraft destroyed the office building in Gaza City used by Hamas

Prime Minister Israel Haniyeh, witness said. Five people were lightly wounded in the raid.

At least two dozen Palestinian civilians, including a baby, were among those killed Saturday, and militants said 25 fighters died.

Health officials said about 200 people were wounded, 14

of them critically. The overall death toll was the highest in a single day since the current round of violence erupted in September 2000. The highest previous death toll was 39 on March 8, 2002.

The intense fighting pushed the Palestinian death toll to more than 80 since

fighting flared Wednesday. About half of those were civilians.

While expressing regret for civilian casualties, Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak blamed "Hamas and those firing rockets at Israel," his office said in a statement, pledging to continue the offensive to protect Israeli towns and cities.

On Friday, Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Matan Vilnai renewed a threat to invade Gaza to crush militant rocket squads that attack southern Israel daily.

Palestinian fighters kept up a steady stream of rocket and mortar attacks on Israeli targets, firing around 50 on Saturday alone in defiance of the Israeli assault. Six Israelis were injured by rockets that reached as far as Ashkelon, a coastal city 11 miles north of Gaza.

The Israeli military said one of its airstrikes on northern Gaza targeted a parked truck loaded with 160 rockets.

On Thursday, militants raised the stakes by firing Iranian-made rockets into Ashkelon, striking closer to Israel's heartland than ever before and putting more Israelis at risk. Palestinian rocket fire carrier in the week also killed an Israeli man.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### ARMENIA

Armenia declares state of emergency after violent election protests

YEREVAN — Armenia's president imposed a state of emergency Saturday after police used tear gas and fired shots into the air to disperse demonstrators protesting alleged fraud in last month's presidential election.

An announcement from the office of President Robert Kocharyan came shortly after police broke up the rally of about 15,000 demonstrators. Earlier, police used batons to remove hundreds of protesters who had camped for more than a week in tents in a square near the city mayor's office.

Kocharyan's office said the state of emergency would remain in effect for 20 days. The measure imposes severe restrictions, including banning all mass gatherings and ordering that news media reports on domestic political matters include only official information.

The order also says police have the right to restrict movement and to search private and public vehicles. Tensions remained strong in parts of Yerevan as midnight approached. Groups of angry young people were prowling the streets, calling for people to join them and occasionally breaking windows, city residents told The Associated Press.

Witnesses said Press they had seen people injured in the later rally, but there was no immediate official information on casualties. The Armenian Health Ministry said 10 people were hospitalized from the earlier clash, but did not say how severe their injuries were nor how many of the injured were police.

protested the results of the Feb. 19 presidential election results and tried to force a new vote. Ballies daily have drawn tens of thousands of people; a few hundred remained at the square each night in tents.

### COLOMBIA

No. 2 commander of Colombia's guerrillas killed in combat

BOGOTA — Security forces killed the No. 2 commander of Colombia's main guerrilla group in combat Saturday, dealing what the government called the biggest blow to the leftist force since its formation.

Iraul Reyes, who became the public face of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia as the group's spokesman, died amid fighting and air strikes just across the border in neighboring Ecuador. Defense Minister Juan Manuel Santos told a news conference that was carried live on Colombia's main television channels.

"This is the strongest blow dealt to the terrorist group to date," Santos said. A total of 17 rebels and one soldier died in the operation, which involved Colombia's army, police and air force, the defense minister said. Among the rebel dead was a senior rebel member and songwriter known as "Julian Comandante."

Santos did not say if troops had crossed the border into Ecuador to hunt Reyes. A statement from the presidential palace said President Alvaro Uribe monitored the operation through the night. The death of the 59-year-old Reyes, whose real name was Luis Edgar Devlin Silva, marks the largest setback to the rebels, known as the FARC, since the headline Uribe took office in 2002

vowing to defeat them fueled by billions in U.S. aid. It was also one of the biggest blows to the group since its 1964 inception.

### PAKISTAN

Pakistan police formally accuse al-Qaida-linked leader in Bhutto killing

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani police on Saturday formally accused the top Taliban leader in the country and four others of planning the assassination of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

Police filed preliminary charges in court against Baitullah Mehsud, who had been named by the Pakistani government in the Dec. 27 killing of Bhutto in a suicide and gun attack during a public rally. Mehsud, alleged to have al-Qaida connections, is the most aggressive Taliban figure in Pakistan and "four other accused" persons, said Chaudhry Abdul Majeed, the

chief investigator in the case. Mehsud was named by President Pervez Musharraf within days of the assassination, but the filing of the preliminary charges Saturday completes a legal formality. It is the first legal step before an arrest can be made.

### IRAQ

Man training women, including wife, as suicide bombers

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military announced the capture Saturday of an insurgent leader who was recruiting and training women, including his wife, to wrap themselves in explosives and blow themselves up — the latest sign that al-Qaida in Iraq plans to keep using women to carry out suicide attacks.

In southern Iraq, a British airman was killed in a rocket attack on a base near Basra late Friday, said Capt. Finn Aldrich, a British military spokesman.

The U.S. military said it had killed six insurgents and detained 13 suspects Friday and Saturday during operations against al-Qaida in Iraq in central and northern Iraq.

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**GRANDWORK EQUIPMENT:** Chisel Plow, 20' John Deere 610, 20 JD True Ditch spades, gauge wheels • Chisel Plow, 13' IH 5500, 13-shanks, 3-tyd • Chisel Plow, 16' IH, 3-tyd, 15k • IH 810 platform header, 22"-27" blades • Disk, 20' Case-IH 770 offset, 27" blades • Disk, 20' Case On Offset, 25" blades • Disk, 25" IH 496 tandem, h/d fold • Packer, 20' Fendt 75 w/hyd transport, like new • Plow, Waits 4-bottom, 18" lift, h/d • Roller Harrow, 12' Case-IH 770 offset, 4 rows 5' tires, leveling bar, rigid frame • V-Ripper, John Deere 915, 9-shank, double spring reel, light bar • V-Ripper, Big Ox, 1-shank, 3-tyd

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**COMBINES:** Case-IH 1880 Axial Flow, diesel, hydrostatic, 23-1/2 diamond tread, beam & grain conveyor, s/w H 810 pickup header, 258 hmr • IH 1460, diesel, hydrostatic, beam & grain conveyor, grain loss monitor, new style cross-flow fan, s/w 20' IH 810 platform header • John Deere 8820, diesel, hydrostatic, straw chopper, 24-3/8" diamond tread, s/w 24' JD 224 platform header (used for grain & corn only)

**BECK EQUIPMENT:** Defolator, 6-row Allway, 3-drum • Defolator, 6-row Puma, 3-drum • Harvester, 6-row Puma Ultra-Loader • Sprayers, (2) ATV pull type

**REAR ENDS:** Corrugate Opener, Picket • Tracing Blade, 6' Bulhor, h/d, h/d, 3-tyd, 3-tyd • Case-IH 770 offset, 27" blades • Disk, 20' Case 1-tyd • 1-pr of 14.9R30 on JD 12-1on wheels, 1-pr of 4200R46 drivers on JD steel wheels • 1-pr of 4200R46 duals on JD 10-1on wheels

**AUCTIONEER NOTE:** Brent has discontinued his farming operation. His equipment is all in very good to excellent condition! Also, some of his neighbors have added equipment as they have up-graded or changed their operations.

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# Japan experiments with robots as part of daily life

By Hiroko Tabuchi  
Associated Press writer

### "People are still asking whether people really want robots running around their homes, and folding their clothes."

— Damian Thong, senior technology analyst at Macquarie Bank in Tokyo

TOKYO — At a university lab in Tokyo, with engineering students wearing a rubbery robot face to simulate six basic expressions: anger, fear, sadness, happiness, surprise and disgust. Hooked up to a database of words clustered by association, the robot — dubbed Kamsel, or "sensitivity" — responds to the word "war" by quivering in what looks like disgust and fear. It hears "love," and its pink lips smile. "To live among people, robots need to handle complex social tasks," said project leader Tetsuro Higuchi of Meiji University. "Robots will need to work with emotions, to understand and eventually feel them."

While robots are a long way from matching human emotion complexity, the country is perhaps the closest to a future — once the stuff of science fiction — where humans and intelligent robots routinely live side by side and interact socially.

Robots are already taken for granted in Japanese factories, so much so that they are sometimes welcomed as family members on their day at work with Shinto religious ceremonies. Robots make sushi. Robots plant rice and tend paddies. There are robots serving as receptionists, vacuuming office corridors, spoon-feeding the elderly. They serve tea, greet company guests and chatter away at public technology displays. Now startups are marching out robotic home helpers.

They aren't all humanoid. The Para is a furry robot seal fitted with sensors to detect fear and whiskers, designed to comfort the lonely, opening and closing its eyes and moving its flippers.

For Japan, the robotics revolution is an imperative. With more than a fifth of the population 65 or older, the country is banking on robots to replenish the work force and care for the elderly.

In the past several years, the government has funded a plethora of robotics-related efforts, including some \$42 million for the first phase of a humanoid robotics project, and \$10 million a year between 2006 and 2010 to develop key robot technologies.

The government estimates the industry could surge from about \$5.2 billion in 2006 to \$26 billion in 2010 and nearly \$70 billion by 2025.

Besides financial and technological power, the robot wave is favored by the Japanese mind-set as well. Robots have long been portrayed as friendly helpers in Japanese popular culture, a far cry from the often rebellious and violent machines that often inhabit Western science fiction.

Japanese are also more accepting of robots because the native Shinto religion often blurs boundaries between the animate and inanimate, experts say. To the Japanese psyche, the idea of a humanoid robot with feelings doesn't feel as creepy — or as threatening — as it might do in other cultures.

Sill, Japan faces a vast challenge in making the leap — commercially and culturally — from toys, gimmicks and the experimental robots

chopped out by labs like Takeno's to full-blown human replacements that ordinary people can afford and use safely.

"People are still asking whether people really want robots running around their homes, and folding their clothes," said Damian Thong, senior technology analyst at Macquarie Bank in Tokyo.

"But then again, Japan's the only country in the world where everyone has an electric toilet," he said. "We could be looking at a robotics revolution."



A humanoid robot, designed to make human-like facial expressions in response to English and Japanese words as they are typed into an attached computer system, is reared by a robot developer at a university robotics laboratory in Tokyo in May 2007.

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### BACKHOES & LOADERS

Case 590L Ax1 Backhoe/SNJIGD237197, cab; heat, air • 1989 Cat 980H Wheel Loader/SNJ0992621, 4033 lbs, 4033 lbs, 1998 John Deere 510B Backhoe/SNJ0510072457, 7093 hrs, cab, 2 yd bucket • Case W14C Wheel Loader; SN: JAB000543, 2046 hrs, 3 yd bucket, Case IH555 110 loader; SN: F092727, 2701 hrs, auxiliary lift outlets, 5' bucket

### SPRAYERS/FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT

1995 Ag Chem 15-Gator; 2561 hrs, hydrostatic trans, auto steering, GPS guidance & mapping system, 80' boom, 80 gal tank • 1993 Ag Chem Terra-Gator; 2954 hrs, New 8.2 275 HPI Cummins eng, 10 sp trans, chem tracer, GPS guidance & mapping system, 80' boom, 1000 gal stainless steel tank

### GRAIN ELEVATORS & MOWERS

New Holland 960 Combine; eng hrs 676, rotor hrs 548, hydrostatic drive, self leveling, diesel, all add ops • Schaefer 50' x 10' grain auger; 10' x 10' electronic monitor • New Holland 960 Combine; eng hrs 706, rotor hrs 661, hydrostatic drive, self leveling, diesel, all adjustment made, front roller 55 • New Holland 960 Combine; 10' x 10' spacing • Matthews-Strae Shredder; 15' pulp type • Schaefer 15' Rotary Mower; hydro leveling • Schulte 10' Rotary Mower; 4' offset deck, h/d fold • HLL SR15 Mount Mower • Harley Sealcraft 6 HP 8.5, eng, all h/d • Parker 685 Grain Car; 600 bu, 10' auger, 10' grain auger; 10' x 10'

### POTATO CELLAR EQUIPMENT

1997 Spudnik 905 Potato Collector; 10' x 10', elevator table, elec/hyd, 60' x 134' sorting table • 1997 Spudnik Elevator/Hill 500 cwt, elec/hyd, 2' x 2' bins • 2000 Spudnik 860 Telescoping Piler; remote control, 40' x 50' • (3) Dinger Piler - Lockwood Piler 24' x 30' • Spudnik Telescoping Conveyor; 1997 Spudnik Telescoping Conveyor; 60' Spudnik Dill Conveyor; 20' Spudnik Conveyers; 30' • Spudnik Conveyers; 40' • Spudnik Conveyor; 10' • 2000 HLL Silver Shiver; 60' x 15'; 1976 Spudnik 500 Telescoping Piler

### POTATO HARVEST EQUIPMENT

(4) Lockwood 6200 Potato Planters; 6 row, pick planting chain, set up for liquid fertilizer w/hole Blue Pump • 1990 Logan Potato Windrower; 4 row, elec/hyd, better disc, right side discharge • 1995 Lockwood 4000 Potato Windrower; 3 row, elec/hyd, helio chain, right side discharge • 1995 Lockwood 4000 Potato Windrower; 4 row, elec/hyd, helio chain, right side discharge • Left side discharge • (2) Logan Potato Harvesters; 4 row, elec/hyd, helio chain • (2) Alloway Potato Vine beaters; 6 row, steel roller

### BEEF EQUIPMENT

2005 VWC Beef Defatator; 12 row, triple drum, steel scalper • 1995 VWC Beef Defatator; 6 row, triple drum, steel scalper • 1996 Parma Beef Tank Dewaterer; 6 row • 1995 Parma Beef Tank Harvester; 6 row • 1994 Parma Beef Tank Harvester; 6 row • (3) Million 12 Row Beef Planters; guide pins, h/d maker • HLL Stocking Sugar Beef Bedding Bar; 24 row • (6) HLL ATV Band Sprayers; 12 row

### CHEMICAL APPLICATORS - CULTIVATORS/DIERS

Case Potato Cultivator; 8 row, s-lines, rear covering disc • (6) Elmers Beef Cultivators; 12 row, rolling disc w/rocks, 3 pt hitch, double rear s-lines • HLL 12 Row Sugar Beet Dammer Drier; 3 pt hitch, center shanks • HLL 22' Tandem Diaper; 6 row • (2) HLL Potato Diaper; 13 chain combination header/cultivators • Watts 6 Row Potato Bedder; 13 chain, h/d reset • HLL V-Wipper; 20' h/d reset chains, full pult, set up for fumigant

### TILLAGE EQUIPMENT

Case/Hill 5800 Chisel Plow; 16 row, h/d reset, 110' x 20' Offset Disc; cutaway front • Case • Steiger 3425 Offset Disc; 29' h/d fold, cutaway front disc, solid rear disc • (2) Ace 24' Roller Harrows; h/d fold, leveling bar, 2 rows of s-lines • Ace • HLL Roller Harrows; leveling bar, 2 rows of s-lines • (2) McFarlane Harrows; 30' h/d fold • HLL 30' Packer; 2 rows of front s-lines, rear Schneier roller, leveling bar • Schmeier 20' Roller • HLL Ripper; 13 chain, h/d reset, h/d pull • Case • HLL V-Wipper; 9 chain, h/d reset, 16' 3 pt hitch, 6 wheels • (2) Ace 5 Bottom Plows; 18' bottom, h/d reset • HLL Rubber Tire Roller; 20' pull type • Norwest Truck Filler • (2) Mack Packer; 9' • HLL Blade; 10' h/d, 3 yd • Box Sprayer; pull type • HLL 22' Tandem Diaper; 6 row • (2) HLL Potato Diaper; 13 chain Rock Packer • Harrow War 20' w/ (4) 6' Steel Harrows • Harrow Bar 10' w/ (3) 6' Steel Harrows • (2) Schneier Rollers; pull type

### Hay Equipment

2005 New Holland H1W255 Swather & Header; 1553 hrs, SN: 130125 • 1985 New Holland 1062R Stock Wagon; diesel eng, auto h/d • 1996 New Holland 550 Baler; 16' x 11' • HLL 11' x 25' Round Bale Feeder • Allen Hay Balle • HAY Fluffer

### MISCELLANEOUS

Alloway Snow Blower; 3 pt hitch • (16) Micro-band wheel chains • (2) Wheel Wipers; 44' h/d fold, outside gauge wheel, 3 pt hitch • (2) Sets of Saddle Tons for IH XN Tractor • (3) Front Tanks for IH Harrow Tractor • SMC Tool Bars • Duins; 14.9R-46, 14.9R-42, 14.9R-42, 14.9R-42, 14.9R-30 • Elec Aluminum Pipe Press; 3" • 6" • (3) Big Blue Tech • (9) John Blue Pumps • Truck/Pulverizer Auger; hydro driven • Cultivating shanks • sprayer hose • sprayer tanks • h/d rams • poly pipe fitting • harvester chain • various roller chains • 26" disc blades • NOTE: There will be pallets of various farm related items to numerous to mention.

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EDITORIAL

It's everybody's problem, so let everybody speak

There are some far-reaching disputes to be resolved over the next few years about how dairies and feedlots in the Magic Valley coexist with residential growth and impact quality of life.

But who gets to talk to county commissioners about confined animal feeding operations shouldn't be one of them.

For the second year, the state Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee last week approved legislation that would permit folks who live more than a mile from a proposed CAFO to testify in permit hearings.

Our view: The one-mile limit on public testimony about confined animal feeding operations is undemocratic, and in the long run, counter-productive.

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

In the House, its fate would be in the hands of eight-term state Rep. Leonard Barrett Hardy, R-Challis, the committee's chairman who killed last year's legislation.

After that bill failed, Jerome County allowed oral testimony from people living farther than a mile from proposed CAFOs but has not allowed written testimony, despite promises to do so more than eight months ago.

Seems to us this is an issue that should be a non-issue.

Rationing by geography testimony about an agricultural operation that will affect hundreds of people — and the county's tax base — is ridiculous on its face. Every taxpayer in the county has a stake.

It mystifies us why a county commission would want to make a major decision about the economy and quality of life without hearing anybody who wanted to express an opinion.

This is, after all, local government, where the rules of retail politics apply.

Whether commissioners get an earful at a public hearing at the courthouse or in the grocery store, people will have their say.

Why make it harder?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jumpers should work with rest of community

Kudos to the group of local BASE jumpers who have decided to form a local BASE Jumping Association. As with all activities that attract groups of people with varied levels of experience, BASE jumping from the Perrine Bridge should require a system of checks and balances to keep everyone safe and our bridge spectacular. This is a wonderful stepping-off point for everyone to monitor how the bridge is used for sport and set precedent for the future.

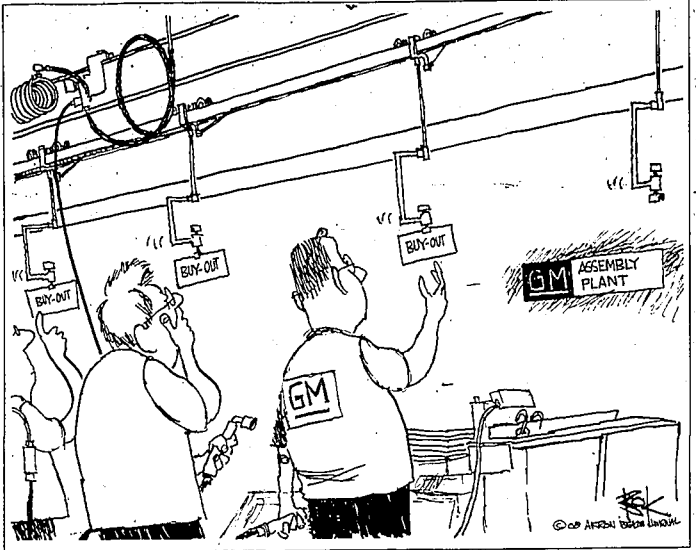
However, I take exception to the comments made by the newly formed association's spokesperson, Mark Kisser, about the public's perception of BASE jumping in the Feb. 15 Times-News story on the association. While I respect the right to defend the spirit of BASE jumping, it is important that all make informed decisions about the sport and its impact on safety and our community. Stating that Richard Heaton was a casu-

ality of hiking was glib, and statements like this can drive negative response by grouping all BASE jumpers as unskilled and risk-takers.

Four years ago during a leisurely boat ride, I had to explain to my then 8-year-old daughter why the BASE jumper we just saw hit the water was not being worked on by doctors and medical personnel trying in vain to save his life. A parent is given the job to protect their children, and BASE jumping threw her into the then unknown world of death.

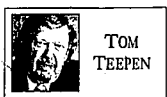
If your analogy holds true, then this was just a dead swimmer whose demise had little to do with BASE jumping. Proactive, not reactionary, responses to all aspects of the sport are needed.

The association should join forces with emergency personnel, county officials and other community members to create a positive system for the sport and keep our bridge part of the magic of our area. STACY MADSEN Twin Falls



The bogeyman called NAFTA

Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are taking positions on two key issues late in their scramble for the Democratic presidential nomination. The winner, and their party as well, will find awkward in the general election.



TOM TEEPEN

In Ohio, heavy with blue-collar voters, they have raised the North American Free Trade Agreement from left-of-center to a thundering theme. The two are trying to outbid one another in their declared distress with NAFTA and its threat to do something about it, though just what is not clear from either.

Increasingly, too, their demonization of NAFTA carries a dangerous whiff of implied damnation for open global trade.

This is pure cant. In fact, Clinton and Obama both have long supported free trade in general and NAFTA specifically. They have had quibbles with some particulars but, even added up, nothing to support the denunciations the candi-

dates have been hurling at NAFTA in Ohio.

NAFTA has paid off for its three partner nations, and even for Ohio, though narrowly there. Ohio's traditional industrial base has been hit hard during the past 20 years, but if NAFTA was scrapped the steel mills and automotive plants would not reappear like Brigadoon rising from time's mists.

NAFTA is a scapegoat for the very real household injuries that deindustrialization has caused, and the candidates are right to line up with the workers and families who have taken the hit.

But misleading those families and workers about the cause of their hurt is no favor. The way to do them real benefit is with offsetting initiatives that would include serious retraining, moving allowances in some circumstances, tax adjustments and job-creating projects such as infrastruc-

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ture rebuilding, which is years overdue anyway. The candidates are as mousey about Iraq as they are over the top on trade. We're hearing nothing from either Obama or Clinton to suggest they have taken into serious account the fact that conditions in Iraq have changed provocatively.

No, we haven't turned that famous corner, wherever it is. The Iraq government has made a few useful political compromises but not yet fully enough to support confidence that the power and economic sharing crucial to durable stability is imminent.

Still, these steps, even timid and incomplete, have been in the right direction, and the infusion of additional U.S. troops, Summit cooperation in security and Iran's seeming retreat from meddling have notably increased public safety. Clinton and Obama still

quibble about who was against the war first and who has been noisier against it since. Voters deserve to hear from each whether the changed conditions have created opportunities that call into question the date-certain withdrawals both have advocated or not, why not.

The first job of primary candidates may be to win nomination but that job leads immediately to the second job — creating a general-election campaign that establishes the candidate and the party as credible governing instruments.

The hypes and dodges of these late Democratic primaries mean that the winner will have to play catch-up to get the second job done.

Tom Teepen is a columnist for Cox Newspapers. Write to him at teepen@timesnews.com.

Time for Idaho Power to level with customers

Many folks opened their monthly statements from Idaho Power this month and found a letter titled "Where Does Your Electricity Come From?" which probably seems like a pretty nice communication, unless one knows that a key recommendation of Idaho's 2007 (Legislative) Energy Plan is that "Idaho utilities shall report annually to their retail customers their sources of electricity." This then looks like an attempt by Idaho Power to fudge its commitment.



READER COMMENT KIKI TIDWELL

By using pie charts with only the three categories — hydro, fossil fuels and purchased power — it is avoiding giving consumers the real picture. Consumers could go online and find out from the Legislature's 2007 Idaho Energy Plan that in 2005, 42 percent of Idaho's electricity came from coal plants, 8 percent from natural gas, 46 percent hydro, 1 percent nuclear and less than 1 percent non-hydro renewables. Most consumers know that we don't have any coal plants in Idaho, but they probably don't know that almost half of their power comes from

coal plants — they just happen to be located in someone else's community in other states.

