

CSI women headed to national championship; men lose heartbreaker to Salt Lake.

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Did you FORGET? Daylight saving time started again at 2 a.m.



In August, Afton Scofield of Twin Falls decided to forgo treatment for kidney failure. Instead, she relied on hospice care during the last months of her life, and prepared to die. Afton died Feb. 5.



A FAMILY FACES THEIR MOTHER'S DECISION TO DIE

On Aug. 31, Afton Scofield invited her three daughters to her favorite restaurant, The Garden Cafe in Twin Falls. The 89-year-old requested a table at the back, where they wouldn't bother the lunch crowd. The four women weren't celebrating. No balloons, no gift bags. Just the most difficult discussion of their lives. "We did shed a lot of tears, we talked about things that aren't comfortable to talk about, we faced things we didn't want to face."

Sandee Goley, one of the daughters, recalled in February. Afton had just received a terminal diagnosis of kidney failure — and decided to decline treatment. She didn't know how long she had to live, and she wanted her daughters to understand her decision and her wishes at the end of life. "She talked about the things she wanted done," Sandee said. Old gifts returned to their givers. Cremation. No funeral.

"That was a very hard day," said Cathie Blevins, another of Afton's daughters. In the coming months, Cathie, Sandee and their sister would make peace with their mother's choice. Afton would reflect on her disease, say goodbyes and face death unafraid. In Family Life today, on page F1, Times-News reporter Ariel Hansen speaks with Afton, her daughters and her doctor about the decision to die.

Bush vetoes bill banning some harsh interrogation methods

By Deb Riechmann Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Democrats and human rights advocates criticized President Bush's veto Saturday of a bill that would have banned the CIA from using simulated drowning and other coercive interrogation methods to gain information from suspected terrorists.



Bush said such tactics have helped foil terrorist plots. His critics likened some methods to torture and said they sullied America's reputation around the world. "This president had the chance to end the torture debate for good, yet he chose instead to leave the door open to use torture in the future," said Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee. She said Bush ignored the advice of 43 retired generals and admirals and 18 national security experts, including former secretaries of state and national security advisers, who supported the bill. "Torture is a black mark against the United States," she said.

The bill would have limited the CIA to 10 interrogation techniques that are used by the military and spelled out in the Army Field Manual. Bush said the reason because it is important for the CIA to have a separate and classified interrogation program for suspected terrorists who possess critical information about possible plots against the United States. "Bush, who used his weekly radio address to

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Inside Homeland Security under strain as goals, mandates go unmet. See page A6

Quenchable thirst?

By Nate Poppino • Times-News writer

To most of Twin Falls, they're virtually invisible. Dotted around the edges of town, several wells pump water from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer into the city's system, providing drinking water for an estimated 40,000 residents. And along the Snake River, just past the traces of snow clinging

to the canyon wall, a series of pumps and machines filter the wastewater produced by those same residents. As wastewater plant employees insist, no one knows they exist until there's a problem. And there is, indeed, a problem. Federal standards, a shrinking

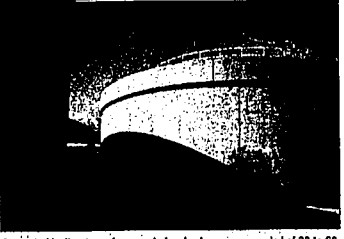
aquifer and, depending on whom you speak with, the growth Twin Falls has experienced in recent years have pushed its drinking — and wastewater systems to the brink. According to early estimates, necessary upgrades and new equipment could cost taxpayers \$70 million in coming years.



Jeremy Langley of CH2M HILL OMI tests the water of a secondary clarifier Monday in Twin Falls. Upgrades to the wastewater plant and the city's drinking water system over the next few years could cost the city, and taxpayers, as much as \$70 million. City officials say the work has to be done.

A series of water projects will help preserve the city of Twin Falls. But they come at a cost.

The need
"I think there are more issues than most people see on the onset of it," City Councilman Lee Holder said of the water projects. "It's conservation. It's developing new water sources." And it's unavoidable. As the city has grown, the aquifer that provides its drinking water has fallen faster than anticipated. At the same time, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2001 adopted rules for the maximum amount of arsenic in drinking water, dropping limits to just under those in city well water. To solve the problem, the City Council decided last month to build a chemical treatment



An anaerobic digester, where waste breaks down over a period of 30 to 60 days.

plant to treat water from the Low Line Canal so it is fit for drinking. Meanwhile, the city's wastewater plant capacity has reached 85 percent of capacity, and it requires work. New regulations have changed the



Watch a video interview on wastewater projects and an explanation about how your waste water is treated.

amount of phosphorus the city is allowed to release into the Snake River, and a large biological filtering container integral to the complex has reached the end of its lifespan and literally has to be propped up. The solution, spread over a number of

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FIVE YEARS IN IRAQ



Laura Youngblood poses for a photographer with daughter Emma, 2, while holding a photo of her husband in Sebastian, Fla., Feb. 28. Youngblood's husband, Petty Officer 3rd Class Travis L. Youngblood, 26, died on July 21, 2005, from wounds received while serving in Iraq.

For some, the war has changed everything

By Kimberly Helling Associated Press writer

Laura Youngblood clutched her husband's photo as she drove alone to the hospital. She'd become pregnant nearly nine months earlier, the day he'd left for training for Iraq. Hours later, after the baby was born, she placed the photo in the bassinet next to the infant he'd named Emma in his last letter home. He would never hold her. Petty Officer 3rd Class Travis L. Youngblood, 26, had died two months earlier, killed by an improvised explosive device. Laura Youngblood is just 29 years old, but she insists

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Mass grave with 100 bodies found in Iraq. See page C6



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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Rock and Gem Show, with dealers, displays, demonstrations, grab bags, silent auction, wheel-of-fortune, mineral table, door prizes and more, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road, Twin Falls, \$2 admission, no cost for children under age 12 accompanied by an adult, 734-1435.

CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist Adult Theological Development Class, beginning class of six-session program exploring the history and heritage of theological issues, personal religious values and trends for the future, 8 to 10 a.m., The Learning Center, 273 Shoup Avenue W. (southeast corner, intersection of Shoup Avenue and Blake St.), Twin Falls, (208) 734-6552 or contact@muu.org.

FAIRS AND MARKETS

Indoor Twin Falls Flea Market, with 35 vendors and Girl Scout cookies for sale at local Girl Scout troops booth, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer. camcam@pmt.org.

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@magicalvalley.com by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

- March 11 - "Now Legs for Sam," benefit spaghetti dinner to help fund Bot wheelchair for Sam Rodriguez, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Gooding High School, \$5 per person or \$20 per family, 539-9150.
March 11 - Donkey Basketball, fundraiser for 2008 Senior Sober, includes 6 p.m. dinner, auction, raffle and more, 7 p.m. game, Valley School, 882 Valley Road, Hagerman, advanced game tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 for grades 7-12, \$4 for grades K-6; or at the door: \$7 adults, \$6 grades 7-12, and \$5 grades K-6, 829-4208 or 829-6538.
March 12 - The Burley High School Band annual Pops Concert, with theme: "Movie Magic Spectacular," includes selections from "Star Wars," "Star Trek," "Jurassic Park," "Phantom of the Opera" and other music by Andrew Lloyd Webber; B.H.S. Jazz Bands will also perform, 7 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, Burley, tickets: families \$10, adults \$5 and students \$2, a fundraiser for band students' California trip, (take sale in the hallway), 878-5464.

CHURCH

- March 11 - Lenten Luncheon, a light lunch of soup with Pam Harris of Women's Domestic Violence Shelter speaking 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 11 - Presbyterian Men's annual German Sausage Supper, includes eggs, hash browns, biscuits, gravy and Jim Kircher's recipe for sausage, 5:30 to 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., Burley, public invited, freewill offering, 678-5131.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- March 10 - Local Chapter 1959 Narfs (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) monthly meeting, with Morgan Case of Twin Falls Sheriff's office demonstrating the utilization of a Police Canine in law enforcement, 11:30 a.m., Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, for all retired or active Federal employees, 733-9477.
March 10 - Twin Falls Chess Club/Magic Valley Chess Club meeting, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239 Polietine Road, Twin Falls, (208) 733-6186 or MQL@q.com.
March 11 - Twentieth Century Club meeting, finalizing plans for April 8 style show, noon, Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, bring canned goods for donation to Salvation Army, 733-2552 for reservations.
March 11 - Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission meeting, 6 p.m., Pandoras, Historic Downtown Twin Falls, 308-3906.
March 11 - Jerome County Democratic Central Committee meeting, all Democrats urged to attend, 7 p.m., E.M.T. building, East Main, Jerome, 324-5493 or 324-2022.
March 11 - Hagerman Valley Historical Society monthly meeting, with an audio-visual presentation on the history of the Basques in Idaho by John Bietor, teacher at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise, 7 p.m., National Park Service building, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, open to the public, no cost, refreshments served, 837-4597.
March 12 - Ladies Lifeline Fellowship non-denominational luncheon, with theme "The Winds of Change" featuring Audrey Neiwirth, Sheryl Harris and Cinda Bowman, noon to 2 p.m., Conno's Cafe, Hagerman, 438-5376.
March 12 - Twin Falls Kiwanis Club meeting and no-host lunch, guest speaker Jill Skene on significant little things to improve health, noon, Catering Room, 827 Main St., Twin Falls, 312-5057.
March 12 - Jerome Gun Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Snake River Elks Club on Highway 93, 733-6045.

EDUCATION

March 10 - "The Role of Women's Clubs in Establishing Idaho's Carnegie Public Libraries," presented by author and professor of English at Idaho State University Dr. Susan Swetnam, 7 p.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, meeting of the committee, (208) 878-7708.

MORNING BRIEFING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



Harmon Park, created in 1926 using money from a grant offered by William E. Harmon, a New York businessman, was built on four acres that were set aside for the new park. In the early 1930s a pool was built by the Works Progress Association, and in 1938 Jaycee Field was added. By 1954, however, the pool was filled in so that a playground could be built. At right is a partial view of Harmon Park in Twin Falls as seen today. Although it is unclear where the former pool once resided, this area of the park is a possibility because it now houses playground equipment, which is what replaced the pool when it was filled in with dirt in 1954.

Idaho Tally logo with a circular seal and the text 'Idaho Tally'.

MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE: Members required, 260-148, the same benefits for mental and physical illness in group plans that cover mental illness. The bill exempts firms with under 51 workers, covers substance abuse and specifies the mental ailments to be covered. A yes vote was to pass HR 1421.
GOP INSURANCE PLAN: Members defeated, 196-221, a GOP bid to replace HR 1421 (above) with a milder Senate bill that was backed by President Bush. A yes vote supported a mental-health parity bill that provided discretion rather than mandates for determining the mental ailments to be insured.
SAFETY COMMISSION OVERHAUL: Senators voted, 79-13, to expand Consumer Product Safety Commission powers and gave them discretion to require the losing side to pay legal fees in product-safety suits brought by state attorneys general. A yes vote was to kill the amendment.
ATTORNEYS FEES DISPUTE: Voting 56 for and 39 against, the Senate on March 6 tabled (killed) an amendment to S 2663 (above) giving judges discretion to require the losing side to pay legal fees in product-safety suits brought by state attorneys general. A yes vote was to kill the amendment.
CONTINGENCY FEE BAN: Voting 51 for and 45 against, the Senate on March 6 tabled (killed) an amendment to S 2663 (above) that sought to prohibit contingency fees for private attorneys hired to assist state attorneys general in product-safety suits. Such fees award winning attorneys a percentage of damages. A yes vote was to kill the amendment.

CORRECTION Photo misidentified CSI rodero roper Megan Mackenzie, pictured in a photo Saturday, was misidentified. The Times-News regrets the error.

Snowpack levels table with columns for Watershed, % of Avg, and % of Season. Includes a note: *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.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

EDUCATION

- March 11 - Twin Falls Public Library Book Club, discussion of Willy Collier's "My Antonio," 5:30 p.m., Twin Falls Public Library, no cost, call to reserve copy of book, 733-2964 ext. 110.
March 11 - "2008 Lark Talk About It" book discussion ("Not for Children Only"), includes "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott, 7 p.m., Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., books available for checkout, 326-4143.

GOVERNMENT

March 12 - Shoshone District Grazing Advisory Board annual funding meeting, business includes consideration of rangeland improvement projects, 9 a.m., Shoshone District BLM Office, Shoshone, public welcome, 539-6878.

HEALTH AND SUPPORT

- March 10 - "Taking Control of Arthritis," beginning of a six-week, self-help course on arthritis care presented by the Arthritis Foundation and sponsored by South Central Public Health, 6 to 8 p.m., Mondays, Public Health Office, College of Southern Idaho campus, \$30 (for classes, text book and other course materials), 737-5988 or www.arthritis.org to register.
March 10 - Continuation of Curves Food Drive, a 13-day program to benefit local food banks; discounted service fee to new members who bring bag of non-perishable groceries (certain items of membership apply), Curves of Twin Falls, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., 734-7300.
March 10 - AD/HD Parent Support group, public is invited to learn the latest about AD/HD and get acquainted with Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) members, providers and other parents, 6 p.m., Living Independence Network Corporation, 1182 Eastland Drive N., Ste. C, Twin Falls, 733-1712 or 735-3759.
March 10 - Grandparents as Parents Support group meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging, Twin Falls, 736-2122.
March 11 - Beginning class of "The Healthy Diabetes Plate," a six-week cooking school program for people with diabetes and their families presented by the Cassia and Minidoka County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension offices, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Minidoka County Extension office, 95 E. Baseline Road, Rupert, \$25 per person or \$35 per couple, pre-registration required, (208) 436-1784.
March 12 - Rosetta Assisted Living Monthly Alzheimer's Support Group, 6 to 7 p.m., 1177 Eastridge Ct., Twin Falls, one hour of free adult day care to first-time attendees, limited space, 734-9422 to R.S.V.P.

HOME AND GARDEN

March 12 - Green Your Scene Environmental Symposium, hosted by 4B5TRIGHT and the Community Library, with Jana Dean on "Global Disease and Local Healing" and Jack Turner on "Local Warming," 6 to 8 p.m., Community Library, Ketchum, no cost, www.4B5tright.com.

VETERANS

March 12 - Outreach to veterans of Cassia/Minidoka counties, meet with State Service Officer Mit Smith from Boise, Burley Veterans Office, Burley Airport, 678-3599 or 878-2565 to schedule appointments.

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Water

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 phases, includes a new chemical treatment facility, a new dewatering facility and other modifications.
 The first phase of the drinking-water plan could cost \$43 million.
 The next phase of the wastewater improvements could cost \$27 million, though less than half of that sum represents the direct cost of the work.

The plan

The projects were originally intended to be staggered. In 1995, the city completed a master plan for its water system. City Manager Tom Courtney said. By 1998, officials realized that water supplies were starting to decline. J-U-B Engineers and Brockway Engineering were brought in to help a 50-member citizens committee develop a plan that would provide an adequate supply of potable water for the next 50 years.

The committee issued several recommendations the following year, Courtney said, and all were adopted. All new developments, for example, must use pressurized canal water for irrigation, and the city adopted a water conservation ordinance.

"We felt that we would have water for the next 50 years," Courtney said.

Officials turned next to the wastewater plant, which received some upgrades in 2002. But fate wasn't finished with the city's drinking water supply. The aquifer supplying city wells began to shrink, particularly affecting the low-arsenic Blue Lakes wells. And before he left office in 2001, President Clinton signed a regulation lowering the allowable standard for arsenic in drinking water from 50 to 10 parts-per-billion.

There was early warning of those changes in 1999, said Carol Robertson, a member of the citizens' committee.

Robertson said the committee was aware that the aquifer was an issue — most south-central Idaho communities have struggled with the issue for more than a decade. And while arsenic was "kind of on the horizon," it wasn't mentioned in recommendations. Then, in May 2000, the Natural Resources Defense Council sued the Clinton administration, prompting the new standards.

"We thought we had a fairly straightforward, inexpensive solution," said Robertson, who helped lead the meetings. "That did not materialize the way they wanted it to."

The committee's recommendations leaned heavily on retrofitting city irrigation systems to run on pressurized canal water, though that option was discarded by the current City Council because of potential disruption and cost to homeowners. Tucked in at the end was a proposal to treat canal water, with a note representing the committee's opinion of it.

"Last Ditch Effort," it read, "because of cost and public acceptance."

The pocketbook

With many of the projects, the problem isn't old or worn-out equipment. It's what that equipment is being asked to do.
 Much of the timeline for the work is driven by federal requirements that current equipment can't quite meet. Water technology changes slowly, said City Engineer Jackie Fields, and the city is doing its best to select equipment that will last for 20 or 30 years, if not longer. Ideally, she said, she'd like to not have to revisit the issue for many years.

With the projects at least selected, officials still must figure out how to fund them. Construction costs are not yet final, and Courtney said he hopes they decline as engineers narrow down exactly what they'll need. Even a few million less would ease the burden, but it wouldn't erase it. And the city would likely have to handle all of it.



Shawn Moffitt of CH2M Hill OMI walks through one of the two anaerobic digesters at the facility that is used to break down solid waste.

"It's kind of a balancing act," Heider said. "I think that everybody's aware of it, so it doesn't hit all the taxpayers ... so the builders don't feel persecuted."

City officials claim they have limited options. Cities can borrow money without public approval when absolutely needed. But a 2006 Idaho Supreme Court decision, Frasier v. Boise, redefined "ordinary and necessary" expenses and complicated the process. Mayor Lance Clow said. It also restricted how cities use the state's revolving building fund, which provides the best interest rates. A constitutional amendment intended to counter the decision was introduced to the Legislature on Friday.

For some time now, the city has been trying to buy other water — difficult, Courtney said, but possibly cheaper. The city could refinance current debt to possibly lower interest costs, but higher repayment cost seems inevitable.

User rates for city water could double, according to J-U-B's early estimates, and Courtney said the city will likely be forced to float a bond issue.

"That's already a concern for some council members. Water and sewer increases approved in October added \$5 per month to the average homeowner's bill."

The council raised Idaho Power's franchise fee from \$1 per \$100 to \$3, which will take effect in April. Another

roughly \$3 increase in the utility's fees took effect March 1. Voters passed a \$49.7 million Twin Falls School District bond levy in 2006, and the district will ask voters on Tuesday to renew its facilities levy at a higher rate, which would bring in five times as much revenue but — according to the district — balance out for taxpayers through increased state contributions to its bond levy.

Some on the council see the total burden from fees and taxes as just too much. Councilman Trip Craig voted against both the Idaho Power franchise fee increase and the city utility fees, saying residents can't afford it even as their cost of living is on the rise.

"It's like a war on the middle class in our community," he said at a Feb. 19 meeting.

He's not alone. The council seems to have accepted the water projects as a necessary cost. But that doesn't mean members are happy about it. Councilman David E. Johnson said he thinks better planning, including impact fees charged for new developments, could have prevented the current crush of water projects and other expenses. The city recently formed a committee to study the need for such fees.

"You want them to be able to do more than just pay their bills," he said of taxpayers. "It comes down almost like you've been pushed into a corner."

The rate increases may

"Twin Falls was established 100 years ago because we had water, and that's been our lifeblood ever since. Water is still, as it always has been, the limiting issue in our growth."

— Lee Heider, Twin Falls City Council

seem harsh, but Twin Falls residents pay less than the national average for everything from power to water — not a reason to charge more, he said, but a comforting statistic. And, he said, they have a role in this as well.

"The consumer has a pretty reasonable control over how much electricity they use and, accordingly, how much they pay," Clow said, noting that the city has little choice but to deal with the new arsenic standards and other "unfunded mandates."
 "I think we pretty much have to pay our way where we live, and we're choosing to live in a low-rainfall area," Robertson said.

That feeling was echoed by the officials interviewed as well. No matter how the city got here, they said, this is the situation it's in now. The projects are costs that have to be paid.

As comprehensive as these changes should be, the city will stay alert for new problems, Courtney said. "I don't think we will allow ourselves the luxury of believing we have a plan that will last 50 years," he said.

Heider said that's the way things have always been. Twin Falls was established 100 years ago because we had water, and that's been our lifeblood ever since," the new councilman

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Bush

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 announce the veto, said the program had helped a stop plans against a Marine camp in Djibouti and the U.S. consulate in Karachi, Pakistan, and plans to fly passenger planes into a Los Angeles tower or London's Heathrow Airport and city buildings.
 "Were it not for this program, our intelligence community believes that al-Qaida and its allies would have succeeded in launching another attack against the American homeland," the president said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the nation's ability to lead the world depends on its morality, not military might. "We will begin to reassert that moral authority by attempting to override the president's veto next week," said Pelosi, D-Calif. Based on the margin of passage in each chamber, it may prove difficult for the Democratic-controlled Congress to turn back Bush's veto. It takes a two-thirds majority, and the vote was 222-193 in the House and 51-45 in the Senate.

Bush said he did not oppose specifically over waterboarding, a technique that simulates drowning. The Army banned the use of waterboarding or sensory deprivation on uncooperative prisoners in 2006. The CIA, which also prohibited the practice in 2006, has acknowledged using waterboarding on three suspected terrorists in 2003.

Bush said waterboarding, currently is not part of the CIA's program. The attorney general has deemed that program legal under domestic and international law, he said.

Still, waterboarding remains in the CIA's tool kit. The technique can be used, but it requires the consent of the attorney general and president on a case-by-case basis. Bush wants to keep that option open.

"I cannot sign into law a bill that would prevent me, and future presidents, from authorizing the CIA to conduct a separate, lawful intelligence program, and from taking all lawful actions necessary to protect Americans from attack," Bush said in a statement.
 Democrats say the CIA should be restricted to the techniques in the Army Field Manual. They include the "good cop-bad cop" routine; making prisoners think they are in another country's custody; and separating a prisoner from others for up to 30 days.

In addition to waterboarding, the field manual prohibits hooding prisoners or putting duct tape across their eyes; stripping prisoners naked; and forcing prisoners to perform or mimic sexual acts. It also prohibits heating, burning or physically hurting prisoners in other ways; subjecting them to hypothermia or mock executions. It does not allow food, water and medical treatment to be withheld. Dogs may not be used in any aspect of interrogation.