It is time that Idaho Power and all Idaho utilities level with consumers. We are facing a vulnerable energy future in Idaho. In a Jan. 15 Public Utilities Commission workshop, it came out that Idaho Power expects significant cost adjustment payments in the foreseeable upcoming years — as high as \$33 million per year. This means that customers will have to pay these PUCs — what Idaho Power likes to buy power on the open market — for when it runs short of its own power producing capacity. Since it has not built enough power plants and has made it difficult for wind projects to be built and is significantly behind in implementing conservation and

efficiency programs to Power Council targets, Idaho Power will have to pay the going rate for natural gas at peak times — competing with states like California for supply and price.

Idaho currently imports 60 percent of its energy, including fuels. We have to start taking measures now to reduce this vulnerability. By investing in a smart grid with demand response smart meters, we can reduce load at peak times, reducing the need for peaker plant construction and integrating more renewable generated power. Demand response can balance out the intermittency of renewables like wind and solar. Look at http://www.pge.com/demandresponse to see how other utilities are offering a menu of demand response and conservation options and rebates.

The other thing that sounds good to consumers is Idaho Power's Green Power program. But again, the real situation is a lot different than the glossy flyer image. Since the program's inception in 2001, more than the \$819,162 collected from cus-

tomers through 2007 has gone to the Bonneville Environmental Foundation in Oregon. Only a tiny amount of this money has been spent in Idaho for solar 4R Schools solar panel installations that are demonstration projects not designed to save real energy dollars. Folks believe they are purchasing power that has been generated in a renewable way: wind, solar, geothermal, biogas. This is not the case. Our power is still coming 42 percent from coal. One can get online and see where the BEF spends Idaho's contributions. In fact, one can contribute funds directly to them and get a tax deduction each year.

Yes, it is time that Idaho Power starts leveling with customers about Idaho's energy vulnerability and implements some things that in other states have been doing for years. Spare us the glossy but misleading brochures.

Kiki Tidwell of Halley is the president of Idaho Land and Pine Inc., a private investment company that has investments in the renewable energy field.

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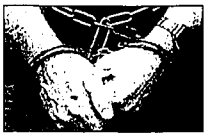
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OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...



... private prisons  
Idaho Stateman, Boise

Gov. Butch Otter prides himself on his business background and his salesmanship.

Every good salesman develops a keen eye for a crummy idea that will never sell.

Otter had the good sense to cut his losses Monday, abruptly announcing that he had dropped his idea for a privately built, privately owned state prison.

Of all the ideas Otter has tossed out in 14 months on the governor's job, the private prison was arguably his weakest and his least popular — and it proved to be about as short-lived as new-formula Cheetos ...

From a practical standpoint, the private prison never penciled out.

A private prison might have saved the state money on the front end, its one and only selling point. A private company would have incurred the building expense and

the state would have had quicker access to needed prison space. The downside: Idaho would have been paying for bed space for the prison's entire lifespan. The state would have been at the mercy of a private contractor that could demand spiraling fees for critical prison space. Idaho might have even found itself bidding against other states for use of a prison within its own borders.

Since Idaho's population is likely to grow, the state's prison space it can count on, and can afford in the long run. A privately owned prison offers no such guarantee.

Now, lawmakers and Otter can focus on two more tried-and-true methods to expand prison space: either building an operating public facility or finding a private contractor to run a state-owned site. Idaho's prison population totaled 7,372 in January, and is forecast to exceed 9,000 by the 2010-11 budget year. The sooner the debate begins, the better...

... legal immigrants

Coeur d'Alene Press

Even those who are on the right track to become legalized American and Idaho citizens should receive no unfair advantage over current, legal residents. By more than an 85 to 15 percent margin, voters on edpress.com agree that Senate Bill 1427, which would change in-state college tuition to non-legal residents, should be defeated.

Legal immigrants, however, should be warmly welcomed to our



great state and enjoy every opportunity available to other residents. In that regard, we've still got plenty of room to do.

Glenn Sedjqi is openly delighted when one of his passengers speaks to him in Farsi.

Sedjqi, owner of Sadaf Taxi in Boise, explains that he had named his company after his eldest daughter, who is 9. He and his wife have two other daughters, ages 5 and 1. All three children were born in the United States. Sedjqi's ultimate destination after growing up in Afghanistan.

To those who build belief systems on initial appearances and assumptions, the taxi driver is merely a Middle Easterner qualified to do little more than transport people around Boise. The visitors from Coeur d'Alene, though, are lucky. Because one of them addresses Sedjqi in Farsi, a bridge of understanding and respect is established as he takes them from the airport to the state capitol.

For years, Sedjqi and his family lived in a Los Angeles apartment. They moved to Boise just over a year ago because they could afford to buy a home there. Sedjqi's American dream,

though, isn't fully realized. The cab driver is an engineer specializing in jet engines. His education has led him on an international journey. All told, he has more than 22 years of formal education. That's about equal to a medical doctor's training.

But since 9/11, Sedjqi's dream has been put on hold. He doesn't complain about it; only laughs at the irony of amassing so much knowledge that's currently worth less than the gas in his tank.

Instead, Sedjqi speaks lovingly of his beautiful girls, notes that his is one of 64 Afghan-American families in Boise ...

That night, when Sedjqi returns his passengers to the airport, he gives his new Farsi-speaking friend a dark chocolate bar. He wishes for them peace and happiness; no more and no less than every Idahoan deserves.

... kids and boats

Lawston Tribune

So a 12-year-old who doesn't know what he's doing wants to putter around a lake in a fishing boat with a 5-horsepower motor. What's the worst thing that could happen?



Don't answer that. You might prove you're smarter than the Idaho House Revenue and Tax Committee. Committee members killed a bill requiring children under the age of 14 to take a boating safety course and be under adult supervision before driving jet-skis or motorboats.

There might be valid arguments against such a bill. If there are, however, they didn't come from committee members.

"Why do we need to do this, given that the counties have already got restrictions out there that are based on their own situation in their county?" asked Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover.

By "counties," Eskridge means the four Idaho counties that have age restrictions on boating. Idaho has 44 counties. Do the kids in the other 40 counties not deserve protection?

The bill was proposed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Rep. Fred Wood, R-Boley, thanked the department for its work but said an exemption is needed for a kid over 10 years old who wants to sit in a small boat with an electric trolling motor and go fishing. We need to find a way to let that kid go fishing."

The bill would provide a way for that kid to go fishing. He could complete a boating safety course ... it's a simple course designed to give fundamental information that might keep kids from drowning. There are certain things — from hunting game to operating a boat — that kids should not be allowed to do without a basic primer on safety ...

Some mistakes demand more than 'Times-News regrets'

Sometimes, all you can say is that you're sorry. We make errors all too often. Journalists are human — despite what you may have heard — and they often have to slip through vast, contradictory and incomplete information while writing against unrelenting deadlines. As careful as we can be, errors may still slip print.



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Some of the times when we make a mistake — whether it's spelling a name wrong or reporting 1,000 when we meant to say 1 million — we "fess up" on page A2. We run corrections and clarifications there so that people always know where to look for them. We try to keep them brief and to the point, and we try not to repeat the error in explaining what we got wrong.

But in Monday's paper we ran a lengthy follow-up arti-

cle on the Magic Valley page to correct an error we warranted a bigger treatment. On Friday, a member of 14-year-old Steve Halverson's family had called to tell us that the young man's Minico floor hockey Special Olympics team had been disqualified from an important tournament because one of the players had been suspended for cutting school. She thought it was unfair that the other 10 team members should suffer for the mistakes of one boy.

On Saturday, reporter Cassidy Friedman visited Steve, his parents and his coach and wrote an article that appeared on the Magic Valley news page. The assistant city editor working Sunday read the story and sent it to the copy desk, where a copy editor read it.

When the page had been held out for proofreading — the last-minute check for any glitches or obvious errors — our talented and usually conscientious news editor who supervises the copy desk made what will be a once-in-a-lifetime error. Based on something she had overheard — and misunderstood — earlier in the day, she thought that Steve was the suspended student.

She changed the article to make that clear.

She was wrong on two levels: Steve wasn't the bad guy; and she violated policy and procedure by making a factual change in the story without consulting the author or his immediate supervisor. The Halverson family was not amused.

Neither was I.

Steve is a fine young man and he didn't deserve to have his dream of competing in the Special Olympics dashed and his reputation ruined all in the same week, all because of the transgressions of others. Rather than putting a succinct correction on A2, I decided to more fully explain how the error happened. We also sent the correction to our sister paper, the South Idaho Press, so that it would be seen by Sunday Times-News readers who get the SIP on weekdays.

And what of the editor who

made the mistake? Steve was mortified, and immediately wrote letters of apology to Steve and to his teachers. We also had a frank and honest discussion in my office. But don't worry. The blisters will heal.

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Before female lobbyist accusations, McCain was part of the Keating Five

One day in 1990, when John McCain was still a new U.S. senator from Arizona, I found myself in Phoenix warily sampling hors d'oeuvres of rattlesnake meat at a luxury resort.



SUSAN  
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MARTIN

Its real name was the Phoenician, but it was known locally by another moniker: Club Five.

Just a year earlier the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. had seized the Phoenician, built by developer Charles H. Keating Jr. at the height of a savings and loan boom that had gone spectacularly bust. I was in Phoenix to do a story coinciding with the start of senate hearings on whether McCain and four colleagues — the Keating Five — had improperly intervened with federal regulators on Keating's behalf.

McCain's role in the S&L debacle had received curiously little attention in the current presidential race until *The New York Times* mentioned it last week in a piece about his more recent ties to a female lobbyist. And there has been nothing to remind Americans of just how big a deal the S&L collapse was at the time or how much it cost U.S. taxpayers.

In Keating's case alone, more than \$2 billion. Like hundreds of S&Ls nationwide, Keating's California-based Lincoln Savings & Loan took advantage of a dramatic loosening of regulations that was intended to help traditionally conservative S&Ls better compete with banks. The inevitable result: risky loans and extravagant ventures,

perhaps none more so than the Phoenician.

"There has not been a hotel built like this in the world in the last 50 years," Keating bragged of his showpiece, sprawled across the base of Camelback Mountain on land leased from Charles Alberding.

With Keating supervising every aspect of the work, progress came neither cheap nor easy.

"Monday was always hell because that was after Mr. and Mrs. Keating toured the property over the weekend and got a lot of ideas," Gerry Murphy, the main contractor, told me.

On one occasion, workers laid expensive vinyl on the beauty salon floor only to rip it all up two days later when Mrs. Keating decided she preferred clay tile. The first architect was canned after he balked at the Keatings' demand to install bidets in every guest room at an added cost of \$3,000 a room. He was followed out the door by five interior decorators.

The Phoenician was supposed to cost \$200 million and open in 1985. Instead it opened in late 1998 at an estimated cost of nearly \$300 million. The palm trees alone were \$2 million. Even as Phoenix celebrated its newest luxury hotel, which

boasted seven swimming pools and a nightclub called Charlie Charlie's, critics warned that a white elephant had been born.

"Keating is getting the credit for the Phoenician resort, which opens Saturday while taxpayers take the hit," the *Phoenix Gazette* said in a pre-article comment on Sept. 28, 1998. Indeed, court records showed that the Phoenician increased the strain on Keating's financial empire, which was built on high-risk bonds backed by shaky ventures financed with Lincoln loans. As an incentive to peddle yet more junk bonds, salespeople were whined and dined at the Phoenician.

During the years Keating was planning his fabulous resort, the firm's associates conducted \$112,000 to McCain's campaigns, paid for travel by McCain and his family (which McCain later reimbursed), and let the McCain's vacation each year from 1983 through 1998 at Keating's home in the Bahamas.

Most controversially, McCain was among the five senators who in 1987 met with Ed Gray, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank board, and a week later, with regulators in California. Despite his warring conduct, the feds didn't freeze Lincoln for another two years. The bailout cost \$2.6 billion while thousands of Lincoln investors lost almost \$200 million. All told, the S&L crisis cost taxpayers \$160 billion.

Susan Taylor Martin is a columnist for the *St. Petersburg, Fla., Times*.

February 22, 2008

*Dear Customers, Friends, and Neighbors:*

Twenty years ago, the US stock market took a tumble during what is remembered as the Crash of '87. Soon after, however, both the economy and the equity markets rebounded, eventually leading to the prolonged expansion and prosperity of the 1990s.

Today, the uncertainties besetting the market are the result of trouble in the sub-prime and other credit sectors, which threaten to have a widespread impact on the US and the global economy.

Concerns about the stability of the banking industry right now are justifiable; however, we are pleased to assure you of Magic Valley Bank's strong position today, and for the future. We are continuing with our plans for long-term growth and our ongoing commitment to keeping our customers and our communities strong.

While other parts of our nation have been hard-hit by the current financial difficulties, the Magic Valley regional market is one of the most stable in the country. Our diverse economic base continues to thrive as national and international companies take advantage of our highly qualified workforce and low cost of doing business. Agriculture is doing as well as it has in twenty years with some commodity prices at an all-time high. The service sector is strong, with expansion in a broad range of businesses from tourism to customer call centers.

Thanks to these robust indicators, unemployment rates in Southern Idaho are some of the lowest in the country, and we are very fortunate to have such a dynamic workforce of local and incoming talent. New jobs are being created — and filled — every month, even in this tightening economy. Good work prospects for job seekers and a moderate climate for retirement age people have helped keep the region's population on a steady growth curve, bringing in opportunities for retail and other support industries.

Magic Valley Bank is proud to play a key role in helping Southern Idaho prosper in lean times as well as during our boom years. We feel optimistic about the future prosperity of our customers, our communities and our bank, and we are moving ahead with our plans to prepare for the years ahead.

We are confident that MVB has a clear path through the immediate challenges of the quickly changing economy, and that our strategic plan will continue to serve us well. We look forward to a brighter future for us all.

*Sincerely,*

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# Thousands help christen USS New York, Navy ship built with WTC steel

By Becky Bohrer  
Associated Press writer

AVONDALE, La. — The USS New York, an amphibious assault ship built with scrap steel from the ruins of the World Trade Center, was christened Saturday as a source of strength and inspiration for the nation.

Thousands of people, including friends and families of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, gathered near the hulking gray ship, trimmed in red, white and blue banners.

The bow stem, which contains 7.5 tons of steel from the site, bore a shield with two gray bars to symbolize the twin towers and a banner over that declaring "Never Forget," a slogan among New Yorkers.

"May God bless this ship and all who sail on her," ship sponsor Dotty England said

before smashing a bottle of champagne against it, producing a loud thump to go with the spurting liquid and flying streamers.

Story after story of lives lost in, and touched by, the attacks peppered the ceremony, held under the blazing sun and broadcast on large screens. It all brought back painful memories for New York Police Lt. Matt Murphy. But the reason for his being here, though, was a source of pride, he said.

"I tell you, it's a fantastic day. Sometimes you think you're over something," he said, his eyes welling up as he looked off toward the ship, "and then you realize you're not completely."

Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England told the crowd that ship names provide a legacy, and that for their crews they serve as a

source of strength and inspiration.

When the attacks occurred, the ship was planned but had no name. Then-New York Gov. George Pataki asked the Navy to commemorate the disaster by naming the name New York. That required an exception to Navy policy of assigning state names only to nuclear submarines.

The steel from the towers is now part of the ship that spllices through the water, leading the way.

"It resurrects the ashes, so to speak, to do great things for our nation," said Bill Glenn, a spokesman for Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, the ship builder.

Along with the steel from one of the worst terrorist attacks in the U.S., it also survived one of the nation's worst natural disasters: Hurricane Katrina.

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## Heartland Idaho? If you blinked, you missed it

Several years ago, I sat in on a meeting of Idaho tourism officials, state legislators and Magic Valley elected officials who were discussing where the state's tourist promotion dollars should be spent. "Anyplace but Boise," said one mayor from south-central Idaho. "Boise isn't the real Idaho."

DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

"Oh, yeah?" shot back a lawmaker from Ada County. "Then what is?" Good question, America has a heartland — the Midwest. So do Utah (Utah County), Oregon (the Willamette Valley) and Wyoming (the "Gangplank," which is the narrow corridor running east to west across the southern part of the state).

Where's Idaho's heartland? Hard to tell. Idaho is, after all, really three states: the Treasure/Magic/Wood River valleys, Utah North and Washington East. The Panhandle and eastern Idaho really have nothing whatever in common, so the state's heartland would have to be somewhere south of the Salmon River and west of Butte.

Here are some candidates (bonus points awarded if a community has a Family Dollar store and a King's):

- Wendell. Lots of cows, lots of hay, lots of pickup trucks that drive 10 mph under the speed limit. Plus a sign on the main drag (soon to be restored) that reads, "The Hub City."
- Jerome. A really long Main Street with the fairgrounds at one end and the high school at the other.
- Shoshone. I think Wendell is the online encyclopedia, put it best: "Today, Shoshone still has several bars, but also boasts a cafe, a movie theater, and a grocery store — unusual for such a small town."
- Middleton (population 3,300). The ideal name for a city looking to be anywhere. U.S. Plus, this Canyon County city has long been a town on the move: Middletonians had to pick up and move the whole metropolis after the Boise River cut a new channel in 1872.
- New Plymouth (population 1,500). This Payette River Valley town is the only truly planned community in Idaho, organized by the Plymouth Society of Chicago in 1895. The homes were built on acre-sized lots with room for a garden and pasture, the family cow and a team of horses. Two streets, separated by a park, curve around New Plymouth in a horseshoe shape. This mile-long park and the streets that enclose it are called "The Boulevard." The only thing that's missing is a statue of Meredith Willson in the park.

Send your nominee for Idaho's heartland word to Bliss. A town of 275 people with a railroad track running through it and a name like this is automatically a serious contender, but the clincher is this: During Bliss' Fourth of July and Independence Day parades, everybody in town is either marching or riding floats. There's nobody left to watch. • Could be worse, though. When my dad was growing up in the eastern Idaho hamlet of Arimo (the population at the time was about 100) there weren't enough vehicles in town to stage a proper parade. So when each rig in the procession reached the end of Main Street, it would turn around and bring up the rear.

• Now, that's entertainment: a five-track parade that lasts all afternoon.

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## Counties work together on emergency plans

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. City mayors, clerks, councilmen, canal companies, county commissioners and others from Camas, Gooding and Lincoln counties packed the Gooding County Planning and Zoning room Thursday to make changes to the counties' multi-hazard mitigation plans.

"By going in together, these counties will really get more bang for their buck." — David Jackson, mitigation program manager for the Bureau of Homeland Security

The plans, to be filed with the Federal Emergency Management Association, not only identify possible disasters each county could experience, but also outlines potential costs and proper steps to take if the unthinkable happens. "These plans really are a necessity," said Rocky James, administrative assistant for Wood River Conservation and Development. "A couple of years ago, when it seemed the whole state was on fire,

we had about 11 fires to deal with in our area. It would be complete chaos to organize who is going to take care of what and be able to coordinate that with all of the others responding to the situation as well."

The counties were awarded FEMA grants in 2006 for the development of mitigation documents, said David Jackson, mitigation program manager for the Bureau of Homeland Security. The grants, he said, pay 75 percent of costs associated with putting their plans together. The remaining 25 percent must be picked up by the counties.

"By going in together, these counties will really get more bang for their buck," Jackson said. "A lot of disaster risks for Camas County are relatively the same for Gooding and Lincoln counties. By doing it

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Alex Koehnkeff, 90, walks by stacks of recycled cardboard Saturday at Pacific Steel & Recycling in Twin Falls. On Friday he dropped off 1,000 lbs. of cardboard at the recycling center. Koehnkeff collects recyclables around town to help pay utility bills as well as to raise money for his church.

## While most his age are taking it easy, Twin Falls senior finds a way to help himself and others

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

It seems that Al Koehnkeff retired just so he could find another full-time job. Every Sunday, the 90-year-old Twin Falls resident loads up between 400 and 800 pounds of newspapers, cardboard and other recyclables at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church and hauls them to Pacific Steel and Recycling. During the week, he does the same thing for all four area McDonald's, both Con-Posolos locations, the Imagination Station in Twin Falls and many other businesses.

It is, he said, a way to help out nature. "We've got to recycle to protect natural resources," he said. But Koehnkeff wasn't always so gung-ho about recycling. Thirty years ago, he said, he never thought about it — until 1978, when he helped a fellow Kiwanis Club member and friend, Harold Cook, convince the club to start recycling newspapers. Three decades later, the recycling program has turned old newspapers, aluminum cans and cardboard into more than \$146,000 in donations for more than 20 community groups. Koehnkeff's experience with Kiwanis

stayed with him, and sometime around 1993, he applied the idea to the Methodist Church. The idea came to him, he said, while talking finances with church secretary Ruth Kestle. "I got into recycling once. I don't know why I can't do it again," Koehnkeff remembered saying. So he did. After checking with Kiwanis to make sure the church wouldn't be seen as competition, he and several other volunteers encouraged churchgoers to drop off their recyclables every Sunday morning.

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## With one month left in session, battles brew

BOISE — The Idaho Legislature celebrated the end of February with some good of fashioned political fights.

On Wednesday, the House introduced a package of transportation funding proposals — without alerting the Senate and a day after Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter unveiled his own ideas. On Thursday, senators spent more than two hours pondering at State Board of Education trustees for running a financial shortage. And on Friday, the Senate voted 19-16 to kill a bill on teacher pay after two hours of debate.

Mid-March is still the goal to go home, but some lawmakers conceded they might be in Boise until the last week of the month. Other happenings within the halls of the Capitol Annex: Last week, the Senate approved a bill that would expand testimony on new confined animal feeding operations to those living more than one mile away. The same bill languished last year in the House Local Government Committee after Chelwerman Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, said the issue should be worked out on the county level. Barrett said she hasn't made up her mind yet. But



LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK  
Jared S. Hopkins

before it passed the Senate last week, Barrett said, "I don't think the Senate is any smarter this year." And asked Friday what she plans to do with the bill, Barrett said, "When I know I'll let you know." • The Senate Resources and Environment Committee held a hearing last week on legislation that would ask the Office of Energy Resources and Department of Environmental Quality to compile research on climate change and greenhouse gas regulation programs and report back to the Legislature. Time ran out at the hearing, and Committee Chairman Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, said the bill will be revisited Monday. When the legislation was introduced a couple of weeks ago, three Republican lawmakers opposed it, questioning the finances and whether global warming was scientifically accepted. • At times, Thursday's

grilling of the State Board of Education by the Senate Education Committee resembled a congressional hearing. Trustee Blake Hall told one senator that if his "understanding of state law as a legislator is different" than his own, Blake would seek legal help. And when they pressed trustee Laird Stone, a Twin Falls attorney, for details on a contract signing, Stone told senators to be patient because the board would move forward after Thursday. "One thing I want to make clear, when we're done today, we're done in terms of questions," he said. "Obviously, if you have future questions of these issues let's get them out now and do our best to answer them." • Keith Allred, executive director for The Common Interest, a non-partisan citizens group, is working with lawmakers on an idea to raise the beer and wine tax to help fund substance abuse treatment and prevention. The state could raise about \$33 million, \$20 million or between \$5 million and \$8 million, depending on the version they select.

Allred has also been working with lawmakers on legislation to create modified primary elections. He said it's late in the session, but something could emerge this week. For a year, there has been a faction within the Republican Party that wants to restrict its primaries to registered members of the party. "It'll be next week or never," he said. • Why did Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Butte, vote against the scaled-down ISTARS bill Friday after voting in committee to send it on to the full Senate? After the vote, Gannon said he had mixed emotions, but wanted the Senate — not the education committee — to decide the outcome. Gannon had expressed skepticism that teacher success is best measured by student performance on the Idaho Standard Achievement Test. "I think the close vote indicates that the (Idaho Education Association) had better take seriously the concepts that are contained in that bill," said Gannon, referring to merit pay and bonuses for teaching hard-to-fill positions. Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 420-8371 or hopkins@magicvalley.com.

## Wendell to clear out dead trees at city park

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

Before the Wendell Tree Committee can focus on creating a canopy throughout the city, it first must focus on removing dead trees from City Park.

The committee recently reported more than 25 percent of the park's trees are either dead or diseased and need to be replaced. "This is going to be an ongoing project," said Louie Bay, chairman of the tree committee.

A private company, Bay said, has visited the park and presented a bid stating it could do the work for \$1,200 a day. At least four days would be needed to remove trees considered to be a safety hazard.

The trees have been infested with emerald ash borers, which eat the inside of trees, disrupting their ability to absorb moisture and nutrients.

More than 55,000 in the tree committee's coffers, Bay said the committee will be brainstorming how to raise funds to replace the trees. The group also aims to educate residents about how to protect trees on their property from ash borers and other harm.

"The public might be interested to know that each of those 90-plus trees (in the park) are diseased," said Councilman Barry Brown.

## Twin Falls man involved in fatal crash

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Idaho State Police are investigating a vehicle crash Saturday morning that killed a Pocatello man and injured another man from Twin Falls. Brandon Azzola, 31, of Pocatello, was driving a two-axle box truck east on U.S. Highway 30 near Lava Hot Springs at about 9:10 a.m., when he crossed into oncoming traffic and hit a semi-truck head-on. Azzola died at the scene from injuries. The driver of the semi, David Hill, 50, of Twin Falls, was treated at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello and released. "Only Hill was wearing a seat belt. ISP Trooper Chris Bate said, and alcohol did not seem to be a factor in the crash. Hill tried to get off the road when he saw Azzola coming and will not be charged, Bate said. "Hill was not suspected of doing anything wrong," Bate said. "He seemed to be having a hard time, worried about that guy's family." The accident temporarily closed both lanes of traffic. An investigation is continuing.

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**Celeste Constante 'Chet' Dalpiaz**

**RUPERT** — Celeste Constante "Chet" Dalpiaz, 81-year-old Rupert resident, died Feb. 27, 2008, at Countryside Care in Rupert. He was born Jan. 28, 1927, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Aldina Marinelli and Louis Dalpiaz. He spent his childhood and school years in Rupert until he left for the military in Texas and Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery between 1945 and 1946. He married Olga Moncher on Nov. 18, 1950. Chet worked at Workman's Pontiac for 25 years in the auto body department. He was an excellent carpenter in town and spent many years buying and remodeling homes. He also was well known for his talent and skill in his woodworking shop. Many friends in the community enjoyed stopping by for a visit and seeing his latest creations. Chet loved sharing his



furniture, clocks and special items with his friends. He had a very generous and giving heart. He was a great teacher passing on his experience and knowledge of the woodworking trade to a few who were anxious to learn. While he had no children of his own, Chet helped guide and influence those who he graciously took under his wing. He will long be remembered for his special touch which enhances many homes in the community. He is survived by his wife, Olga; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Deloris and Louise. The funeral mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, 802 S. 11th, with Father Mike St. Marie as celebrant. A gathering for family and friends will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. Monday, March 3, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

**Arnold Lee Carter**

**BURLEY** — Arnold Lee Carter, a 78-year-old resident of Burley, passed away at his home on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008. Arnold was born Dec. 18, 1929, in Deer, Ark. The son of John and Nora Etta Davis Carter. At the age of 5, both of his parents had passed away and he and his brother and sisters were raised by his grandparents. He moved to California as a teen to live with his aunt and uncle and later enlisted in the United States Army and served as a sergeant in Germany. On Jan. 29, 1953, he married his sweetheart, Alice Anderson, and they began their lives together in California. He worked for Boise Cascade and was offered to transfer to Burley in 1964. He was the production manager there until his retirement in 1993. He raised and trained



bunting dogs and was especially proud of his English Pointer, Dixie, with whom he won many field trials. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing, especially with his grandchildren. Arnold is survived by his wife, Alice; two children, Ronald Carter and Barbara (Tom) Griswold; his grandchildren, Kellie (Michael) Gelverton, Ryan Orphan, Cody Carter, and Cassie and Carlee Carter; one great-granddaughter, Lexie Yelverton; his brother, Kenneth (Jane) Carter; and his nieces, Lonna (Devon) O'Neal and Jimmie Casey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Jean. Arnold's family would like to thank Kathy, Melissa, Janet, Maria, Jolene and Julie from Idaho Home Health and Hospice for their loving care and concern. As per Arnold's wishes, cremation will take place under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, with a private service held at a later date.

**Raymond H. Johnson**

**BURLEY** — Raymond H. Johnson, 87, longtime Cassia County farmer and rancher, died at his winter home in Wickenburg, Ariz., on Feb. 25, 2008. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. March 10, at the First Presbyterian Church in Burley, Idaho. Ray was born Jan. 13, 1921, on the Johnson family homestead in the Heglar area of the Raft River Valley in 1921, the fourth child of Barnett Johnson and Marie Goudschal Johnson. Barnett, who was raised in Kansas as the son of Swedish immigrants, staked his homestead in 1909 on the eastern side of the Raft River Valley. He married Marie Goudschal, the daughter of German immigrants from Illinois in 1911, and the couple began raising their family on the farm. As their family grew, they acquired additional property as other homesteaders gave up farming and left the area, or as farms were sold during the Depression. Ray grew up farming with horses and raising cattle. The Johnsons raised winter wheat, oats, barley, corn, and grew a large garden for the family. He rode his horse to school and got his formal education in a one-room schoolhouse with one teacher for all eight grades. Ray was a good student and attended as much school as he could, given his responsibilities at home. When his father became crippled with rheumatoid arthritis, Ray took over responsibilities for the farm with his brothers and sisters. With the outbreak of World War II, he was drafted, took infantry basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and served with the 163rd Infantry of the 41st Division in the Pacific in World War II. He served with the 10th Chemical during the Occupation of Japan. Returning home, he farmed with his brother, Bud Johnson, for two years. Ray married Wilma Edella Dalton, whom he had met when she was growing up in Idaho, in Long Beach, Calif., on Dec. 11, 1949. The couple returned to the Raft River area, where Ray now owned his own property adjacent to his parents' farm, and began assembling a dryland wheat and cattle ranch. They



acquired additional nearby property and eventually bought an irrigated farm near Malta, to give them some diversification. Upon retiring, Ray and Wilma traveled to Hawaii and Alaska to visit their daughters, and took a memorable trip to Australia, and New Zealand. After Wilma's death in 1990, Ray continued to visit Alaska, Hawaii, and established a second winter home in Wickenburg, Ariz. He enjoyed many meandering car trips through the West and Midwest with his longtime companion, Leona Mayer of Burley "to see what was there." Like many of his generation, Ray's good humor, steadiness, and resilience in adversity stood him well for many years. As he got older, Ray particularly enjoyed his grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Leona's family, and brothers and sisters. He spent much of the winter in the company of his brother Earl, making long jeep rides in the desert. Ray never lost his sense of wonder at the world and read extensively — primarily non-fiction about the West, presidential biographies and Tom Friedman's books on the Middle East and globalization. He particularly enjoyed vigorous, rowdy debates about politics, religion and the state of the world. He will long be remembered for his good humor, hard work, inquiring mind and generous spirit. Ray is survived by his five children, Don Johnson of Burley (Terri, Sarah, Megan); Patti Johnson-Malecha of Eagle River, Alaska (John, Jessica, Kaitie); Rebecca Peltz of Lenore, Idaho (Larry, Bonnie, Donald, Ben, Brandy, Diane, Fajes of Anchorage, Alaska (Bob, Anna, Erin); Elizabeth Johnson of Anchorage, Alaska; and his companion, Leona Mayer of Burley (sons, Stan, Terry and Dennis). Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma; parents; and sisters, Gladys Moss, Anna Black and Fay Nelson. Ray has two surviving sisters, Eva Marie Johnson of San Diego, Calif., and Irma Gouchonow of Boise, Idaho, and three brothers, Bud Johnson of Burley, Chuck Johnson of Emerald Lake, Idaho, and Earl Johnson of Wickenburg, Ariz. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wilma E. Johnson Scholarship Fund, in care of the First Presbyterian Church in Burley, or to the Idaho Youth Ranch.

**SERVICES**

Beckie Fairchild of Burley, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Herschel Blaine Barnes of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward Church, 806 E. 3rd St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Mary Nichols of Filer, graveside service at 4:15 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Frank L. Jinkins of Bliss, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at

Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Dr. Duane Edwin Cutright of Bliss, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, 805 Main St. in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Sherman Joseph Higley of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

Agatha "Aggie" Doty Cockrun of Buhi, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhi; rosary at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhi.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Flint Wright**  
PAUL — Flint Wright, 94, of Paul, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; funeral will be in Hurricane, Utah.

**Willis E. Cole**  
BURLEY — Willis E. Cole, 84, of Burley, died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

**Herbert W. Boettcher**  
BURLEY — Herbert W. Boettcher, 77, of Burley, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

**Carolyn Petersen**  
PAUL — Carolyn Petersen, 62, of Paul, died Saturday,

March 1, 2008, in Boise. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

**Lela VanOstran**  
Lela VanOstran, 84, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Heritage Retirement Center. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Norma S. Brown**  
FILER — Norma S. Brown, 90, of Filer, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Nona Henry**  
VANCOUVER, Wash. — Nona Henry, 89, of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, in Vancouver. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Treasure**

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Kochneff and church member Don Parrott became regular fixtures out front, along with a Ford F-150 truck Kochneff said he bought new in 1997 and his since put 170,000 miles on. He did things he had been running for a while, Kochneff decided to check the books. He was amazed by what the recycling program had accomplished. "We were putting in about \$20 a month," he said. And Kestie said, he and the others were getting the whole church involved. "They're both just amazing people," Kestie said of Kochneff and his wife, Fay. Many at the church have lined up to become members, and the program became a way to contribute "without having to dig too deep into their pockets." As word spread, other businesses signed Kochneff up. Ronk's Bank, the same bank Kochneff in the church choir, helped put him in touch with Ronk's son-in-law, Con Paulos. Kochneff's doctor told him to keep up the work — after all, it was a good way to exercise. Kochneff enjoyed working with the folks whose

leaves he piled up. "It's just fun to be out there with them," he said. "They're all good people." He had a rack specially built to help haul the loads. He kept careful notes: Three tons, he hauled 730 pounds of recycling. Twice, he crammed more than 800 pounds in. More people ask him to swing by than he's able to help out, a sign of his reputation. But the work isn't about money, he said. It's about teaching people how to care for the environment. And he humbly deferred any credit to the Kiwanis volunteers who founded and still carry on that group's program. Kochneff will turn 91 next month. More than a decade into his work, his body has slowed down a little. He wears a pacemaker and carries a cane. His friend, Don Parrott, has had to give the job up, replaced by a new volunteer. But he'll keep hauling cardboard until he can't anymore. "We're doing it because we like to do it," he said. "It's not for notoriety or anything."

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**AROUND THE VALLEY**

**Dinner will honor emergency responders**  
The Twin Falls Ambulance District will host a special recognition dinner on Monday for Volunteer Quick Response Unit members from across Twin Falls County. The dinner, at 6:30 p.m. at the Turf Club, will honor members from Castledorf, Buhi, Filer and the Rock Creek Rural ORU. Awards will be presented to members for outstanding service and for years of service. The evening will also include a presentation on Saturday for the new St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center emergency department.

The county plan is mirrored after the national plan, Frey said, "so we have a plan of action for the protection of citizens." Frey said the plan brings together school districts, churches, Fire Cross and other agencies, so emergency shelters and supplies are ready within 96 hours of a disaster — such as an earthquake like the one that happened in Elko, Nev. However, Frey said "it takes a certain amount of time for

**Curves announces dates for food drive**  
Curves of Twin Falls will participate in the Curves Food Drive, which last year collected almost 11 million pounds of food worldwide. The Twin Falls Curves, at 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., collected nearly 1,000 pounds of food last year for local food banks, owners Lori Mace said. This year's drive starts Monday and runs through March 15. The fitness center will offer a discounted service fee for any new members who bring in a bag of non-perishable groceries and commit to a 12-month membership. For more information: Twin Falls Curves, 734-7300.

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-- Robert Blancato (1951 --)

**Counties**

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together the process of developing the plans is more efficient, which lowers the cost to do it." About 50 people representing everything from school districts to canal companies attended the meeting, where the counties involved could correct issues with their draft plans. One issue was a lack of record on who has been involved with the process, said Teri King, a forester with the counties involved, which is helping to develop the plans. Once plans undergo a review, cities and other jurisdictions will be required to pass resolutions stating their ongoing support of the

mitigation plans. "If you have comments about the plans, now is the time to tell me," King said. Once plans pass Jackson's final review they will be forwarded to FEMA. As soon as the plans are officially approved by the agency the counties will be eligible to apply for additional FEMA grants to help pay for projects identified in the plans, such as updating flood plain maps and improving infrastructure. "These three counties have been working on these plans for about two years now," Jackson said. "The process should be completed by Aug. 15." Twin Falls County also is

working on an all-hazard mitigation plan through FEMA. Jackie Frey, the county's emergency services coordinator, said plans should be ready within the next two months. "The county plan is mirrored after the national plan," Frey said, "so we have a plan of action for the protection of citizens." Frey said the plan brings together school districts, churches, Fire Cross and other agencies, so emergency shelters and supplies are ready within 96 hours of a disaster — such as an earthquake like the one that happened in Elko, Nev. However, Frey said "it takes a certain amount of time for

all communication and coordination of all the agencies involved" to take place. "That's why we are out in the community, through health fairs and such (teaching the importance of family preparedness). Preparedness includes having enough food, water and first aid supplies, so families can get through those first crucial days after a disaster, and gives emergency responders time to set up, handle relief and recovery efforts." "We do have a lot in place, but being prepared is an ongoing process," Frey said. Blair Koch can be reached at [blairkoch@gmail.com](mailto:blairkoch@gmail.com) or 316-2607.

# 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**Twin Falls County DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**  
 Ronald F. Dedrick Jr., 32, Burley; one count driving under the influence; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 18 months probation; no alcohol; one count failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; credit for two days served; 18 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended; credit for two days served; 18 months probation; concurrent; one count possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a concealed weapon dismissed.  
 Tracy S. Alberti, 39, Wendell; license; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; credit for one day served; nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.  
 Zachary E. Williams, 21, Filer; driving under the influence; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; credit for one day served; nine days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; no alcohol.

**MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS**  
 Jasmine R. Schuck, 24, Jerome; driving under the influence; amended to reckless driving; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; six months probation; one day work detail.

Aaron M. Boldt, 33, Twin Falls; aggravated battery; amended to exhibition or use of a deadly weapon; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 46 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; \$141 court compliance fee.  
 Lane A. Jantz, 23, Filer; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.  
 Roger N. Chriswell, 32, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine with \$275 suspended; \$75.50 costs; two days in jail, credit for time served; 12 months probation.  
 Sherry L. Hansen, 47, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.  
 Ashley K. Thomson, 20, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine with three days suspended; \$90.50 costs; two days work detail; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.  
 Ryan H. Runkle, 34, Twin Falls; burglary; amended to unlawful entry; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 130 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; 90 days house arrest; 12 months probation; 90 days work detail; no alcohol; one count domestic battery; \$600 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 177 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count domestic battery and one count injury to a child dismissed.  
 Michelle E. Straley, 20, Filer; drive vehicle without owners consent; \$500 fine with \$300

possession of drug paraphernalia; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$65.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended; 10 days house arrest; 12 months probation; no alcohol.  
 Cindy A. Cox, 46, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; withheld judgment granted; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; two days work detail; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; six months probation.  
 Elba Ramos-Acosta, 19, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.  
 Michael L. Garrean, 19, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$85.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; 12 months probation; no alcohol; \$241 restitution.  
 Victor M. Gonzalez, 17, Jerome; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine with \$275 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; two days in jail with two suspended; two months probation.  
 Larry J. Bower, 23, Buhl; one count disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 177 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count domestic battery; \$600 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 177 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; two days work detail; one count domestic battery and one count injury to a child dismissed.  
 Michelle E. Straley, 20, Filer; drive vehicle without owners consent; \$500 fine with \$300

suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation.  
 Jon W. Herndon, 21, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; two days in jail with two suspended; three months probation.  
 Tiffany D. Hettel, 19, Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$100 fine; \$75.50 costs.  
 Mindy L. Roberts, 22, Buhl; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; two days in jail with two suspended; two months probation.  
 Catherine A. Williams, 33, Twin Falls; one count battery on a law enforcement officer; amended to battery; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 75 public defender fee; two days work detail; 90 days in jail with 35 suspended; credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol; one count resisting/obstructing an officer; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 90 days in jail with 55 suspended; 12 months probation; concurrent.  
 Lois M. Willis, 81, Hansen; failure to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; withheld judgment granted; \$200 fine; \$75.50 costs; two days in jail with two suspended; two months probation.

**FELONY DISMISSALS**  
 Dolores L. Spencer, 41, Jerome; driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor.  
 William T. Schubert, 63, Twin Falls; domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

**CIVIL FILINGS**  
 Farmers Insurance Company of Idaho, Dale Bostock vs. Cristiana Aguayo-Rivas. Seeking judgment against the defend-

ant for \$10,671.25 plus interest; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff's allege that defendant caused a motor vehicle accident with their insured and have failed to pay for damages.  
 Brittany N. Buffington vs. Michael A. Phinney, driver, and Jane Doe, owner. Seeking judgment against the defendants for special and general damages in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident where defendant Phinney was the driver and she was a passenger.  
 Shana Bixler as parent and personal representative for the estate of Jacob Bixler vs. Jayson T. Ascroft, Lori A. Scipioni, Mike Morfin, S and B Trucking and Does Ix. Seeking judgment against the defendants for special and general damages including burial expenses in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for the wrongful death of her son in a vehicle accident.

**CHILD SUPPORT CASES**  
 The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services. Have filed claims against the following:  
 William L. Kingsland Jr. Seeking establishment of paternity;

\$176 monthly support plus 57 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,318.33 for uncovered medical costs.

**DIVORCES FILED**  
 Nichole Farnworth vs. Craig Farnworth.  
 Linda J. Andrews vs. Donald D. Andrews.  
 Kimberly M. Bunch vs. Matthew L. Bunch.  
 Joshua Whittaker vs. Jennifer L. Whittaker.  
 Lashell Cook vs. Craig Cook.  
 Daniel A. Grant vs. Gloria J. Grant.  
 Steven R. Brossard vs. Christal E. Brossard.  
 Rebecca L. Hawley vs. Thomas W. Hawley.  
 Leroy R. Tollard II vs. Christina A. Glassey.  
 Lucia M. Archer vs. Wayne A. Archer.  
 Lanni L. Shindler vs. Bryce A. Shindler.  
 Crystal Boyer vs. Richard A. Boyer.  
 Kami Lammers vs. Randall Farnworth.  
 Christine Mitchell vs. Travis Mitchell.  
 James F. Tawney vs. Mary J. Tawney.  
 Debra R. Drake vs. Leslie D. Drake.  
 Robert M. Critchfield vs. Rachael A. Critchfield.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

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

**Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice** is inviting caring people to be a part of the hospice team by making a difference for caregivers and for those facing end-of-life issues. Information: 733-7344 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

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

**Volunteers — The VISTA program** at Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls.

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This public service column aims to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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 classes. Information: Tana at 733-4288.

**Volunteers — The Idaho Reads VISTA program** at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls is in need of volunteers to serve as reading coaches in the classroom. Volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 1 p.m., and 2:30 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 10:30 to 11:40 a.m. Thursday and Friday. Information: Betty, 733-1321.

**Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Filer, Buhl, Wendell and Gooding areas to take clients to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are

covered by excess insurance. Information: Edith, 736-4764.  
 (RSPV) at 736-2122, ext. 4764, before 4:30 p.m. Wednesday for Snow pull-out. RSPV is a United Way-sponsored agency of the College of Southern Idaho.

**Drivers — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Minnicassia area to take senior citizens to doctor appointments and for grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Information: Kitty, 677-4872, ext. 2.

**Drivers — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center** needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers are needed to drive one day a week or more. Information: Karen, 734-5084.  
**Volunteers/donations — The College of Southern Idaho ReCollege Program** is in need of volunteers to tutor English by spending time with a family and practicing conversational skills. The center also is need of twin-size mat-

ress/box spring sets, washer and dryer in good condition, televisions, and clothing and shoes of all sizes. Bring donated items to the office at 1526 Highland Ave. E., B. a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.). Monday through Friday. Information: Shannon, 736-2166; sepslove@ps.net.

**Volunteers — The Girl Scout organization** is in need of volunteers to assist with girl scouting. Volunteers can share their skills and talents, meet new people and inspire the girls. Information: 733-9623, kklulea@girlscouts-ssc.org.

**Donations/volunteers — The Foyr de Sion organization** is in need of donations and volunteers to sew quilts for a Haiti orphanage with 320 children, with many sleeping with no blankets or mats. The group needs fabric for blankets and bedding, monetary donations for sleeping mats, food, clothing and school supplies. Information: Jackie, 543-4506.

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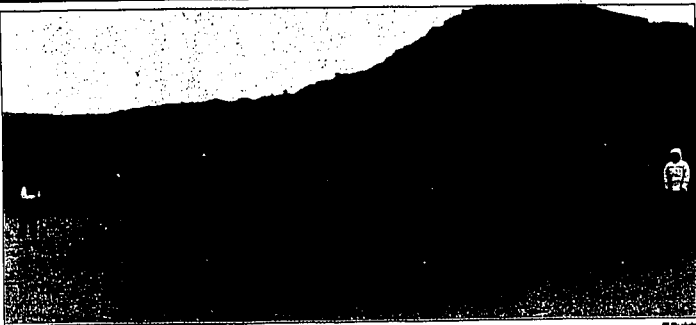
**THANK YOU**  
 We extend our heart felt thanks to everyone who expressed their sympathy with their many acts of kindness, food, flowers, cards, phone calls and memorial donations. Your presence at the funeral was a great support. Thank you for your thoughtful concern, prayers and friendship.  
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 Pauline, Irene & Bob A.

The Family of **Dave Lawrence** wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation, to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits and all other acts of kindness that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss. They were deeply appreciated.  
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Visitors check out the wooden hull of an unidentified shipwreck discovered after Pacific storms washed away much of the foredeck, revealing the wreck, on Feb. 1. One of the first ships to emerge from the sands was the George L. Olson, which ran aground at Coos Bay's North Jetty on June 23, 1944.

# Secrets revealed on Oregon's coast

By Anne M. Peterson  
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The storms that lashed Oregon's scenic coast this winter have dredged up an unusual array of once-buried secrets: old shipwrecks, historic canons, ghost forests — even oddities known as "red towers."

One of the first ships to emerge from the sands was recently identified as the George L. Olson, which ran aground at Coos Bay's North Jetty on June 23, 1944.

The shipwreck has become a tourist attraction on the southern Oregon coast. Interest had become so great the Bureau of Land Management had to reroute traffic around the ship and post signs warning visitors to leave it alone because it is now an archaeological site.

Shipwrecks and other curiosities began showing up after December when Pacific storms pummeled the state, damaging thousands of homes and causing an estimated \$60 million in damage to roads, bridges and public buildings.

Hardest hit was Vernonia, a Coast Range town of about 2,400 people, where floodwaters damaged about 300 homes, ruined schools and temporarily closing busi-

nesses.

The storms also brought high seas, which caused beach erosion. Although sands commonly shift in winter, this season appeared especially dramatic. There were reports that up to 17 feet of sand eroded away at Arch Cape.

"It's really an unusual event, the magnitude of it," said Chris Havel of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

Other shipwrecks have emerged recently — a wooden ship near Bandon, also on the southern coast, and another where the Siuslaw River flows into the ocean near Florence.

Little is known about either ship, Havel said, and sands have reclaimed the Siuslaw wreck.

"In modern days we don't let people leave shipwrecks. If a boat washes up on shore the owner has to come and remove it," Havel said. "Back then the only craft that would really survive would have to be a pretty good size."

Ships aren't the only things surfacing on the coast.

Ghost forests are groves of tree stumps, some estimated as 4,000 years old, that were engulfed by the sea. Because of shifting sands, many have

suddenly popped up.

The stumps are especially impressive at Arch Cape, where locals say they haven't seen them for some 40 years, according to Tiffany Boothe of the Seaside Aquarium.

"The forest floor is actually uncovered too. You can see the floor," she said. "There's like these mud cliffs. As you're walking on it, it resembles clay. It's definitely not sand at all."

Arch Cape also was where a pair of historical cannons were recently discovered by beachcombers. The origin of the cannons, each weighing between 800 and 1,000 pounds, is not known.

State archaeologist Dennis Griffin supervised the removal of the cannons, which were placed in tanks of fresh water and burlap for preservation.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department does not yet know what they will do with the cannons. They possibly came from the USS Shark, a survey ship that wrecked in 1846 off the Columbia River Bar, Havel said.