Waterboarding involves strapping a person down and pouring water over his cloth-covered face to create the sensation of drowning. It has been traced back hundreds of years to the Spanish Inquisition and is condemned by nations around the world and human rights organizations as torture.

In a memo to CIA employees Saturday, CIA Director Michael Hayden said the Army Field Manual does not "exhaust the universe" of lawful interrogation techniques. "There are methods in the CIA program that have been briefed to our oversight committees, are fully consistent with the Geneva Convention and current U.S. law and are most certainly not torture," Hayden wrote.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he had heard nothing to suggest that the CIA, through enhanced interrogation methods, had obtained information to avert a terrorist attack. "On the other hand, I do know that coercive interrogations can lead detainees to provide false information in order to

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— President George W. Bush

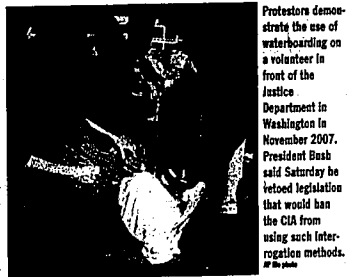
make the interrogation stop," said Rockefeller, D-W.Va.

There also are concerns that the use of waterboarding would undermine U.S. human rights efforts over-

seas and could place Americans at greater risk of being tortured if they are captured abroad.

The president's refusal to sign this crucial legislation into law will undermine

counterterrorism efforts globally and delay efforts to rebuild U.S. credibility on human rights," said Elisa Massimino, Washington director for Human Rights First.



Protestors demonstrate the use of waterboarding on a volunteer in front of the Justice Department in Washington in November 2007. President Bush said Saturday he vetoed legislation that would ban the CIA from using such interrogation methods. *By the Staff*



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Obama defeats Clinton in Wyoming caucuses

By Mead Gruber
Associated Press writer

CASPER, Wyo. — Sen. Barack Obama captured the Wyoming Democratic caucuses Saturday, seizing a bit of momentum in the close, hard-fought race with rival Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton for the party's presidential nomination.

Obama generally has outperformed Clinton in caucuses, which reward organization and voter passion more than do primaries. The Illinois senator has now won 13 caucuses to Clinton's three.

Obama has also shown strength in the Mountain West, winning Idaho, Utah, Colorado and now Wyoming. The two split Nevada, with Clinton winning the popular vote and Obama more delegates.

But Clinton threw some effort into Wyoming, perhaps hoping for an upset that would yield few delegates but considerable buzz and momentum. The New York senator campaigned Friday in Cheyenne and Casper. Former President Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, also campaigned this week in the sprawling and lightly populated state.

Obama campaigned in Casper and Laramie on Friday, but spent part of his time dealing with the fallout from an aide's harsh words about Clinton and suggestions that Obama wouldn't move as quickly to withdraw U.S. forces from Iraq if elected. In Casper, Obama said Clinton had no standing to challenge his position on the war because she had voted to authorize it in 2002.

Clinton, buoyed by big wins in Ohio and Texas last Tuesday, said she faced an uphill fight in Wyoming. Her campaign also holds out little hope for Tuesday's primary in Mississippi, which has a large black population.

Obama had 59 percent, or 4,459 votes, to Clinton's 40 percent, or 3,081 votes, with 22 of 23 Wyoming counties reporting.

Obama won seven delegates and Clinton won five, in the overall race for the nomination, Obama led 1,578-1,468, according to the latest tally by The Associated Press. It will take 2,025 delegates to win the Democratic nomination.

Obama's campaign credited the candidate's message for the win.

"Especially in the intermountain West, people are hungry for something different, people are hungry for someone who's a uniter, who can bring together a coalition of change," said Gabe Cohen, Obama's state director in Wyoming.

Clinton's campaign took heart in their ability to pick up more delegates.

"We knew that Wyoming was an uphill climb and that Senator Obama was expected to win," said Ben Kobren, a spokesman for Clinton's campaign in Wyoming. "We're glad we were able to bring out our grassroots support and come very close in delegates."

Both candidates were looking ahead to the bigger prize — delegate-rich Pennsylvania on April 22.

From the first caucuses of the day, it became clear the state's Democrats were showing up in large numbers. In 2004, a mere 675 people statewide took part in the caucuses.

In Sweetwater County, more than 500 people crowded into a high school auditorium and another 500 were lined up to get inside.

"I'm worried about where we're going to put them all. But I guess everybody's got the same problem," said Joyce Corcoran, a local party official. "So far we're OK. But man, they keep coming."

Party officials struggled with how to handle the overflow crowds. The start of the Converse County caucus was delayed due to long lines.

In Cheyenne, scores of late arrivers were turned away when party officials stopped allowing people to get in line at 11 a.m. EST. A party worker stood at the end of the line with a sign reading, "End of

the line. Caucus rules require the voter registration process to be closed at this time."

State party spokesman Bill Luckett said they were obligated to follow its rules as well as those of the Democratic National Committee regarding caucus procedures.

"Everybody knew the registration began over an hour before the caucus was called

Delegate count

Barack Obama 1,578

Hillary Clinton 1,468

2,025 delegates needed to win the nomination.



to order. We've done everything we could to accommo-

date people in the long lines," Luckett said. After initially accepting provisional ballots from about 20 people who remained behind at the caucus site, party officials said they and both campaigns had decided not to count those votes. John Millin, state party chair, said doing so would have been unfair to those who had left after being turned away.

In Casper, home of the state party's headquarters, hundreds were lined up at the site of the Natrona County caucus. The location was a hotel meeting room with a capacity of 500. Some 7,700 registered Democrats live in the county. "We'll have to put 'em in the grass after a while," said Bob Warburton, a local party official. About 59,000 registered

Democrats are eligible to participate in Wyoming's caucuses. Only in the last few weeks have the campaigns stepped up their presence in Wyoming, opening offices and calling voters and sending mailers.

Although a win in Wyoming may not persuade many superdelegates, it will be one more prize for Obama as he makes his case for the nomination.

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Homeland Security strains as goals, mandates go unmet

By Spencer S. Hsu
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON
Stumping for President Bush's ill-fated immigration overhaul in 2006, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff vowed that his department would exert "operational control" of the nation's borders away from human and drug traffickers, within five years.

That projection was based on the prospect of tough new enforcement measures as well as a temporary wage program meant to stanch the flow of illegal immigrants, including the most ambitious use of surveillance technology ever tried on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Two years later, the legislative overhaul has been shelved, development of the "virtual fence" has been delayed, and its designers are going back to the drawing board. Completion of its first phase has been put off until as late as 2011, congressional investigators say. The possibility of this outcome was flagged early on by internal and external watchdogs, who warned of unrealistically tight deadlines, vague direction to contractors, harsh operating conditions and tough requirements of border patrol end-users.

The virtual fence is not the first major contractor-led technology effort to be ineffective, incomplete or too expensive to sustain since the Department of Homeland Security was formed five years ago this month. Former officials, private-sector partners and independent analysts say the evolving 200,000-worker, \$38 billion agency remains hindered by a crisis-of-the-moment environment, in which the rush to fulfill each new mandate or meet every threat undermines its ability to hold a strategic course and deliver promised results.

Among a slew of high-profile projects that have gone awry, DHS has struggled to field next-generation explosive-detection "puffer devices" at airports and has projected it could take \$22 billion and 16 more years to deploy advanced baggage-screening systems in airports.

It scaled back and indefinitely delayed the "exit" half of a \$10 billion, biometric entry-exit system to track foreign visitors using digital fingerprints and photographs, citing technological and cost problems. Homeland Security also faces a congressional mandate after the Dubai Ports World controversy to scan 100 percent of U.S.-bound shipping containers overseas, while scientific and logistical problems have hampered a \$1.2 billion effort to field highly effective nuclear detection devices.

To be sure, the department's managers in its first half-decade have labored hard to oversee 22 rivalrous components. They have improved aviation security and forged a more unified strategy for improving border security and using intelligence.

DHS spokesman Russ Knoke noted that Chertoff this week requested a comprehensive review of airport screening policies to increase efficiency and eliminate outdated steps, and that the department has begun tracking exiting visitors at airports and expects more progress soon at land borders. DHS also moved faster than required to launch experimental scanning efforts at several overseas ports.

Still, the ever-growing list of troubled programs illustrates the extent to which each new crisis — from the 2001 terrorist attacks to Hurricane Katrina to the Dubai ports scare to the Bush administration's push for comprehensive immigration policy revisions — has forced DHS leaders to launch costly initiatives with broadly defined goals that wind up missing their targets.

"People keep demanding with each new homeland security challenge, 'Fix this today.' DHS is not funded to address every one. ..."

— Michael Jackson, DHS deputy secretary from 2005 until October 2007

"You felt the pressures. You see the threats. You see the political needs and you think, 'We need to make sure it's the best we can do to solve this problem as soon as we can.' And that's a constant problem with the department," said C. Stewart Verdery Jr., assistant secretary of policy for border and transportation security from 2003 to 2005, who now is a private consultant.

If the Pentagon is the bureaucratic equivalent of Washington's biggest, head-on-to-turn battleship, "DHS is like a speedboat and it keeps turning ... constantly shifting gears," Verdery said. "If you told people five years ago there was going to be a billion dollars for a fence, people would have laughed at you."

Department veterans complain that its contract-management system is weak, and that it still has trouble working with experts both inside and outside government to set rigorous, enforceable requirements on contractors. "You have management issues, political pressure, the complexity of what is arguably a very tough thing to do, all within an unreasonable deadline and it's kind of the old adage — we can hurry up and do it fast, or we can take a little bit longer and do it right," said George Foresman, DHS assistant secretary for preparedness from 2005 to 2007. "External pressures on DHS made this a hurry-up-and-do-it-fast."

DHS officials are scheduled to testify before the House spending panel today about whether the agency's December 2006 projection

that it could secure the border by 2011 with technology, physical fencing and vehicle barriers for \$7.6 billion will change. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., former chairman and now the panel's ranking minority member, called "delays and excesses within the Secure Border Initiative ... unacceptable. We need to know when it will work, how much it will cost and what we are paying for."

Michael Jackson, deputy secretary from 2005 until October 2007, said

Americans must learn to allow DHS to balance risks against resources, whether in controlling the border, securing inbound sea cargo or tightening airport security.

"People keep demanding with each new homeland security challenge, 'Fix this today,'" Jackson said. "DHS is not funded to address every one, there's not time to do every one, and some of the increased effort needed to eliminate all risk for a given problem ends up ... wasting time, focus and dollars."

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Photographs recall unforgettable moments of a long war

By Jerry Schwartz
Associated Press writer

When you close your eyes and think of Iraq, what do you see in your mind's eye?

Is it a picture of charred bodies hanging from a bridge over the Euphrates River in Fallujah? Is it a picture of a Marine climbing a massive statue of Saddam Hussein to place an American flag on its face, hours after the fall of Baghdad?

Or is it a picture of an Iraqi prisoner standing on a box, arms outstretched with wires attached, a fabric bag covering his head?

The images of Iraq are piling up. The pictures are everywhere — in newspapers, on television, on the Web and most prominently by our collective psyche. As much as the body counts and the sad tales of the wounded, as much as the successes and failures in battle, these photographs form the narrative of the past five years.

Photography has documented America's wars since Matthew Brady reformed the Civil War battlefields.

In Iraq, "we've just been flooded with images," says David Perlmutter, associate dean of journalism at the University of Kansas and author of "Visions of War: Picturing Warfare from the Stone Age to the Cyberspace."

Every war has its pictorial icons, Perlmutter says. The



Marine Lance Cpl. James Blake Miller, 20, of Kentucky, a member of Charlie Company of the U.S. Marines First Division, Eighth regiment, smokes a cigarette in Fallujah, Iraq, in November 2004. Miller came to be known as the "Marlboro Man" for this iconic photograph from the Iraq War.

ones that remain fixed in our culture usually reflect the outcome of the war.

World War II, a triumph, has Joe Rosenthal's epic picture of the Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima; Vietnam, a disaster, has Eddie Adams' series of pictures of a general executing a Viet Cong prisoner.

So what will be the icons of Iraq?

Perhaps the light portrait of a helmeted Marine, his face coated with grime and

creased with fatigue, a cigarette dangling from his lips. James Blake Miller came to be known as the "Marlboro Man"; the public followed his story home, to hard times and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Perhaps the Abu Ghraib pictures — snapshots with a chilling immediacy. Or President Bush speaking on an aircraft carrier, a banner with the premature boast "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED"

stretched behind him. Or Saddam Hussein, bleary and bearded after his stay in a splinter hole.

And then there are the coffins. In the early days of the war, authorities forbade photographs of transports loaded with flag-draped coffins; a contractor was even fired for leaking one such picture.

But the conflict continued and photos of caskets have become commonplace, as the funerals go on and on.



President Bush declares the end of major combat in Iraq as he speaks aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln off the California coast, May 1, 2003.



The mother of Samah Hussein cries over her body lying in a Baghdad, Iraq, morgue after he was killed when a suicide attacker detonated a car bomb outside the U.S. military camp Camp Crover in Baghdad in June 2004. This photograph is one in a portfolio of 20 taken by 11 different Associated Press photographers throughout 2004 in Iraq. The Associated Press won a Pulitzer prize in breaking news photography for the series of pictures of bloody combat in Iraq. The award was the AP's 48th Pulitzer.

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she will not remain. Her life is her children, now ages 2 and 7. One day, she says, she'll be buried in the plot with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery.

"I tell people I'm a happily married woman," she says, crying.

Five years after U.S. troops invaded Iraq, there are many tears — though not everyone is crying. For the most part, Iraqis are happy. It is a war seen from afar. They turn off the news and forget about what is happening a world away.

Then there's the other war, the one that's a very vivid and present part of some Americans' lives.

It's the war that more than a million U.S. soldiers have fought, leaving nearly 4,000 dead and more than 29,000 wounded in action. The one in which thousands of contractors rushed in to serve and to make a buck — though some paid the ultimate price, as well.

Around military bases across America, vacations are planned around deployment schedules. Mini baby boomers occur nine months after couples come home. Support groups for widows and injured soldiers have come together.

At small town National Guard armories, the focus has shifted from one weekend a month to filling out life insurance forms and picking a rucksack for war.

"How did I end up in this kind of a situation? There were a lot of guys that said that," says Jeff Myers, 48, a tech sergeant in the

Pennsylvania Air National Guard from Plover, Pa. His lips still discharge shrapnel shreds, the residue of two roadside bombs he survived in 2004. In his job as a guard guarding Army convoys, he saw men so paralyzed by fear they wouldn't go outside the wire.

It's not a matter of whether you will have to deal with things like irritability and nightmares after you get home, he says. "It's how you deal with it when it does happen."

And how you deal with your fellow Americans who experience Iraq from a distance.

Amanda Jordan, whose Marine husband was killed three days into the war, says she doesn't know what bothers her more — the days that go by when no one speaks of the war, or the punditry. At a local diner she frequents with her 11-year-old son near their home in Bedford, Conn., she contemplated standing up and leaving so he doesn't hear when people say Iraq was unnecessarily invaded.

"This is like my life. You're saying my spouse, my child's father, is dead for no reason," says Jordan, a 39-year-old former paralegal who is studying to be a therapist specializing in grief. "That's a pretty harsh thing to hear all the time."

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Some can tell you exactly when their lives changed.

For Hazel Hoffman, from outside Grand Rapids, Mich., it was when the phone rang and she learned her son, Josh, was shot by a sniper.

He was left a quadriplegic,

unable to speak.

"I cried so hard that I had tears of blood. I remember looking down wondering, where is all this blood coming from? And it took a few seconds for me to realize this was coming out of me," says Hoffman, who has lived more than a year in an apartment with her son's girlfriend near his hospital in Richmond, Va. Suzanne Stack, 48, was soaking in the bathtub in their house at Fort Campbell, Ky. when the doorbell rang. There were two officers at the door.

Afterward, still numb from the news of her husband's death, she walked her kids to the school bus. She sensed that people were looking at her fearfully as they were next. Even before the funeral, one spouse told her there was a waiting list for post housing. When would she be moving out?

"One day you're one thing. The next thing you're not. It's really quite a shock," says Stack, of Frederickburg, Va., who now volunteers as an advocate for widows on Capitol Hill.

Walter Lajanne Williams, 33, of Fremont, Calif., was stoned when his turning point came. He was couch surfing, unemployed and in an abusive relationship after he left the Army, which took him to Iraq and Afghanistan. Even his service was criticized: "I had a person tell me, 'How could you kill another person?'"

He went to the nonprofit Swords to Plowshares, looking for help finding work. A case worker, wise to his drug use, took him aside. "I'm going to

tell you candidly how I feel and what I smell," he said. "I'm going to work with you. Don't make me regret it."

Williams now helps other vets find jobs.

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Recently, an Iraq veteran came to Daniel Fox's office and asked to take a screening exam for post-traumatic stress disorder a second time. He'd led the first time, he said. "When I asked him why he wasn't honest," he said because I had just gotten home and everybody's like saying, 'Welcome home here,'" Fox says. "And how could he tell him that this hero was not doing well?"

Fox, 47, works for the Department of Veterans Affairs as a case manager, assisting Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. For a year, Fox, an Army Reservist, worked as an intensive care nurse at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany; the injured would be airlifted from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Welcome home" calls that beckoned the ICU angels on the ICU angels tour. To lighten the mood, they made F-bombs with the slogan. Their bravado just helped

mask their intense emotions.

"You had a mom and dad and the new wife with all babies in their arms standing in the door of this patient's room and he's got a gunshot wound to the head," says Fox, of Wichita, Kan. "How do you explain that to them? You can't console them."

"After a while, you go home and you cry about it," he says.

He used to be more macho and unemotional. Today, "I have more sympathy, more compassion," he says.

L. Col. Douglas Eiter's job was sympathy and compassion. Eiter, a minister, was a chaplain with the Pennsylvania National Guard in Al Anbar Province; his battalion lost 13 soldiers and two Marines.

He laid his hands on some of the men and delivered last rites. One morning, after he memorialized two of the dead, he says his stoicism dissolved; joggling by the Euphrates River, he cried.

In blunt newsletters home, he chronicled what the troops were seeing and experiencing, from delivering shoes and school supplies to happy Iraqi children to the story of a dead soldier wrapped in a flag by his fellow soldiers in the middle of a firefight because noth-

ing else was available. "As excited as we are to go home, many are equally afraid," he wrote in one of his last letters.

When Eiter himself returned on leave to Pennsylvania to officiate at the funeral of a close friend, he turned to his wife and said he wanted to go home.

"I said, 'OK, get in the car. Let's go home,'" said Jodi Eiter. "And you just, 'No, my home in Iraq. I just want to go home.'"

When his tour was over, and he went with his wife to buy furniture for their new house in Lebanon, Pa., he had to remind himself that it was important to her — even if it seemed trivial to him after the war. He drove fast, and bought a BMW so he could do it. One day, Jodi pointed out that he was drinking more.

With time, his life settled down, and he came to feel that his months in Iraq were a time of growth. Now executive director of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Veterans Affairs, Eiter says a deployment is like a magnifying glass.

"Personalities that are strong become stronger," he says. "Personalities which are weaker are made to become weaker."

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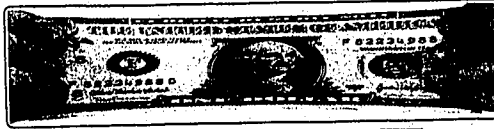
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Juicy **GRAPEFRUIT**
3 ea. \$1

Large **BROCCOLI**
89¢ bunch

Small Navel **ORANGES**
10 for \$1
40 lb. Box \$9.99

Roma **TOMATOES**
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Large **BRAEBURN or JONAGOLD APPLES**
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QUALITY MEAT



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Falls Brand 2 lb. **SLICED BACON**
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\$1.79 lb.

Whole/Halves Boneless **TAVERN HAMS**
\$2.69 lb.

Whole/Halves Boneless **PITT HAMS**
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Whole/Halves Boneless **BUFFET HAMS**
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3 for \$1

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Western Family Ant. 15 oz. **CANNED VEGGIES**
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Western Family 15 ct. **TOWELS and 36 ct. BATH TISSUE**
\$5.99

32 oz. GINA **EMILIES BREAD**
3 for \$5

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

Garlic **BREAD**
\$1.49 ea.