The "red towers" are strangely shaped deposits of iron that are hidden beneath the sand. The orange-red lumps, most no more than 3-foot tall, are usually buried deep beneath the sand but

now dot the coastal landscape.

"These formations could be gone in the next week. That's how fast the coast changes," Boothe said.

The George L. Olson, uncovered around the New Year, has drawn a great deal of attention because it's origin was a mystery until recently.

After determining the wreck resembled the schooner, local archeologists delved into its history, determining where and when it went down. The facts added up, said Bureau of Land Management spokeswoman Megan Harper.

But it was a local man's photograph from 1947 that really convinced the agency, she said.

"It showed him and his brothers on the shipwreck with the words 'George L.' on the hull," Harper said. "Once we saw that it was, 'Yep, that's the one.'"

The George L. Olson was a 223-foot long wood-hulled schooner launched in 1917 and originally named the Hyder Hanly. It eventually wound up on the southern Oregon coast, where it hauled lumber until it ran aground.

# Fatal shark bite off Bahamas draws attention to dangerous practices of some shark divers

By Brian Skoloff  
Associated Press writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Ask any shark diver why they do it and the answer is quick and simple — the thrill.

From Cape Town to California, Florida and the Bahamas, adventurous divers can slip into the ocean with an experienced guide to observe some of the world's fiercest predators.

But some say the search for a thrill has gone too far: baiting the water with bloody fish parts and getting face-to-face to the most aggressive species without cages or protective gear. An Australian tourist on this kind of dive was fatally bitten by a shark last week.

Bans on feeding sharks in Florida and federal waters have pushed some shark diving companies to the Bahamas, about 50 miles off the coast, where 49-year-old Australian lawyer Markus Groh's tour took him Sunday. He was bitten on the leg and died a day later.

Critics liken the practice to feeding bears or any other wild predator, and say the more contact sharks have with people, the more likely they are to attack.

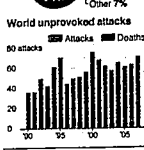
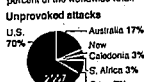
But others say such attacks are rare and that the dives, popular among international tourists as well as adventurous Americans, actually help educate people about sharks and conservation.

"People just misunderstand these creatures," said Sonja Fordham, director of the Ocean Conservancy's shark conservation program, who advocates some shark dives.

Groh's death was the first reported fatality from a shark attack during feeding, said George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File.

## Shark attacks

More shark attacks than normal occurred in the U.S. last year, with Florida accounting for 45 percent of the worldwide total.



SOURCE: University of Florida AP

Burgess fiercely opposes feeding wild sharks under any circumstances, claiming it turns them into "trained circus animals."

"Ecotourism for animals is a great concept, but it is most successful in situations where people watch their natural behaviors from afar and not intrude," Burgess said.

Fears about diver safety and altering shark behavior led Florida to ban feeding sharks in 2001. It's also banned in Hawaii and in federal waters, which generally begin just beyond a state's three-mile territorial and extend about 200 miles out.

Many operators in the Caribbean take divers to reefs in shallow water where less aggressive sharks feed, such as black tips. Some also use cages or metal suits to protect divers.

The problem, Burgess said, is that some operators take risks to lure clients by offering a chance to get closer to the bigger, more unpredictable sharks such as bulls, lemons and tigers — a species responsible for most attacks worldwide.

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# Health care providers protest Medicare bill audits

By Kevin Fieking  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In coming weeks, private Medicare companies will begin scouring mountains of medical records. Their mission: Determine if health care providers erred when billing Medicare and require them to return any overpayments to the federal government. The auditors will keep a tidy percentage for their services.

The contractors have shown they're pretty good at their work. In just three years, they've returned more than \$300 million to the federal government — and that's just from three states. That experiment is winding down. But a larger, national program will soon take its place.

The rollout of "recovery audit contractors" will be gradual. They'll monitor health care providers in 19 states beginning this spring. In October, an additional five states will join.

Health care providers are nearly unanimous in their dislike of the program's continuation, much less its expansion. Many lawmakers share similar sentiments, though it was Congress in 2006 that made the program permanent. A bill sponsored by Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., calls for a one-year moratorium.

The program's critics say that contractors have too much incentive to question as many claims as possible. That's because they get to keep about 20 percent of the overpayments.

"What we have here is bureaucrats and government contractors coming in and trying to second guess what doctors and nurses have done in a hospital setting," said Don May, vice president for policy at the American Hospital Association. "They're playing Monday morning quarterback."

While the contractors are often described as overzealous, that's a compliment as far as one watchdog group is concerned.

"A little zealotry is what we were looking for on the part of the taxpayers," said Leslie Paige, spokeswoman for Citizens Against Government Waste. "We think it's about time."

The government will spend about \$430 billion this year on Medicare, which provides health coverage to 44 million elderly and disabled people. The sheer size of the program, with more than 1.2 billion claims filed each year, not only makes it ripe for fraud but for mistakes. The Office of Management and Budget estimates that payment errors total about \$10.8 billion a year.

To put the number of Medicare claims in perspective, that's 4.5 million claims each work day and 9,579 claims per minute. Rarely does the government and its contractors give those claims a detailed review. The agency has contractors that process claims. It also has an inspector general. But, now, auditors will routinely review patient's medical records as well as the claim.

It's the contractors' job to find both overpayments — and underpayments. Besides returning overpayments to

the government, they return underpayments to health care providers. So far, they've returned \$20 million, mostly to hospitals.

A report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services shows that contractors reviewed about 930 million claims in Florida, California and New York during the program's first 2 1/2 years. They identified errors in less than 0.2 percent of the claims reviewed.

Among the errors: A hospital billed Medicare for conducting multiple colonoscopies on the same patient on the same day. In another instance, a provider billed for one type of diagnosis, respiratory failure, but a look at the medical record indicated another principal diagnosis, sepsis, which is a potentially deadly infection.

Hospitals appealed in about 11 percent of the overpayment cases. Only 5 percent were fully or partially overturned.

Those statistics tell Medicare officials that the

program is working. "We've had substantial recoveries," said Kerry Weems, the acting administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "And if you look at the rate at which our decisions are overturned, that rate is pretty low."

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## Improper billing leads to overpayments

In 2007, Medicare and Medicaid accounted for nearly half the \$52 billion in improper payments issued from federal programs.

Improper payment estimates, FY 2007

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## Banking fees not disclosed, GAO says

By Tomosh Murakami  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Banks are failing to provide consumers with information about fees on savings and checking accounts, even though federal rules require such disclosures, according to a government report to be released Monday.

The report by the Government Accountability Office also says that some of the invisible fees have climbed substantially in recent years. The average overdraft fee, for instance, increased 11 percent from 2000 to 2007.

GAO staff members made undercover visits to 185 branches of 154 depository institutions throughout the country and were unable to get comprehensive lists of checking and savings account fees at more than a one-fifth of the locations. The information was not available on the Web sites of half of the institutions.

The undercover workers were also unable to obtain account terms and conditions, such as information on when deposited funds are accessible and how overdrafts are handled, at one-third of the branches visited.

Federal rules require uniform disclosure of fees and interest rates. From 2002 to 2006, regulators cited financial institutions 1,674 times for violations of fee-related disclosures, the report says.

That's about 335 annually among the 17,000 institutions regulators oversee. They took formal enforcement action in only two cases because most of the banks "took corrective actions during the course of the examination or shortly thereafter," the report says.

Eric Halperin, director of the Washington office of the Center for Responsible

Lending, said the GAO report was consistent with the center's studies, which have found that consumers are getting increasingly hit with overdraft fees that now reach \$17.5 billion a year. He said banks are automatically covering customers' shortfalls and leaving a hefty fee rather than rejecting debit card transactions that exceed the customers' balances.

Banks are trying to maximize the revenue they're getting from fees, either to increase their profit margins or to make up for declining returns on assets and revenue from their core lending operations," he said. "Most people think their debit card is a safe way to do transactions because it's not like your credit card — you can't spend money you don't have. But actually, banks have turned that on their head and are turning people's debit cards into credit cards with interest rates that are astronomical."

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# Vladimir Putin's Russia was an extraordinary era

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Jim Heintz has covered the entirety of Putin's presidency as an Associated Press correspondent.

**By Jim Heintz**  
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — Russians were steeled for momentous change at the turn of the millennium.

On Dec. 31, 1999, many feared the dreaded Y2K computer bug would hit especially hard at Russia's deteriorating military facilities or its Chernobyl-style nuclear power stations.

But the big New Year's Eve surprise was political. An hour before midnight took in Russia's Far East, an ailing Boris Yeltsin went on TV to announce he was resigning and making Vladimir Putin, a former KGB agent, acting president.

That set in motion an extraordinary era in Russia history — both for how much the country has moved forward and how far it has stepped back.

The next eight years filled out the picture. As Russians elect a new president today, an Associated Press correspondent who has covered all of Putin's tenure looks back at its high and low points.

An early surprise came six weeks after Putin became acting president. The new leader took a ski lodge in southern Russia and talked about Russia's tens of billions of dollars in foreign debt.

"We have looked like pifferers," he said.

It seemed a remarkable moment of candor. The debt was not only paid off, but paid off early.

A surprise of a much different sort came that August, when the Kursk nuclear submarine exploded and sank, killing all 118 people aboard. Not only did Russian authorities wait two days to announce the accident, but Putin didn't interrupt his summer vacation to take charge of the disaster.

Was he, after all, a Homo Sovieticus, a man stunted by KGB training and conditioned to keep bad news secret?

Putin's explanation was that he was afraid he would interfere with the rescue operations — perhaps the only time he has played the role of wallflower.

Putin came in for criticism on Russian TV over the Kursk disaster — but the days of independent-minded television were numbered.

By the following spring, the boldest of the nationwide channels, NTV, had been forced under the thumb of the state natural gas monopoly. Dissident tycoon Boris Herzhovskiy soon lost control of two channels.

Investigative TV shows disappeared, replaced by movies, game shows and spectacularly tacky variety hours.

Putin and other Russian officials portrayed the state television takeovers as "tricky business matters. The same argument was used for the arrest of Mikhail Khodorkovsky — an oil tycoon and Putin critic — on a Siberian airport's runway.

Although some tycoons fell afraid of the Kremlin, Putin's years were far gracing for the business-savvy. Moscow became home to more billionaires than New York, and Mercedes sedans were all over Moscow's increasingly traffic-choked streets.

Huge mansions called "cottages" rose on the city's outskirts, other newly wealthy Russians bought flats in Europe's tallest building.

Putin himself has shown little taste for ostentation. But with no culture of accountability for high officials, Putin is vulnerable to unsubstantiated speculation that he has gotten rich in office — which he denies.

the U.S. establishing air bases in Central Asian countries that the Kremlin has jealously regarded as its turf.

But the sympathy of 2001 dissipated, and was replaced by anger and resentment — over alleged U.S. support of peaceful uprisings in other former Soviet states, over U.S. support of an independent Kosovo and the general sense that Washington wanted to block his attempts to restore Russia's superpower role.

The September 2004 school massacre at Beslan was likely the end of illusions Putin would become a Western-style leader. He remained publicly silent for a day and a half as Chechen terrorists held more than a thousand hostages at the Beslan school. When it ended in hideous carnage that killed 334 peo-

ple, more than half of them children, Putin seemed unable to comfort the traumatized nation, instead saying, "We showed weakness."

Less than two weeks later, he used Beslan as justification for sweeping electoral-law changes under which governors would no longer be popularly elected and individual candidates couldn't run for parliament. He used weakness to increase his strength, and the system he installed makes the outcome of Sunday's election a virtual certainty: victory for his hand-picked successor, Dmitry Medvedev, and the likely appointment of Putin as prime minister.

If Putin's politics eventually became clear, he has remained opaque as a person. He seldom shows signs of

merit and his rare smiles tend to be thin and vulpine. He's been seen with a beer or vodka, but whether he drinks is uncertain.

Putin denies the charge that he's a man who loves only power. "They say that the worst addition is to power," he said recently. "I have never felt that. I have never been addicted to anything."

But is Putin, this paragon of discipline, actually an addict in denial? As prime minister, healthy and vigorous at age 55, he would be sure to have a hand on the Russian steering wheel, and that means there are sure to be surprises ahead.



Russian President Vladimir Putin is seen in Krasnoyarsk, Central Siberia, in February 2004.

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## of service clubs Lions Clubs International — more than 90 years of community service

By Trena Tegan  
For the Times-News

BURLEY — The lion is known as the king of beasts. So, too, could Lions Clubs International be called the king of service clubs.

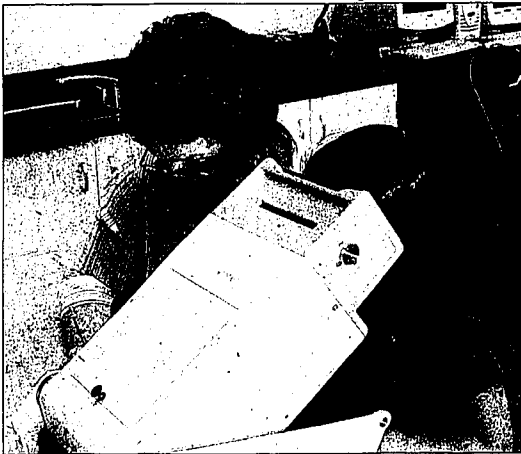
Founded in 1917, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest community service organization, with clubs around the world. Lions Clubs International has grown to include 1.3 million men and women in about 45,000 clubs located in 202 countries and geographic areas.

Lions clubs celebrated 90 years of service in 2007, making it one of the oldest service clubs as well.

Lions are men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes. The club's motto is "We Serve."

Helen Keller, while at the Lions convention in 1925, challenged members to become "Knights of the Blind." Since that time Lions have worked with their communities and supported sight and hearing needs. Lions collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries year-round and especially during May, which is Lions Recycle for Sight Month.

Local Lions clubs manned the mobile eye and hearing screening unit at the Cassia County Fair and parade. The clubs also perform eye screenings at the local elementary schools. On Feb. 22, the Burley club, with the help of the Idaho Sight and Hearing Foundation, delivered a Braille printer, paper, and software to a blind woman in the area. The club purchased \$3,500 worth of sunglasses, sports frames, glasses, and swim goggles for the participants in this year's Idaho State Special Olympics



Patsy Price, a member of the Burley Sage Lions Club, helps with vision screenings at area elementary schools. The screenings are held each year to help determine if children need to visit an optometrist to be checked for glasses. This is one of many service projects hosted by Lions clubs.

Summer Games in Boise. The money also went to purchasing prescription lenses for some of the frames.

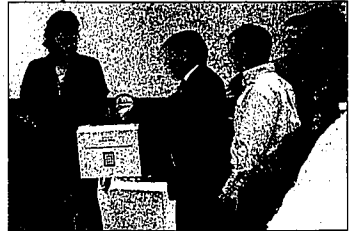
Lions Clubs also host a variety of programs for children. The Burley Lions host a children's basketball league for fifth- and sixth-grade girls and boys during the winter, charging a minimal fee and collecting coats for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council at the same time. They had a project of planting stands with crossing flags near the local school crosswalks for improved safety of area children. They also sponsor a patriotism essay contest for students at White Pine Intermediate School each

February. Local winners receive savings bonds and participate in the statewide contest in the spring.

Young people are not the only ones who benefit from Lions Club programs. Lions also sponsor LEO clubs in area high schools. Leo Clubs are a junior version of Lions. They organize many of their own projects as well as helping the Lions Clubs with some of their projects. Several scholarships are available from Lions Clubs including Burley Leo club scholarship in Al Thaxton Memorial Music Scholarship and the Dr. Jim Kiecher Memorial Health Field Scholarship.

Local Lions Clubs have contributed to the community in service, funding and events, with clubs in Burley, Rupert, Declo and Heyburn. Events like the Burley Lions Club's Spudman Triathlon bring several thousand people to Mini-Cassia, and have become not only a community event, but a regional one as well. People come from hundreds of miles away to participate in the event and proceeds go right back into the community.

Anyone interested in volunteering to better their communities can call Hatfield at 431-3056 or contact any Lion member. Families are encouraged to join together.



The Burley Lions Club teamed up with the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation to provide Desyre Vaughan, a blind woman from Burley, with an Enblamat Romeo Attache Braille printer, Duxbury Braille translator software, and a 1,500-sheet box of Braille paper — more than \$2,700 worth of equipment. From left, Desyre Vaughan, Dave Jones, Jon Searle, Burley Lions President David Bowen, and Lions District Governor Darrell Hatfield of Rupert.

### Want to join?

Burley Lions — noon on Friday, Moray's Steakhouse. For information: 878-7235.  
Burley Sage Lions — 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday, Farm Bureau Conference Room, 444 E. 5th N., Alfreco Road, Heyburn, Janet Ellenberger 678-0038.

Heyburn Lions — 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday, Heyburn Fire Station, Clyde Liny 679-2641.  
Rupert Lions — 8 p.m. second and fourth Monday, Nancy's Cafe, 436-5799.  
Rupert Spring Lions — 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday, United Methodist Church, 605 H St., 436-9862.

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### LOOKING FOR COOKIES?



Girl Scout Troop 71 will have a booth to sell Girl Scout cookies from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at King's in Rupert. The troop is doing a 'Change Our World' drive where people can leave tips or donations and all of it will go toward the troop's trip to Mexico in June 2009. They are going to Our Cabana, a Girl Scout World Center in Mexico. This is the troop's first of several fundraisers, and they have a goal to raise \$15,000 for the trip. From left, assistant leader Krystal Hatch, Paige Shiner, Morgan Chorba, Eliza Hatch, Angela Holmes, Lexi Hendricks/Christa Hatch, Yesenia Juarez and troop leader Katrina Shiner.

## 10th annual variety show Monday

After a decade of community theater and entertainment in the King Fine Arts Center, the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation is gearing up for its 10th annual gala. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave. in Burley. Tickets to the anniversary show are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and are available at Book-Pluz and Welch Music in Burley and The Book Store in Rupert.

The variety show will feature performances by local talent including the cast of the Mt. Harrison production of "Disney's High School Musical" and Oakley Valley Arts Council's "A Year with Frog and Toad," The Taffetas, Soft Touch, The Fiddlers, Route 66, Mini-Cassia Junior Miss, Eliza Christensen, Landon Whitesides, Katie Coats, Kylie Carpenter and

Andrew Aston. The pre-show will be presented by Alan, Roger and Friends. The show has become a staple for many in Mini-Cassia and is held each year to commemorate the opening of the

King Fine Arts Center, named after Herman King, head of King's Department Stores, who donated \$1 million toward the theater's construction. King was also a foundation member.

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**Class 4A championship**  
Burley 75, Bonneville 54

**Class 3A championship**  
Fruitland 68, Kimberly 51

**Class 3A consolation**  
Buhl 64, Weiser 40

**Class 1A championship**  
Troy 60, Hagerman 45

**Class 1A consolation**  
Cascade 60, Carey 37

CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

# THE BEST EVER?



Burley players joke with senior point guard Colton Moon (holding trophy) after Saturday's Class 4A state championship win over Bonneville at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

## Consecutive titles cement Burley's place in history

**By Zach Kyle**  
For the Times-News

NAMPA — Simply undeniable. The Burley Bobcats are defending state champions after beating the Bonneville Bees 75-54 in the Class 4A title game Saturday in Nampa. The win caps a remarkable 46-game win-

ning streak and 53-1 record for the past two seasons. Burley point guard Colton Moon hit four of his seven 3-pointers in the first quarter to lead the Bobcats to a 20-8 lead. Burley cruised the rest of the game, maintaining a lead between 24 and 14 points.

"I've enjoyed playing with these guys every step of the

way," said Moon, who ended his career with a 30-point masterpiece. "This puts an exclamation point on our careers."

Moon filled up the state sheet, registering six steals, five rebounds and five assists. His seven 3-pointers were two short of tying the

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## Colton Moon saves his best for last

**By David Bashore**  
Times-News writer

NAMPA — Colton Moon exited the court to a hero's ovation with 73 seconds remaining in Burley's victory in the Class 4A championship game Saturday, with every Bobcat teammate standing in applause and recognition of his game and career.

With 30 points, including seven 3-pointers, the Burley senior saved his best for last, leading the Bobcats to their 46th consecutive victory and second successive state championship.

Moon's virtuoso performance, coming in Michael Jordan-like circumstances in which

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CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Kimberly denied



Kimberly players look on during the final seconds of the championship game Saturday afternoon in Nampa. Kimberly lost the 3A boys state basketball title to Fruitland High School.

## Fruitland defeats Bulldogs 68-51 for 3A crown

**By David Bashore**  
Times-News writer

NAMPA — Finally Kimberly ran into a team that could match it athlete for athlete through the entire depth chart. And the better basketball team won.

Fruitland seized control of Saturday's Class 3A boys basketball championship game at the Idaho Center late in the second quarter by forcing a series of quick Kimberly turnovers, and the Grizzlies held the

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CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Hagerman falls

Fifth-seeded Pirates finish as state runner-up

**By John Derr**  
Times-News writer

NAMPA — It's tough to beat a team that rarely misses.

In the previous two state tournament victories Hagerman held its opponents to less than 30 percent shooting. Troy nearly doubled that total, knocking down 58 percent of its shots, including 75 percent after the break. Nearly impossible to match.

Try as they might, the 20-9 Pirates could not slow the Trojans as they fell 60-45 in the Class 1A boys state championship game Saturday morning at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

There was also no stopping Jason Smith, who set a new state record, hitting 10 3-pointers a tournament quarterfinal win over Clark County. The Trojans senior connected on four 3-point-



Hagerman's Tanner Owen and Dylan Brooks show their disappointment during the final seconds of the Class 1A high school boys state championship game Saturday afternoon in Nampa.

ers Saturday, including three in the third period and finished with a game-high 19 points.

"That was the quickest team we have seen all year," Hagerman coach Kevin Cato said. "(Smith) was deadly. We had no answer for the dribble penetration and that left him open."

Both teams struggled to find the range early, as the only score in the first three minutes was a lay-up by Hagerman senior Johnny Mack Reid.

"We could have played better, but for being my last year, it was awesome," said Reid, who finished with eight points before fouling out.

Brian Owsley came off the bench to knock down a jumper, but the Pirates trailed 12-7 after one. The deficit grew to double digits early in the second as the Trojans scored inside and out.

Dylan Brooks, who was hot from behind the arc in

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# CSI men improve to 29-1

Times-News

That's 30 down, six to go.

The No. 3 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team took another step forward in its pursuit of a national championship, defeating Colorado Northwestern Community College 139-73 Saturday afternoon in Rangely, Colo., to finish out its regular-season schedule.

Sophomore center Art Parakowski followed Friday's 28-point performance with a team-high 25 Saturday, while fellow center Bocar Ba pumped in a career-high 20 points and 16 rebounds against the smaller Sparks team.

"I think Bocar did a real good job of knowing his role, hanging around the basket and finishing around the basket," CSI head coach Barrett Peery told 1270 AM.KTFL.

Darius Gabriel added 23 points in an effort to help offset Condero Bennett's game-high 39 for the 3-23 (1-14 SWAC) Spartans. CSI enters postseason play with a 29-1 (14-1 SWAC) record and the top seed at the upcoming Region 18 Tournament in Twin Falls.

CSI has a first-round tournament bye and will face the winner of Thursday's 7:30 p.m. game between fourth-seeded North Idaho College (19-11) and fifth seed Snow College (14-16) at 7:30 p.m., Friday.

The Salt Lake Community College Bruins enter the postseason at 27-3 after falling to the visiting College of Eastern Utah 57-54 on Friday. The Bruins rebounded for a Saturday 84-53 win, but did so without standout sophomore guard Deell Jackson, who was suspended two games by SLC officials for a postgame altercation with a CEU player.

Jackson is expected to sit out the Bruins' Friday tournament opener against the winner of Thursday's game between Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern while serving the back end of his suspension.

No. 3 CSI 139, CNC 73

CSI (29-1, 14-1) Defeated Colorado Northwestern Community College 139-73 Saturday afternoon in Rangely, Colo. CSI's lead scorer was Art Parakowski with 25 points.

Keyline Cronin 2, Condero Bennett 33, Lloyd Harrison 14, Jeremy Tyson 28.

# Golden Eagles women soar past Spartans

Times-News

It's all about stringing together wins from here on out.

The No. 7 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team will enter postseason play as the Scenic West Athletic Conference regular-season champion and top seed at the Region 18 Tournament, held Thursday through Saturday in Twin Falls.

CSI wrapped up its regular-season schedule by defeating winless Colorado Northwestern Community College 90-47 Monday night in Rangely, Colo. The 29-2 Golden Eagles cemented a 14-1 SWAC record thanks to Anita Burdick's game-high 17 points, along with 11 from Maddy Plunkert and 10 from Jaime Edwards.

CSI's SWAC title is the program's first undisputed title in three seasons.

The Golden Eagles will open Region 18 Tournament play at 5:30 p.m., Friday, taking on the winner of Thursday's 5:30 p.m. game between fourth-seeded Snow College (13-15) and fifth-seeded College of Eastern Utah (13-17).

In other tournament action, second-seeded Salt Lake Community College (23-7) will await the winner of Thursday's noon game between second-seeded CNC and third-seeded North Idaho College (19-9). That game will be played on noon, Friday.

No. 7 CSI 98, CNC 47

CSI (29-2, 14-1) Defeated Colorado Northwestern Community College 90-47 Monday night in Rangely, Colo. CSI's lead scorer was Anita Burdick with 17 points.

Keyline Cronin 2, Condero Bennett 33, Lloyd Harrison 14, Jeremy Tyson 28.

# Senior Jerke takes his bow on the big stage

By John Denn  
Times-News writer

NAMPA — Kimberly's Evan Jerke has had quite a career.

The lone senior on the Bulldogs boys basketball team has had some experiences this year that will stay with him for a lifetime.

As quarterback of the South Central Idaho Conference champion football team, he led the Bulldogs to the semifinals of the Class 3A playoffs and a chance to play at Holt Arena.

They fell in that game to Shelley. That might not seem like a big deal, but none of the Kimberly players had played in Holt Arena before.

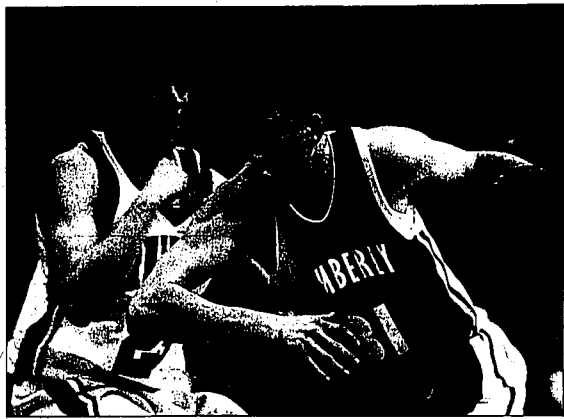
Now in basketball, he had his chance to play at the Idaho Center. Saturday he joined his teammates on that floor under the lights with the big crowd as they battled Fruitland for the crown. It didn't turn out the way they wanted, as the Bulldogs fell 68-51. But they were there.

"It is a great way to go out, especially being the only senior," said Jerke.

And don't forget baseball. He was on the Bulldogs team that took second at state last year and will look to lead this year's team that returns the nucleus of last season's success. Not only does he have the respect of his teammates; he has earned the admiration of his coach, Roger Keller.

"Being the only senior tells you something. He is a great kid and leaves big shoes to fill next year," said Jerke.

And for Saturday's game? "We didn't do the little things it took to win. We had some turnovers and I think we got outphysi-



Kimberly's Evan Jerke drives to the hoop Saturday afternoon against Fruitland's Mason Higham during the Class 3A boys state basketball championship game in Nampa.

called," Jerke said.

The Bulldogs might be back at state next year.

"These kids can play and they work well together," Jerke said.

And what about the future? Jerke would like to go somewhere and play baseball.

No matter what that future brings, the experiences of Jerke's high school career will stay with him.

# Bulldogs

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Kimberly's A.J. Schroeder tries to catch his breath before stepping to the free-throw line after being fouled during the second half of the Class 3A boys state basketball championship game against Fruitland High School Saturday afternoon in Nampa.

Bulldogs at bay to take a 60-51 win to claim the state championship.

Without an advantage of athleticism and speed, which were major components in Kimberly's run to the championship game, the Bulldogs were unable to compete on the interior and struggled against the full-court pressure of a group of players of equal — if not superior — strength and tenacity.

"Fruitland's a great team, and their kids can really play. Everyone can jump, run, is aggressive ... they deserved it," said Kimberly senior Evan Jerke, who led his team with 17 points in his final game. "They took it to us. We weren't able to hit the glass like we wanted to, and their press forced us into a lot of turnovers that we don't usually make."

Said Kimberly coach Roger Keller: "That's the deepest team we've seen all year. They're all strong and quick. We had one little stretch at the end of the first half where they got six quick



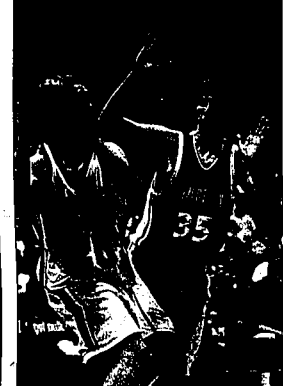
Cody Wadsworth takes a shot Saturday afternoon during Kimberly High School's Class 3A championship game against Fruitland in Nampa.

points, and they're a really tough team to come back on.

Kimberly held Fruitland's Jordan Felgenhauer in check, limiting him to just seven points, but the Bulldogs couldn't do anything about the three-headed interior monster of Matt Stanger, Andrew Duhle and Katero Nawalaine, who scored 19, 16 and 10, respectively.

Junior point guard A.J. Schroeder, who finished with 10 points, admitted that the team was a more than a little nervous but added that it was no excuse for the result.

"The floor (at the Idaho Center) was a little different, and the stage made it a little nerve-racking for us," Schroeder said. "But that's what you



Kimberly's Dustin Brown defends Fruitland's Matt Stanger in the first half of the Class 3A state championship game.

have to go through and play well if you want to win it all."

Still, for a team that flew under the state's radar even as a district champion, the runner-up trophy isn't anything to sneeze at.

"A lot of people didn't give us the credit that we deserved," Jerke said. "I'm just glad that we got the chance to show everyone that these kids from Kimberly can play."

# 2008 Real Dairy Shootout: boys basketball tournaments

**Class 5A**  
**At the Idaho Center Thursday, Feb. 28**  
Game 1: Coeur d'Alene 52, Madison 44  
Game 2: Eagle 61, Centennial 46  
Game 3: Highland 64, Timberline 61  
Game 4: Valliuue 66, Lewiston 51  
**Friday, Feb. 29**  
Game 5: Madson 54, Centennial 37  
Game 6: Lewiston 54, Timberline 46  
Game 7: Coeur d'Alene 65, Eagle 57  
Game 8: Valliuue 83, Highland 71  
**Saturday, March 1**  
**At Caldwell HS**  
Consolation: Lewiston 49, Madson 45  
Third-place: Highland 72, Eagle 60  
**At the Idaho Center Championship: Valliuue 67, Coeur d'Alene 45**

**Class 4A**  
**At College of Idaho Thursday, Feb. 28**  
Game 1: Skyview 47, Century 46  
Game 2: Bonneville 50, Middleton 46  
Game 3: Pocatello 62, Moscow 39  
Game 4: Burley 73, Emmett 35  
**Friday, Feb. 29**  
Game 5: Century 70, Middleton 56  
Game 6: Madson 61, Emmett 53  
Game 7: Bonneville 53, Skyview 42

Game 8: Burley 68, Pocatello 55  
**Saturday, March 1**  
**At College of Idaho**  
Consolation: Moscow 52, Century 44  
Third-place: Pocatello 67, Skyview 56  
**At the Idaho Center Championship: Burley 75, Bonneville 54**

**Class 3A**  
**At Meridian HS Thursday, Feb. 28**  
Game 1: Shelley 59, Bonners Ferry 45  
Game 2: Fruitland 61, Buhl 41  
Game 3: Kimberly 57, Kellogg 46  
Game 4: Snake River 38, Weiser 29  
**Friday, Feb. 29**  
Game 5: Buhl 59, Bonners Ferry 48  
Game 6: Weiser 58, Kellogg 44  
Game 7: Fruitland 49, Shelley 48  
Game 8: Kimberly 65, Snake River 46  
**Saturday, March 1**  
**At Meridian HS**  
Consolation: Buhl 64, Weiser 40  
Third-place: Snake River 70, Shelley 57  
**At the Idaho Center Championship: Fruitland 68, Kimberly 51**

**Class 2A**  
**At Capital HS, Boise Thursday, Feb. 28**

Game 1: Firth 63, Orofino 42  
Game 2: Soda Springs 72, Wendell 44  
Game 3: West Side 53, Nampa Christian 41  
Game 4: New Plymouth 61, West Jefferson 59  
**Friday, Feb. 29**  
Game 5: Orofino 53, Wendell 44  
Game 6: West Jefferson 91, Nampa Christian 53  
Game 7: Firth 67, Soda Springs 47  
Game 8: West Side 60, New Plymouth 48  
**Saturday, March 1**  
**At Capital HS**  
Consolation: Orofino 71, West Jefferson 68  
Third-place: Soda Springs 68, New Plymouth 58  
**At the Idaho Center Championship: Firth 56, West Side 47**

**Class 1A**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 27**  
**At Valliuue HS, Caldwell**  
Game 1: Genesee 62, Richfield 49  
Game 2: Wallace 50, Sho-Bar 48  
Game 3: Hagerman 36, Cascade 33, OT  
Game 4: Murtaugh 47, Rimrock 43, 20T  
**At Caldwell HS**

Game 5: Troy 56, Carey 47  
Game 6: Clark County 53, Council 45  
Game 7: Clark Fork 61, Oakley 49  
Game 8: Lapwai 59, Garden Valley 45  
**Thursday, Feb. 28**  
**At Valliuue HS**  
Game 9: Richfield 55, Sho-Bar 47  
Game 10: Cascade 48, Rimrock 37  
Game 11: Genesee 45, Wallace 36  
Game 14: Hagerman 59, Murtaugh 48  
**At Caldwell HS**  
Game 11: Carey 67, Council 51  
Game 12: Garden Valley 64, Oakley 48  
Game 15: Troy 59, Clark County 42  
Game 16: Lapwai 41, Clark Fork 34  
**Friday, Feb. 29**  
**At Valliuue HS**  
Game 17: Cascade 56, Richfield 48  
Game 18: Carey 63, Garden Valley 48  
Game 19: Wallace 56, Murtaugh 45  
Game 20: Clark Fork 67, Clark County 53  
Game 21: Hagerman 44, Genesee 37  
Game 22: Troy 56, Lapwai 54  
**Saturday, March 1**  
**At Valliuue HS**  
Consolation: Cascade 46, Carey 37  
Fourth place: Wallace 41, Clark Fork 32  
Third place: Genesee 75, Lapwai 46  
**At the Idaho Center Championship: Troy 60, Hagerman 45**

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Rockets center Yao opts for surgery to repair stress fracture in foot

HOUSTON — Yao Ming will have surgery to repair a stress fracture in his left foot, Houston Rockets officials said Saturday. The surgery will be performed Monday in Houston by Rockets team doctor Tom Clanton. The team announced the All-Star center's injury on Tuesday and said he would get a second opinion before deciding whether to have the surgery.

1:50, 15 and 52.10. Trained by Colin Lary, Colonel John had'n run since Dec. 22, when he finished second in Mischieff in the CashCall Futurity at Hollywood Park. Gomez was aboard Saturday in place of Corey Nakantani, expected to return Sunday after being out with a broken collarbone.

Sports Shorts

Magical Valley briefs to sports@magicalvalley.com. TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho season ticket holders can reserve their seats for the Magic Valley 19 men's and women's basketball tournaments at the CSI gymnasium until noon, Monday, March 3. The cost is \$40 per seat for a tournament pass. All remaining tickets will be sold to the general public starting Monday afternoon.

Baseball will hold an umpire certification class for those interested in umpiring both Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken Baseball games. The class is at 6 p.m., March 4, in Room G-2 at Twin Falls High School. For more information contact Bill Merritt at 280-0002.

HORSE RACING

Colonel John wins Sham Stakes. ARCADIA, Calif. — Colonel John held off the closing charge of El Gato Malo to win the \$200,000 Sham Stakes for 3-year-olds by a half-length Saturday at Santa Anita Park.

Heatseeker pulls upset at Santa Anita Handicap

ARCADIA, Calif. — Heatseeker chased down a tiring Monterey Jazz in the stretch to win the \$1 million Santa Anita Handicap for older horses by three-quarters of a length Saturday.

Tennis

WTA Open Bayliss. Daria Kasatkina 6-4, 6-3. Daria Kasatkina 6-4, 6-3. Daria Kasatkina 6-4, 6-3.

Baseball

JD offers spring soccer sign-ups. JEROME — Jerome Recreation District is offering registration for Co-ed Spring Soccer through March 7.



# Vandals win again, this time in San Jose

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** — The Idaho Vandals improved to 19 on the season as Michael Crowell's 20 points led the way to a 68-67 victory.

Mike Hall and Darin Nagle added 14 and 11, respectively, points off the bench as the Vandals topped the 12-15 Spartans.

Tim Pierce led San Jose State with 20 points.

**NORTHERN ARIZONA 76, IDAHO STATE 53**

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.** — Kyle Landry scored 14 points and Zarko Comagic added 12 as

**NORTHERN ARIZONA STATE** beat Idaho State 76-53 Saturday night in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Nate Geiser finished with 11 points and Zach Filzen 10 for the Lumberjacks (20-10, 11-5 Big Sky) who have already earned a first-round bye in the No. 2 seed in the upcoming conference tournament.

Tomorrow Morgan had 12 points for Idaho State (11-18, 8-8) and Matt Stueckl scored 10.

Northern Arizona scored four points in the final 1:24,

capped by a Matt Johnson reverse layup, and took a 36-28 halftime lead.

The Lumberjacks then made 54 percent of their field goals in the second half (13-of-24) while Idaho State missed 16 of its 26 shots.

**BYU 76, AIR FORCE 57**

**PROVO** — Trent Flaisted scored 20 points to lead Brigham Young to a 76-57 win over Air Force on Saturday night.

BYU (23-6, 12-2 Mountain West) improved its home court winning streak to 46 games, the longest active streak in the nation. The

Cougars have also won 11-of-12 in the Mountain West to maintain their slim lead over UNLV at the top of the conference.

Air Force (14-13, 6-8) struggled from the floor shooting 32 percent for the game and 25 percent in the second half. The Falcons who normally shoot 38 percent from beyond the 3-point arc were only 1-of-12 for the game.

Andrew Henke led Air Force with 14 points and was the only Falcon in double figures.

**WYOMING 72, UTAH 64**

**LARAMIE, Wyo.** — Brad

Jones scored 20 points in leading Wyoming to a 72-64 victory over Utah on Saturday.

Utah kept within range as the game wound down but the Cowboys prevailed on free throws.

Jones hit two 3-pointers toward a 17-6 run that gave Wyoming (12-16, 5-10 Mountain West Conference) a 45-34 lead with about 12 minutes left. Utah responded, with Johnnie Bryant scoring a pair of 3-pointers to help the Utes (15-12, 6-4) pull within 49-45 with 7:03 left.

Utah came four times, but points four more times. But

Wyoming sealed the win by making 12 of 12 free throws in the final 6 minutes.

Jones scored half his points on free throws, a perfect 10-of-10. Brandon Ewing added 13 points and dished out five assists, while Joseph Taylor and Tyson Johnson each scored 12.

Luke Nevill led the Utes with 22 points. Bryant finished with 15 points, and Luka Drea scored 12 for Utah.

The game began with a 19-12 Wyoming lead. The Utes used an 11-3 run to get up 23-22 but Wyoming recovered for a 20-24 lead at the half.

— The Associated Press

## NFL Jets bolster line with Faneca, Bills add Stroud

The Associated Press

The New York Jets added Pro Bowl guard Alan Faneca to the left side of their offensive line Saturday, while the Buffalo Bills inhaled big-bodied Marcus Stroud in their defensive front.

The Jets and Faneca agreed to a five-year, \$40 million contract Saturday, making the former Pittsburgh player the highest-paid offensive lineman in the NFL.

The Bills acquired Stroud, a three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle, in a trade with Jacksonville for undisclosed draft picks.

Detroit also completed a trade that sent defensive tackle Shaun Rogers to Cleveland for cornerback Leigh Bodden and a third-round pick in April. The deal was announced Saturday, a day after a trade with Cincinnati fell through that would have sent Rogers to the Bengals for third- and fifth-round picks.

San Francisco signed free-agent defensive end Justin Smith, the No. 4 overall pick by Cincinnati in 2001. The deal is reportedly for six years and \$45 million, including \$20 million in guarantees. He had 43½ sacks in seven seasons with the Bengals.

Meanwhile, Minnesota reached an agreement on a six-year contract with Bernard Berrian, the receiver who had a career-high 71 catches for 951 yards and five touchdowns for Chicago last year.

On Saturday night, line-backer Lance Briggs resigned with the Chicago Bears, agreeing to a six-year deal. The Bears didn't disclose financial terms of the deal, but the Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Tribune reported that Briggs would receive \$36 million. The three-time Pro Bowl player became an unrestricted free-agent Friday.

Also, Pro Bowl safety John Lynch will remain with Denver, agreeing to a one-year deal after meeting with owner Pat Bowden and coach Mike Shanahan.

Lynch was scheduled to make \$2 million in 2008 and hesitated about returning to the team after he was asked to take a salary cut. The Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News reported. Lynch was due a \$1.2 million roster bonus March 4.

Cleveland added another prime target for newly resigned quarterback Derek Anderson, agreeing with Donnie Stallworth on a seven-year contract. Last season with New England, Stallworth had 46 receptions for 697 yards and three touchdowns.

Faneca's agent, Rick Smith, told The Associated Press on Saturday that the 31-year-old guard planned to fly to New York on Sunday, take a physical and officially sign the deal Monday. After making nearly \$4.4 million in salary and bonuses last season, Faneca got a huge deal that Smith said includes \$21 million in guarantees.

A Jets spokesman declined comment on the signing of the seven-time Pro Bowl selection, considered perhaps the league's best left guard.

Faneca chose New York over San Francisco and St. Louis, all teams that had losing records last season and need help on their offensive lines.

"When he examined the situations, Alan felt this team would make the biggest impact," Smith said.

New York sorely needed a standout left guard after trading Pete Kendall to Washington following a bitter contract dispute before last season.

Faneca will step in between left tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson and center Nick Mangold to give the Jets a terrific left side. Ferguson and Mangold thrived as rookies with Kendall, but struggled at times without his veteran influence last season.

"Alan can't wait to work with those guys," Smith said. "He likes to take young guys under his wing and help them develop."

Stroud, listed at 6-foot-6 and 310 pounds, immediately solidifies a Buffalo defensive line that also features pass-rushing end Aaron Schobel.

The move was completed after the Bills began reworking their defense Friday, the first day of NFL free agency, by signing linebacker Kawika Mitchell to a five-year deal and releasing defensive tackle Larry Trickett. Also Saturday the Bills signed former Minnesota defensive tackle Spencer Johnson to a five-year contract.

## Memphis tops Southern Miss Tigers eye return to No. 1

**HATTIESBURG, Miss.** — Derrick Rose scored 23 points, including 11 in a 5-minute span of the second half, to help No. 2 Memphis pull away to a 76-67 victory over Southern Mississippi on Saturday.

The Tigers (28-1, 14-0) clinched their third consecutive Conference USA regular-season title with their 37th straight league win.

It was the second straight win for Memphis since its 66-62 loss to Tennessee last weekend cost the Tigers the No. 1 ranking with their first loss of the season.

Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 22 points for Memphis.

Jeremy Wise led Southern Miss (15-13, 7-7) with 26 points.

**NO. 3 NORTH CAROLINA 90, BOSTON COLLEGE 80**

**BOSTON** — Tyler Hansbrough scored 25 points and North Carolina overcame 46 points from Tyrese Rice and an 18-point second-half deficit.

Wayne Ellington had 18 of his 20 points in the second half for the Tar Heels (27-2, 12-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won their sixth straight.

Rice surpassed his career highs of 32 points and six 3-pointers by halftime, making 8-of-9 from beyond the arc in the opening 20 minutes.

**TEXAS TECH 83, NO. 5 TEXAS 80**

**LUBBOCK, Texas** — Alan Voskuil scored 18 points, including six straight free throws down the stretch, for Texas Tech.

Martin Zeno scored 15 points for the Red Raiders (15-13, 7-7 Big 12), who made 34 free throws in the game including hitting its last 10 to stave off Texas' comeback.

Texas Tech fans stormed the court after the win, Pat Knight's and the Red Raiders' second over a Top 25 team since he succeeded his father as coach in early February.

D.J. Augustine scored 30 points for the Longhorns (24-5, 11-3), who had an eight-game winning streak snapped.

**NO. 6 KANSAS 88, KANSAS ST. 74**

**LAWRENCE, Kan.** — Brandon Rush scored 21 points and Kansas, took advantage of Michael Beasley's early foul trouble to build a big lead and cruise past Kansas State.

Sherron Collins had 18 points for the Jayhawks (26-3, 11-3 Big 12), who avenged an earlier loss at Kansas State and jumped into a first-place tie in the Big 12 with No. 5 Texas, which lost earlier Saturday at Texas Tech.

**NO. 7 DUKE 87, NORTH CAROLINA ST. 86**

**RALEIGH, N.C.** — DeMarcus Nelson's two free throws with 1:01 remaining gave Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski his 800th career victory.

Nelson and Jon Scheyer both scored 19 points for the Blue Devils (25-3, 12-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who used a game-closing 14-5 run to take their first — and only — lead of the half and snap a two-game road losing streak.

Ben McCauley scored 19 points for N.C. State (15-14, 4-11).



Memphis guard Antonio Anderson (5) scores on a first half dunk during Saturday's game as Southern Mississippi guard Jeremy Wise (3) looks on in Hattiesburg, Miss.

**NO. 8 STANFORD 70, NO. 22 WASHINGTON ST. 53**

**STANFORD, Calif.** — Brook Lopez scored 19 of his 25 points after halftime and pulled down six rebounds to help Stanford maintain its Pac-10 title hopes.

The 7-foot sophomore was 11-of-16 from the field and had four blocks. He dunked on a putback with 2:52 to play to give the Cardinal (24-4, 13-3) the lead for good and converted two free throws at 1:39.

**NO. 9 XAVIER 66, GEORGE WASHINGTON 56**

**CINCINNATI** — C.J. Anderson scored 15 points and Xavier wasted an 18-point lead before rallying for its 11th straight victory, over George Washington.

Xavier (25-4, 13-1) struggled in its first game since clinching the Atlantic 10 regular season title, but kept the winning streak going by showing its spirit in the closing minutes — one of the Musketeers' trademarks this season.

**NO. 11 GEORGETOWN 70, NO. 21 MARQUETTE 68, OT**

**MILWAUKEE** — Roy Hibbert and Jonathan Wallace scored 20 points each to lift Georgetown to its fourth straight victory.

The Hoyas (24-4, 14-3 Big East) have won 11 of their last 13, with the losses

coming at Louisville and Syracuse. Wesley Matthews tied his career high with 22 points for Marquette (21-7, 11-6), which had a five-game winning streak snapped.

**NO. 14 BUTLER 65, DETROIT 31**

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Pete Campbell had 24 points on a career-high eight 3-pointers for Butler.

Mike Green finished with 11 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists for the Bulldogs (27-3, 16-2 Horizon League), who won for the 11th time in 12 games.

**NO. 15 CONNECTICUT 79, WEST VIRGINIA 71**

**HARTFORD, Conn.** — A.J. Price scored 24 points and Connecticut held on for its 12th win in 13 games.

Jeff Adrien had 17 points and 10 rebounds — his 16th double-double of the season — for Connecticut (23-6, 12-4), while Price hit five 3-pointers.

Joe Alexander had a career-high 32 points for West Virginia (20-9, 9-7).

**NO. 24 GONZAGA 88, NO. 25 SAINT MARY'S 76**

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — Jeremy Pargo scored all 18 of his points in the second half and Gonzaga beat Saint Mary's to break a tie for first place in the West Coast Conference.

Matt Bouldin led Gonzaga (23-6, 12-1 WCC) with 21 points.

— The Associated Press

Memphis Grizzlies center Jason Collins (34) fights for a rebound with Utah Jazz center Mehmet Okur (13) during the first half of Saturday's game in Memphis, Tenn.



## Jazz grind up Grizzlies 113-92

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Deron Williams had 13 assists and scored 13 points, and the Utah Jazz sent the Memphis Grizzlies to their eighth straight loss with Saturday's 113-92 victory.