Scratch **BANANA NUT BREAD**
\$3.49

Order QTY	PLU#	Description	Pack	Size	\$ Case	\$ Unit
Grocery Staples						
	10486	WF Apple Juice & Blended Apple Juice	8	64.2	\$10.00	\$1.25
	10487	WF Fruitapple - Crushed, Chunks, Sliced, Ribs	24	20.2	\$21.12	\$0.88
	10576	WF Assorted Canned Tomatoes - Whole, Stewed, Sliced, Crushed, Diced, and more	24	14.5 Z	\$15.20	\$0.55
	10563	WF Canned Corn - Whole Kernel, Cream Style	24	15.2	\$9.36	\$0.39
	10009	WF Canned Green Beans - Cut, French Style	24	15.2	\$9.36	\$0.39
	10410	WF Canned Sweet Peas	24	15.2	\$9.36	\$0.39
	10019	WF Canned Beans - Chili, Garbanzo, Kidney, GI Northern, Black, Pinto, 3M Red	24	15.2	\$17.00	\$0.50
	10267	WF Chili - Hot, Mild, Thick & Chunky, Turkey	24	15.2	\$14.16	\$0.59
	10266	WF Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail - Halves, Sliced	12	29.2	\$11.88	\$0.99
	10223	WF Alpacorta Tuna	24	6.2	\$23.76	\$0.99
	10207	WF Soup - Tomato & Chicken Noodle	24	10.5 Z	\$8.00	\$0.33
	10208	WF Mac & Cheese Dinners	24	7.5 Z	\$18.00	\$0.20
	10579	WF Dry Spaghetti Noodles & Elbow Macaroni	8	48.2	\$18.67	\$2.33
	10378	Mums Pasta Sauce - All Varieties	12	26.2	\$12.00	\$1.00
	10383	WF Tomato Juice & Vegetable Juice	12	46.2	\$16.00	\$1.33
	10269	WF Ketchup	16	24.2	\$12.64	\$0.79
	10210	WF 24-Pack Soda	1	24x12Z	\$2.99	\$2.99
	10089	Natural Spring Water	1	24x5.2	\$2.59	\$2.99
	10211	WT. Olympus Water - Distilled, Spring	4	128.2	\$3.52	\$0.88
	10005	WF Blended Apple Sauce	24	15.2	\$9.36	\$0.39
	10097	WF Tomato Sauce	48	8.2	\$7.20	\$0.15
	10092	Reasidde Hominy - Big 108 Oz Can	6	108.2	\$10.00	\$1.67
	10289	WF Grape Jelly	12	32.2	\$15.00	\$1.25
	10273	WF Peanut Butter & Fruit Spread	6	40-46.2	\$19.14	\$3.19
Non-Foods						
	11201	Golay Premium Dog Food - LOCAL PRODUCT	1	50 LB	\$24.99	\$24.99
	10212	WF Chunk Style Dog Food	1	20 LB	\$3.88	\$3.88
	10213	Friskies Canine Cat Food	24	5.5 Z	\$9.26	\$0.39
	10214	Suavo Shampoo & Conditioner	6	15.2	\$5.20	\$0.88
	10156	WF Detergent Buckets - Regular & w/bleach	1	30 LB	\$5.49	\$5.49
	10159	WF Liquid Bleach - Regular Only	6	96.2	\$8.34	\$1.39
	10150	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	\$10.20	\$2.50
	10201	Water Softener Salt - Pellets	1	40 LB	\$11.94	\$3.00
Frozen Foods						
	10395	WF Frozen Orange Juice - Reg. Pulp Free, More Pulp, & w/Calcium	24	12 Z	\$30.00	\$1.25
	10386	Fr. Potatoes - Hashed, Steamed, Shoestring, Steak	12	24-32.2	\$15.00	\$1.25
	10190	WF Frozen Vegetables - Corn, Peas, GI Beans, Mixed Veggies, Peas & Carrots	12	16.2	\$8.20	\$0.69
Bulk Foods Supervalues						
	2028	Hard Rad 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 Moo 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	Popcorn	1	25 LB	\$9.99	\$9.99
	2046	Instant Hot Cocoa Mix	1	25 LB	\$36.99	\$36.99
	2047	Blk Brownie or Muffin Mix	1	25 LB	\$26.99	\$26.99
	2051	Dehydrated Eggs - 48 ea can equal 96 eggs	6	48.2	\$119.94	\$19.99
Produce, Meat, & Bakery						
	10202	Potatoes	1	10 LB	\$1.50	\$1.50
	10203	Yellow Onions (while supplies last)	1	50 LB	\$7.99	\$7.99
	10204	Small Navel Oranges	1	40 LB	\$9.99	\$9.99
	scan	Bird's Brand Chicken Tenders	1	10 LB	\$15.90	\$15.90
	scan	Idaho Trout Fillets	1	5 LB	\$14.90	\$14.90
	scan	Frank Brand Link Sausage	1	10 LB	\$18.90	\$18.90
	scan	Leon Ground Beef - Family Pack Size	1	1 LB	\$1.79	\$1.79
	scan	New York Steak - Family Pack	1	1 LB	\$5.49	\$5.49
	185	Fancy Table Cakes	1	ea	\$3.99	\$3.99

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PRICES EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MARCH 10TH THRU SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

(AP) The start of the week was relatively quiet. While investors chewed over a slew of economic data, the major indexes didn't end the first three sessions of the week with huge changes. While the closing numbers

boiled some of the volatility, Wall Street had to contend with in the early part of the week, investors' indecision turned to fear Thursday when credit concerns took on new life.

Week's close	Week ago
Dow Jones Industrial average: 11,893.69	12,266.39
Standard & Poors 500: 1,330.37	1,330.63
Commodities Indexes: 215.01	215.67

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Corn cautions

A growing problem with dependence on corn

By Jerry Hirsh
Los Angeles Times

Corn is a key element of the U.S. food supply. It is what dairy cows eat to make milk and hens consume to lay eggs. It fattens cattle, hogs and chickens before slaughter. It makes soda sweet. As the building block of ethanol, it is now also a major component of auto fuel.

And that might signal trouble ahead. Economists are cautioning that the nation's growing dependence on corn would make for a double jolt in the event of a drought across the Midwest: soaring prices not just for food but also for gasoline.

Analysts now warn that a "corn shock" might not be far off — and it could lead to \$5 gas and \$3.50 eggs as the effects reverberate across the economy.

"We are replacing price volatility from the Middle East with Midwestern weather or price volatility," said Michael Swanson, a Wells Fargo & Co. vice president and agricultural economist. Such a scenario would occur against a backdrop of soaring prices for basic food items and other commodities that are already stressing the economy. Coffee is up 21 percent to date, platinum 42 percent and already high on an additional 6 percent.

After a torrid 2007, corn prices have risen an additional 20 percent this year because of global demand for livestock feed, sweeteners and ethanol. The rush by American farmers to plant cash-producing corn, along with weather problems, has squeezed wheat supplies, pushing the price of that grain up 21 percent. Soy has risen 25 percent this year.

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PLUG INTO A GREENER OFFICE, HOME

From low energy to hand-powered energy — gadgets go eco-friendly

By Alex Pham
Los Angeles Times

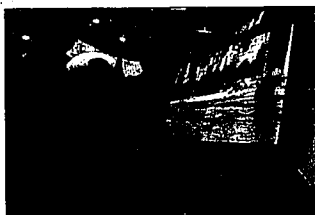
Sprouting up this spring for the environmentally friendly shopper: a crop of devices touting their green credentials. Two in five adults surveyed by Forrester Research last year said they would consider environmental factors in their next electronics purchase. A similar percentage said they would pay 10 percent more for a television or computer that used less energy.

For people ready to shell out \$1,400 for a greener boob tube, consider the Philips Eco TV. The 42-inch liquid crystal display, scheduled to hit the market in March, uses an ambient light sensor to adjust to its surroundings automatically — it dims in dark rooms and perks up in lighter conditions. The TV also dynamically lowers the brightness setting in

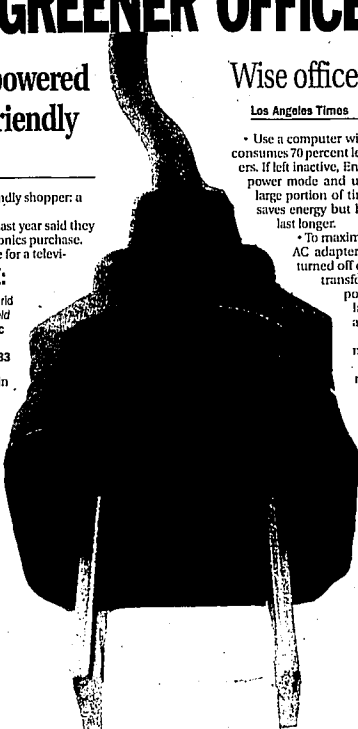
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How to get rid of those old electronic devices. See page B3

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SONY'S next-generation OLED (organic light-emitting diode) television, on display at January's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, slips power while producing a picture with 10 times the contrast ratio of today's best sets.



Wise office energy habits

Los Angeles Times

- Use a computer with an Energy Star designation. It consumes 70 percent less electricity than other computers. If left inactive, Energy Star computers enter a low-power mode and use 15 watts or less. Spending a large portion of time in low-power mode not only saves energy but helps equipment run cooler and last longer.

- To maximize savings with a laptop, put the AC adapter on a power strip that can be turned off or will turn off automatically. The transformer in the AC adapter draws power continuously, even when the laptop is not plugged into the adapter.

- Turn off equipment when it's not in use.

- Set monitors to switch to sleep mode automatically when not in use, or manually turn them off. Screen savers don't reduce energy use by monitors.

- For your next computer upgrade, consider buying a laptop, which uses much less energy than a desktop.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Homing in on energy hogs

Los Angeles Times

When it comes to energy, super-size television screens are even hungrier than refrigerators in millions of American homes. Here's a breakdown of the annual electricity cost, based on the Department of Energy's 2007 national average price for energy of 10.65 cents per kilowatt-hour. (The researchers assumed eight hours of TV watching per day.)

- 20-cubic-foot refrigerator (newer model with freezer on top): \$50
- 36-inch picture tube TV: \$50
- 40-inch LCD TV: \$95
- 56-inch rear projection TV: \$65
- 52-inch LCD TV: \$70
- 60-inch plasma TV, 720p (lower resolution): \$80
- 60-inch plasma TV, 1080p (highest resolution): \$110

Think energy-saving when going green

By Alex Pham
Los Angeles Times

The average American home contains 25 consumer electronics devices. So to go green, start with what you've got.

First, get a handle on your current electricity usage. A device called KillA Watt, from P3 International Corp., makes for a nifty parlor game of Guess Watt with anything that plugs into a socket.

One surprise might be how much energy some devices use even when idle or turned off. Consumer electronics suck as much as 25 percent of their power when not in use, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. For computers, the figure can be much higher — up to 85 percent for a PC that's always left on.

That's because many devices don't really turn off —

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Using energy from the sun, Sollo solar chargers can power up two cell phones. About the size of a computer mouse, they are priced from \$80 to \$200.

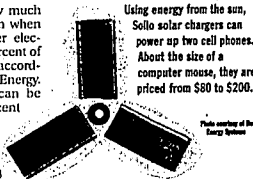


Photo courtesy of Sollo Energy Systems



First in flight

Twin Falls fleet of charter planes now includes private jet

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

The first charter jet to be based in Twin Falls is now available for use — to those who can afford it.

The Citation V, which is operated by Twin Falls-based Precision Aviation Inc., costs

about \$2,200 per flight hour to charter for wherever you would like to go.

"Generally speaking, the people who charter a plane are willing to pay the cost to get to their destination fast," said Precision owner Mark Doerr. "And if you want to get somewhere really fast, then

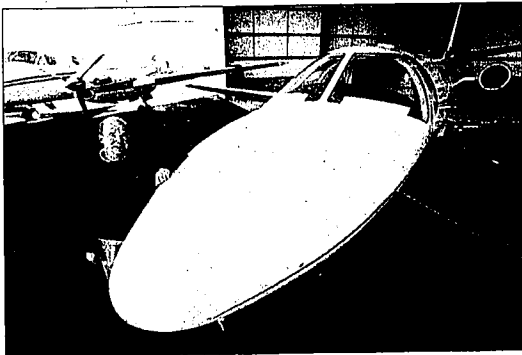


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Mark Doerr, owner of Precision Aviation, stands next to a Citation V, which travels at speeds of 460 mph. The aircraft is the first jet to be chartered out of Twin Falls.

(the jet) is the only way to go. How fast? The charter jet boasts a cruising speed of up to 460 mph at an altitude of around 40,000 feet — or in other words, it can fly from Twin Falls to Denver in less than two hours.

Charter airlines have experienced almost a 30 percent increase in chartered flight hours since the terrorist

attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, according to the National Business Aviation Association Inc., which represents more than 8,000 general aviation companies.

That growth has also benefited Precision Aviation, which currently charters four aircraft — including the Citation V, which the firm manages on behalf of a com-

pany based in Seattle.

"After nine-eleven, things kind of started going south in the (aviation) industry," Doerr said. "But the charter business ultimately has grown, because using a charter plane is just more convenient."

For six years, Precision has chartered planes from its offices at the Joslin Field,

Magie Valley Regional Airport where it works with other aviation businesses such as Reeder Flying Services, which provides maintenance and fueling services for Precision. Precision is located in Twin Falls.

Besides the new jet, which seats up to seven people in leather seats, Precision's fleet also includes a King Air 200 (\$1,200 per flight hour) and a Cessna 206 (\$320 per flight hour).

Doerr, a Twin Falls native, said his clients range from people seeking private flights for vacations to business people who need fast transportation.

He estimates that about 80 percent of his clients live in Idaho, while the rest live in other states throughout the nation.

"It really shifts across all demographics," Doerr said. "A few days ago we took a group of people skiing and a couple days later we were flying the jet to New York."

If you're wondering, a flight from New York to Sun Valley takes less than five and a half hours in the jet.

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BIGGEST GAINERS AND LOSERS OF THE WEEK

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

BURBANK PHOTOGRAPHY



Burbank Photography, located at 1862 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, held their ribbon cutting recently with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Burbank Photography can assist you with professional, personal or business pictures. They specialize in wedding, engagement and senior portraits and also do Easter portraits, special events and other occasions. For more information: 734-2399. Pictured from left, Kris Burbank, owner; Brittany Barnes, associate photographer; Randy Burbank, owner; and Kenner Upton, graphics artist.

Eye Valu Vision Center opens new location



Eye Valu Vision Center announces the opening of their new location in Magic Valley Mall near I-20 and Skyway. Van Casteren, optical manager, has been with Eye Valu Vision Center for two years and is accepting appointments at 734-2220.

Curves of Burley joins food drive

Curves of Burley and Twin Falls will be participating in the Curves Food Drive to

benefit local food banks. Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected almost 11 million pounds of food for local communities all over the world. This year, Curves has set a goal to collect 15 million pounds to help even more people in need of healthy food.

They are offering a discounted service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and commits to a 12-month CD membership between now and March 15. Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours during the month of March.

For more information: Sue Newkirk at 679-2754 or Lori Mace at 734-7300.

TOBACCO FREE



Members of the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition presented a plaque to Mark Schwartz, chief executive officer of St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center for adapting a smoke free campus. The plaque was presented to Mr. Schwartz by Kalle Christensen on behalf of the other nine members of the Twin Falls High School Tobacco Free Coalition. In November of 2006 the coalition and its advisor, Dr. David McClusky, made a presentation to SLMVMC's administrative board requesting a smoke free campus. Within two months the 15-member coalition collected over 440 signatures on a petition requesting that the medical center campus become smoke free. The administrative board accepted the petition and declared St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center to be smoke free as of Jan. 1.

High Country Fusion lauded

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — High Country Fusion received a President's Award Wednesday from McElroy Manufacturing, Inc. The 1908-pound bronze of a fusion machine and its operator are given to recognize a company that shows exemplary dedication to the polyethylene pipe industry and to McElroy equipment and sales.

"It's a huge honor," Dave Hanks, vice president of High Country Fusion, said. "There are only five of these given worldwide. That's what's really neat."

HCF employs 47 people in three locations in the U.S. in Canada, including its manu-

facturing facility in Fairfield. A new distribution facility will open on West Gowen Road in Boise March 15.

Steve Wilson, HCF president, opened the Fairfield branch with his son-in-law Hanks in 1996. The company manufactures polyethylene pipe and rents, repairs and distributes McElroy fusion machines. Wilson and Hanks have a strong working relationship with McElroy going back 20 years, Hanks said.

Representatives of the Tulsa-based McElroy who came to Fairfield for the presentation included president and CEO Chip McElroy. McElroy Manufacturing is the premier manufacturer of polyethylene fusion equipment worldwide.

CAREER MOVES

Larren Novak

Larren Novak of Novak & Novak Home Builders was elected to the position of Area 15 National Vice President for the National Association of Home Builders at the International Builders Show in Orlando, Fla.



Novak

Novak, a native of Twin Falls has been involved in the building industry for over thirty years. He has been involved with the Magic Valley Builders Association since 1992 and served as the local president in 1995. Novak went on to serve as the President of the Idaho Building Contractors Association in 2000-2001. Honors include Registered Master Builder of the Quarter 1999, MVA Builder of the Year 1995, 2000, 2002 and IBCA Builder of the Year 2002.

Novak, a national director since 2000, will serve on the NAHB Executive Board where he will represent the States of Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

Stephanie Olson

Stephanie Olson, Ameri-Title Marketing representative for the Wood River Valley, recently completed 40 hours of training at the company's corporate office in Bend, Ore.



Olson

Ameri-Title Escrow School is a qualification that employees undergo to advance their escrow knowledge and skills with topics including Escrow Regulations, Title Insurance, and 1031 exchanges.

Olson joined the company in 2007 and represents Ameri-Title offices in Ketchum and Halley.

Heather P. Williams

GOODING — On Feb. 27, Gooding resident Heather B. Williams successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at the University of

Idaho, fulfilling all of the requirements for her Ph.D. in education with her major area of focus in educational leadership and cognate areas focusing in school counseling and educational technology. Williams, the daughter of John Hayes and Kathleen Goicochea, graduated from American Falls High School in 1990 and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Idaho State University. She taught for more than a decade at both Gooding High School and GALC before earning her master's of education in educational leadership from the University of Idaho. She previously served as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Gooding Schools and works as an assistant professor for Idaho State University, teaching undergraduate education courses in Twin Falls. She also does consulting work for school districts, state departments of education, and other organizations across the nation working to improve student achievement under the requirements of No Child Left Behind legislation.

Williams serves on the board of directors for the Idaho schools, Technology, and Mathematics Coalition. She has earned several awards during her teaching career, including Idaho Secondary Science Teacher of the Year, Williams, along with her husband Travis and their two sons, lives on a farm north of Gooding.

Rebecah Bunting

Rebecah Janette Anderson Bunting graduated from the University of Utah with a master's degree in business administration with emphasis in accounting. Bunting is a graduate of Valley High School and Brigham Young University. She is the daughter of Kevin and Johanna Anderson of the Kasota area.



Bunting

She and her husband John currently reside in Allison Viejo, Calif. She is employed by Grant Thornton in Irvine, Calif.

CONTRIBUTIONS

MOVIES HELP THE NEEDY



Bob Harris was recognized for his contributions to the Mini-Cassia Kids Chest. Harris, who owns Century Cinema 5 in Burley, has contributed to the Kids Chest since 1995. Each December, Harris has a special showing of films at the theater to help gather donations for area charities. Admission to the show is several cans of food that are donated to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, and proceeds from the sale of concessions go to the Kids Chest to purchase new coats for needy children in the area. Pictured from left, Julie Stewart, Rae Smith, Jackie Jay, Bob Harris, Rene Schafer, Sarah Pelayo and Lori Creason.

MEALS ON WHEELS



Milo Svoboda of Western Farm Service Rupert and Dave Garner of Western Farm Service of Paul donated their time delivering Meals on Wheels for the Minidoka County Senior Center with the help of the center's employees. From left are, front, Senior Center manager, Holly Wheeler; head cook, Linda Branson; second cook, Sheila Rice; and Meals on Wheels coordinator, Lupita Martinez; and back, Svoboda and Garner.

U.S. BANK DONATION



Accepting a \$2,500 donation from the U.S. Bank for the ALSAH Sports Events Center is Jill Birch, track and volleyball; Paetyn Comdie, track and cheerleading; and Tyler Shockey, track and football. Representing the Burley Branch of U.S. Bank is Todd Barney.

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To submit contributions to the YourBusiness section, send information and photographs to Times-News Business Editor Joshua Palmer at jpalmer@magvalley.com or call (208) 735-3231. The deadline to submit an announcement for Sunday is Wednesday at noon.

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Consumers rely more on credit cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers increased their borrowing in January, especially relying on credit cards to finance their purchases.

The Federal Reserve reported last week that consumer credit increased at an annual rate of 3.3 percent in January. That was up from a 1.8 percent growth rate in December and marked the fastest pace since November.

The pickup in January pushed up total consumer debt by \$6.9 billion to \$2.52 trillion. That was on target with economists' expectations.

The increase in borrowing was led by heavier use of revolving credit, primarily credit cards. Demand for revolving credit rose at a 7 percent pace in January. That was up from a 2.8 percent growth rate in December.

Demand for nonrevolving credit used to finance cars, vacations, education and other things, rose at an annual rate of 1.1 percent for the second month in a row.

Deal with CBS to end AOL partnership with XM Radio

By Cecilia Kang
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — AOL's Internet radio division and CBS Radio on Friday announcing a content and advertising partnership that will allow AOL's listeners to access CBS content.

The deal will end AOL Radio's partnership with XM Satellite Radio, as of May 1. XM offers 2 of its commercial-free channels through AOL Radio to lure listeners to subscribe to XM's service. Seven of the top 10 radio channels on AOL Radio as of Friday were XM stations.

The AOL-CBS agreement will combine AOL Radio's 200 Internet radio programs with CBS Radio's 150 terrestrial radio stations from all over the country.

CBS Radio will take over advertising sales for AOL Radio, which is run from AOL's former headquarters in suburban Dulles, Va. The two companies will split revenue from ad sales. Other terms of the deal were not disclosed.

In response to the AOL-CBS deal, XM announced a five 14-day trial for its Internet-based radio service, which will include 80 of its 170 satellite channels. It also reduced its six-month subscription price to its XM Internet radio site by half, to \$2.99, through May.

"XM's presence on AOL Radio was a valuable way to introduce consumers to our service free of charge," and the company will continue to offer free trial services on its own Web site, said Vernon Irvin, executive vice president and chief marketing officer of XM.

XM is awaiting regulatory decisions on its proposed merger with Sirius Satellite Radio, which was announced in February 2007. Both companies continue to add subscribers, but neither is profitable, and analysts say both will suffice if the merger is not approved.

AOL's Internet radio has an audience that listens to about 1.2 million streams a week, but AOL has had difficulty translating those listeners into revenue growth. With CBS Radio's advertising sales force, AOL hopes to sell more local ads. AOL Radio "has not been as lucrative to AOL because we don't have the local market sales force, and in the radio business, most of the money comes from local," said Fred McIntyre, senior vice president of AOL Radio. As much as two-thirds of all advertising revenue comes from local ads, he said, and AOL Radio's content is mostly music aimed at a national audience.

Mark Patrick, vice president of media consultant DIA Global, said a subscription site that solves problems for CBS, which is trying to stay relevant as more people get music, news and other entertainment from the Web.

Unloading those electronic devices

Los Angeles Times

Americans dump hundreds of millions of electronic devices each year as they rush to adopt the latest technology.

Less than 13 percent get recycled, according to the Electronics TakeBack Coalition, an advocacy group in San Francisco. The rest end up in landfills.

Environmentalists worry because electronics gear contains toxic substances that could leach into the soil or pollute the air if incinerated. A tube TV, for example, contains as much as 8 pounds of lead. Flat-panels have mercury.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board is a good clearinghouse for reusing or recycling gadgets.

After years of lobbying by environmental groups, some companies have begun to recycle their own old products. Dell Inc. will take back any of its offerings and pay

for the shipping. Apple Inc. will take back old iPods and toss in a 10 percent discount toward a new model. Sony Corp. has set up a recycling network of recycling centers.

If your equipment still works, try selling, swapping or donating it. Freecycle helps you swap or give away items. eBay Inc. lets you trade old technology for credit on PayPal, its online payment system.

Cell phones on average are traded in every year or so. CollectiveGood, Eco-Cell and other organizations help you resell or recycle them (see private information first).

For some devices, the most toxic component is the battery, which can contain cadmium, mercury and other heavy metals.

Rechargeable batteries can be taken to recycling facilities found through Call2Recycle. Earth911 lets you enter your ZIP Code to find a facility that will accept spent disposable batteries.

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dark scenes, which not only saves energy but also helps bring out details in the picture.

When turned off, the set sips 0.15 of a watt of power, a tiny fraction of the power used by the average TV. It contains no lead, versus 3 to 8 pounds in a tube TV, and arrives in a box made of recycled materials.

Sony Corp. recently showed off its next-generation TV using a technology that consumes even less power than the LCD. Made of organic light-emitting diodes, the panels pull about 40 percent less power than LCDs while producing a picture that has 10 times the contrast ratio, or color brilliance, of current sets. It saves energy by saving the savings by lighting each pixel individually, so dark pixels don't eat up power.

An 11-inch OLED set from Sony would set you back \$2,500, but prices should come down over the next few years as other manufacturers jump in.

For a more economical entertainment makeover, home theater systems give stand-alone TVs a spiffy upgrade for a few hundred dollars. Choose one that features the Energy Star logo, which certifies that the components use less than 1 watt of power when turned off. Panasonic makes a system, due in April, that includes a DVD player, surround-sound speakers and iPod dock for less than \$300.

What makes these systems green? The bundled components draw on one power supply, requiring less energy than if each had its own. Combining the pieces also cuts down on the plastics and other materials needed to produce them.

Integration, however, isn't always greener. More than half the energy used by high-end home audio systems that pipe music into multiple rooms can be conserved while they sit idle, waiting for the "on" command. This spring, NuVo Technologies is introducing the first Energy Star-certified system, a

If you're seeking a greener desktop computer, CompuLab makes a pint-size PC that eats up as little energy as a night light.

Essentia E6G. Using a digital power supply, the system reduces energy use to 0.82 of a watt in standby mode, compared with more than 13 watts for standard systems.

If you're seeking a greener desktop computer, CompuLab makes a pint-size PC that eats up as little energy as a night light. Its Fit-PC runs on 5 watts of power, versus 150 watts for the average desktop. The Fit-PC's chips sit on a small credit-card-size motherboard, reducing the amount of energy required to move data around. Although it does not come with a DVD drive or monitor, the Fit-PC does sport a 40-gigabyte hard drive and 256 megabytes of memory, for \$295.

Another way to tackle home energy use is with lighting. Compact fluorescent lamps are all the rage, but they have an environmental drawback: they contain mercury. What's more, they often flicker, and some consumers dislike their harsh light. LED Lighting Fixtures Inc. offers an alternative: a 12-watt lamp that turns on instantly, contains no mercury and lasts 50,000 hours, twice as long as fluorescents. Its LED light closely matches that of a 65-watt incandescent bulb. Although the lamps sell for \$90 or more, their makers say they pay for themselves after a few years of low-energy bills.

Don't want to pay for any electricity? There's Freeply Energy's \$58 hand-charged radio, which offers an hour of listening for every minute you crank the handle.

Military puts clamp on Google Maps

Los Angeles Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. found itself at the center of a national security controversy last week.

The Pentagon banned the Internet giant's digital-mapping vehicles from all military installations after detailed photographs of Fort San Houston in San Antonio appeared on Google Maps.

The Street View feature allows users to zoom in on 360-degree, ground-level views of neighborhoods, landmarks and other places that Google photographs from vehicles with roof-

mounted cameras. A message sent to all Defense Department bases and installations late last week warned officials not to allow Google vehicles access. Gary Ross, spokesman for the U.S. Northern Command, said sensitive imagery posted on the Web could pose a security threat.

"We don't have any issues regarding Google and their products, which are very useful tools," Ross said. "But the Street View provides clear imagery of control points, barriers, headquarters and security facilities that pose a risk to our force-protection efforts."

Corn

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Analysts are already simulating what would happen if a drought hit the corn belt. Bruce Babcock, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University, estimates that corn could reach \$8 a bushel from \$5.46 now.

It could happen as soon as this summer. "The risk of a drought right now is higher than normal because of the La Nina we are seeing," Babcock said, referring to the cooling of ocean temperatures that often has a drying effect.

As any farmer can tell you, Mother Nature is fickle. The U.S. has suffered four major weather disasters since 1971 that wiped out 21 percent to 29 percent of the corn crop at a time. Periodic bad weather, including droughts, scorching heat waves and cold, cloudy spells at just the wrong time, has reduced harvests by billions of bushels. Previously,

these disasters have raised food prices. The next drought will be the first to affect gas prices.

That's because ethanol — mostly refined from corn — will make up about 6 percent of the nation's gasoline supply this year, and that's expected to rise to 10 percent over the next five years.

But if there were a crop shortfall, the rising price of corn would prevent ethanol distillers from earning a profit, prompting them to slash production, Babcock said.

Oil companies would have to scramble to fill that sudden gap with conventional gasoline. Prices would soar for both fuels, said Philip K. Verleger Jr., an energy economist in Aspen, Colo.

A slowing U.S. economy would blunt demand. But such safety valves won't always exist. "Five years from now, this could be a big, big deal," Verleger said.

Farmers are also worried about what could happen in the short term. "A drought would be bad for everyone. The high prices would hurt my customers, and I would have no crop to sell," said Ron Heck, a fourth-generation soy and corn farmer from Perry, Iowa.

As demand for gasoline outstrips refinery expansions, fuel prices will be linked more tightly with the size of the corn crop. "You might see a point where even the threat of a drought could cause gas prices to rise," Wells Fargo's Swanson said.

Lester R. Brown, an author and president of the Earth Policy Institute, sees a scenario with global implications. He estimates that as long as oil prices continue to hover around \$100 a barrel, ethanol distillers could pay up to \$7 a bushel for corn and still make money.

However, Brown said, "if

the ethanol producers stay in the market, that will disrupt the food supply."

Because of the interrelationships among crops, a major shortfall in the U.S. harvest could tip global grain and soy markets into chaos. It would affect the prices of food made directly from these commodities, such as bread, pasta and tortillas, and food made indirectly, such as pork, poultry, beef, milk and eggs.

If it happened this summer, it would be especially bad because of the current pace of global food inflation.

"The rest of the world is less able to pay high prices for food. What's annoying for us is life-threatening elsewhere," Brown said.

The shortfall would lead to the "palaces of scarcity" in which nations would stop exporting their domestic grain and soy crops to keep food prices under control for their own people.

Usage

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they operate in standby mode, awaiting commands from a remote control. Many also have digital displays that stay on.

For example, a computer, monitor and cable modem together suck 11 watts even when powered down, adding 66 cents to a typical Californian's monthly energy bill. An idle CD player can switch 6 watts. So can a munched-off TV.

It adds up. These silent siphons of energy, known as phantom loads, add about \$28 to the average annual household power bill, according to the energy department.

You can tame these electricity vampires by unplugging devices between uses. If that's too much effort, consider buying a SmartStrip, a power strip and surge protector that automatically cuts off power to devices that are shut down.

It's designed to be used with computers or home entertainment systems where devices operate in clusters. If, for example, the TV is off, the SmartStrip also shuts down the DVD player, surround-sound speakers and other boxes.

What about cell phones, digital cameras, iPods and

other rechargeable devices? Try taking them off the grid, at least partially. A Solio charger, about the size of a computer mouse, attaches with a suction cup to a window, where it soaks up enough energy from the sun to fully power up two cell-phones.

For those on the move, there's a solar backpack from Voltaic Systems Inc. Fully charged, the backpack's solar panels can juice up to three iPods. The company is expected to come out this spring with a version powerful enough to charge laptops.

Wind power is another alternative. The 5-inch HYmini wind turbine attaches to your arm while running, downhill skiing or biking. A 20-minute session with wind moving at 19 mph can capture enough power to keep an iPod going for 30 minutes, according to Miniziv, the Taiwanese company that makes HYmini.

Alternative energy isn't always the cheapest or fastest way to charge up. The Solio costs \$80 to \$200. The solar backpacks are \$199 to \$599. And the HYmini is \$50 to \$70. Most take hours of movement or sunbathing to fully charge.

A more economical and

easier tweak is to reduce battery use, which might help cut down on the 15 billion disposable batteries produced each year.

A top-of-the-line AA nickel metal hydride Max2 battery from Assmann Energy, distributed in the United States by Horizon Battery, costs about \$4 and can be recharged 1,000 times. At 3 cents in electricity per charge, the battery's total

cost comes to about \$34. By contrast, 1,000 disposable AA batteries at 30 cents apiece would cost about \$300.

Road warriors who don't want to get loaded down with a charging unit might consider USBCell, which looks and acts just like a AA battery, except the top pops off to reveal a USB head that can plug into a laptop's USB port to recharge. A pair will set you back \$17.50.

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In deep winter, volunteer efforts help stove off cold

By Jerry Harkavy
Associated Press writer

BANGOR, Maine — The low point in Kimberly Henderson's struggle to keep her family warm came in early January when she was too broke to order an oil delivery and had to buy a 5-gallon container to take to her dealer to get enough fuel to make it through the night.

But later that month, with the gauge on her 275-gallon tank again approaching empty, Henderson's fortunes turned around when she got a phone call from a local clergyman. He just received a donation that would provide her with 50 gallons of heating fuel that day.

"I could have cried," said Henderson, a 40-year-old single mother of three who lives in a rental home in Bangor, Maine. Like many in Maine, she has been hit hard by heating oil prices that have soared to an all-time high of \$3.35 a gallon, or roughly \$1 more than a year ago.

While many get help from the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the average LIHEAP benefit of \$750 isn't enough to fill the standard oil tank at today's prices. That's why volunteer efforts like the Rev. Gerald Oleson's Sunny Corner Fuel Assistance have sprung up to provide emergency help to those who fall through the cracks.

Maine, where four out of five households heat with oil, is making an unprecedented push to raise private money this winter to help the tens of thousands who walk a financial tightrope in order to balance heating expenses with the costs of other necessities like food and medicine.

Stepped-up efforts are also under way elsewhere in New England. The nonprofit Massachusetts Energy Consumers Alliance, which draws from public and private sources, expects to extend \$320,000 in assistance this winter through its Oil Bank program. That's up from \$128,000 last winter. Central Vermont Public Service Co., the state's largest utility, has enlisted businesses to join in its heating assistance program, which has thus far parceled out about \$150,000 in Maine. Donations have ranged from \$25,000 from outsiders to L.L. Bean in



Kimberly Henderson takes a quick look at her furnace thermostat in the front room of her rented home in Bangor, Maine, Jan. 29. Henderson has resorted to standing in line at gas stations to buy heating oil sold by the gallon to heat her home.

Freepoint to an anonymous fifth-grader's gift of her \$5 weekly allowance. Best-selling author Stephen King, who lives in Bangor and is known for his generous support of community fundraising efforts, has made an unspecified contribution to the local community action agency's fuel assistance program.

The state has gotten into the act with its Operation Keep Me Warm, an initiative started five years ago by Gov. John Baldacci that seeks private donations to help poor people pay fuel bills.

While Keep Me Warm brought in between \$25,000 and \$50,000 in past years, this winter's total has already exceeded \$1 million.

"The need is very acute this year and there's real sensitivity. There's an awareness out there that people are hurting and will find themselves without fuel if they don't have assistance," said John Kerry, who heads the state energy office.

A number of towns have joined in, setting up voluntary donor programs or tapping local sources of funds. In Lincoln, for example, the Town Council contributed \$5,000 in profits from town wood sales to help needy residents who don't qualify for other programs. Some communities were

staging special fundraisers to help fuel families keep warm. In Eastport, there was a four-block-long "Speedo and Bikini Dash" in which runners who lined up pledged donations bolted through the downtown area on Valentine's Day.

Another source of help has been Citizens Energy, the Boston-based nonprofit set up by Joseph Kennedy that channels fuel donated by Citgo, the Venezuelan-owned oil company.

Citizens Energy, which ran television ads in Maine in December to promote the program, has been forced to stop accepting new applications because all its resources have been committed, said spokeswoman Ashley Dumier.

Henderson's good Samaritan was Sunny Corner Fuel Assistance, a program launched the week before Christmas by Oleson, a hospital chaplain who was moved by stories about needy folks desperate for fuel.

Oleson, who had helped in a local food program, "e-mailed my 350 closest friends" to appeal for donations. He also spread the word through the local news media. The success of his campaign is measured daily when Oleson picks up the mail. On a midwinter morning there were five envelopes totaling

\$375 — more than enough to supply two households with 50 gallons each.

Unlike programs such as LIHEAP, Sunny Corner does not have strict income guidelines. Oleson arranges for an oil delivery when money is available and puts the caller on a waiting list when the pot is empty.

Thus far, he has collected more than \$16,000, which has helped 66 households. But as word of his program has spread, the waiting list has gotten longer and now contains 175 names.

Even so, Oleson worries that many people are shivering in their homes because they're too embarrassed to accept assistance. "It's a New England thing," he said. "It's very hard for Yankees to ask for help. We would rather struggle through and not say a word."

Henderson didn't realize how bad things had become until she ended up packing her plastic container in her mother's car for the drive to the dealer for oil.

To her surprise, she had to stand in line with others waiting to get their fuel cans filled. Oil companies generally won't make a delivery of less than 50 or 100 gallons, which is more than the people in line could afford.

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— Rev. Gerald Oleson, who runs Sunny Corner Fuel Assistance

Husson College while caring for three high-needs teenagers, her disabled mother and her colorful parrot Romeo, admitted that she was reluctant to seek help.

The 50 gallons from Oleson that arrived in early January set the stage for other help that began to kick in. Henderson got 100 gallons

from Citizens Energy and was notified by the local agency that administers LIHEAP that the family's application for heating assistance had been approved.

"By the grace of God I haven't run out this year, but this is the first time I'm breathing easy about it," she said.

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WHEN: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from 4 to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Hagerman City Hall, 191 State Street North, Hagerman

FORMAT: Open house format. Anyone interested in the project is encouraged to attend anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. Displays illustrating the project design and other information will be available for review. ITD staff will be on hand to explain the proposed improvements, answer questions, and gather comments.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

This project consists of a partial reconstruction of the rest area facilities. The existing restroom building, two picnic tables and associated sidewalks will be replaced by new ADA compliant facilities constructed to meet current and future needs. The parking area will have a pavement overlay. The sanitary sewer system will be reconstructed to meet current and future needs. The current facility was constructed in 1966.

MORE INFORMATION: Bob Johnson, ITD Project Manager at (208) 886-7830

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EDITORIAL

Give it back: Legislators get the message on grocery tax

Twenty months after then-Gov. Jim Risch told the Legislature it ought to get rid of Idaho's 6 percent sales tax on groceries, lawmakers have at last taken the first step to doing so.

The Idaho House of Representatives voted Thursday for a bigger rebate on the tax, and for the first time targeted the relief at low-income Idahoans.

The measure increases the annual credit by \$50 for the poorest Idahoans and by \$10 for everyone else in the first year. The rebates would rise by \$10 per year until everyone gets a \$100 credit.

Our view: The Idaho House has finally begun the process of refunding the sales tax on groceries. More importantly, it targeted the relief at the worst-off Idahoans.

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

The average Idahoan pays about \$100 in taxes on groceries, that would equal a repeal. Idaho is one of only seven states that taxes food at the same rate as other goods and services.

Under the House bill, those with a taxable income of \$1,000 or less would qualify for the biggest rebate, meaning that a family of four making about \$25,000 per year would get the full rebate. Most Idahoans now receive a \$20 credit, or \$35 for seniors.

Everyone would get the maximum rebate in 2016 if the plan goes uninterrupted. Virtually everyone can file for the credit, even if they earn too little to file a tax return.

The current governor, Butch Otter, wanted to focus relief on low-income Idahoans, but the House turned him down flat last year and passed an across-the-board rebate increase, which he vetoed. The House then overrode the veto, but the bill died in the Senate.

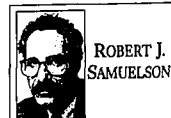
On Thursday, 45 of the 48 Republicans who voted to override last year favored a means-tested grocery credit. That's progressive legislation by a very conservative House.

Our preference would have been for the Legislature to follow Risch's advice, but at least Idaho will get grocery tax equity by the installment plan if the Senate follows the House's example.

Affordable home prices will do wonders

"Decline in Home Prices Accelerates" Page 1 headline, Wall Street Journal, Feb. 27

Gloom. Doom. Calamity. Home prices are tumbling. We're bombarded by somber reports. But wait. This is actually good news, because lower home prices are the only real solution to the housing collapse. The sooner prices fall, the better. The longer the adjustment takes, the longer the housing slump (weak sales, low construction), high numbers of unsold homes) will last.



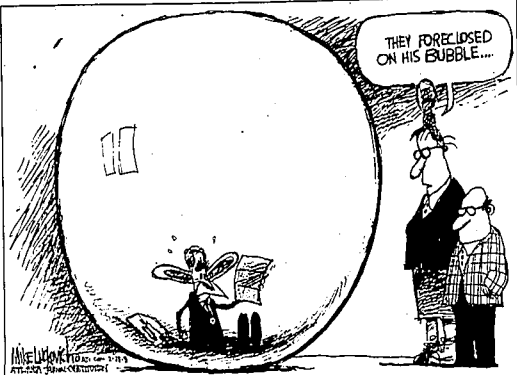
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It's elementary economics. Pretend that houses are apples. We have 1,000 apples, priced at \$1 each. They don't sell. We can either keep the price at \$1 and watch the apples rot, or we can cut the price until people buy. Housing is no different.

Even many economists — who should know better — describe the present situation as an oversupply of unsold homes. True, there is about 10 months' supply of existing homes as opposed to four a few years ago. But the real problem is insufficient demand. There aren't more homes than there are Americans who want homes; that would be a true surplus. There's so much supply because many prospective customers can't buy at today's prices.

By definition, the "housing bubble" meant that home prices got too high. Easy credit, lax lending standards and panic buying raised them to foolish levels. Weak borrowers got loans. People with good credit borrowed too much. Speculators joined the circus.

Look at some numbers from the National Association of Realtors. From 2000 to 2006, median family income rose almost 14 percent to \$57,612. Over the same period, the median-priced existing home



increased about 50 percent to \$221,900. By other indicators, the increase was even greater.

But home prices could not rise faster than incomes forever. Inevitably, the bust arrived. Credit standards have now been tightened, and the (false) hope of perpetually rising home prices — along with the possibility of always selling at a profit — has evaporated.

For many potential buyers, prices have to drop for housing to become affordable.

How much? No one really knows. There is no national housing market.

Prices and family incomes vary by state, city and neighborhood. Prices rose faster in some areas (Los Angeles, Miami, Phoenix) than in others (Dallas, Detroit, Minneapolis). Some economists now expect an average national decline of about 20 percent. The Federal Reserve estimates that owner-occupied real estate is worth almost \$21 trillion. A 20 percent reduction implies losses of about \$1 trillion.

The largest part would be paper losses for homeowners: Values that rose spectacularly will now fall less spectacularly — back to roughly 2004 levels; that's still 30 percent or so higher than in 2000, but hundreds of billions of dollars of other losses are already being suffered

by builders (from the lower value of land and home inventories), mortgage lenders (from defaulting loans), speculators and homeowners (from lost homes). Mark Zandi of Moody's Economy.com estimates that mortgage defaults this year will exceed 2 million, up from 893,000 in 2006.

To be sure, all this weakens the economy. No one relishes evicting hundreds of thousands of families from their homes. Eroding real estate values make many consumers less willing to borrow and spend. Some economists fear a vicious downward spiral of home prices. More foreclosures depress prices, increasing foreclosures as people abandon houses where the mortgage exceeds the value. Losses to banks and other lenders rise, and they curb lending further. Particularly vulnerable would be Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two government-sponsored housing lenders (their vulnerability emphasizes the need for Congress to pass legislation strengthening regulation of Fannie and Freddie).

Up to a point, there's a case for providing relief to some mortgage borrowers. In many cases, everyone would gain if lenders and borrowers renegotiated loan terms to reduce monthly payments. Losses to both would be less

than if their homes went into foreclosure and were sold. The Treasury has organized voluntary efforts. Some measures being considered by Congress (for example: overhauling the Federal Housing Administration) might help.

But other proposals — particularly empowering bankruptcy judges to reduce mortgages unilaterally — would perversely hurt the housing market by raising the cost of mortgage credit. Lenders would increase interest rates or down payments to compensate for the risk that a court might modify or nullify their loans.

The understandable impulse to minimize foreclosures should not serve as a pretext to prop up the housing market by rescuing too many empowered homeowners. Though cruel, foreclosures and falling home values have the virtue of bringing prices to a level where housing can escape its present stagnation. Helping today's homeowners makes little sense if it nullifies tomorrow's homeowners. An unstoppage free-fall of prices seems unlikely.

Slumping home construction and sales have left much pent-up demand. What will release that demand are affordable prices.

Newsweek columnist Robert J. Samuelson writes about economics.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Idaho can't afford to lose Head Start services

With the recent threat from our governor to substantially cut funding to the Head Start program, we are deeply concerned. Our two foster children, ages 4 and 5, have been attending Head Start since May, and we are very impressed with this program. We sent our own three children to private preschools, and Head Start is just as good, if not better!