Seven players scored in double figures for Northwest Division-leading Utah, including all five starters. Carlos Boozer led Utah with 18 points.

**SPURS 96, BUCKS 94**

**MILWAUKEE** — Manu Ginobili scored 30 points and hit a 17-footer with 13.2 seconds left to give the Spurs their eighth straight victory.

The Spurs seemed in control until the Bucks mounted an 11-3 run late in the fourth, capped by Charlie Bell's driving layup that gave the Bucks a 94-93 lead with 20 seconds left.

**76ERS 119, SUNS 114**

**PHOENIX** — Andre Iguodala scored 32 points, and Philadelphia held on to win in Phoenix for the first time in six years.

**MAGIC 118, KNICKS 92**

**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Dwight Howard had 26 points and 22 rebounds to help short-handed Orlando beat New York.

— The Associated Press





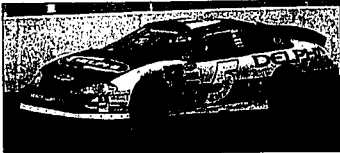
# Martin causes accident, hangs on for Vegas win

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mark Martin took Dale Earnhardt Jr. to Victory Lane by winning the Nationwide Series race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, then immediately apologized for an accident he started in the closing laps.

Martin, the winningest driver in NASCAR's No. 2 series, moved to the 49th victory of his career Saturday in a car owned by Earnhardt's JR Motorsports. But the win came at the expense of Carl Edwards and Brad Keselowski, who races full-time for Earnhardt.

Martin was sixth following a final round of pit stops when the race restarted with 10 laps to go. With four fresh tires on his Chevrolet, he sliced his way toward the front while chasing cars that had only taken two tires.

Edwards and Keselowski were racing side-by-side when Martin quickly closed in on Edwards' bumper. Slight contact sent Edwards' car wiggling across the track, and he slid high directly into



Mark Martin drives during the NASCAR Nationwide Series' Sam's Town 300 auto race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Keselowski to wreck both cars. "Martin slipped past into the lead, then held in a two-lap shootout to the finish."

"I've got to apologize before we do anything else," Martin said as soon as he climbed from his car. "I ran into the back of Carl. I hate it. I just hate it, really, because we could have had a 1-2 finish with JR Motorsports."

"I hate that it happened, but I sure didn't intend for it to happen."

Edwards, the defending series champion, finished 14th. Keselowski had to settle

for 23rd.

"It felt like I had a chance to win or finish in the top five," he said. "I feel great about our effort. I knew we had something there for them at the end. I am not sure what happened at the end. I knew it was going to be a dogfight."

Earnhardt, the car owner, was disappointed for Keselowski but was confident the 24-year-old will bounce back. "It's a good kid and he'll be stronger because of what happened today," Earnhardt said. "We'll put it behind us. It's

hard to stomach. We'll be stronger the next race. He knows the type of driver Mark is and it's awesome to hear Mark be honest about the situation."

"We all know he's one of the cleanest drivers out there. He's taught this entire garage how to drive clean and how to drive respectfully. It's guys like him that taught a lot of drivers how to race."

Martin was met in Victory Lane by Earnhardt, who grew up idolizing the veteran and tabbed him to run a handful of races for his expanding race team. Earnhardt aligned it with Hendrick Motorsports this season to form a hybrid two-car effort, and the win was the first for JR Motorsports.

"Junior and I both remember when he was just about this tall — coming over to his house and watching videos," Martin said. "I have known him ever since. I have tremendous respect for him, and I'm really glad to get this trophy for him and this team."

# Busch on track for hometown victory



LAS VEGAS (AP) — Kyle Busch hit his first speed-bump of the season Saturday, when he wrecked two cars and scraped the wall with another.

No worries. Busch is the hottest driver in NASCAR heading into Sunday's race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and the locals have made him a 4-to-1 favorite to win on his hometown track. The Sprint Cup Series points leader will start from the pole in his new Toyota, which suffered just slight damage when he bounced it off the wall Saturday in the final practice session.

It's not expected to slow Busch, who hasn't finished lower than fourth this season in six races spanning three series entering Saturday's Nationwide Series race. A blown right front tire sent him crashing into the wall in that race, ending his impressive run.

But an otherwise torrid start to the season has the industry abuzz, with many respected veterans marveling at the 22-year-old's talent.

"Right now, he is the wheel man of the series," said Mark Martin, who qualified third. "When you watch Jeff Gordon drive, Jeff Gordon goes really fast. But you don't see a whole lot there other than going fast."

"You watch Kyle Busch drive and not only is he going fast, he's taking your breath, too."

Busch certainly did that in the season-opening Daytona 500, dominating the early

parts of the race before mounting a frantic final charge that was so dizzying, teammate Tony Stewart complained he had motion sickness from watching Busch slice through the field. He came up short, finishing fourth, then added another fourth-place finish in Monday's rain-postponed event in California. It was good enough to push him into the points lead for the first time in his career, but Busch wants a win. His only victory this season came in last week's Truck Series race.

A win in Vegas — where Busch has a second, third and ninth-place finish in four previous starts — would make history; no driver has won from the pole since Cup racing began here in 1990. Except for his mishaps Saturday — in addition to scraping the wall in his Cup car and wrecking out of the Nationwide race, he also wrecked his primary Nationwide ride on his second qualifying lap — everything Busch has done so far this season has been pretty special.

In addition to his spot atop the Cup standings, Busch is leading the Truck Series' points and headed into Saturday's Nationwide race trailing only Stewart in the standings. In just his fourth full season of Cup racing, Busch is drawing comparisons to the late Tim Richmond because of his aggressive, wide-open style and impressive car control.

## GOLF



England's Luke Donald watches his tee shot from the 17th tee during the third round of the Honda Classic golf tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Saturday.

# 2 tied for Honda lead

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Luke Donald made a quadruple bogey earlier this week. Mark Calcavecchia whiffed on a chip Saturday.

Bad mistakes? Absolutely. But to win at PGA National, one must overcome blunders, which Donald and Calcavecchia have done with ease.

Donald shot a 4-under 66 on Saturday. Calcavecchia finished with 67, and the two former Honda Classic champions wound up tied with Mark James (71) atop the leaderboard at PGA National. All three were at 6 under, one shot better than Brian Davis (73) and Jose Coceres (68), who lost a four-way playoff at PGA National a year ago.

"There's a lot of danger out there," Donald said. "There's some very daunting shots, a lot of scary shots with a lot of water around. So you have to really stand up there and hit good, solid shots."

He's hit plenty of those.

A bogey-free 64 on Thursday started him on his way, but the quadruple — an 8 on the 14th hole Friday — knocked him well off the pace. He has been flawless from there, with five birdies and no bogeys in the 22 holes since.

"Obviously, other than that, I've played very solid this week," said Donald, who won the 2006 Honda at Miraval.

Calcavecchia's game has been just as good. He made a bogey on the second hole Saturday when his drive nestled against a palm tree, and he decided to take a left-handed whack to advance the ball a few yards. But he missed everything, and eventually made what had to be described as a



Golf fans look to see if Mark Calcavecchia's ball cleared the water on the 17th fairway during the third round of the Honda Classic golf tournament in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Saturday. Calcavecchia ended the day tied for the lead at 6 under par.

good bogey.

It was his only mistake. The two-time Honda winner (1987, 1998) bridled the next two holes, connected again at the par-4 12th, and made nothing but pars the rest of the day.

"I'd be pretty special to win a tour event three miles from your driveway," said Calcavecchia, who'd defend his title next week at the PDS Championship and who splits his time between homes in South Florida and Arizona. "I've done it in Phoenix, winning three different decades. So that'd be pretty neat to. I'm sure I'll be nervous tomorrow."

Chances are, so will Jones, whether the smooth-swinging Australian will acknowledge it or not.

The tour rookie is 6-for-6 in cuts this season, with four finishes in the top 30 so far.

The Nationwide Tour graduate has never had a chance like this, but showed he might be ready for the big time by making birdie on his final hole Saturday to pull into the three-way tie.

"I'm looking forward to it," Jones said. "I'll be exciting. If I hit the ball the way I did today, should be fine."

### Ochoa increases lead at HSBC

SINGAPORE — Lorena Ochoa increased her lead to eight strokes in the HSBC Women's Champions, shooting a 3-under 69 at Tanah Merah.

The Mexican star, making her first LPGA Tour start of the year after winning eight times last season, had a 16-under 200 total on the Garden course. Annika Sorenstam and

Paula Creamer, the winners of the season-opening events in Hawaii, went tied for second at 8 under after 70s. Karrie Webb (70) was 7 under.

### Kiyota one up on Johnnie Walker field

GURGAON, India — Japan's Taichiro Kiyota shot a 5-under 67 to take a one-stroke lead after the third round of the Johnnie Walker Classic.

The 27-year-old Kiyota, winless in five years as a professional, had a 14-under 202 total on the DLF Golf & Country Club course. New Zealand's Mark Brown (64) and India's Jyoti Randhawa (68), playing on his home course, were tied for second in the event sanctioned by the European, Asian and Australasian tours.

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Tomorrow: A mix of clouds and sunshine. Warmer with highs in the lower 50s.

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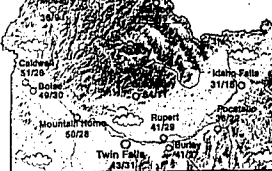
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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Breezy in the evening. Lows by morning in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: A mix of clouds and sunshine. Warmer with highs in the upper 40s.

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Partly cloudy. Breezy in the evening. Lows by morning in the upper 20s.
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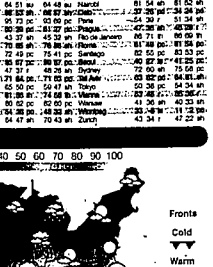
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Burley's Jordan Hosteen takes a jump shot past heavy Bonneville defensive pressure during the Bobcats' Class 4A state championship victory.



Burley's Colton Moon takes the ball to the hoop against Bonneville's Thomas Long en route to two of his game-high 30 points in Burley's 75-54 Class 4A state championship win in Nampa.

Bobcats

Continued from page D1. state record for three in a single game. Burley didn't turn the ball over until the 1:42 mark in the second quarter and committed only seven for the game.



Burley's Jordan Hosteen goes for a breakaway dunk Saturday afternoon during the Bobcats' Class 4A state championship game against Bonneville. The Bobcats beat the Bees 75-54 to take the title.

Bagley said he didn't know how to find a team-high seven rebounds and scored 12 points, two coming on an emphatic breakaway dunk in the fourth quarter that brought the screaming Burley faithful to their feet.

he does without Ben and Kyle and Jordan and Brad ... Everybody has a role, and everybody accepts it. They guys coming off the bench know their role, and that's what makes this puzzle fit so well.

Kyle Hepworth, the lone junior in Burley's eight-man rotation, said the excitement of consecutive titles is tempered by knowing he's suited up with the seniors for the last time.

"It's kind of sad, actually," Hepworth said. "I've played with these guys for a long time. I'm going to really miss them."

The Bobcats have marched through the season with workmanlike professionalism, never showing frustration when the ball didn't bounce their way nor pumping their fists after their few narrow wins.

All of the stress success has laid on Burley's shoulders, either perceived or real, is now officially laid to rest.

"We had some pressure, but it was the same as last year. It was all talk," Hosteen said. "We just concentrated on the game, worked as a team. I'm pretty sure all our players are glad it's over. We're tired."

Table with 2 columns: Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists. Lists stats for players like Jordan Hosteen, Kyle Hepworth, etc.

players come out in big-time games and that's exactly what he is. Of course, Burley hasn't earned the win streak or the two championships by Moon alone — the Bobcats cast is arguably the best in the state at any level.

Moon

Continued from page D1. he battled a cold and still was the country mile, added an exclamation point to the culmination of a lifelong dream, one that was personal and team-shared, to go out at the pinnacle of high school basketball.

By no means will Moon's basketball career end with his efforts on Saturday however. He's already garnered interest from a handful of Division I colleges and more junior colleges than he cares to divulge.

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Knowledge of dairy processing, experience operating evaporators/dryers/packagers a plus, troubleshooting skills, & ability to read equipment manuals/procedures. Must be self motivated and safety conscious. Pay DOE.

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**Sales Merchandising Department**  
Merchandising duties include:  
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# Green girls

## Lessons produce passion for environment

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

They know not to litter. They know to take short showers. They know pollution is harmful to animals and people, aluminum cans go in the recycling bin, and cars can sully the air.

But do they understand why it's important?

We talked to Twin Falls Junior Girl Scout Troop 213 about the environment. The girls told us they

discuss environmental issues in school and at home.

Without detailed understanding of the science behind the issues, will those lessons stick?

When asked about the environment, the girls burst into excited chatter about the importance of preservation.

"A whole bunch of people are cutting down the trees in the forest, and if they cut them all down, we won't have any more air and we'll all die," Rush' Niven

declared. "We need more tree huggers."

"If we pollute our water, all the fishes will die," Hailey Orton added.

The girls might not know the science behind greenhouse gases or chlorofluorocarbons yet, but their enthusiasm shows that caring is a step toward understanding.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 735-3234 or melissa.davlin@lee.net.

**What are some causes of air pollution?**

Courtney Conklin, 11

"Gasoline coming from cars and certain factories. The more pollution we have, the less oxygen we have."

**What does it mean if an animal is endangered?**

Madison Pike, 10

"They're going extinct because there's no more of them left because they don't have anything to eat and people are killing them."

**Why do we recycle?**

Rush' Niven, 11

"So animals don't eat stuff and get sick or something. The environment will look bad and it won't be healthy."

**Why is it good to plant trees?**

Hailey Orton, 11

"So that we have more and we'll use them wisely and so we have more oxygen."

**What are ways to save water?**

Brylee Strickland, 10

"When you're brushing your teeth, don't let the water run. When you get a glass of water, don't dump it out. It's important because we're having the global warming and (the water) is evaporating."



# Young and green

## Tips for teaching your kids environmental awareness

By Joe Orso  
Lee Enterprises

Sitting down to calculate your household's contribution to global warming is going to feel an awful lot like math class to the kids.

You can make it more motivating and fun for the whole family to learn environmental awareness through positive, practical, daily activities.

Here are some tips to teach your children to live more eco-friendly lives at every age:

- **Go outside.** Hike through the woods, row a boat or climb trees. All are time-tested ways for kids to develop an appreciation for their place within nature.
- **Read.** Introduce older kids to environmental classics like Aldo Leopold's "A Sand County Almanac" and Henry David Thoreau's "Walden."
- **Pick up litter.** Choose a park or a neighborhood in your community that needs cleaning, get a group of friends and pick up the trash.
- **Recycle.** Learning to recycle, reuse and compost as a youngster fosters habits that will have long-term benefits for humanity.
- **Learn names of bugs, critters, birds and trees.** Use books to get to know the names of plant and animal life in your area, then go out and find what

## Year by year

Here's an age-appropriate tip for each phase of childhood:

**Preschool:** Show kids that when they have finished their fruit and vegetables, there are parts that can be composted. Involve your children in composting your food scraps, coffee grounds, etc. Get them used to seeing that food waste is not garbage but rather something that can be turned into soil to grow more food.

**Grades 1-3:** While teaching your children dental hygiene, remind them to turn off the water while brushing their teeth.

**Grades 4-6:** Enlist kids to help in the garden and give them their own plants to nurture. You can have them help with weeding, but you can also bring them in at the beginning of the process. Start with sunflowers, carrots and pole beans.

**Grades 7-8:** Involve your children in shopping and meal preparation. Teach them about genuine organic food.

**High school:** Encourage walking, riding bikes and using public transportation. Make emission-reducing car care part of learning to drive.

Source: *Millage Inc.*, NBC Universal



you read about.

• **Observe Earth Day.** Make Earth Day an annual celebration in the home.

• **Walk, ride bicycles.** Kids don't need car rides every where. Get kids in the habit of walking and riding bikes to school, sporting events and

and the changing seasons.

• **Go camping.** Sleep under the stars, just like your ancestors did.

• **Save water.** "If it's yellow let it mellow. If it's brown flush it down."

• **Write poetry.** Write haikus or other poems about nature

and the changing seasons.

Joe Orso writes for the *La Crosse Tribune* in Wisconsin, a sister paper to the *Times-News*. This article was compiled with input from Judson Steinback, a teacher at Three Rivers School, La Crosse, Wis.

## Eco-know-it-all

Think you know a thing or two about the environment? Take our quiz, and check the answers online at [Magicalvalley.com](http://Magicalvalley.com).

**When is the best time to water your garden?**

- A. Morning
- B. Afternoon
- C. Evening

**What can be thrown in your compost pile?**

- A. Vegetables and fruit only
- B. Garden waste, organic waste, paper and cardboard
- C. Everything in your trash can

**What, generally, is the most fuel-efficient speed for driving?**

- A. 25-35 mph
- C. 55-65 mph
- D. 75-85 mph

**How much has the global average surface temperature risen since 1970?**

- A. 5 degrees
- B. 1 degree
- C. 3 degrees

**What percentage of the earth's water is fresh?**

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 8

# 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.

**MENUS:**  
Monday: Hamburger deluxe  
Tuesday: Beans with ham  
Wednesday: Soup and sandwiches  
Thursday: Pork chops  
Friday: Fish  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Today: Ballroom dance, 2 to 5 p.m.  
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.  
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday  
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon  
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.  
Elks Club Craft, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.  
Lunch Bingo  
Saturday: Super Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.  
**MENUS:**  
Monday: Turkey noodle soup and egg salad sandwiches  
Tuesday: Fish or meatloaf  
Wednesday: Cook's choice  
Thursday: Chicken fajitas  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.  
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m.  
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.  
Friday: SilverSneakers,

10:30 a.m.  
Saturday: Super Saturday, Idaho Potato Lunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Roast pork  
Wednesday: Cubed steak  
Thursday: Chicken breast  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Thursday: AARP tax preparation, 9 to 11 a.m., by appointment  
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out/home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
Today: Oven-fried chicken  
Monday: Cook's choice  
Tuesday: Liver and onions  
Friday: Lasagna  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.  
AA meeting, 6 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 10:30 a.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.  
Gen 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: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
Monday: Philly steak sandwiches  
Tuesday: Lemon pepper cod

Wednesday: Cheeseburgers  
Thursday: Chicken stroganoff  
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, 1 p.m.  
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Music with June Koonce  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.  
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

## Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed internet.  
**MENUS:**  
Monday: Beef roast  
Wednesday: Lasagna  
Friday: Baked chicken  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

## Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
Monday: Ham and beans  
Tuesday: Creamed chicken over noodles  
Wednesday: Spaghetti  
Thursday: Meatloaf  
Friday: Hash brown casserole  
**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 John entertaining  
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.  
**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Chicken-fried steak  
Thursday: Meatloaf  
Wednesday: Bake day  
Bingo, 7 p.m.

## Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60.  
**MENUS:**  
Monday: Spaghetti  
Thursday: Chili dogs

## Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.  
**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Turkey and noodle casserole  
Wednesday: Tuna sandwiches  
Friday: Fish  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo  
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

## Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$4, under 60: \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Soup and sandwiches  
Wednesday: Meatloaf  
Friday: Chicken  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Saturday: Breakfast with

pancakes, fruit toppings, bacon or sausage, orange juice, coffee and milk.

## Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
**MENUS:**  
Tuesday: Buffet  
Wednesday: Lasagna  
Friday: Roast beef or baked fish  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.  
Knecadery breakfast, 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Caregiver meeting, 10:30 a.m.  
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.  
Zenergy class, 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.  
Zenergy class, 11 a.m.  
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.

## Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, non-seniors.  
**MENU:**  
Thursday: Lemon-baked cod

## Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$6, non-seniors: \$3, under 12: \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**MENUS:**  
Monday: Meatloaf  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets  
Wednesday: Roast beef  
Thursday: BJT  
Friday: Chicken, fish or meatloaf  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
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Pool, 1 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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Pool, 1 p.m.  
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.

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Tuesday: Country beef pie  
Thursday: Roast turkey  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Taxes, 1 to 4 p.m.  
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SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwidemann at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4874 for appointments  
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Bingo, 7 p.m.

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Tuesday: Chili  
Wednesday: Roast beef  
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken  
Friday: Clam chowder  
**ACTIVITIES:**  
Monday: Pool  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Exercise  
Tax help by appointment.  
Tuesday: Pool  
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.  
Balloo show, 9:06 a.m.  
Exercise  
Community bingo, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pool  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Exercise  
Thursday: Pool  
Exercise  
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.  
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.  
Friday: Pool  
Exercise  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Dance, 7 p.m.  
Saturday: Health fair

# Kid's bid on eBay brings on the hassles

By Beth Whitehouse Newsday

Question: Without my knowledge, my 8-year-old daughter signed up for eBay and bid \$700 for Hannah Montana paraphernalia. Worse yet, she won her bid. I re-situated the seller explaining the situation, and he was furious. Am I legally responsible for this payment?

Answer: What a headache! But you can probably relax, said Craig Delsack, an Internet and technology lawyer in New York.

"Nothing has been shipped; no harm, no foul, and the seller can relist his goods," Delsack said. "Generally, I wouldn't say the parent is responsible for a contract entered into by an 8-year-old."

According to eBay representative Kim Rubey, your daughter should have read the conditions when she opened an eBay account, including the ones that say users must be at least 18 years old and that bidding enters them into a legally binding contract.

Apparently, your daughter must have checked "I agree" to the eBay conditions when she signed up and started playing with the big boys. (Though I'd bet my laptop she never even read the conditions before checking that tiny box.)

Rubey said.

But can a child younger than 18 be held to a legally binding contract? Can parents be held responsible for their children's actions in such cases?

No and a qualified no, Delsack said. "If, indeed, the daughter as an 8-year-old signed up for eBay and was given an eBay ID, that agreement could be voidable," Delsack said. Sellers of children's items should beware of such potential pitfalls, Delsack said. "It's the selling items that are attractive to children, right? So there is a risk when you are doing that that you're going to get a kid e-mailing back."

One qualifier: If the child had signed on to eBay using the parent's account, meaning the parent had given the child the password to that account, then the parent might be held accountable because of the bidding done under Mom or Dad's name, Delsack said.

In some cases, such as yours, buyers and sellers compromise, and the "buyer" agrees to reimburse the fee the seller had to pay to eBay to stop the item, Rubey said.

Usually that fee is small, and you could try to get eBay to waive it under the circumstances, Delsack said. That fee can even be less than a dollar, according to the Web site, based on a complicated fee schedule tied to the listing price of the item.

The seller would have to file an "unpaid item report" with eBay because he didn't receive payment for the item that was "sold," Rubey said. Then, the seller can repost the item and start all over again.

Frustrating to both the seller and to you, but a possible compromise.

Rubey said eBay will likely suspend your daughter's account, if you haven't already canceled it yourself, which will likely

make you happy. Meanwhile, you might want to have a heart-to-heart with your daughter, and check into installing some parental control software on your computer to block e-commerce sites.

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# Toy guns and the little bang theory of violence

By Monica Hesse  
The Washington Post

"I want an official Red Ryder carbine-action, 200-shot range model air rifle, with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time."  
"You'll shoot your eye out."

Ralphie Parker, patron saint of toy gun owners, with your lure desire and your unyielding mom, how deep would your passion burn for Nintendo's new Wii Zapper?

The toy in question is an accessory for the Wii game console. It's not a controller but a gunlike cradle designed to hold the Wilmore and Wil Nunchuk, increasing players' accuracy in shooting games. Like the other members of the Wii family, the Zapper is white and elegant, all sleek curves and shiny surfaces. It is futuristic in the way that "Star Wars" is futuristic, a sort of retro-future that will never happen and already has. The name Zapper is a homage to the company's first Zapper, an orange ray gun sold with the original Nintendo in 1985.

This new Zapper, the Wii Zapper, with its snub nose and smooth grip, is the prettiest submachine gun ever sold.

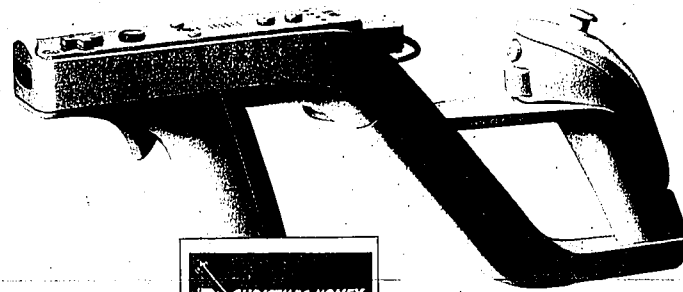
It's not what it is. "We don't think it even really looks like a gun," says George Harrison, he is Nintendo's senior vice president of marketing, so he offers an alternative concept: "It's a utility that allows for more diverse styles of play."