The Twin Falls Head Start program is in grave danger of losing a large amount of funding, which will, in effect, close one entire unit. Head Start reaches the most "at-risk" children in our city. The well-trained, caring staff teaches children academic skills as well as how to keep their bodies healthy. Idaho can't afford to lose the vital services Head Start provides. Low-income children who attend Head Start are far more likely to have higher test scores, graduate from high school and attend college. These children are also less likely to be charged with a crime in their teen and adult years.

This is not a free ride for parents. There is a sliding scale for tuition based upon the parents' income.

Parents are asked to volunteer in the classroom, attend monthly parent meetings and have once-monthly home visits from a Head Start staff member to work on goals for the children at home, nutrition information and parenting skills.

Increasingly, we are asking the teachers and schools to fulfill the parental role lacking at home. We want accountability and improved test scores. Head Start is helping those who most desperately need it.

We, as taxpayers, can pay for these institutions in programs like Head Start or we can pay to imprison them as adults.

Contact your legislators and let them know that we just can't afford to lose what the Head Start program provides to our at-risk children.

ANDY BARRY
SUSAN BARRY
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: The Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee last month approved using \$1.3 million in federal money to fund Head Start for the next fiscal year. The measure must still be approved by the full Senate and House of Representatives.)

State Republicans heavily favor closed primary

Jeers to the Times-News political editors who remain clueless as to the true intent of primary elections (they are for party members to choose their own candidates) but refuse to give up the criticism in favor of the Republican State Central Committee.

You insist on attributing the push for a closed Republican primary on a radical fringe element, yet the state central committee in January voted 70 percent in favor of a closed primary. Although you would enjoy seeing the Idaho GOP stub its toe this fall, guess again!

DALE EVERSSEN
Bellevue

Story about Xavier student was unfair, inflammatory

Does the Times-News have a grudge against Xavier Charter School?

The article "In need of justice" certainly makes it seem so. Had it appeared on the editorial page clearly labeled as commentary, I'd have less objection, but a clever play on a child's name suggesting that justice was not being served is an example of bias that doesn't belong in any news-

paper that professes to be neutral in its reporting.

I don't know anyone at Xavier, but I know what it's like to manage a classroom. When a student protests that the rules he breaks are "little things," yet those rules lead to citations by teachers 23 times in little over a semester and include carelessness with expensive equipment (the dropped laptop computer) and refusal to work (in class and on homework), I wonder at his credibility. It's unreasonable to ask students to be polite and attentive? Teachers who spend their days with 12-year-olds understand that they are working with children rather than adults. They set expectations for behavior with that in mind. A student who repeatedly ignores rules is disruptive to school order and instructional effectiveness. A school is an environment that requires cooperation with all concerned or learning is diminished.

If the student is scheduled for a hearing, he is not being denied justice; he's being given due process. But a story that covers a third of the page and begins with that in mind, a headline and insinuating opening sentence implies otherwise. I've come to

expect better from the Times-News.

DEBRA MATTHEWS
Twin Falls

Iraq: Five useless years of death and destruction

So our legislators say please correspond with us; we want to know what you expect us to do. Well, put your glasses on and take the mud out of your ears.

We want this war to end now. The \$2 billion-plus per week we are wasting on this endless war needs to be spent on our roads, our bridges, our educational system, our drug interception, our debt, our veterans, our health care programs, job programs and making the dollar the premier currency it once was. Sen. Fiengold, a Republican, has introduced a bill that will start moving our troops out immediately and safely. How come it is being kept such a secret? Where are the headlines?

The conception that we are fighting terrorists over there so they won't come over here is without merit. In the first place, they are not that dumb. Nine of the 10 terrorists in 9-11 were from Saudi Arabia. Saddam and Osama were not co-conspirators. In fact, Saddam had a deep distrust

of Osama and would not allow him to come to Iraq. Pakistan is now the hot bed of terrorism. Osama is holed up in the mountains above Pakistan. He has killed 30 wives, a small army of guards and needs to support this group. With that many people tromping the hills, he cannot be found? The people looking for him could not hit a bull in the butt with a handful of rice.

There were no terrorists in Iraq until we took over and destroyed Iraq's defense forces. That does not make Saddam a nice guy.

There were a lot better ways of getting rid of Saddam than to lie about his weapons and to support mass destruction then start an endless war that is bankrupting us.

Five useless years and the deaths and destruction of soldiers' families is too much. Five percent of the Iraq war funds we out of there. In our democracy, we have never had a president elected with that majority. With the price of oil at an all-time high, they do not lack for funds to rebuild.

MATT SMITH
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Sen. Russ Feingold is a Democrat from Wisconsin.)

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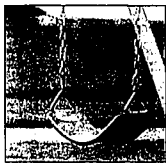
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OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...



... protecting small children

Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.

Idaho holds a couple of dubious distinctions when it comes to the health and welfare of the state's children. For one, it's the only state without a system for examining the causes of child deaths. For another, it's dead last in a state-by-state survey of day-care oversight. The state will hang on to the latter black mark, because for the fourth consecutive year it has rejected an effort to require licensing for smaller day cares. This year's bill would have required criminal background checks on workers at centers with four or more children. It would have mandated annual health

and fire inspections. ... But some members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee chose to niptick rather than address the issue. Sen. Denton Darrington, ID-Deerl, said he needed to be convinced of a higher percentage of problems at small facilities. With no licensing for them, such numbers would be impossible to obtain. This is a ridiculous hurdle. When setting up health standards and inspections at restaurants, the state didn't wait for comparative statistics on small diners vs. large restaurants. ... Fortunately, seven Idaho cities ... have adopted their own rules to protect children. The latest, Armon, had 19 applicants for licenses. Four people were rejected after background checks, but all they have to do is open up shop outside the town limits. Lawmakers can redeem themselves somewhat by passing the bill that calls for child-death reviews. The state had such a system from 1997 to 2003 but ended it when new federal privacy laws made access to health information more difficult. This legislation would allow a judicial team to gain the data it needs on unexpected child deaths. ... The information would then form the basis of public health campaigns to head off accidental deaths. ... It's too bad such a prudent provision couldn't have been attached to the day-care bill ...



... hunting wolves

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

The Endangered Species Act has worked to bring back yet another species on the brink of extinction, the Northern Rockies gray wolf. The wolf's story demonstrates the worthiness of federal management under the ESA, which has proven to be one of the most effective pieces of legislation ever drafted. ... Indeed, a viable population of wolves exists, and delisting the population would seem to be a no-brainer, if not for the attitudes of the leaders in the states of Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. ... Once a species is deemed to be recovered, states assume responsibility. In the case of the wolf, the affected states have shown no interest in maintaining the recovery of an animal that's a key cog in the natural web of life ... Idaho's governor, C.L.

"Butch" Otter, said publicly he hopes to shoot the first wolf on the Idaho Department of Fish and Game implements a wolf hunt. All three states have elected to start wolf hunts. It would seem counterintuitive to fire shots so soon at an animal we've just invested so much time and money to bring back. Why the rush to stuff and mount our success story? After all, we didn't plan a bald eagle hunt when our state's symbol showed the first signs of recovery from widespread DDT use ... Yes, wolves have rebounded impressively. No, our states aren't prepared for or deserving of the responsibility ...

... come fly with me

Idaho Statesman, Boise

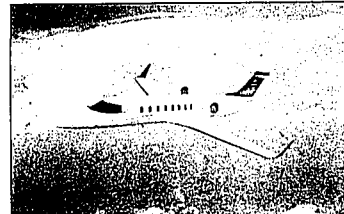
On Feb. 28, the health care products company Melaleuca flew three senators and seven House members to a GOP event in Idaho Falls. ... On Feb. 29, the Senate considered a bill — sponsored by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and endorsed by Melaleuca — allowing employers to sign noncompete agreements with key employees. A day after flying on private planes owned by Melaleuca executives, the three senators voted for the bill — raising, at least, the

appearance of a conflict of interest. The three senators' votes weren't needed to pass the bill, which sailed through the Senate on a 25-10 vote. But their votes will inevitably look suspect. The same goes for the seven House members who may have to vote on this same bill later this session. These 10 legislators are in a bind. There is no proving a negative — proving Melaleuca and its politically active CEO, Frank VanderStoep, exerted no improper influence on their vote. ... But this is a quandary of the lawmakers' own making, created when they accepted the offer of a flight. The lawmakers broke no law; they can accept flights from a private donor. They can accept an "in-kind" contribution of up to \$1,000, or pay their own way. ... But this isn't like a cash donation, which provides a candidate the resources to

run a campaign and pay for mallers or yard signs. Donations like these create perception problems all their own.

Is a donor buying access? VanderStoep himself was not on either flight. And House Majority Caucus Chairman Ken Roberts of Donnelly — who traveled on behalf of House leadership — said no one on his flight discussed any legislation affecting Melaleuca. ... Still, these contributions allow donors to buy private face time with powerful people.

Are the politicians getting perks? Roberts defends the flights, because they made it possible for eastern Idaho lawmakers to attend a GOP event on a Thursday night, 280 miles from Boise. But there's a fine line between a campaign appearance. Financed by a sympathetic donor, and a corporate-funded junket. Why would lawmakers want to push this envelope? ...



We're the reporters; you're the deciders

We're taking a little heat over a Feb. 27 story about a kid named Justice.

Justice Garcia, 12, was on his way to making history as the first kid expelled from the new Xavier Charter School. He apparently violated a pantload of rules at the school, though he and his mother say he didn't really understand that he was doing anything that wrong and the punishment is harsh considering the nature of his violations. ... In posts to our Web site and in e-mails some readers made complaints that fell into three general areas: We held Justice out as "an innocent victim" when he isn't. ... We should be ashamed for suggesting that Justice shouldn't be held to the school's disciplinary standards. ... We invaded the Garcia family's privacy and ginned up a controversy just to sell newspapers. ... Trouble is, we never said Justice was innocent, or even a victim. In fact, we listed a good share of his violations. To somehow warp the facts that we wrote about the tussle between his family and the school as some kind of endorsement of his activities is quite a stretch. ... Believe it or not, we try to present the facts on any issue and let the reader decide. If the facts favor one side over another, that's just the way life works. ... Most of the people who wrote us had no trouble — based only on the facts in the story itself — deciding that Xavier was right to kick Justice to the curb. ... No one should be surprised that we're paying attention to Xavier. It's a public school, and the area's first charter school — perhaps one of the first of many. There's a heightened interest in its operations.



132 FAIRFIELD ST. WEST James G. Wright

Did we exploit the Garcia family just to sell newspapers? Not even close. The family came to us, asked for coverage and didn't have a problem with the story as printed. No exploitation there. ... So the article was published just to sell newspapers, right? Think about this: The article appeared on the Magic Valley page. The only way to see the Magic Valley page is to first buy the newspaper and look inside. ... We may not be a pack of Einsteins here at 132 Fairfield St. West, but don't you think that if we had a story we considered so hot that people would rush out and plunk down their quarters to read it we would put it on the front page, where people would actually see it and then decide to buy the paper?

Do you know someone who's lived to the ripe old age of 90? So do I. In fact, most of us do. The average life expectancy in the U.S. is now 78 — just over 75 for men and almost 81 for women. ... Compare that to the average life expectancy about 60 years ago. In 1929 if you made it to 57 you were a marvel.

This leads to the ultimate good news-bad news item: For years the Times-News has run free birthday announcements for anyone reaching the age of 80. But that's now so common that we run them almost every day, and often more than one a day. ... So to celebrate this good news, we're raising the bar: From now on, free birthday notices only for those who reach the age of 90. ... Further good news on the longevity front will be embraced accordingly.

Two weeks ago I reprinted former editor Clark Wallworth's helpful guidelines on letters-to-the-editor. One of the items was a caution: Submit a letter under a false name and you'll be banned for life. ... Some anonymous person sent me a copy of an article from 1999 about the case that prompted that rule. In it, one of our current chronic letter writers acknowledged that he had published several under a fake name. ... So how is this person able to have letters in the paper now? ... An extensive investigation (walking across the room and talking to Opinion Editor Steve Crump) revealed that the honesty-impaired author was in fact banned for several years, but that my predecessor took pity and issued a pardon. ... I'll respect that decision but apply the sage advice of former president: "Trust, but verify."

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Fewer children are dying than ever before

NUBA MOUNTAINS, Sudan — The farm families living in these rocky hills in central Sudan eat from every disease imaginable, from leprosy to malaria, and perhaps one-quarter of children die by the age of 5. ... Yet this is a "good news" column. Karlo will live. The number of children who die worldwide each year before the age of 5 has dropped below 10 million for the first time in recorded history — compared with 20 million annually in 1990 — UNICEF noted in a report last month in "Child Survival." Now the goal is to cut the death toll to 4 million by 2015. ... Think about that accomplishment: The lives of 10 million children saved each year, 100 million lives per decade. ... One of the lives saved this year seems to be that of Karlo, an 8-month-old baby boy who lives in a thatch-roof hut there. His older brother, Kuti, had died a few days before I arrived. Karlo was taken to the hospital and tested positive for malaria, but the doctor believed that he probably died from meningitis. ... Then Karlo fell sick, and his mother was frantic at the thought that he would die as well. The father, Bolus Abdullah, was more fatalistic. ... "Many children die here," Bolus explained to me as volunteers with an American aid group, Samaritan's Purse, drove the family to the nearest hospital over a fantastically rutted road. "But if that's the will of God, then there's nothing we can do." ... "Yet there are things we can do — and that brings us to the American presidential campaign. African children like Karlo may actually have more at stake in the outcome of the presidential election than children in the United States. Just imagine if the next president were to wage a serious war on malaria. At a tiny fraction of the cost of the war in Iraq (or a war on Iran) such a campaign would save millions of lives and be a huge boost to African economies whose productivity is sapped by diseases. ... The hospital to which we took Karlo is run by an old worker, German Emergency



NICHOLAS KRISTOF

Doctors, and is run by a husband-wife team of physicians, Karl Eiter and Gabi Kortmann. The hospital, whose "wards" are thatch-roof huts with no electricity, is perched on a rural mountainside to protect it from aerial bombings by the Sudanese government. (Sudan's main involvement in health care in contested areas like this has been to strafe hospitals.) ... Eiter ordered a blood test for Karlo, and it came back positive for malaria. He gave Karlo a medication that is almost always effective against malaria here, artemisinin combination therapy, costing just 50 cents for an entire course of treatment. ... Saving children's lives in rural Africa or Asia, where millions die of ailments as simple as diarrhea, pneumonia or measles, is an achingly simple and inexpensive. The starting point is vaccinations and basic sanitation. ... We never have all the vaccines that are required," Eiter said. ... Fortunately, all the candidates are saying the right things about malaria. AIDS and support for education in Africa (although John McCain is fuzziest about commitments). You can compare the candidates' positions on global humanitarian issues at www.noveveto.org. ... Voters should remember that we may not be able to improve schools or protect manufacturing jobs in Ohio, but a president probably could help wipe out malaria. ... Compared with other challenges a president faces, saving a million children's lives a year is the low-hanging fruit. ... Karlo, bouncing in his mother's lap, underscores the hope. With the medicine, he'll recover quickly and be a huge boost to African economies whose productivity is sapped by diseases. ... The hospital to which we took Karlo is run by an old worker, German Emergency

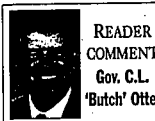
Nicholas Kristof is a New York Times columnist.

State crime labs need more help — and soon

"All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal protection and benefit."

SOUND familiar? It should. It's from Article I, Section 2 of the Idaho Constitution.

Yet it seems to be a foreign concept to some of those most in need of understanding and embracing this concept. ... To me, no role of government is more essential and proper than protecting the people in whom all political power is inherent. ... At the Legislature, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee gets the first cut at deciding how Idaho's tax dollars should be used to fulfill government's proper role. It's a daunting task, carrying with it both prestige and problems. ... Among the budget items I asked JFAC to authorize this year, consistent with government's role of protecting our

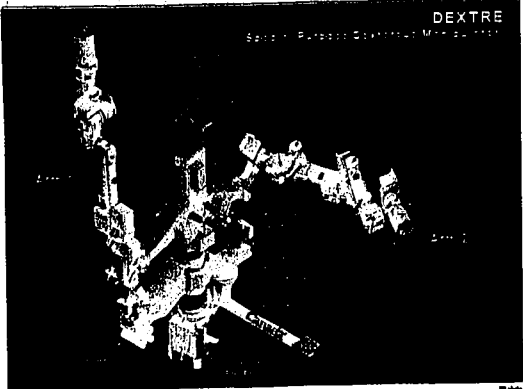


READER COMMENT Gov. C.L. 'Butch' Otter

citizens, was \$637,000 for forensic scientists at the Idaho State Police's crime labs. The proposal came at the request of the Idaho Police Forensic Association, the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association and the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association. ... Those are not special interests looking for a government handout. They are criminal justice professionals, each as committed as the next to investigating crime, apprehending those responsible for crime, and ensuring our citizens receive fair and swift due process of law. ... A review by Col. Jerry Russell, director of the Idaho State Police, found a serious

need for additional laboratory personnel at the crime labs, especially since they were unable to complete work on criminal cases in a timely manner. ... For example, the understaffed labs were able to meet only 43 percent of the turnaround target times for DNA testing, and only 24 percent of latent fingerprint testing was accomplished on time. The Idaho State Police Forensic Laboratory system has been steadily improving its effectiveness and efficiency over the years, but more scientists are needed. ... Forget all the fancy stuff you see on "CSI." We are not talking about bells and whistles here. We're talking about basic laboratory services. And 85 percent of the analysis done by the labs is for local law enforcement agencies. ... Remember, the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requires that criminal defendants receive a speedy trial. Without pro-

viding the tools that professionals need, we run the risk of violating the very Constitution we swear to uphold. ... My budget recognized the need for Idaho to have timely forensic analysis and included a request for funding to provide the support that law enforcement officials throughout Idaho need to make our communities safer for law-abiding citizens. ... However, JFAC decided it was more important that the \$637,000 in a state budget of over \$3 billion go toward other purposes — something other than your local police chief or sheriff has determined is needed to help protect you and your family. ... Once again, remember this phrase from the Idaho Constitution: "All political power is inherent in the people." May the Idaho Legislature be reminded of that, state government will be better able to carry out one of its truly proper and most important roles.



This illustration provided by The Canadian Space Agency (CSA) displays 'Dextre' (Special Purpose Dexterous Manipulator). Putting together Dextre, the robot, will be one of the main jobs for the seven Endeavour astronauts, who are scheduled to blast off in the wee hours of Tuesday less than three weeks after the last shuttle flight.

Shuttle astronauts will assemble 'monstrous' robot at space station

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts bound for orbit this week will dabble in science fiction, assembling a "monstrous" two-armed space station robot that will rise like Frankenstein from its transport bed.

Putting together Dextre, the robot, will be one of the main jobs for the seven Endeavour astronauts, who are scheduled to blast off in the wee hours of Tuesday, less than three weeks after the last shuttle flight.

They're also delivering the first piece of Japan's massive Kibo space station lab, a float-in closet for storing tools, experiments and spare parts. For the first time, each of the five major international space station partners will own a piece of the real estate.

At 16 days, the mission will

be NASA's longest space station trip ever and will include five spacewalks, the most ever performed while a shuttle is docked there. Three of those spacewalks will feature Dextre, which is sure to steal the show.

With 11-foot arms, a shoulder span of nearly 8 feet and a height of 12 feet, the Canadian Space Agency's Dextre — short for dexterous and pronounced like Dexter — is more than a little intimidating, at least for astronaut Garrett Reisman.

"Now I wouldn't go as far to say that we're worried it's going to go run amok and take over the space station or turn evil or anything because we all know how it's operated and it doesn't have Reisman told 'The Associated Press last week."

"But I'll tell you something ... He's enormous and to see him with his giant arms, it is

a little scary. It's a little monstrous, it is."

Dextre will be flying up aboard Endeavour in pieces, and it will be up to a team of spacewalking astronauts to assemble the 3,400-pound robot and attach it to the outside of the space station. That job will fall to Reisman, Michael Foreman and Richard Linnehan.

"I feel kind of like dad on Christmas Eve, you know, opening up this present and trying to put it together for the son or daughter and going, 'Whoa, what have I gotten myself into here with this 'some assembly required' part of the space station,'" Foreman said.

Reisman, who will be moving into the space station, can't wait to see Dextre rise from its shuttle transport pallet, rotating up "almost like it's Frankenstein's monster coming alive."

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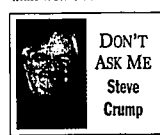
Shades of domestic bliss at the paint store

I bought my wife an orange silk scarf a white back.

At least I thought it was orange. Victoria opened the box, smiled broadly and exclaimed, "What a lovely shade of pink!"

"My jaw dropped. 'Do you need me to turn on another light? That scarf is orange.'"

"It's pink," she replied. "You're color blind." Actually, I'm not. Men just see colors differently than women do.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

"A guy assumes green is the same color as the green crayon he used in second grade." Dave Barry once wrote, "Women know better." Barry advised men never to buy their significant sweeties anything green because they'll get together with their girlfriends, pull out the gift and proclaim, "Look at the sweater Harold bought me. He thinks it's green!"

Peels of derisive laughter follow.

I've been there. Green is trouble.

Near as I can tell, "green" covers the color spectrum from yellow to brown for women. Purple is a problem too: Does it matter how Welch's Grape Juice is stained on an object, is it's *burgundy* or *maroon*.

Same deal with tan. There is no tan; there's *beige*, *biscuit*, *bronze*, *buff*, *cream*, *fawn*, *drab*, *khaki*, *leather*, *olive*, *saddle*, *oatmeal*, *sand*, *tan*, *caramel*, *gold*, *henna*, *ochre*, *umber* and my personal favorite, *ecru*.

Last fall, Victoria and I made the mistake of going to the big-box home improvement store to look at color chips (I'm painting the exterior of the house this summer). After an hour or so of deliberation, I turned to her and said, "What's your favorite?" She handed me three color chips: Red, purple and brown.

"That's appalling," I said. "It's not," she countered. "Coral, orchid and plum go together perfectly."

"If we took one of each of the color chips on that rack over there, threw them up in the air and poked three off the floor at random, we couldn't find a worse combination," I said.

"Sure we could," she replied. "We could let you choose three colors." I'm not certain, but I think that was a colorful insult directed at men in general.

"Hey, van Gogh was a guy," I protested. "So were Picasso and Renoir. So were Sherwin and Williams."

"So are Red Green, Charlie Brown, Jack Black, Zane Grey and the Blues Brothers," she said. "You're not painting the house."

That's what marriage is like with a redhead. Or is it *auburn*?

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DEQ offers free well testing

Program focuses on highly polluted Cassia County

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has offered to test the well-water of residents in Cassia County, an area where groundwater ranks among the state's most contaminated by nitrates.

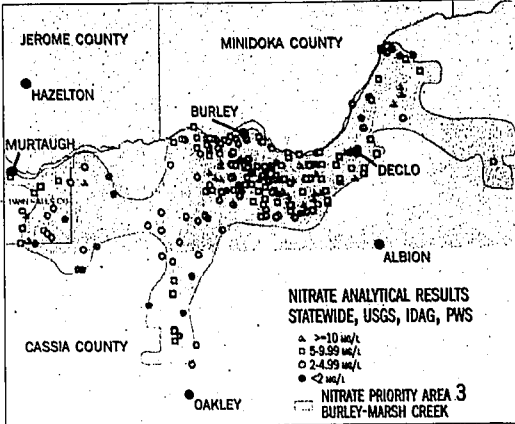
Test your water
Have your well water tested between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on March 29 at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center, 1600 Park Ave. in Burley.

A segment of the county ranks third in the state on the department's Nitrate Priority Area list — a document that chronicles the state's most at-risk areas of nitrate groundwater pollution. A significant

portion of wells in the area routinely test above state and federal standards for safe drinking water.

Nitrates are a substance linked to fertilizer and manure and are known to cause serious health problems in humans, especially infants.

No government agency travels to homes to test well water, said John Bokor, a DEQ's regional drinking water protection officer — well test-



ing is the responsibility of well owners. But the DEQ is offering free testing on March 29 to those

who bring a few ounces of their well water in a clean glass jar to a temporary testing center in Burley, in part to raise

awareness of the serious nitrate problem in the area. Please see WELLS, Page C3

Gun safety programs are casualty of time crunch at area schools

Teaching kids when not to pull the trigger falls by the wayside

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

If the call ever comes, Twin Falls Police Sgt. Mark Marvin will be ready.

Videotapes, stickers and even "some comic-book things" starring the National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle are stored away, awaiting the next group of Boy Scouts who will hear the character's spiel on gun safety.

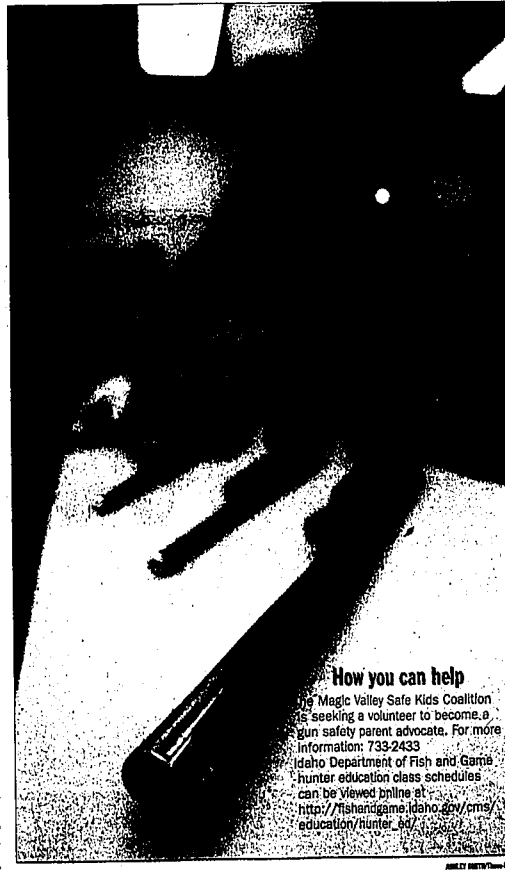
Marvin can just about recite the whole presentation by heart. But he rarely gives it these days, ever since the public schools let him know five years ago that they couldn't find time to fit him in.

"In recent years, there's been so many different mandates placed upon the schools," he said. "They almost have to be these kids' parents now. They don't have that free time like they used to."

Outreach efforts such as the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program — applauded by the National Safety Council and Association of American Educators, and endorsed in 1996 by the Idaho Legislature and Gov. Phil Batt — helped lower child deaths due to unintentional firearm injuries from 247 in 1987 to 63 in 2004, according to numbers from Safe Kids USA. But the No Child Left Behind Act and other laws have clogged school schedules, Marvin said, leaving little to no time for other educational programs.

In Idaho, where guns are plentiful and children are just as curious, that's a problem.

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Clayton Nielson, of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, lays out hunting rifles and shotguns that are used to teach safe handling of firearms. Nielson says firearms and ammunition should always be stored separately in locked containers.

How you can help

The Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition is seeking a volunteer to become a gun safety parent advocate. For more information: 735-2433. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game's hunter education class schedules can be viewed online at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/education/hunter_62

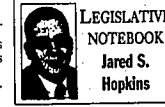
Lawmakers dismiss climate change, eye primary change

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — State lawmakers insist the 2008 Legislature is wrapping up.

Last week's political showdowns indicate otherwise. Lawmakers are pointing at transportation for this year's snag in leaving Boise by the end of March. Many predict a week or two beyond that.

Up until last week, Gov.



LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK
Jared S. Hopkins

issued a letter accusing House members of seeking "political cover" after they held an emergency meeting to introduce transportation bills a day after Otter proposed his own.

Police funding from the fuel tax to the general fund over two years. Other items within the halls of the Capitol Annex: On Wednesday the Senate voted 20 to 13 to kill a resolution that would have had state agencies complete research on climate change for legislators, and make suggestions if Idaho enters green house gas regulation.

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Another Safe House takes shape

Kids, adults help remodel old house for new boys facility

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

There's an old brown house under construction on Rose Street taken from blueprints to build more than just a place to live.

The house with stone bottom trim, a full basement, and a three-car garage is being transformed into the second Safe House in Twin Falls County. The garage is being made into bedrooms, the basement is morphing into another bedroom and bonus room and the rest of the house is getting a total facelift.

Safe House is a non-profit group home for neglected or abused kids between the ages of 10 and 17, who stay for an average of three to six months. Run by county employees, staff work with these kids on social skills, positive thinking and anger management with a program based on rewards and incentives.

And in the end staff work to reunite these children with their biological families, place them in foster care or ready them for adoptive homes.

There are 12 beds at the existing co-ed Safe House at 136 6th Ave. which has been around for about 10 years, and 12 more beds are planned for this second Safe House at 163 Rose St., according to an April letter from Twin Falls County Research and Development.

The new Rose Street Safe House will be for boys only, and the older 6th Avenue Safe House will be for girls. The adolescents need a bit more separation in their quarters, officials said.

"Sometimes we might have a little bit of a love connection," said Nikki Hill, a Safe House case manager and former Safe House resident.

There's not a waiting list right now for Safe House, but there has been in the past, Hill said.

Hill's own life shows that Safe House can work. She went through the program in 1998, after running away at age 11 from her meth-addicted mom in Twin Falls. Hill lived on her own until she was 13 when foster care picked her up, she said.

Foster care didn't immediately work because Hill said she was used to living on her

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The Buhl High School Jazz choir recently received accolades for their performance at the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival held over the Feb. 22 weekend in Moscow, Idaho.

Special nod given to Buhl High School choir

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Three times is certainly a charm for the Buhl High School Jazz Choir.

The choir attended the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho, and for the third year in a row came away with another trophy for their outstanding performance, earning an Adjudicator's Special Commendation.

"This is quite an honor, as this is the largest student competition in the world," said Director Jennifer Schoth. "The festival doesn't give first, second- and third-place awards anymore. The special commendation is like being first-runner up. I couldn't be more proud."

Musicians performed for judges, who provided feedback and critical evaluation of the groups' performance. Buhl High's jazz choir was the only ensemble from a public school recognized in its category, said Schoth. "The talent out there was amazing," said BIS Junior Nathan Romans. The trip was a first for the alto saxophone player who joined the choir just this year. "Watching the other performers, it was inspiration. I learned a lot about jazz and improvisation playing. It was a neat trip."

The number of participants was staggering.

Schoth said. More than 300 elementary, middle school, high school and colleges attended. Seventy-six artists from 13 countries gave artist workshops and evening concerts during the Feb. 22 weekend.

Jazz choir members Emily O'Connor, Kristina Nye and Jana Konietzki performed solos during the event. O'Connor, recently awarded a \$1,500 Danny Marona Performing Scholarship, said being comfortable on stage is priceless. O'Connor won a District solo competition March 4 and secured a spot at the state solo competition this May.

"I think being able to perform all kinds of music helps," O'Connor said. "The jazz we performed was a lot different from the classical piece I sang for districts; it's practice makes perfect. Being comfortable performing is one of the most important things."

The Buhl community should be proud of the choir, Schoth said. "The entire group represented our community extremely well, on and off stage," she said. "People are wondering what we have in the water around here. Please congratulate the kids if you see them."

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Genoveva (Eva) Moreno

JEROME — Genoveva (Eva) Moreno passed away Friday, March 7, 2008, with her family by her side at her home after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer.



She was born the fifth child on Jan. 2, 1945, in Sabinas Hidalgo Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to Paula and Jose Garza. She lived most of her childhood in Texas before her family moved to Idaho to work in the onion and sugar beet fields. While living in the Burley area, she met Efraim Moreno at the Fourth of July carnival and it was love at first sight. Having only met shortly and dated for one month, they married on Sept. 12, 1966, and from this union seven children were born. She and Efraim made their home in Jerome, Idaho.

She loved to sing and paint, collect portraits and figurines of angels, do jigsaw puzzles, and work on her various plants around the house. She also worked as a translator for the Jerome Health and Welfare, the courts and St. Benedict's hospital. One of her accomplishments was in 1989 she became a citizen of this great country. Her other great enjoyments came when she would attend Sunday services at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, family gatherings with her children and grandchildren, spending time with her sisters and brothers, and shopping with her three daughters.

Missed will be her laughter, her great sense of humor, her quick-wit and her beautiful

smile, which can be seen everyday in her children and grandchildren. But, most of all, her friendship and her loving Christian heart towards others will be missed.



Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Efraim Moreno of Twin Falls; her seven children, Kenneth (Juanita) Moreno of Twin Falls; Gwen Fraser of Jerome, Joanne (William) Cox of Carey, Arlene Moreno of Kimberly, Ephraim Moreno of Jerome and Mark Moreno of Twin Falls; 23 grandchildren; five sisters; one-in-law; five sisters-in-law; and numerous nephews, nieces and godchildren.

Eva was preceded in death by her parents, her father-in-law, her mother-in-law, two brothers, three brothers-in-law, a sister-in-law, two nephews and a niece.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Richard Miranda, (Ispice Vision) and St. Luke's Mountain States Yumor Institute for all their loving care and support of our mom.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Eva's name to the American Cancer Society. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Wekerle officiating. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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Opal Irene Miller

JEROME — Opal Irene Miller passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center at the age of 87 years.



She was born Dec. 7, 1920, in Buhl, Idaho, to Steve and Dora Lee. She attended school in Gooding and Jerome until she married Ivan M. Miller in Rupert, Idaho, on Dec. 8, 1937.

Opal was a caring, loving mother and grandmother. She opened her home to many through the years. She was involved in the 4-H program for more than 25 years. She assisted with school Christmas program sewing projects and was a member of the Wendell and Buhl sewing, gardening, quilting, sing-along and traveling. In her later years, she took up oil painting and learned to use her computer, which she enjoyed very much.

Opal and Ivan farmed in the Magic Valley until his death in 1982. They had been married for 41 years and were the proud and loving parents of 11 children.

Opal was preceded in death by her husband, Ivan M. Miller, and three children, Donald and Donna Miller

and Diann (Miller) Parsons; two brothers, Steve and Earl Lee; two sisters, Norma Shurtz and Hazel Norris; and one grandson, Kevin Crowley.

Opal is survived by two sons and six daughters, R. Dean (Brenda) Miller of LaGrande, Ore., Kathrine (Robert) Berg of Kimberly, Sharon (Morris) Entole of Gilbert, Ariz., Linda (Robert) Lighter of Ash Fork, Ariz., Susan (Donald) Baird of Jerome, Roy (Lisa) Miller of Twin Falls, Vicki Coss of Mancos, Colo., and Teresa (Tony) Kissinger of Buhl, and 28 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank all her doctors, especially Dr. Patrick Desmond, Idaho Home Health and Hospice, Twin Falls Care Center staff, nurses and special thanks to Glenzie Hering, her special friends, aide and caregiver.

Viewing will be held for the family Sunday, March 9, from 6 to 7 p.m. and for friends from 7 to 8 p.m. at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 429 Third Ave. E. (North Hillmore and Third) in Jerome.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, with a graveside service at the Jerome Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

William L. Bryant

William L. "Will" Bryant, 25, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 6, 2008, in Jerome.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Twin Falls City Park on Shoshone Street North (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Jay C. Looney

BUIH — Jay Calvin Looney, 58, of Buhl, died Thursday, March 6, 2008, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

James R. Laswell

JEROME — James R.

Laswell, 81, of Jerome, died Friday, March 7, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

Jack F. McNutt

Jack F. McNutt, 70, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 7, 2008, at BridgeView Estates.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Melvin L. Menck

Melvin L. Menck, 77, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 7, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

of the Rifle Expert badge. His platoon earned trophies for Initial PFT, Final PFT, Range Qualification. After 10 days' home leave, he will report to Camp Pendleton for Military Combat Training.

He is the son of Rod Wherry of Murtagh, grandson of Julia Schroeder of Ontario, and great-grandson of Edith Grover of New Plymouth.

Joe Tomes Tamnaga of Hoyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 N. St.

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IN THE SERVICE

Melissa Major and Sean Wayment

Army Pfc. Melissa L. Major and Army Pvt. Sean E. Wayment have graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, they studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Major is the daughter of Kenneth Major of Twin Falls.

Wayment is the son of Larry and Darlene Wayment of Twin Falls.

Alexis Brown

Army Spec. Alexis M. Brown has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal for participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom at a forward-deployed location overseas.

The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces, who while serving in any capacity with the Army in an area authorized by the Secretary of the Army, have distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement.

Brown, an automated logistical specialist, is normally assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo. She has served in the

military for five years. She is the daughter of William Miller and Irene Miller both of Kimberly. Her husband, Brian, is the son of Charles Brown and Jackie Kelson, both of Garland, Texas. She graduated in 2002 from Kimberly High School.

Nathan Wherry

Pvt. Nathan Wherry, 19, of Longmont, Colo., graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Feb. 22.

Private Wherry successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego and Camp Pendleton as one of 77 recruits in Training Platoon 2155. While in basic training Private Wherry qualified for the coveted "Crossed Rifles"

and with Caring Staffing. Brown enjoys knitting and playing bridge. She has three children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Brown says she enjoys what she does at the hospital and for the community.



COMMUNITY NEWS

ISU professor to give talk at Burley library

BURLEY — Dr. Susan Sweetnam, a professor of English at Idaho State University, will visit the Burley Public Library where she'll give a special presentation on "The Role of Women's Clubs in Establishing Idaho's Carnegie Public Libraries" at 7 p.m. Monday at the library, 1300 Miller Ave.

The program is free and

open to the public. For more information: 878-7708.

Minidoka hospital volunteer honored

Minidoka Memorial Hospital's Volunteer of the Month for January is Jackie Brown. She has been volunteering her time at the hospital since 1979. Brown volunteers her time at the information desk, during the annual Health Fair, at blood drives

Guns

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Marvin said. The state sees few deaths — according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, only one child under the age of 14 was killed by accidental discharge of a firearm in 2006, and only four intentionally committed suicide with one. But the potential for accidents is still there, Marvin said, and in the absence of the school program, he's not sure where safety education is coming from.

"I'd like to think they're getting that from their parents, but I don't see that kind of involvement where I shoot," he said.

Ted Poppelwell, elementary programs director for the Twin Falls School District, said safety education is one that tears him in two. Gun safety, he said, is one of many programs led to see in the city's schools. And while federal mandates have forced schools to cut outside programs and assemblies, the bigger problem may be the sheer volume of requests they get — 150 alone that one principal counted up one year, he said.

"How do you say yes to one and then no to all the others?" Poppelwell said. "It does play on you."

Some programs still work with local school districts, such as the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's hunter education classes. The classes aren't integrated into some local schools like they once were, regional conservation educator Kelton Hutch said. But the agency has continued to offer them after-hours at most schools except Twin Falls, as well as at its regional office in Jerome. Between 2,300 and 3,000 students ages 8 and up graduate from the program every year.

Hatch credited the class with a dramatic drop in accidents while hunters are out in the field. But people could always do better, he said.

"You still hear of accidents happening in people's homes, and I hate to see those happening," he said. "If there's anything I can do to protect my children, I do it."

That's something Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition Director Page Geske wants to hear more often. Her organization passes out gun locks along with bike helmets and child car seats. Four years ago, she couldn't give them out fast enough. Today, she said, only the occasional parent stops by seeking one.

Idaho, she said, seems to have a "much more lax posture" in regards to gun safety than Virginia, where she was raised by parents who hunted. Along with the gun locks, she advises parents to keep gun accessories stored in separate locations and said her coalition is searching for a parent advocate to help promote gun safety education in the area.

Perhaps, Marvin said, the key to parent-led education is presenting firearms as more of a tool than a forbidden, exciting object. In his 30 years as a policeman, he said, his children became used to seeing him with guns and learned how to safely use them, hunting and entering shooting competitions when they grew up.

"I have a gun belt that I wear when I go to work, just like a carpenter has a tool belt," Marvin said. "I think that's the way they've always looked at it."

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"I've seen first hand how it works," said Hill, who's been employed with the program for two years. "I know what it's like, and in the end, everyone makes their own choices."

Hill was later adopted by her foster family and graduated from the University of Idaho, she said.

Three other houses on Rose Street are owned by the county and could be used for a Safe House expansion to the area, county officials said.

The current Safe House project is estimated to cost about \$120,000 — the state gave about \$55,000 in grants — and so far only about \$200 has been spent with bills still outstanding, said Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikessell.

Local construction companies and groups have volunteered supplies and manpower that's reducing costs, Mikessell said Saturday, clad in blue jeans and work gloves.

Four Safe House kids also eagerly worked Saturday on



Nikk Hill, a Safe House case manager and former Safe House resident, works with a volunteer to take down part of the ceiling in the new home that will become an office area. The project is expected to be completed in June.

the new facility slated to be done in June.

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Wells

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In addition to nitrates, pesticides have been detected in some area wells, Bokor said.

A similar event last year in Rupert drew more than 500 people, Bokor said. So many, his team ran out of testing equipment.

Individual test results are confidential, but Bokor said many of the tests showed high nitrate levels.

In the Cassia County priority area, tests in 1999 and 2000 showed nearly 20 percent of the 234 wells sampled contained levels of nitrates not safe for drinking water — at or above 10 milligrams per liter. Nearly 90 percent of the wells contained at least some nitrates,

according to DEQ reports.

At the time, scientists said a trend was developing in which nitrate levels in area wells were increasing.

An area in Twin Falls County ranks second on the department's priority list, and DEQ officials have worked with Magic Valley residents to curb nitrate contamination, mostly through awareness programs.

Local well drillers, lab officials and water-treatment suppliers will attend the testing, open house to answer questions about water quality.

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Notebook

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Not surprisingly the bill drew diverse and colorful debate, mostly over concern the bill was about the divisive topic of global warming.

"We're talking here now about building a bureaucracy on top of theory. That's really it," said Sen. Monty Pearce, R-New Plymouth. "We're opening the tent up and saying calm, stick your head under, and not recognizing that camel has had bread."

The measure fell amidst concerns the bill left out some energy sources, such as nuclear and was too costly, despite pleas that the legislation would just gather research already performed. "This is a good resolution and will bring us back a report in which we can make decisions on energy in the future," Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, said on the floor.

Sen. Clint Sennett, D-Kerchener, was the other south-central senator voting aye. Sens. Denton Darrington, R-Deer, and Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, voted against the measure. Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, was absent.

Afterward, Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, a co-sponsor of the bill, said simply getting the bill to the floor was a success and couldn't recall climate change ever being debated by a full chamber.

Over two days of public testimony and debate back and forth, a House tax committee passed a bill that offered tax credits to landowners who agreed to protect their land from development.

But it was pulled off the House floor after some lawmakers wanted to limit the threshold from 30 years to five years and decrease the yearly incentive.

The Ranch, Farm and Forest Protection Act and worked on for nearly two years — from the Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Farm Bureau and The Nature Conservancy.

The last group was apparently the tipping point for House Assistant Majority

Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley.

"The Nature Conservancy is on the moderate end of a bunch of quite rabid folks who want to exchange their land for mine and get me off" Bedke, a rancher and former ICA president, said prior to the vote.

Keith Allred, executive director of The Common Interest, a non-partisan group, said he will introduce legislation Wednesday to allow for Idaho to hold modified-open primary elections.

Idaho has an open primary system, which allows for voters to choose which party's contest to participate in. Conservative Republicans want to close the primary, and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled states can't force political parties to associate with those who don't share their political beliefs.

Allred has been working on the legislation all session. He said that the provision of Idaho's independent voters — nearly one-third of the electorate — would be preserved, which was one of the hang-ups.

He declined further details but called it a "modified-open with a twist."

On Tuesday, the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee will vote — or at least hope to — on a bill that would overhaul health benefits for retired state employees.

The committee has heard more than three hours of testimony over two days, and encountered staunch resistance from retired workers and the organiza-

tions representing them.

It's the second attempt from Department of Administration Director Mike Cavanaugh to require retired workers 65 and older to switch onto Medicare. Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, the lead sponsor, says it provides better coverage than the current state plan and is cheaper.

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States aim to alleviate veterinarian shortage

By Shannon Dinnin
Associated Press writer

CONNELL, Wash. — Bill Bennett has spent 45 years feeding and herding the 2,500 cattle that roam his rolling eastern Washington ranch. Unable to find a veterinarian to come to his rural place, Bennett's job has come to include doctor as well.