Certain parents disagree. In a recent New Jersey Star-Ledger online survey, one grandparent responded to news of Zapper by writing, "Why don't they enclose an application to the NHA in every box as well?" The marketing person who came up with this brainchild of an idea should be fired.

Certain kids salivate. "I think it's going to make it feel like you're actually holding a gun in real life," says Jonathan Moreira, 16, who had been awaiting the Zapper (it went on sale Nov. 19 for \$19.99) since he saw it advertised at a gaming conference in July. "I'll change everything about FPS" (first person shooting, for you non-gamers).

Says Damian Crisafulli, 14, who is fluent in Nintendo: "I mean, you may only be buying a piece of plastic that reshapes what's already there, but it comes with a free game. Plus it's a cool tool for game developers to build in, plus you get to shoot zombies in REUC (Resident Evil: Umbrella Chronicles), plus it comes bundled with Zelda." Plus, he adds, "it will be awesome to use in a 32-player match in Medal of Honor Heroes 2."

People who suggest it will promote violence are, he says, paranoid. "It's plastic



that clips to a video game controller."

Ah, but it's plastic that travels with its own posse: The Zapper arrived at a PI rep and a peroxide-blond handler who carried it in a padded briefcase.

And yes, Jonathan and Damian, it feels very sweet when we cradle it in our hand and then slowly raise it toward...

## Ralphie Parker, give us guidance

Recently the city of Springfield, Mass., sponsored a toy gun buy-back, offering free ice cream to the 50 children who agreed to relinquish their squirt guns and fake laser pistols.

The history of objections to toy guns is almost as long as the history of the toy, from Rose Simone, concerned Chicago citizen, who organized toy-gun-burning bonfires in 1934 and 1935, to the state senators in New Jersey who in 2007 stumped for a statewide ban on selling imitation firearms to those under age 18.

Toy guns, in the forms of sticks, scraps and the always-reliable thumb-and-forefinger, have likely been around nearly as long as the real thing, which debuted in the mid-14th century.

Toy guns, in the form of things you could go out and buy, arrived much later. After the Civil War, weapons factories owners realized that no war meant no profits. Light bulb! Replace the bullets with sound-making caps and sell the guns as a novelty item!

Those guns were loud, but they didn't shoot anything. That jockill was fixed by harnessing pneumatic technology to make air rifles that blasted ball bearings of 1/8 inches in size halfway between B and BB shotgun shot, hence the BB gun. In 1888, the floundering Plymouth Iron Windmill Co. in Michigan decided to include a BB gun as a freebie with every farmer's order, and in two years, Plymouth had shut down windmill production and was manufacturing 50,000 Daisy Air rifles a year, "daisy" being the "awesome" of 1889.



The Nintendo Wii Zapper is it a toy gun or a 'utility' for electronic games?

The Daisy Air Rifle advertised in a Montgomery Ward catalogue.

The noteworthy thing about turn-of-the-century Daisy-type guns, says Penn State history professor Gary Cross, is that these "toys" were marketed to adults. One 1890 catalogue billed its air rifle as "just the thing to make the neighbor's cat scratch and growl and doggy fly for home"; another similar rifle was advertised as a parlor game, best control and family entertainment, "no shoot-'em-ups in the backyard."

Though Montgomery Ward did make pretend brigade guns for children, they were paired with miniature drums and ceremonial swords. They appealed to make-believe military marching and patriotism, writes Cross in his book "Kids Stuff: Toys and the Changing World of American Childhood."

Toy guns in this era were about history and an introduction to manhood," he said in an interview. "They weren't about combat."

Then in 1934 movie cowboy Buck Jones endorsed air rifles for boys who wanted to play. Daniel Boone, Toysaker Hubley promoted "cowboys and Indians" games with its "hard-riding, sure-shooting" Dandy, and marketed the Winner to "kids who idolize the G-men."

Those Al Capone-type references hit close to home, and incited the first wave of organized toy gun protests, led by that spitfire Rose Simone. A Chicago judge huffed in support, "When (the boy) gets used to pulling the trigger of a toy gun, it's not a long step toward pulling the trigger of a real one."

Back and forth, parental permissiveness, parental anxiety. With World II, guns were patriotic again, even in play, but the horrible assassinations and body bags of the '60s changed that. Sears and Bloomingdale's stripped toy guns from their Christmas inventories in 1968.

Dr. Spock reversed his previously pro-pistol position in the 1968 edition of his child care manual, encouraging parents to discourage toy gun play.

In 1993, along came Ralphie in "A Christmas Story," pleading for the Red Ryder BB gun of yesteryear.

## You'll shoot your eye out!

Would that the argument were that simple. Mrs. Parker, But the truck against toy guns has never truly been about shooting one's eye out, not really. No, the fear has been that handling pretend pistols will turn tots into trigger-happy warmongers, BB's to bullets.

Toy guns, see, are examples of "functional fixedness"; Tinkertoys could be fashioned into an AK-47. They could also become a house, a car, a Ferris wheel. Guns have one purpose: shooting things.

The other parental fear has been that cops will react to realistic-looking toy guns the way they are taught to react to real guns: by firing.

The squirt gun on steroids, that celebrated star of the 1990s, addressed this problem with bright colors and cartoony designs. (The first "liquid pistol" was introduced by Daisy in 1913. "Designed after the latest automatic pistol and would readily be taken for one," it boasted the jaunty ad copy. "When dilute ammonia is used, it makes a very effective weapon against vicious men or animals.")

Hasbro's 1991 neon-hued Super Soaker — now that was a gusher; the company

sold 27 million in its first three years on the market.

Then in 1992 gang members in Boston filled their Super Soakers with, yes, ammonia.

Politicians called for a ban. "I find it fascinating..." Hasbro's then CEO Alan Hassenfeld says in "Timeless Toys," a history, "how we can legislate toy guns, but we can't legislate real guns."

And legislate they did. The same year as the ammonia attacks, federal regulations went into effect that required that all guns come equipped with an orange plug or a brightly colored paint job.

It worked, sort of, until kids discovered Sharpies and spray paint, and until cops reacted the way cops are taught to react.

Nintendo Wii Zapper, this is your history, the foundation that people stand on as they ask questions like, "Could we make it squirt blood, too?"

Will cannot make it squirt blood, reader. And Link's Target Practice, the Zelda game the Zapper is packaged with, is not particularly bloody either. In early levels, the shooter fires only at wooden bull's-eyes in a peaceful country setting, losing 100 points for each wayward blast that accidentally kills a chicken.

More advanced levels see their fair share of skeletons, Bulbuns and other Zelda usual suspects, including a particularly nasty round of fireball-buzzing Kargaroks, which disappear with a benign poof after being slain, rather than hanging around all mangled and gore. Link's Crossbow training is rated "F" for teens and is not recommended to children under 13.

It's just a game, and a highly social one at that, judging

## A history of pretend violence

### 1888 Daisy Air Rifle

The first mass-market BB gun was supposed to help farmers with pest control. But it was fun for kids, too! Good for: Shooting worms.

### 1934 Buck Rogers XZ-31 Rocket Pistol

The gun preferred by space warrior Buck Rogers in his comic books caused 2,000 salivating buyers to line up outside Macy's for its release. Good for: Shooting aliens.

### 1938 Red Ryder BB Gun

Ralphie Parker's dream gun in "A Christmas Story" was a fictionalized version of this puppy, of which more than 1 million units were sold per year. Good for: Shooting 'Toys' (and toddlers).

### 1950 Stallion 45

Nichols' cap pistol jumped on western fever and took realism to a new level with a revolving cylinder and a smoking barrel.

### 1985 Nintendo Entertainment System Zapper

For its original Japanese release, the NES Zapper looked like a realistic revolver. Nintendo colored it orange for its U.S. debut. Good for: Shooting birds in Duck Hunt.

### 1991 Super Soaker

A nuclear engineer decided to build a better water pistol for his daughter and ended up with a monster that shoots liquids 30 feet. Good for: Shooting neighborhood pals.

### 2002 25" Realistic M-16

A Web site, www.realisticm16-guns.com, is set up to reunite kids with the guns most stores deny them. Like this M-16. Good for: Getting shot.

from the yelps and boos of non-playing onlookers when we tried it out.

It's just a kick to get all medieval with a sleek, white, sculpted Zapper. Relax, you can't shoot your eye out.

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# Dad suspects guilty secret is causing mom's instability

**DEAR ABBY:** I have had sole custody of my three children from a previous marriage for the past 10 years. Their mother, "Nadine," has mental health issues that prevent her from being a competent parent. She has let them down countless times and has caused emotional scars. As a result, the children have limited contact with "Nadine," even though she lives nearby.

Our oldest daughter, "Holly," who is now 22, has chosen not to speak to her mom for more than a year. I believe part of Nadine's mental troubles stem from a secret she has been keeping. I have suspected for years that Holly is not my biological daughter. And if she's not, I know the identity of her biological father.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

have a strong father/daughter bond that will not be affected by DNA.

— **HOLLY'S DAD, IRMO, S.C.**

**DEAR DAD:** For the reason you have stated, the test should be done. For one thing, Holly may turn out to be your daughter after all, and your suspicions would not rest to rest. For another, if there are medical issues that run in her biological father's family, she should absolutely know what they are.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm being married in October to "Olivia," the woman I am meant to be with. After the wedding, we both want to start a family. I love Olivia and am thrilled with the idea of having children. I worry a lot, though, about what kind

of world we will be bringing a child into. I worry about terrorism and global warming. I don't want my child to be scared for his/her safety and uncertain about the future. Can you advise me, Abby?

— **REALIST IN BROWNS MILLS, N.J.**

**DEAR REALIST:** There are few thinking people these days who don't share the same concerns that you do. The truth is, having children is an act of faith — an optimistic "investment" in the future.

No one has any guarantees that he or she can bring a child into a world free of problems. However, if we live prudently and put forth our best efforts to resolve the problems we face today, the chances are better that our next generation will have fewer of them to cope with.

**DEAR ABBY:** Could you please share suggestions on how to offer support to someone who is grieving? Well-meaning friends have used my loss as an opportunity to relive their past losses

with grisly and sad details. One friend described in detail her husband's final days. I was so emotionally fragile, I could not argue or defend myself.

Perhaps these people are trying to relate, but it's torture. It's thoughtless and selfish. I have a feeling I'm not the only person who has suffered through this ignorance.

— **GRIEVING ALONE IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR GRIEVING ALONE:** Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one.

Readers, the above letter conveys an important message. What the writer's "well-meaning friends" did happens all too often. It is enough to simply convey one's condolences when someone you know has experienced a death in the family.

If the person wants to talk, he or she will let you know by starting a conversation. If not, to begin discussing the details of your own loss is, to say the least, insensitive, intrusive and not helpful.

# Pour out your heart, Capricorn

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

**IF MARCH 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** The answer is blowing in the wind. You may have the urge to reinvent yourself, change your appearance or rattle your cage in the year ahead. Put as many of your inspirational ideas as possible into motion within the next two months while you have the benefit of wise advice from trusted counselors and general good luck with almost anything you attempt. You are a bit of a romantic this year, too, but will find that anyone who good for you will be able to get closer and more intimate in the next eight weeks. The opposite is true next September when new people could spell trouble.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Honor your commitments. During the week ahead you might find it challenging to do the "right thing." Stick to your guns because by the end of the week you will be able to make a positive change.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** To each their own, and you will be with yours. This is a week to show a significant other how you truly feel. Meeting someone new can be a blessing from which your heart will reap great rewards.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Be wary of making snap judgments in the week to come. Weigh decisions carefully before making any moves. You may receive some valuable advice from a trusted companion. Take it easy.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Focus on your heart's desire. In the week that follows, you must do the things that really make you happy. Look for goldposts along the way if you aren't sure exactly what will bring a smile to your face.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Work may be a chore but you'll find it a snap this week. Everything is going to click, especially an ongoing romantic relationship. Don't be afraid to help others today; you're at the top of your game.

**VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You'll make progress with all key matters you embark upon. Buy something on a whim and it will brighten many days ahead. It is important to spend quality time with loved ones throughout the coming week.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Dinner, a movie and a friend will be just what the doctor ordered. Remember to schedule time for recreation and relaxation during the week to come. Ask someone for a romantic compliment today.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Remember this week that fools and money are soon parted. Keep your wits about you in financial ventures. Look beyond the obvious and you'll find something that might be a diamond in the rough.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Time is on your side. Be patient with those who cause agitation during the week ahead. This is not the time for squabbles, but for understanding and listening. You can help someone by lending an ear.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Pour out your heart. Frank discussions with a trusted companion will build your confidence so you can decide what's truly for the best. The least logical thing may be the answer this week.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You can turn the world on with a smile today and you'll find the feeling reciprocated by those around you. You do no wrong, so let yourself go and follow your heart. It's your time to shine.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** It is time to clean the slate and start fresh. Tackle the week ahead with fresh vigor and you'll find a pleasant surprise awaiting you. This is a good day to be among friends who will surely enjoy your company.

# Reach out and avoid someone

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Jeanne Marie Laskas

conversation. Make eye contact with the people passing, nod to them, gesture keen interest in talking to them at a later time, point to your phone, shrug and move on. (Rude? Coniving? Look, if we have to live in a world where what passes for etiquette allows people to walk around talking on their cellphones all the time, we might as well take advantage of it.)

I suggest a slightly different content strategy if you are trying to avoid bosses who make mean eyes at you for being so rude as to be talking on your cellphone while they have something important to tell you. On these occasions, you have to go personal, and you have to go emergency.

"Our attorney? What? Oh, honey, this is a disaster. He actually believes they have a case? No! I don't have the records! Did you tell him they got destroyed in the fire?"

Put one hand on your head, tug at your scalp, look up. The boss will happily slink away.

Shoppers should consider fake foning anytime they spot a talky neighbor in the produce department pinching unripe peaches.

Without your phone at your face, you'd be in for a good 20-minute tirade on how terrible the world is, what with the state of peach picking.

Singles feeling shy about entering a bar to meet the cute potential mate sitting in the window should fake fore their way into it that bar, fake chat their way right toward the cute one, using fake love conversation such as: "Thank you, Yeah, I feel really good about the award. I know, it's a lot of money. Maybe I can buy that houseboat! Just kidding, I'll donate the first million to the refugees who so desperately need it, then invest."

You'd want, of course, to carry this fake conversation on at a high volume as you approach the cute one. And then you could pretend your fake caller has to go, leaving you abruptly alone. Look sad. If the cute one starts up a conversation with you and asks you about the award or the refugees, well, you're on your own.

One important caution about fake foning: This should be obvious, but it wasn't to me. I was fake foning my way past a colleague one morning and he was actually following me to get my attention: I knew he wanted to ask about a project I had not yet finished. I was trying to buy myself some time, so I continued fake foning with my doctor about a mysterious medical condition I turned out not

to have. "Normal? So I don't need the operation? Oh, doctor, that is the best news."

And then: Brrrrrrrr! Brrrrrr! Brrrrrr! My phone started ringing, right there while it was planted on my face, right in the middle of the news of my fake medical miracle. My colleague looked at me, and I at him, and naturally I gasped. "What is the matter with this thing?" I said, pulling the phone away to look at it, and then putting it back to my ear.

"Hello? Are you still there?"  
"Oops."

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LANCASTER-GETTY

Brian and Connie Lancaster of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Shawna Lancaster, to Joe Getty, son of Anita Julian of Clayton and Brett Getty of Challis.

Lancaster is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2007 graduate of Idaho State University. She works at Curves of Twin Falls and Middlekuff Automotive Group.

Getty is a 2001 graduate of Challis High School and a 2003 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He works



Joe Getty and Shawna Lancaster for the U.S. Forest Service and is stationed at East Fork near Clayton.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 7.

WEDDINGS

CARPENTER-GARREN

Robyn Carpenter and Buddy Garren were married Feb. 16 in Rupert. Bishop Kelly Bessire officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara Walsh of Rupert. The groom is the son of Donna and Jim Garren of Boise.

The bride works at Ridley's Food and Drug in Rupert. The groom works at Sheekey Sheet Metal in Paul.

The couple resides in Paul.



Buddy and Robyn Garren

ALLISON-SCHMIDT

Jammie Allison and Jeremy Schmidt were married Feb. 18 at the Life Church in Jerome. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Kathie Allison of Jerome. The groom is the son of Brad Schmidt and Denise Sturgeon of Jerome.

The bride works at a flooring company in Twin Falls, and the groom works with livestock in Jerome. The couple resides in Twin Falls.



Jeremy and Jammie Schmidt

SANDLIAN-BYWATER



Justin and Laura Bywater

Laura Danielle Sandlian of Burley and Justin Bywater of Paul were married March 1 at the Rupert Elks Lodge. A reception followed.

Weekly deadline

Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.)

To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@magicvalley.com. The photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

By Melissa Rayworth For The Associated Press

It wasn't long ago that attending a friend's wedding meant spending a Saturday night eating prime rib and dancing to cover versions of "Louie Louie" and "Brown Eyed Girl."

Now, it might involve three days in Mexico or a long weekend in Maine. There could be seuba diving, cruises, square dancing or a marshmallow roast at a national park.

With a growing number of couples opting to exchange vows far from where they and most of their guests live, saying "yes" to an invite has taken on a whole new meaning.

"Destination weddings" can be fun, and time-consuming. And terribly expensive. Those most likely to be invited to a lot of weddings—people in their 20s, say—also tend to have the least disposable income.

Some guests, of course, are happy to pack their bags.

"I love the opportunity to travel and go somewhere I wouldn't have gone, or just to have an excuse to go somewhere that I like," says Tamar Kummel, a massage therapist from New York City. She planned to attend a friend's wedding in California and another on Cape Cod.

"If you didn't have this invitation, you'd never go," she says.

But there's a downside.

Kummel's boyfriend, Sean Harris, who works at an investment banking company, has a limited number of vacation days and sees a three-day wedding extravaganza as a drain on his time.

"He finds it really inconsiderate of people," Kummel says.

What's a modern wedding guest to do? A primer:

Do you have to attend?

"People who are having a destination wedding absolutely expect certain people can't attend for financial or schedule reasons," says Carley Roney, co-founder of the wedding planning Web site TheKnot.com. But she advises against mentioning your finances when you decline.

"It's such a guilt-tripping kind of thing," she says. "Come up with a very appropriate reason, even if it has to be a white lie."

Joanna Hanak of Broomfield, Colo., knew that some invited guests wouldn't attend her recent wedding in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. "We told people that we didn't expect them to come, but wanted them to know they were welcome," she says.

Hopefully, guests will get plenty of warning.

"Couples should give their guests at least three or four months to plan by sending out detailed Save-the-Date cards," says Lei Lydie, founder of the Atlanta-based WeddingFishes.com, which

publishes bridal Web sites in several U.S. cities.

"That's especially important if the wedding falls on a holiday weekend, when travel can be difficult and expensive."

Must you stay where the bride and groom suggest?

"The couple will likely offer information on a range of accommodations, and they may have blocked rooms at several locations."

"In a situation where the bride and groom have not been so thoughtful," says etiquette expert Samantha von Sperling, founder and director of Polished Social Image Consultants in New York, "go online and book your own accommodations and then you can call them and say, 'I'm sorry, but I couldn't afford the place you picked, so I've found something else just down the road. But I promise I'll be there and be on time.'"

Do you have to attend every planned event?

Destination weddings often involve a raft of events, including a cocktail party to welcome guests and a brunch the morning after the ceremony. If three solid days of bonding with relatives, friends and coworkers doesn't appeal to you, Roney says it's fine to opt out of a few day-time events. But if you're skipping something, let someone in the bridal party know so that no one waits or searches for you.

What if you've got kids?

If children are invited (with destination weddings, they often are), your hosts may have some child care planned. Ask whether kids are welcome at all the weekend's events, then ask if babysitting is available during the time that are grown-ups only. If nothing has been arranged, you might contact the hotel where the wedding is happening or where you're staying and inquire about babysitting services.

Some guests, like New Yorkers Michele Clarke-Ceres and her husband, Rudy Ceres, see destination weddings as an opportunity for a private getaway with kids.

"It's the advantage of taking time away to just spend time alone," she says.

Do you have to bring a gift?

"You can definitely scale back," says Roney. "But unless they specifically say, 'the present is your presence,' you should buy a gift, even if it's a \$30 something off their registry. People who are in that age range where they are going to a wedding every weekend can chip in with a group of people and do a group gift."

And all the travel plans and scheduling difficulties, remember that "being invited to witness their union is an honor," says von Sperling. "Even if it's an inconvenience."

STORK REPORT

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Karissa Marie Kunder, daughter of Kasey and Melissa Kunder of Jerome, was born Feb. 14, 2008.

Tucker, Matthew Devlin, son of Joe and Nikki Devlin of Challis, was born Feb. 16, 2008.

Peyton Rene Burrell, daughter of Jay Burrell and Kadi Griggs of Wendell, was born Feb. 18, 2008.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Thomas William Dickson, son of Sarah Michelle Kodesh of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 17, 2008.

Kolbi Bryan Craig, son of Kara Montgomery of Jerome, was born Feb. 14, 2008.

Adrianna Lynn Conley, daughter of Christina May Combs of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 15, 2008.

Charles Dewey Wilder II, son of Carolyn Ann Jones of Bellevue, was born Feb. 15, 2008.

Mylee Abigail Jacobsen, daughter of Natalie Renee Dotson and Marcus Eugene Jacobsen of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 16, 2008.

Kayla McMurdie, daughter of Denn and Andrew Lee McMurdie of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 17, 2008.

Jordyn Lynn Martinez, daughter of Jessica Lee Lackey and Christopher Lee Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 18, 2008.

Elaine Webb, daughter of Krystle Rae and Doyle Gene Webb Jr. of Buhl, was born Feb. 18, 2008.

Blaze Keith Conner, son of Shellee Anne Fields and John Keith Conner of Buhl,

was born Feb. 18, 2008.

Addyson Marie Allen, daughter of Stacy Marie and Shane Levels Allen of Hazelton, was born Feb. 19, 2008.

Leann Viola Robinson, daughter of Ann Marie and Ruben Robson Robinson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 19, 2008.

Jordie Ann Ruhter, daughter of Callie Leanne and Kori E. Ruhter of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 19, 2008.

Skylar Mason Wills, son of Karl Mae and Shaun Michael Wills of Hansen, was born Feb. 19, 2008.

Sophia Marie Paiz, daughter of Marie Hoang

Kim of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 20, 2008.

Eden Miller, daughter of Carey and Jonathan Brady Miller of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 20, 2008.

Michael Creed Moorhead, son of Kerrie Lyn and Shaun Michael Moorhead of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 20, 2008.

Cody James Welsh, son of Sandy Catherine and Scott Hugh Welsh of Kimberly, was born Feb. 20, 2008.

Bryant Walter Cooley, son of Sandra Ann and Walter David Cooley of Jerome, was born Feb. 20, 2008.

Brylinn Ann Iverson, daughter of Desiree Marie

and Mark Wayne Iverson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 20, 2008.

Vera Lynn Bowman, daughter of Katrina Lynn Shea and Jonathan Dennis Bowman of Jerome, was born Feb. 21, 2008.

Marco Raul Reyes-Rojas, son of Benita Rojas and Raul Hector Reyes of Buhl, was born Feb. 21, 2008.

Tristan Robert Wilson, son of Nichole Lynn Iepson and Michael Robert Wilson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 22, 2008.

Jaxon Lawrence Gillette, son of Angela and Tyler Lawrence Gillette of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 23, 2008.

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Come prepared when taking your kid to dinner

The Washington Post

If you're taking your toddler or young child out for dinner, come prepared. It's not reasonable to expect young children to sit quietly and make conversation, child development experts say. You'll have a much better time, and so will they, if you bring a small toy to stave off boredom — one reason some restaurants dole out crayons and paper.

If coloring doesn't appeal, try a small toy measure which can be whipped out of a pocket or purse as a surprise or reserved for dining out so kids don't get bored with it. Children love to play with the self-retracting kind, which sell for a few dollars, and often come in bright colors. Older kids can be kept busy for many minutes

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## Feather attraction

Bowerbirds in Australia seek to impress the ladies with flowers, dancing

By Claire Miller  
Special to The Washington Post

Talk about trying to impress a girlfriend! Satin bowerbirds from Australia go overboard to win a mate.