Farmers and ranchers across the country complain of a shortage of large animal veterinarians. A federal program created in 2003 to try to help the situation sits dormant while the U.S. Department of Agriculture experts cry out that public health is being endangered.

Veterinarians not only care for cattle, pigs, horses and chickens on the farm, they also monitor and inspect a large portion of the country's poultry and swine disease researchers. And a shortage has many experts calling the situation a crisis in animal care.

"More and more states are recognizing the critical need, approving or considering bills that provide tuition reimbursement or scholarships to veterinarians who agree to work in underserved areas. Those states include Washington, where Bennett has been championing rural veterinary care for years.

"I can't get a vet to save my life. I've tried for years to get one to move in here and start a practice and they don't want to do it. They want to do bigger cities and small animals," Bennett said. "I complain about them spending all our money educating dog and cat doctors."

Recent studies for the American Veterinary Medical Association indicate that the demand for veterinarians nationally will increase by as much as 14 percent by 2016. Those same studies project a shortfall of vets of between 4 to 5 percent annually.

The seriousness of the shortage was highlighted with the recent massive beef recall from a China, Calif., slaughterhouse. The recall launched a series of congressional hearings and close scrutiny of the USDA's meat and poultry inspection system.

"The agency has said it is short about 500 inspectors. . . . When you take into account a huge area food supply veterinarians have to cover, it's not like the remaining veterinarians can pick up the slack," said David Kirkpatrick, spokesman for the Schaumburg, Ill.-based American Veterinary Medical Association. "We're seeing more and more states taking steps to address the situation."

According to the National

Conference of State Legislatures, eight states already have implemented loan forgiveness programs for veterinarians who agree to work in underserved, often rural, areas. Eight more states are considering similar programs.

A bill in the Washington Legislature would allow Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine to award two scholarships each year to students who agree to work for a period of time in a rural area. The bill has the support of the university, which sees fewer than 10 percent of its students choose to work as large-animal vets. The Legislature passed the measure Saturday and it now goes to Gov. Chris Gregoire.

The school graduates about 90 students each year, with an average debt of \$80,000 each.

Vets tend to gravitate toward small-animal care because ranchers will often choose to slaughter a sick or injured animal rather than pay for expensive treatment, while a pet owner will spend heavily to save a treasured friend, said Warwick Baylo, dean of the veterinary school.

"When you balance the needs for simple, day-to-day living plus repayment of sizeable student loans, the debt often exceeds what you can expect to make in an agricultural area. It's just simple math," he said. "But that shouldn't be interpreted that people aren't interested."

Federal support has been slow to come. Veterinary groups have been pushing federal legislation that would award \$1.5 billion in competitive grants so the nation's 28 veterinary schools could

expand. The schools currently graduate about 2,500 veterinarians annually, though that number hasn't grown for at least a couple of decades.

The Veterinary Medical Service Act, signed into law by President Bush in 2003, also is pending, delayed by the rule-making process. The act would provide tuition reimbursement to veterinarians who agree to work in underserved areas, whether the shortage is a rural area, discipline or government agency. So far, \$1.875 million has been appropriated for it.

However, the agency entered into an agreement with the Food Safety Inspection Service to implement the program and hire more inspectors in February 2007, said Robert Hedberg, acting director of governmental and legislative affairs for USDA's research mission area. Five new veterinarians have since been hired by the service with tuition reimbursement included as a hiring incentive. The cost: \$150,000.



Jolene Bennett gives a horse a haircut and she calls it first shots Feb. 21 near Connell, Wash., at the BB Cattle Co. The ranch does many medical services for their cattle because of the area's shortage of large animal, rural veterinarians. Farmers and ranchers across the country complain of a shortage of large animal veterinarians. AP photo

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'Mastah Preddi' fell out of the sky and into the heart of an island

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press writer

BIALLA. Papua New Guinea — The Japanese fighter caught the American pilot from behind, riddling his plane with machine-gun rounds. The left engine burst into flames. It was time to bail out.

He yanked on the release lever but the cockpit canopy only half-opened. He unbuckled his seat belt, rose to shake the canopy loose and was instantly sucked out.

Swinging beneath his opened parachute, he plunged toward a Pacific island jungle of thick, towering eucalyptus trees, of crocodile rivers and headhunters, into enemy territory, and into an unimagined future as a hero, "Stuara Waru," Chief Warrior to generations of islanders yet unborn.

Fred Hargeshelmer was shot down in the southwest Pacific on June 5, 1943. A lifetime later, he sits in his quiet California ranch house amid the snow and soaring sugar pines of the Sierra Nevada foothills.

The light blue eyes, at age 91, can't see as well as they once did. But when he looks back over 65 years, the strutting, Minnesotaan sees it all clearly: the struggle to survive, the native rescuers, the Japanese patrols and narrow escapes, the mother's milk that saved him. He remembers well his return to New Britain, the people's embrace, the fundraising and building, the children taught, the adults cured, the happy years beside the Bismarck Sea with Dorothy, his wife.

"I'm so grateful for getting shot out of the sky," he says.

Picking himself up, "Hargy" Hargeshelmer found no broken bones, but felt a bloody gash on his head. He cut off bits of nylon parachute for a bandage. Then he looked around.

He had been on a photo-reconnaissance mission from New Guinea, tracking ship movements around Japanese-occupied New Britain, a primitive, 370-mile-long crescent of hot, dark, mist-shrouded forests fringed by smoldering volcanoes.

He came down halfway up the slopes of the 4,000-foot-high Nakanal mountains, in a wilderness of torrential rains, giant ferns, venomous insects and vicious wild pigs whose tusks could kill a man. Hargeshelmer checked his survival kit, finding compass, machete, extra ammunition for his pistol, and two bars of concentrated chocolate, his only food.

First he set out southwest, hoping to cross the mountains and reach New Britain's south coast. Steep and muddy slopes defeated him, however, and he turned north instead, toward the Bisharck Sea. Remembering the small inflatable raft in his kit, he tried floating down a stream, but a huge crocodile reared up and sent him scrambling back ashore.

After 10 days, as his chocolate dwindled, he came upon a riverside clearing and an empty native lean-to, and



Fred Hargeshelmer is seen with native children on the island of New Britain, Papua New Guinea, in this undated photo provided by Hargeshelmer.

decided to settle in, start a fire with his emergency matches, and hunt for food. Smells he found in the riverbed became his staple weeks to come, roasted by the dozen.

On the 31st day, he heard voices on the river. When they came to him, he cried.

Villagers here on the north coast had seen the distant plane go down. Now, in an outrigger canoe on an upriver hunting trip, they had their eyes out for a pilot.

Finding Hargeshelmer by the riverside, Lauo, their "luluai," or chief, showed the bearded, haggard white man a note written by an Australian officer saying these villagers had saved other pilots and could be trusted.

They took him downriver to their seaside village, Ea Ea, a place of grass-roofed lean-tos. They gave him a hut and fed him boiled pig, shellfish and taro, their starchy tuber mainstay. He went fishing with them in their canoes under cover of darkness, and began to learn Pidgin, the islanders' simple, English-based common language.

Because enemy troops patrolled the beaches, Hargeshelmer spent many days in a hut hidden in a nearby swamp. But one day he was caught away from his hideout when an alarm went up that Japanese were approaching. Village friend Joseph Gabu led the American into the rain forest, sending him up a eucalyptus tree to hide.

Through the night, he was tormented by warnings of mosquitoes, but finally the next

day Gabu came for him. All was clear, but within weeks Hargeshelmer was stricken with the severe chills and fever of mosquito-borne malaria.

It left him prostrate, weakening, not eating for days. He asked for milk, but there was none. Then the missionary Apolis asked whether he would drink "susu." He brought his wife, Ida, to the hut, carrying their month-old baby.

She slipped behind the grass wall and returned with a cup of milk. For 10 or more days following, she supplied Hargeshelmer with her "susu," mother's milk that helped restore his health.

Villagers protected "Mastah Preddi" — Master Fred — apparently because they hated the Japanese for their cruel treatment of natives. The village took a great risk by protecting him from the Japanese, he says.

"If they'd seen my boot prints, I think they would have tortured everyone in the village until they produced me."

In February 1944, eight months after he was shot down, Hargeshelmer was picked up from a New Britain beach by a U.S. submarine crew, a rendezvous arranged by Australian "coastwatcher" commandos operating behind Japanese lines.

He returned to civilian life after the war ended in 1945. By then he had married Dorothy Sheldon of Adolph, Ohio, and by 1949 they had three children —

Richard, Eric and Carol.

But the people of Ea Ea never left his mind. "The more I thought about my experience with the people in New Guinea, the more I realized what a debt I had to try to repay," he says.

In 1960, with the family vacation money and the family's blessing, Hargeshelmer made a solitary, 11,000-mile journey back to New Britain, biggest outrigger island of Papua New Guinea, then Australian, now independent.

The villagers, hearing Mastah Preddi was coming, lined the beach and sang "God Save the Queen" as he stepped from a boat in the moonlight.

He was met by Lutani Lauo, Joseph Gabu and others, and later found Ida and her 16-year-old son, to thank her, too.

But "a simple thank you didn't seem enough," he recalls. Back home, he consulted with a missionary, who

told him what the people needed: a school.

He went to work, canvassing relatives, meeting with church groups, speaking to service organizations. He raised \$15,000 over three years, "most of it \$5 and \$10 gifts."

With the money and 17-year-old son Dick in tow, he returned to New Britain in 1963. He was given church land in Ewasse, a central settlement near Ea Ea, now renamed Nantabu. There a contractor raised the area's first permanent elementary school — cement floor, metal roof, sturdy walls.

He brought in New Guinean teachers, American volunteers and an Australian headmaster, and the Airman's Memorial School opened in 1964 with 40 pupils and four classrooms. But Fred Hargeshelmer wasn't finished.

Over the years, Hargeshelmer collected more

contributions, building a library at the school and a clinic for eye exams. He and his wife spent four years teaching at the school, and he would return every two or three years.

In 2006, Fred Hargeshelmer, at 90, returned for what he said would be his last visit.

As he was carried past them in a ceremonial canoe and Nakanal headdress, thousands cheered. "The people were very happy. They'll always remember what Mr. Fred Hargeshelmer has done for our people," says Ismael Sautu, 63, a former teacher at the school.

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Relay For Life is personal business for Trinity Lutheran

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

"We don't do it for the recognition. We just want to help find a cure for cancer."

— Henry Walters

RUPERT — Organizers of the Mini-Cassia Relay For Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, say that everyone who participates in Relay For Life has a reason.

Members of the Trinity Lutheran Church Relay For Life team have many "reasons to Relay." The team, which has been active in the Mini-Cassia event for nine of its 10 years, has more than half its active team members who are cancer survivors. They also have several team members who have been lost to cancer.

"It's really personal for us," says team captain Henry Walters.

The fact that it has personal meaning to its team members no doubt has contributed much to the success of the team. Of the 40 to 60 teams that participate in the Mini-Cassia Relay For Life each year, Trinity Lutheran's team has

been one of the top fundraising teams. Last year the team brought in \$9,400, though they are reluctant to take credit for their success.

"We don't do it for the recognition," Walters says. "We just want to help find a cure for cancer."

The team plans a number of fundraisers that contribute to the money it raises, including a baked goods auction in April and a German sausage feed in May. They also sell the sausage at the Relay event in June. Up to \$1,600 of the money raised by the team is matched by Thrivent Financial, which also helps boost the team's success.

Mostly, though, the team credits its success to the support it gets from the congregation. Each year after the Relay For Life, the Trinity

Lutheran team serves a lasagna dinner to the congregation free of charge as a thank you for all their help and support.

"Our team does not just consist of the 12 or 13 people on the roster," Walters says. "It's the whole congregation. We're all a team."

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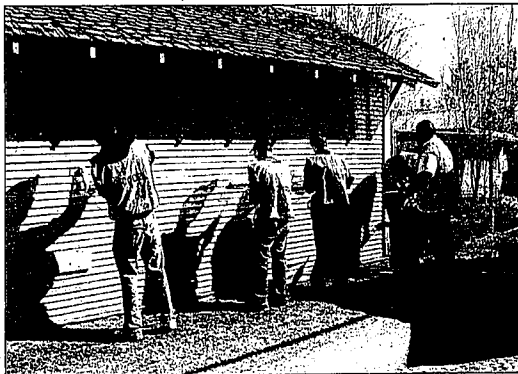
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For more information or to form a team: Shirley Dayley at 434-8667, Gail Gallegos at 678-2291 or Tara Carson at 878-2252, ext. 111. This year's Relay will be June 6-7 on the Rupert Square. The theme is "Hang 10 for a Cure."



Parker Prien and his mother Vicki Prien choose their dessert at the Trinity Lutheran Church Relay For Life team fundraising dinner at their church on Wednesday, while Bruce Fredrick waits in line.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



Participants in the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Probation program participated in a graffiti cleanup project Thursday in Rupert. Several homes and personal properties had been spray painted with gang signs and words, and the youth painted over the graffiti as a community service. According to Bret Wright, senior juvenile probation officer, the youth in the program do community service projects once a month. "It's unfortunate they have to spend their time doing things like this when they could be serving the community helping to care for parks and cemeteries instead of cleaning up things like this," Wright said.

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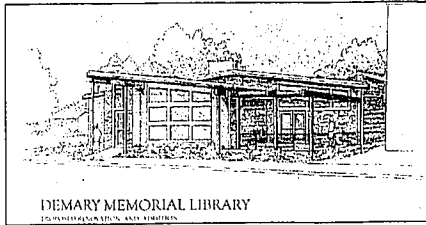
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Students in Gwen Leone's sixth-grade science classes at East Mialco Middle School in Rupert performed a science experiment to prove one of the four states of matter. Using milk, sugar, salt and ice in sealed plastic bags the students made homemade ice cream. From left, members of the honors science class Courtney Lopez, Kille White, Delaine Bell, Kenna Preebt, Hannah Bailey, Brigham Heiser and Matt Jensen.

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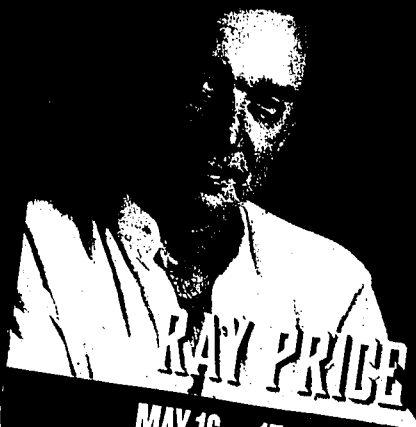
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CSI stunned

Late miscues doom Eagles in loss to Salt Lake

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

They went down fighting, but still they went down. For the College of Southern Idaho men, it was simply unacceptable. The Salt Lake Community College Bruins cut down the nets Saturday night at the CSI gymnasium after outworking the third-ranked Golden Eagles for an 81-77 victory in the Region 18 Tournament championship game.

The thing that will eat at the 30-2 Golden Eagles' stomachs for days to come is that they had a chance to win. Trailing 78-77 with 6.4 seconds left, CSI looked to inbound the ball within its own half, but Nick Hansen's

pass went through fellow sophomore Reggie Guyton's hands before sailing out of bounds. "I'm just kind of in shock right now," Hansen said, a blank, stunned look replacing the usual warmth of his smile. "We had a heck of a year and had a lot of fun, but I'm just without words, really."

A Daeguon Montreal foul and one made Yahosh Bonner free throw later, and Guyton turned the ball over along the sideline under the intense backcourt defensive pressure of Bruins point guard DaVell Jackson. With 2.8 seconds remaining, the Bruins inbounded the ball to Papa Samba Gulso, who iced the game with an uncontested layup before the



Juan Palillo, far right, covers his head with his jersey as other members of the Golden Eagles are stunned by the upset victory by Salt Lake Community College Saturday night at the Region 18 Tournament in Twin Falls. CSI fell 81-77 after a furious late rally came up short.

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CSI rodeo team shines at home

By Diane Phibbin
Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho Rodeo team did double duty Friday night, competing in and hosting the 32nd Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo at Eldon Evans Expo Center's Shawn Davis Arena.

"The rodeo ran really smooth," said CSI sophomore, Tarrh Lappin. "I told (CSI rodeo coach) Steve (Brimle), pretty good, Steve, pretty good. People said the horses were real good."

Lappin was a little surprised but pleased to make it back in these events for Saturday night's championship round. Lappin finished eighth in goats and 10th in barrels, and teamed with CSI teammate Bobbi Wing in team roping to grab the 10th spot.

"I probably had my worst heel throw in team roping and my barrel run was a little unorthodox," said Lappin. "I didn't have good goat, but I still managed to do a pretty good job."

The top bull rider in the Rocky Mountain Region, Zack Elliott of CSI, won the bull riding, scoring 76 points on Mama Jama. Elliott said he hopes his second bull, Clown will be an equally good draw.

"Mama Jama was a good bull," said Elliott. "The bulls are all tough."

Tag Elliott, Zack's younger brother, who is also a member of the CSI rodeo team but is sitting out after a serious injury in a bull riding event last summer in Salt Lake City was in attendance.

"Zack is really riding good," said Tag Elliott. "Because of

our different body types, we have different riding styles. I'm taller and longer and Zack is shorter. Zack rides tighter and prouder than I do."

The younger Elliott had hoped to return to bull riding in the near future but has been advised by his doctors to wait at least another six months.

Asked if there was any question as to whether he would ride again, he responded "I'm feeling good and I've been ready for awhile. I'm ready to get back to it — I really enjoy bull riding."

Drew Hummel of CSI roped his calf in 10.1 seconds to lead the first round in calf roping, with Trevor Ervin sitting in fifth place followed by Cade Taylor in seventh and Drew Taylor tied for eighth. Hummel also picked up fourth place in team roping with CSI roping partner Kortni Scott.

Cade Taylor scored 65 points on Ringo and finished in a three-way tie for first place in saddle bronc with Taylor White and Ty Evans, both of Utah Valley. Alex Wright of CSI was fourth with 61 points on Vixen. Dustin Glistrap was 60 points on Angel Grace for third place in bareback riding.

In steer wrestling, Matt Ervin, Drew Taylor and Tyson Brown, all of CSI, are currently in fifth, sixth and seventh place, respectively.

Italy Jo Sheehan turned in the fastest time in barrels with a run of 15.25 seconds and continues her dominance as the top barrel racer in the Rocky Mountain

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Any Higbee screams as she hugs Maylene Ornelas (4) and Tera Tremayne as they are called out of the game in the final minutes of the Region 18 Championship against North Idaho College in Twin Falls.

CSI women: This one's for Lori

Golden Eagles top NIC to qualify for nationals

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

It just helped. Those were Randy Rogers' words after his College of Southern Idaho women earned their first trip to the NCAAW Division I national tournament in three seasons with Saturday night's 71-58 Region 18 Tournament championship victory over North Idaho College in Twin Falls.

Those were Rogers' words after he smiled through the game's final

Region 18 Tournament

At College of Southern Idaho gymnasium, Twin Falls	Colorado NW 74	CSI 119, North Idaho 93
Thursday's games	North Idaho 74, Snow 57	Friday's games
Women	Women's	Women's championship
North Idaho 96, Colorado NW 59	North Idaho 76, Salt Lake CC 67	No. 7 CSI 71, North Idaho 58
Eastern Utah 55, Snow 45	CSI 95, Eastern Utah 62	Men's championship
Men	Men	No. 3 CSI vs. No. 4 Salt Lake CC, 7 p.m.
Eastern Utah 90,	Salt Lake CC 85, Eastern Utah 77	Note: All tournament teams, page D7

minute, through the trophy presentation, through the last nine months of smiling through the pain since the unexpected passing of his wife, Lori. "I thought about my wife a lot in

those last couple minutes," Rogers said, his rare tears streaking his face. "I missed her sitting in the seats. I know

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CSI baseball squad rallies for split

Golden Eagles rocked in opener by Wildcats

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Friday's two-run deficit was manageable. Eight runs Saturday afternoon, not so much.

One day after sweeping the Western Nevada College Wildcats to open its home schedule, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team fell behind early in losing 10-6 in the third of four scenic West Athletic Conference games over the weekend at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls.

The Golden Eagles rebounded in the nightcap, scoring a pair of 11th-inning runs to take a 4-3 win and improve to 10-1 overall and 3-5 in SWAC play. The teams were tied 2-2 after four innings and remained that way until Western Nevada grabbed a 3-2 lead on David Bank's RBI single. But CSI answered, tying the game on Tyler Chism's RBI double, to score Garrett Wolf. A few

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CSI pitcher Zane Gray adjusts his hat as he takes the mound after a batter brought in a run Saturday afternoon during CSI's game against Western Nevada Community College in Twin Falls.

batters later, Travis Reynolds brought home Chism with a game-winning single.

ters came to the plate in a four-run top of the first before RBIs by Chism and Victor Spencer trimmed the Wildcats

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College of Southern Idaho cowboy Kade Taylor rides during the saddle bronc competition Friday night in Twin Falls. Taylor earned a 65-point ride.

Bruin baseball wins two

Times-News

The Twin Falls baseball team moved to 3-0 on the season with a pair of wins Saturday. The Bruins beat Meridian 10-4 and then edged host Borah 6-5. Bo Folkling had a big day at the plate, blasting a pair of two-run home runs in the win over Meridian. The Bruins totaled 10 hits in the game, while Zeb Sneed got the win on the mound.

The Bruins rallied to beat Borah, coming back from a 5-3 deficit. Among the team's 12 hits were a double and a triple from Braden Box and a triple from Folkling. Kasey Jerome came on in relief of Jacob Coats to earn the win.

Twin Falls coach Mike Federico praised Folkling for his offensive performance. Federico lauded his squad for error-free defense in two games after the Bruins suffered through five miscues in their season-opening win over Jerome.

Twin Falls is off this week, but heads to Las Vegas for the Blazer Invitational on March 17.