First, the blue-black male birds build bowers, U-shaped twig "palaces" where the green female birds can stand and admire them.

But a well-made bower is just the start. Next, the males make a pad of sticks in front of their bowers. Then they decorate their pads with feathers, fruit, flowers — even bits of plastic. Blue objects are special treasures to satin bowerbirds, but they think red is disgusting.

Male bowerbirds know that birds that build the best-looking bowers are more likely to attract females.

"The males want to have the flashiest decorations in front of their bowers," says Gerald Borgia, a University of Maryland professor who studies bowerbirds. "If a bird sees something he wants decorating a neighbor's bower, he tries to steal it. And he fights other males to keep them from stealing his decorations."

During the three-month courting season, the males spend a lot of time poking thin twigs into the sides of their bowers to improve their look. Then they fly off to find even more decorations.

While the males are away, the females start to cruise around. They check out the construction of the bowers and how well they are decorated. They return later to their favorite bowers to see how well the males can dance.

"These birds have very energetic displays," says Borgia. "They puff their feathers and rapidly flap their wings while running sideways in front of their bowers, first to the left and then to the right. During these displays they hold collected treasures in their beaks while facing the female. They also make loud calls and buzzing noises. The most successful males learn how to pick up signals from the females. Some females like noisy, boisterous dancers, while others go for calmer males."

The females don't let on which male they're going to choose. First they go off to build their nests. Then each female returns to the mate of her choice. The favorite males might get picked by 20 or more females. Some might not be chosen at all. Better luck next year.

Meanwhile, the females lay their eggs and then raise the chicks on their own.

Borgia and his students have been studying bowerbirds in Australia for 28 years. Every year they discover new surprises about the birds.

Jason Keagy, one of Borgia's students, spent three years giving intelligence tests to male bowerbirds.

"In one test," he says, "I put red objects under see-through containers in front of each bird's bower. Then I watched how quickly the birds figured out how to remove their containers and get rid of the red objects. I wanted to find out if the smartest guys got the most females. And guess what? They did!"

Courtesy MAUREN COOMBS  
Satin bowerbirds from Australia go overboard to win a mate. First, the blue-black male birds build bowers, U-shaped twig "palaces" for their green female admirers.

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— Gerald Borgia, a University of Maryland professor who studies bowerbirds

### About bowerbirds.

- There are 18 species of bowerbirds. They live in Australia and New Guinea.
  - Spotted bowerbird males have been known to bring as many as 3,000 things to a single bower.
  - Recently Maryland biologist Gerald Borgia's students learned that younger female bowerbirds are most impressed by fancy bowers. Older females choose the males that put on the best dancing show. To get the most mates, a male needs to be both a good builder and a great dancer.
- If you would like to see some dancing bowerbirds, Borgia's Web site, [www.life.umd.edu/biology/borgialab](http://www.life.umd.edu/biology/borgialab), has some videos.



Courtesy MAUREN COOMBS  
A male bowerbird at Wollongong Botanic Garden in Australia decorates his bower (blue items are particularly treasured) to attract a mate.



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Gas and steam issue from a lava dome (lower left) at Mt. St. Helens; a peak in southwestern Washington with an explosive past. In the distance, Mt. Rainier is seen above the clouds.

# FIRE-BREATHING BEAUTY

## Mount St. Helens summit open to hikers

By Hugo Martin  
Los Angeles Times

COUGAR, Wash. — In the dark, foggy shroud of an early fall morning, headlamps cast eerie lights on the faces of a dozen or so hikers lingering at a trail head that leads to the summit of the most active volcano in the continental U.S.

The shadowy silhouettes of Douglas and Pacific silver firs border the circular trail head, known as Climbers' Bivouac. Towering overhead, somewhere in the darkness, lurks the angelically named peak that in 1980 unleashed America's worst volcanic disaster.

The glowing headlamps converge on a powerfully built forest ranger who will help guide the party to the 8,365-foot summit of Mount St. Helens.

The dark obscures the hikers' faces, but from the assorted accents and conversations I know I've joined a diverse group — men and women, retirees and high school students from British Columbia as well as New Hampshire — each sharing a common fascination with this infamous stratovolcano. I see gray beards, a couple of forest-ranger uniforms and the white baseball cap of the youngest member of our party, a fidgeting kid who looks eager to get on with the climb.

The voices grow silent as the lead climbing ranger issues a warning. This will be an eight-hour round-trip hike along rough terrain, with an elevation gain of about 4,600 feet, he says. "The biggest thing is: Don't jump off the rocks. Step off of them," he says. "We've had people who have done that, twisted their ankles and had some injuries. ..."

### Forever altered

From the seat of a passing airliner 25,000 feet overhead, Mount St. Helens resembles a lanced ball — a dirt-gray crater protruding from forest-green hills to the south and a valley of boulders, rivers and mountain lakes to the north. The volcano lies up along the Cascades, a magnificent mountain range featuring the scattered peaks of Hood, Rainier and Adams, altered on a blue-sky spring day in 1980 when the mountain erupted after weeks of



Late afternoon light paints Mount St. Helens, right. The volcano is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire.

## Planning a trip to Mount St. Helens

**THE BEST WAY**  
From the Portland airport, take Interstate 205 north for about 12 miles to Interstate 5 and continue north 13 miles. Take Washington Highway 503 east about 35 miles, past the town of Cougar, to U.S. Forest Service Road 83. Keep left and look for signs to the Climbers' Bivouac.

**GETTING A PERMIT**  
Climbing permits (between Nov. 1 and March 31) are available at the Lone Fir Resort (see below) in Cougar, Wash.

Between April 1 and May 14, there is no limit to the permits, but a \$22 fee is charged. During hiking season, May 15 to Oct. 31, there is a limit of 100 permits and a fee of \$22 each. All permits are sold online at [MshInstitute.org](http://MshInstitute.org). Take your online confirmation to the Lone Fir Resort to pick up your permit.

**GUIDES**  
The nonprofit Mount St. Helens Institute offers several guided hikes, known as field seminars. The \$150-a-person fee includes

the cost of a permit and the guided climb. For details, go to [MshInstitute.org](http://MshInstitute.org).

**WHERE TO STAY**  
— Lone Fir Resort, 16806 Lewis River Road, Cougar, (360) 238-5210, [Lonefirresort.com](http://Lonefirresort.com). Doubles from \$55.  
— Monfort's Bed and Breakfast, 132 Cougar Loop Road, Cougar, (360) 238-5229. Doubles from \$60.

**WHERE TO EAT**  
— The Dock (part of Lone Fir

Resort, above). Comfort food, especially broasted chicken, pizzas, burgers and sandwiches. Entrees \$7 to \$13.

— The Cougar Bar & Grill, 16849 Lewis River Road, Cougar, (360) 238-5252. Entrees \$8 to \$17.

**TO LEARN MORE**  
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Headquarters, 42218 N.E. Yale Bridge Road, Amboy, WA 98601; (360) 449-7800, [Fs.fed.us/gpm/mshnm/index.shtml](http://Fs.fed.us/gpm/mshnm/index.shtml).

temblors and steam blasts. More than 700 miles away in Northern California, I watched in amazement the next day as bits of ash floated onto my father's pickup truck. As I plucked the ashy specks, I felt a connection with the volcano victims. Like them, I was at the mercy of the Ring of Fire, a horseshoe-shaped band of volcanoes and shifting tectonic plates

that borders the Pacific Ocean. Call it Mother Nature's mean streak. Dev-wet earth and layers of pine needles on the forest trail muffle the sound of our boots as we march toward the summit of that same volcano that rained down ash and destruction 27 years ago. In addition to the rangers, this climb is guided by experts from the U.S. Geological Survey, who will

explain the science behind the volcano's prickly temperament. Researchers have been watching the volcano since it came to life again in 2004, along-growing lava dome and settling nerves on edge throughout the Pacific Northwest. For two years, the summit was off-limits to hikers until geologists declared the dan-

ger of imminent eruption had passed. In 2006, the Forest Service reopened the mountain, setting a 100-permit-per-day limit. But the permits routinely sell out. The volcano was awake, and everyone wanted a closer look — including me.

### Unfolding destruction

On the previous afternoon, during my hourlong drive

Inside  
Easier explorations of Mount St. Helens.

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from Portland (Ore.) International Airport to the nearby town of Cougar, my view of the volcano was blocked by dark green forests and lush foothills. Now, stomping up to the summit, I can't wait for the darkness to lift and the fog to part so I can see the peak that was once as symmetrical as Japan's Mount Fuji but is now as craggy as a rotten cavity. As the morning sun peeks through the trees, I'm reassured that the mountain won't lash out soon. One of our leaders, Larry Mastin, a bearded, scholarly-looking volcano expert for the U.S. Geological Survey, says we are safe — at least from the volcano. We reach the timberline at 7:30 a.m. Now the hard work begins. Up ahead, we must navigate nearly three miles of

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Photos by BRYAN L. CHAN/Los Angeles Times

# Helens

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jagged lava rocks, most the size of Mini Campers. Along the way, I strike up a conversation with geologist Carolyn Driedger, Mastin's wife. Her specialty is glaciers. I tease her, saying the marriage of two geologists has been 4.5 billion years in the making.

As we scramble over boulders, Driedger tells me how she narrowly escaped Mount St. Helens' 1980 eruption. She was working with David Johnston, a bright, 30-year-old geologist who was taking volcano measurements at an observation post six miles away.

Johnston had predicted, accurately, that Mount St. Helens would erupt laterally, not vertically. He also predicted the volcano would erupt sooner rather than later. He urged Driedger and a colleague to evacuate to a safe distance. No sense putting three people in danger, he said.

Driedger and the other geologist left the observation post. The next morning, Johnston radioed in his last words to the Forest Service headquarters in Washington before the eruption consumed him: "Vancouver! Vancouver! This is it."

The destruction unfolded like falling dominoes. A 5.1 magnitude quake rattled the mountain, triggering the collapse of more than 1,300 feet of the summit. The collapse unleashed trapped gas in an explosion that could be heard as far away as Seattle.

The blast killed wildlife and toppled trees in an area of more than 200 square miles. Mud, rocks and melted snow rained down the valley of the North Fork Toutle River, finally stopping more than 13 miles away. Columns of smoke and ash shot up 12 miles into the sky.

Johnston's body was never found. Seventeen years later,



Cold and whipping winds meet hikers who conquer the mountain. In 2006, officials reopened access to Mount St. Helens, with a 100-permits-a-day limit. They routinely sell out.

a new observatory was named in his honor.

### At crater's edge

Back on the mountain, we scamper above a cloud layer, the peaks of the other Cascade Range volcanoes poking through the white bluff. Snow-capped Mount Adams protrudes in the east, and Mount Hood sticks out in the south.

"Amazing, absolutely amazing," a fellow hiker says as we sit on the jagged rocks, catching our breath. Driedger looks down and points out a swirling cloud front approaching from the south. We don't have time to linger.

The first climber of our party clears the boulder field about 11 a.m. Now we start up a steep gravel path to the crater's edge about a quarter of a mile ahead.

Up here, the air is bitter cold and the wind whips fine

rocks and sand in my face. "Oh, yeah!" The shout comes from the first hiker of our group to reach the top.

A brutal wind blasts my face as I peek into the crater. The mile-wide cavity drops down about 1,300 feet to a hedge, rocky dome, pushing up Earl's amards like a wound. Puffy white columns of steam vent into the brisk air.

On the other side, where the volcano expelled nearly a cubic mile of rock, lava and ash, the land is flat, dark and dead. In the distance, a young forest grows out of the ashen land.

At the crater's edge, Mastin, our volcanologist guide, explains that the volcano dome is growing by about a quarter of a cubic meter per second—or about 700 dump trucks of rock and soil daily. The viscous material squeezes out like toothpaste from a tube, then spills out in all directions.

As he speaks, a clunk of the crater's ledge a few yards away gives way, sending tumbling rocks into the crater. Minutes later, another part of the shelf crumbles. The sound of falling rocks startles me and several other hikers.

All eyes turn to look at the lava dome, but it remains motionless. Mastin is calm. The erosion is normal, he says. Nothing to worry about.

But we all know that volcanoes don't operate on a schedule. Like earthquakes, they are capricious and violent. I've seen enough. Veni, vidi, vici. Let's go.

Later, in the dark at the trail head where we started about 12 hours earlier, we wish one another well and slip into our cars. Doors slam. Engines roar to life. Wheels roll over gravel, and the craggy volcano disappears in our rearview mirrors.

# Easier explorations

If a five-mile hike over jagged boulders and flying gravel to the summit of Mount St. Helens sounds too strenuous for your taste, here are a few ideas for enjoying the volcano experience without schlepping up 4,600 feet.

### • Johnston Ridge Observatory

The observatory—the closest you can get to the crater by car—is 5.2 miles from the crater and 4,300 feet above sea level, giving visitors a front-row view of the steaming cavity. The 16,000-square-foot concrete-and-glass structure is crammed with enlightening exhibits, including a wide-screen theater presentation of the 1980 eruption.

**Directions, hours:** From Interstate 5, take Washington Highway 504 east for 52 miles until it ends. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May through October. Fee: \$8 adults; free for those 16 and younger.

### • Eruption Trail

From the observatory, follow this gently sloping, paved, half-mile path to view the effects of the eruption, including shattered trees and vistas of the lava dome. Its crater, a pumice plain and landslide deposits.

**Directions:** From Interstate 5, take Highway 504, 52 miles east of Castle Rock to the Johnston Ridge Observatory.

### • Hummocks Trail

More strenuous than the Eruption Trail, the Hummocks Trail makes a 2.3-mile loop through the valley between the observatory and the volcano. The path borders 100- to 200-foot mounds of earth the volcano shoveled from the peak in the last eruption.

**Directions:** From I-5 take the 504 east and continue until you see milepost 45. Look for a parking lot on your right.

### • Ape Cavo

Here's your chance to explore an ancient lava tube that

seems to burrow into the center of the Earth. This 2.5-mile cave was formed nearly 2,000 years ago when an outside layer of lava cooled while hotter lava inside continued to flow. Make sure to wear warm clothes and sturdy shoes and take a flash light.

**Directions:** From I-5, take Washington Highway 503 east for about 36 miles until it becomes U.S. Forest Service Road 90, and then turn left on U.S. Fire Road 83 for about two miles and look for signs.

### • Camping

The 1980 eruption wiped out four hugely popular camp sites. Showers, picnic tables, a boat ramp and a protected swimming area.

**Directions:** From I-5, take the 503 east about 33 miles and look for signs for Cougar Camp on your right after passing the town of Cougar.

**Fees:** \$17 per night.

• Charles W. Bingham Forest Learning Center

The 1980 eruption obliterated hundreds of acres of timberland, much of which was replanted by the Weyerhaeuser timber company a few years later. Because the noble and Douglas fir seedlings took root at the same time, the new trees have a beautiful uniformity—all about the same height and width. Amid the trees, Weyerhaeuser built a learning center where visitors can enter a multimedia "eruption chamber" that simulates the sound and feel of a volcano.

**Directions:** From I-5, take the 504 east to mile marker 33 and look for signs. Fee: none.

—Hugo Martin

# Museum tackles diseases, climate change and more

By Sandra G. Goodman  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For those who find the vast array of high-tech hardware that fills the National Air and Space Museum overwhelming, no to mention the constant hordes that fill the cavernous expanse, a more serene and equally informative scientific experience is available less than a mile away at the largely overlooked Marian Koshland Science Museum.

The small but the museum is part of the National Academy of Sciences, the prestigious advisory panel that issues thick reports about weighty topics ranging from medical errors to water quality. The mission of the 3-year-old museum, named for an eminent immunologist who died in 1976, is to illustrate the content of some of those reports in an innovative and accessible way.

The light-filled space—a scant 6,000-square feet, a little bigger than the size of a

## Think again about science

**What:** The Marian Koshland Science Museum  
**Hours:** Sixth and E streets NW, Washington, D.C.  
**Hours:** Closed Tuesdays, as well as Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.  
**Cost:** \$5 for adults, reduced for seniors and others.  
**Contact:** (202) 334-1201, koshlandscience-museum.org.

McMansion—is in tune to several-entire exhibits, the newest of which is a prescient and absorbing look at infectious diseases and their global impact. Like the other exhibits, this show probably will appeal to a wide range of people, including those from middle school on up, who think they are not particularly interested in science.

Best of all, visitors won't be caught in a serum of tourists or find it necessary to wait in lines or crane their necks to check out a display. A recent midday weekend visit found fewer than six people in attendance, so there's plenty of time to linger, punching the buttons that allow a visitor to play public health officer and ponder the impact of vacci-

nating different portions of a population to control a severe outbreak of flu or measles.

A massive, movable mural featuring an international tableau of people and animals reveals potential microbes lurking beneath the cute house cat that carries toxoplasma, a parasite found in cat feces; the chicken harboring bird flu; and the staphylococcus on the doctor's hands, capable of causing infection in sick patients.

Another panel explains the emergence of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, the infection caused by the overuse and misuse of antibiotics.

A chart documents the striking influence of basic public health measures,

including vaccination and improving public water quality, that were responsible for the sharp increase in life expectancy in 20th-century America.

"People think increased longevity is about antibiotics," said the museum's deputy director, Erika Shugart. "But it's really about basic things" such as chlorinating the water supply.

Giant floor-to-ceiling Plexiglass tubes containing iridescent cerulean blue marbles are vivid representations of the dizzying speed with which some bacteria can reproduce over a short period: 16 marbles at two hours, 256 at four hours, and after only eight hours: 65,536.

Other parts of the exhibit illustrate the importance of vaccinations for once-common childhood diseases such

as measles and polio, and interactive demonstrations of the effects of lagging vaccination rates. It is a timely reminder at a time when some parents are eschewing

recommended childhood immunizations on the grounds that they are "unnatural" or based on the myth, circulated on the Internet, that they trigger autism.

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# Paragliding with the butterflies

By Susan Carpenter  
Los Angeles Times

LA JOLLA, Calif. — Jumping off a cliff isn't everyone's idea of a good time. In fact, I wasn't so sure I would even like it when I paid \$150, signed a stack of waivers, strapped myself to a seasoned paraglider and leaped from the 350-foot ledge at Torrey Pines Gliderport.

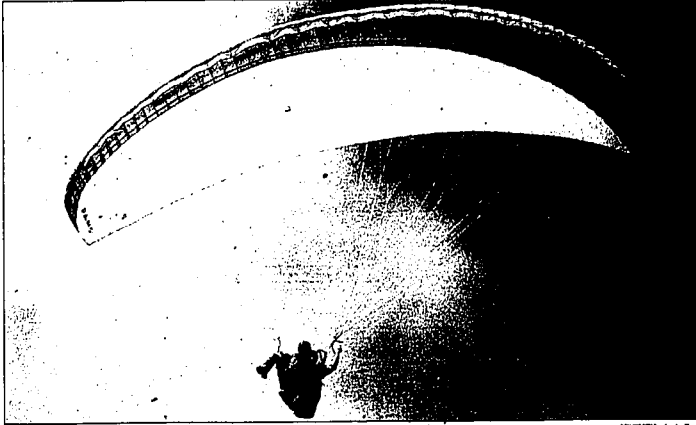
But 35,000 people can't be wrong, can they? That's how many tandem fliers have paid to make the jump in the last 10 years and lived to tell the tale. In fact, the main hazard at this registered historical flying site hasn't been in the sky but on the ground. It's gopher holes, which some fliers have tripped on as they ran toward the sandstone cliff.

The port's safety record is stellar partly because the pilots won't fly if conditions aren't favorable, which is often. If the wind isn't moving 8 mph to 9 mph and blowing straight from the west, the gliderport won't risk it, which is why I made four calls in as many hours until I was given the green light to stop fly.

The Gliderport isn't hard to find. It's in an elevated seaside enclave of La Jolla, so you just travel toward the water, look up and voilà! The sky is filled with color as a rainbow of paragliders sails through the air.

Housed in a little white shack on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the Gliderport consists of three parts — an equipment store that's ringed with photos shot from the sky; a gourmet Cliffhanger Cafe that's best visited after the jump, and a grassy knoll where solo pilots were leaping into the air far takeroff and rolling in the grass like puppies when they returned to land.

It was on this knoll that I met Robin Maricen, the pilot who would captain my ride. Being more of a land-loving type, I asked Robin the usual



After a safety briefing, the reporter and her instructor enjoy a flight over the coastal cliffs of Torrey Pines, Calif. Once the wind fills the chute, there is lift-off — then silence. The view includes mansions and sparkling waves.

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newbie questions and received answers he has no doubt given hundreds, if not thousands, of times in the 10 years he's been flying doubles.

Me: How long have you been doing this?  
Robin: I just started yesterday. Didn't they tell you? This is my second time.

Me: How'd you get into paragliding?  
Robin: After they let me out of the insane asylum, it just seemed like the

right thing to do.

We had this conversation during the scant 10 minutes of pre-flight instruction given all tandem fliers. It was after I strapped on my helmet but before I stepped into my harness, which was connected to his harness, thus combining us into a single flying entity. It wasn't exactly comforting, but I guess that's what you get when you reveal your fly liver to a seasoned daredevil.

With the two of us hooked together with carabiners, Robin counted me on how we'd take flight. He'd count to three, we'd run toward the edge of the cliff, and then we'd step off. As promised, he counted to three, but we didn't run forward. The wind was pushing us back.

Robin counted again, and this time we moved in the right direction. We were just moving like some sort of ultra-kurz comedy team as we stumbled, giving the wind

a chance to fill our parasail and fly us up and over the edge. I heard the flap of the canopy, then silence as we floated away.

Once we were flying and not careening downward toward the beach as any first-timer fears, I could sit back and relax.

When you paraglide, you're sitting down, so it feels like you're riding through the sky in a recliner with a birds-eye view. Sea gulls flew within spitting distance, as did the handful of other paragliders enjoying the day's blue sky and light breeze.

We spent the next half-hour floating back and forth above the sandy cliff at ocean's edge, looking down upon sprawling multimillion-dollar mansions, the beach, Torrey Pines golf course, the Lodge at Torrey Pines and the Torrey Pines State Reserve. I was staying at the lodge, a

woody and warm luxury hotel frequented by golfers and anyone else who can afford a room that costs \$100 per night on the low end. Appointed like a well-staffed, sprawling Greene and Greene mansion, the grounds include a croquet course, pool, hot tub, spa and two restaurants, besides the famous golf grounds.

After I checked in, the nearby trails beckoned. The State Reserve is within walking distance of the lodge. A short jaunt on the sidewalk abutting the golf course yields to a series of sandy trails detouring inland, taking me on a 2 1/2-mile loop past the native chaparral, down to the beach and back again. It was just in time for dinner at the lodge's in-house grill. The salmon and wild mushroom risotto were even more delicious post-flight, without the pre-paragliding butterflies.

## Where to eat, straight from the farm

NEW YORK (AP) — Country cooking with ingredients fresh from the farm, and trendy, elegant menus are not mutually exclusive.

Conde Nast Traveler magazine recommended top "farm tables" in its February issue. Some are in restaurants that buy heirloom tomatoes, organic chicken and other produce from nearby farmers; some are organizations that set up movable feasts at outdoor tables, often right in the fields. Farm tables mentioned by the magazine include those found at Shelburne Farms, which is actually a historic mansion in Shelburne, Vt.; Inn at Baldwin Creek, Bristol, Vt.; Restaurant at Patowmack Farms, Lovettsville, Va.; occasional garden soirees at Paradise Farms, Homestead, Fla.; Arrows Restaurant, Ogunquit, Maine; monthly Sunday dinners at Celebrity Dairy, Siler City, N.C.; the famed Blackberry Farm resort in Walland, Tenn.; and the Gathering Together Farm in Philomath, Ore., where diners get a field tour in a pickup truck before eating.

Organizations mentioned by Conde Nast that arrange or sponsor one-of-a-kind culinary events in conjunction with artisanal food producers and farmers include Slow Food USA, Slowfoodusa.com; Dinners at the Farm, in New England, Dinnersatthefarm.com; Learn Great Foods, Michigan, Learngreatfoods.com; Plate and Pitchfork, Oregon, Plateandpitchfork.com and Outstanding in the Field, OutstandingintheField.co.uk. Just remember that the simplicity of fresh ingredients and dining at fresco does not come cheap.

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