Twin Falls 10, Meridian 4
Twin Falls 200 021-451
Meridian 200 011-451
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Meridian. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

Twin Falls 6, Borah 5
Twin Falls 200 020-890
Borah 200 020-890
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Borah. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

BONNEVILLE SWEEPS BURLEY

Playing at home, the Burley Bobcats lost both halves of a doubleheader against the Bonneville Bees, falling 7-6 and 17-7 on Saturday.

In the first game, the Bobcats scored five runs in the seventh inning, but lost in eight innings. Burley coach Brett Graham said the Bobcats have shown they can hit, but they need to get the offense going before they fall behind.

"We just need to get the bats going a little earlier," Graham said. "If we can just be consistent through the whole game, I think we'll be fine."

Burley was primed to do some damage early in the second game when the Bobcats loaded the bases in the first inning with only one out. But Burley let the opportunity slip by only scoring one run.

"We need to take advantage of those situations, get the runners moved around," Graham said. "We had some errors and some base running mistakes, but those are things we can fix."

The Bobcats host another doubleheader next Saturday, taking on both Idaho Falls

T.F. softball wins title at Utah tournament

Times-News

Leave it to Twin Falls softball coach Ken Johnson to utter the understatement of the year.

"We've got a chance to be pretty decent," Johnson said after his Bruins claimed the championship at the 60-team Nationwide High School Invitational in St. George, Utah, on Saturday.

Twin Falls went 3-0 in pool play Friday and Saturday before taking down the two highest ranked teams in Utah in bracket play to win the title. The Bruins rode the pitching of Amber Petersen and Katelyn Fjeld to the win.

Twin Falls beat Murray (Utah) 2-0 in its first bracket game as Petersen recorded the win. The Bruins also won 2-0 for 3 with a double. Brianna Bishop's two-run single in the fourth inning provided the offense against the No. 1-rated team in the Beehive State.

In the title game, Twin Falls smoked Hunter (Utah) 6-0 as Petersen had six strikeouts and surrendered only one hit.

The Bruins capped pool play Saturday morning with a 4-1 win over Bonanza High of Las Vegas. Fjeld had four strikeouts. The teams were tied 1-1 after five innings and went into tiebreaker mode where the Bruins scored three runs and Petersen came in to mow down Bonanza's batters. Kaiti McBride went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Twin Falls (5-0) hosts Burley at 4 p.m. Wednesday, and Skyline.

Bonneville 7, Burley 6, eight innings
Bonneville 200 021-780
Burley 200 021-780
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Bonneville; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Burley. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

Tennis

BRUINS EARN PAIR OF WINS

The Twin Falls tennis team opened the season in dominating fashion, blasting Highland 11-1 before toppling Pocatello 10-2. The Bruins were nearly perfect against Highland, being outstrung by a solid effort against Pocatello.

The Bruins are home again Tuesday afternoon for a

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Amber Petersen fired a no-hitter after Katelyn Fjeld tossed a one-hitter as Twin Falls opened up the tournament with a pair of 6-0, five-inning wins over Utah powers.

Fjeld one-hit Cypress in the opening game of the 2-0 Bruins' tournament experience by fanning six batters, and was aided by doubles from Petersen and Kim Doelchek in the win.

Petersen, who this week committed to play softball at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas next season, struck out 11 batters in the nighttime against Box Elder. Kelsie Bryant slugged a two-run homer to help the cause.

Saturday's boxes

Twin Falls 4, Bonanza (Nev.) 1
Twin Falls 200 020-481
Bonanza 200 020-481
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Bonanza. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

Twin Falls 2, Murray (Utah) 0
Twin Falls 200 200-212
Murray 200 200-212
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Murray. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

Twin Falls 6, Hunter (Utah) 0
Twin Falls 200 000-113
Hunter 200 000-113
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Hunter. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

Friday's boxes

Twin Falls 6, Cypress (Utah) 0
Twin Falls 200 000-113
Cypress 200 000-113
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Cypress. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

Twin Falls 6, Box Elder (Utah) 0
Twin Falls 200 000-113
Box Elder 200 000-113
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Box Elder. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

match against Century.

Twin Falls 11, Highland 1
Box singles: Andrew Burtz, Twin Falls, def. Taylor Jones (1), Jason Sore, Twin Falls, def. Chris Hill (1), 6-0; Trent Pettit, Twin Falls, def. Raymond Price (4), 6-0.
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Highland. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

Twin Falls 10, Pocatello 2
Box singles: Jason Sore, Twin Falls, def. Brock Lovell (1), 6-0; Andrew Burtz, Twin Falls, def. Tom Chambers (2), 6-0; Trent Pettit, Twin Falls, def. Eric Jones (1), 6-0.
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Twin Falls; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Pocatello. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).



Minico's Shelby Coats, center, attempts to steal second base during the Spartans' doubleheader against Madison Saturday in Rupert.

Minico rebounds to garner split with visiting Madison

By Zach Kyle
For the Times-News

RUPEET — After losing to the Madison Bobcats 8-6 in the top half of their season-opening doubleheader, the Minico Spartans jumped all over the Bobcats in the second game, winning 11-3 on Saturday.

Spartan senior R.J. Silva had his hands all over the Minico victory. On the mound, Silva served Bobcats hitters a steady diet of fast balls and sliders, striking out eight and giving up only one hit in five innings to earn the win. At the plate, he drove in three runs on a sacrifice fly and a home run blasted over the 385-foot sign in centerfield.

"He threw me a fastball, waist-high, down the middle," Silva said of his homer. "It was perfect."

Minico racked up 14 hits in the second game after mustering only seven in the first. Left fielder Shelby Coats recorded three hits and a steal, and right fielder Chris Joyce had three hits, two RBIs and a steal.

Minico coach Ben Frank said the Spartans played well for the first games of the season, but lost the first game despite outpitching Madison because of squandered opportunities.

"I thought we played better baseball than Madison both games," Frank said. "Game one came down to us not executing with guys in scoring position and then executing every time they did."

With only three Minico pitchers healthy, the Spartans needed long innings from their

starters. Bubba Christianson was the losing pitcher in Game 1 despite a solid start, Frank said.

The Spartans rallied in the sixth inning, scoring three runs on three hits, including centerfielder Dane Broadhead's RBI double. Frank said the Spartans showed guts by mounting the comeback, but they had dug themselves in too deep of a hole to recover.

"I thought Bubba threw really well, he just ran out of gas a little bit," Frank said. "If we had more arms, we could have gone to the bullpen and kept the game more manageable and that great run we had would have put us in the lead. But we had to stick with what we had (because) we only have three guys for the two games."

Frank said his team played well in the field and on the base paths, but that perhaps the most encouraging thing from Minico's opener was Silva's pitching.

"[R.] really well, and we needed that," Frank said. "For one, we didn't have numbers if he didn't throw well. It was good for his confidence level. He threw a gem. If he can pitch like that all year long we'll have a very deep pitching staff."

Madison 8, Minico 6
Madison 200 000-861
Minico 200 000-861
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for Madison; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Minico. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

CSI softball sweeps Snow Golden Eagles erase seven-run Game 1 deficit

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Perhaps no lead is safe. It took the College of Southern Idaho softball team two innings to fall into a seven-run deficit and the next three to erase it. The Golden Eagles rallied from an uncharacteristic bad start by freshman pitcher McKensy Hillstead to take a 10-9 victory over the Snow College Badgers before wrapping up their weekend sweep with a 11-3 five-inning win Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

"I was pleased to see the kids come back from that," CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. "It would have been easy to fold our tents down by seven runs."

The No. 9 Golden Eagles' stunning 10-run rally included game-topping doubles by Judy Zillmer and Lacey Bowman, as both missed home runs by inches. Megan Zimmerman and Katelynn Warren each drove in two runs for a CSI squad that improved to 2-0 in 10-2 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play with the weekend sweep.

The Golden Eagles play two games today in Caldwell against Central Idaho University (CISU) and the College of Idaho before returning SWAC play Friday and Saturday against rival Salt Lake Community College in Twin Falls.

"It should be a fun one," Baumert said of the impending four-game series against the Bruins.

Sophomore Pesi Thomson took the Game 1

win with 6 1-3 innings of relief, while fellow sophomore Judy Zillmer pitched a complete game for the Game 2 win. Leadoff hitter Rochelle Noren went 1-for-2 with a triple and three RBIs in Game 2, leading a CSI charge that saw the first six players in the Golden Eagles' batting order drive in runs.

The Golden Eagles rattled out 10 hits on the day, brandishing their unflappable confidence in their offensive ability.

"Kelly Schoppe, Snow's coach, said after the game, 'Nobody can get in a slugfest with you,'" Baumert said.

That may be the truest assessment of the Golden Eagles to date.

Game 1
CSI 10, Snow 9
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for CSI; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Snow. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

Game 2
CSI 11, Snow 3
Line: Matt Johnson (1) and Jason Burge (2) for CSI; Mike Sweeney (1) and Ryan Lutz (2) for Snow. Walks: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2). Errors: Mike Sweeney (1), Ryan Lutz (2).

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Idaho State stays alive in Big Sky

Mark Liptak
For The Times-Herald

POCATELLO — They were 1-16 when trailing at the half this season and at halftime Saturday, Idaho State found itself in that position again, down six to Montana in the opening round of the Big Sky Conference postseason tournament.

Then a funny thing happened on the way to extinction. The Bengals shot an amazing 77 percent in the second stanza and won 67-65 to keep their season alive. They win sends Idaho State to a 12-18 overall, 9-8 Big Sky to Portland Tuesday night for a semifinal date with top-seeded Portland State at the Rose Garden.

"At halftime some of the guys were down but we kept shooting," said junior forward Matt Stueck. "We said that sooner or later the shots would start to go down."

ISU opened the second half on a 12-2 run, hitting eight of its first 10 shots, while Montana (14-16, 8-9) went cold, only going 4-for-19. The Grizzlies only scored two baskets in the first six minutes of the second half. By the time they started to find the range again, ISU jumped out to a small lead. Twice in the closing minutes, Montana came within a basket

of a 3-point shot by Matt Martin, but it could never get back over the hump.

ISU held scoring balance with four players in double figures, a recipe for success not lost on coach Joe O'Brien.

"You've seen throughout the year that when we get three, four, five guys in double figures, we win games," he said. "I'm so proud of these kids. They've evolved from five guys out there just trying to do something to collectively putting together some great halves in conference play. This might have been the best this season."

Logan Kinghorn had 17 to lead ISU. Stueck and Austin Kilpatrick had 11 each with Dionne Carson chipping in 10.

ISU held Montana to only 26 percent shooting in the second half. The Bengals outscored a bigger Montana team 36-24. Montana hit a dozen 3-point shots which kept the Grizzlies in it.

Now the Bengals get a third shot at a Viking team that blitzed through the Big Sky regular season.

"At this time of the season all you want to do is win games and keep playing," said O'Brien. "I can't tell you how many teams in America had their seasons ended (Saturday). We get the chance to keep playing basketball."

No. 1 North Carolina beats No. 6 Duke

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Danny Green had 18 points and top-ranked North Carolina scored the final 10 points of its 76-68 victory over No. 6 Duke on Saturday night to give the Tar Heels the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title.

Tyler Hansbrough finished with 16 points and 15 rebounds in his third straight victory at Cameron Indoor Stadium, and Wayne Ellington also scored 16 for the Tar Heels (29-2, 14-2).

North Carolina blew an early double-figure lead and briefly trailed before closing strong, holding the Blue Devils scoreless for the final 5 1/2 minutes to claim its eighth straight victory and the top seed in the ACC tournament in Charlotte — and maybe the inside track for the No. 1 seed in the Charlotte-based East Regional.

Greg Paulus scored 12 of his 15 points in the first half for the Blue Devils (26-4, 13-3), who rallied from a 14-point first-half hole but missed its final 10 shots to fall to 15-1 at Cameron this season.

Jon Scheyer added 14 points, and his stickback with 5:44 remaining gave Duke its only lead of the second half at



Duke's Kyle Singler, left, and Taylor King, right, guard North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough (150) during the first half of a college basketball game in Durham, N.C., Saturday.

layup to tie it at 68 with 3 minutes left and start North Carolina's game-closing 10-0 run, and on the next possession Hansbrough struck back. Green's miss to put the Tar Heels ahead to stay.

Ty Lawson, who missed the previous meeting with a sprained left ankle, finished with 10 points for the Tar Heels, who won their first winner-take-all regular-season finale against Duke since 1985.

It was sweet revenge for Ellington and Green, who were roundly blamed for the Tar Heels' 89-78 loss last month in Chapel Hill after they were a combined 4-for-24 shooting. With the league's regular-season title on the line, they were significantly sharper this time, making a combined 14-of-28 attempts.

They were the key components of a first half burst by North Carolina that was perhaps one of the most dominating by an opponent at the famously rowdy arena. The Tar Heels reached out to an early 29-15 lead on the strength of Green's hot hand — he was 6-for-8 at the break.

Kyle Singler and Gerald Henderson each scored 10 for Duke.

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

No. 11 Hoyas edge No. 12 Cardinals

WASHINGTON — Dajuan Summers hit a 3-pointer with 40 seconds to play and No. 11 Georgetown won consecutive Big East regular-season titles for the first time with a 55-52 win over No. 12 Louisville on Saturday.

In a tense game between teams tied for first place entering the final day of the regular season, Georgetown (25-4, 15-3) survived Louisville's manic defense and made just enough plays to win.

The Cardinals (24-7, 11-4) matched a season high with 14 steals, but they were undone by 4-for-18 shooting from 3-point range and 10-for-18 shooting from the free-throw line.

Freshman Austin Freeman had 15 points for the Hoyas. He gave them five straight overall and 22 in a row at home.

Terrence Williams scored 14 points for the Cardinals, who were seeking their first Big East regular-season title in their third year in the conference.



Georgetown's Patrick Ewing Jr., right, hoists the Big East regular season champion trophy as he is joined by Tyler Crawford, second from left, Roy Hibbert, left, and Jonathan Wallace (2) after they beat Louisville 55-52 Saturday in Washington.

points and Kansas clinched at least a share of its fourth straight Big 12 regular-season title.

It marks the sixth time in school history that Kansas (28-3, 13-3) has won four straight conference titles and the first since 1995-98. The Jayhawks have been league champions eight times in the short history of the Big 12 and this extends their NCAA record of conference titles to 51.

USC 77, No. 7 STANFORD 64
LOS ANGELES — Freshman O.J. Mayo scored 25 points. Ty Robinson added 20 points and 11 rebounds, and smaller Southern California dominated the backboards.

Dwight Lewis had 14 points and freshman Davon Jefferson added 11 — six on his second and third 3-pointers of the season — as the Trojans (20-10, 11-7 Pac-10) won for the fifth time in six games.

No. 8 XAVIER 86, RICHMOND 61
CINCINNATI — J.J. Raymond scored a career-high 22 points. Xavier made a season-high 36 free throws, and the Atlantic 10 regular-season champions (26-5, 14-4) headed into the conference tournament with momentum.

The Musketeers finished off the Spiders (16-13, 9-7)

for their 26th win, a regular season record and two shy of the school record for wins overall.

No. 10 WISCONSIN 65, NORTHWESTERN 52
EVANSTON, Ill. — Brian Butch scored 20 points and matched his career-high with 14 rebounds as Wisconsin clinched the Big Ten regular-season title.

Jason Bohannon added 15 points, and Marcus Landry scored eight straight during a 10-0 second-half run to help Wisconsin (26-4, 16-2) pull away.

No. 14 BUTLER 66, ILL.-CHICAGO 55
INDIANAPOLIS — Mike Green scored 19 points and took control during a late first half run to carry the Bulldogs to the Horizon League finals.

Top-seeded Butler (28-3) will play second-seeded Cleveland State Tuesday night for the championship and an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs lost to Wright State last year's conference title game.

CINCINNATI AT CONNECTICUT, PPO. — STORRS, Conn. — A winter snow storm grounded Cincinnati in Ohio, forcing the game at Connecticut to be postponed until today at 6 p.m.

No. 25 DAVENPORT 49, WYOMING 49
NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — Stephen Curry scored 19 points and Davidson extended the nation's longest winning streak to 20 games, advancing to the Southern Conference tournament semifinals.

— The Associated Press

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

USU beats Idaho

MOSCOW — Utah State claimed a share of the Western Athletic Conference title and the No. 1 seed seed in next week's conference tournament with a 78-58 win over Idaho on Saturday.

The Aggies (23-9, 12-4) share the regular-season title with Boise State, New Mexico State and Nevada, all of which finished 12-4.

The Vandals fall to 8-20 overall and 5-11 in conference play.

BYU 61, TCU 54
FORT WORTH, Texas — Jonathan Favarrini scored 17 points as BYU overcame a poor shooting performance to beat TCU 61-54 Saturday.

BYU (25-6, 14-2) set a school record for most regular-season wins in a season and became the first Mountain West team to win 14 games in conference play.

The Cougars shot 35 percent from the floor and lost a 10-point halftime lead, but the Horned Frogs hit just one field goal in the final 9:18 — a 3-pointer from Jason Eblie with 1.6 seconds left.

Lee Cunnand had 16 points and eight rebounds and Sam Burgess scored 13 to give BYU its 13th win in 14 games.

TCU (14-15, 6-10) has lost five straight games. For the sixth time in seven seasons, the Horned Frogs finished with a losing record in conference play.

Ryan Wall scored 15 points and Brent Hackett chipped in 11 for the Horned Frogs. The Cougars open the

Mountain West Tournament as the No. 1 seed and will play either Wyoming or Colorado State in the first game.

Thursday, TCU is the No. 7 seed and will play UNLV.

Keion Mitchell connected on a 3-pointer that put TCU on top 46-44 with 9:18 remaining. But the Cougars went on an 11-1 run to take the last six minutes to take control.

BYU led 32-22 at halftime, but the Horned Frogs scored the first nine points of the second half to get within one. Hackett scored seven points in the run.

UNLV 70, UTAH 63
LAS VEGAS — Curtis Terry had game-highs of 22 points, and 10 assists to lead UNLV over Utah 70-63 on Saturday in the Mountain West Conference regular-season finale for both teams.

Terry, a senior playing in his final regular-season home game, had a crucial 3-pointer from the right corner with 52 seconds left to put the game away.

Wink Adams scored 14 points for UNLV (23-7, 12-4), including 9-11 from the free-throw line.

Senior Corey Bailey also had 14 points.

Luke Nevill led the Utes (16-13, 7-9) with 22 points and six rebounds. John Bryant had 12 points and Carlson Brown added 10 for Utah, which will now play No. 3 New Mexico in the first round of the conference tournament on Thursday.

— The Associated Press



Utah Jazz forward Matt Harpring, left, pulls down a rebound against Denver Nuggets forward Ulas Kleiza Saturday in Salt Lake City.

Okur shoots Jazz to blowout win over Nuggets

SALT LAKE CITY — Mehmet Okur made a career-high 63 3-pointers, scoring 27 and adding 11 rebounds as the Utah Jazz added a game to their lead over Denver by routing the Nuggets 132-105 on Saturday night.

Caron Beazer had 23 points and 11 rebounds and Deron Williams had his seventh straight double-double with 16 assists and 14 points. Utah won its 10th straight home game, one off a 4-0 team record. Okur extended its lead over the Nuggets in the Northwest Division to four games.

Allen Iverson scored 28 and Carmelo added 24 points for the Nuggets, who fell to 1-2 against Utah this season.

Korver scored 12, Paul Millsap had 16 points and 10

rebounds and Matt Harpring scored 10 for the Jazz, who went 50-50-83 from the field.

HAWKS SWEEP HEAT
ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks won NBA's first regular season 1983, holding off the Miami Heat 114-111 in overtime on Saturday night in the completion of a protested game.

The Hawks then won the regularly scheduled contest 97-94. Steve Johnson matched a season high with 39 points. Ricky Davis led Miami with 27 points, and Dwyane Wade added 24.

ROCKETS 106, HORNETS 86
HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored 41 points and the Rockets stretched their winning streak to 18

games. Chris Paul had 37 points and 11 assists for the Hornets, who had won five of their last six.

BOBATS 100, WIZARDS 97
WASHINGTON — Jason Richardson scored 34 points, and Charlotte stretched its winning streak to a franchise-record five consecutive games.

Matt Carroll added 23 points for the fourth-year Bobcats, who went 1-11 during February but they are 5-0 in March.

WARRIORS 104, MAGIC 95
ORLANDO, Fla. — Baron Davis scored 33 points and Stephen Jackson had 20 as Golden State overcame a slow start.

Dwight Howard led Orlando with 26 points and 12 rebounds. Hedo Turkoglu scored 23 and Rashard Lewis added 21.

CELTICS 119, GRIZZLIES 89
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Ray Allen scored 23 points and Paul Pierce added 19 to lead Boston to its eighth straight win.

Kevin Garnett added 17 points, while Paul Pierce added 15 points for the Celtics, who shot 58 percent from the field.

TRAIL BLAZERS 120, KNICKS 114, OT
NEWYORK — Brandon Roy scored eight of his 27 points in overtime, and Portland overcame Nate Robinson's career-high 45 points to beat

New York in overtime. MAVERICKS 111, NETS 91
DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 34 points and became the leading scorer in franchise history, helping Dallas beat New Jersey in the first meeting between the teams since making an eight-player deal featuring Jason Kidd.

CAVALIERS 103, PACERS 95
CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 38 points and Anderson Varejao added 15 points and 16 rebounds in Cleveland's victory.

Joe Smith scored 12 points and Wally Szewcziak had 11 for the Cavaliers, winners of their last five at home.

Danny Granger had 19 for the Pacers, who never led. — The Associated Press

GOLF ROUNDUP

Cink in lead entering final round

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Stewart Cink's fortunes turned quickly in a vicious turn that never went away Saturday, running off three straight birdies for a 2-under 68 in the PODS Championship that likely puts him in the final group for the third time this year.

Even better, Tiger Woods has the week off.

Cink went from a four-shot deficit to a two-shot lead in a span of five holes, and despite 30 mph wind and temperatures that plunged into the 50s, he didn't make a bogey until his final hole in near darkness when he came up short of the 18th green.

Even so, he was at 5-under 208 and was two shots clear of former U.S. Open champion on Geoff Ogilvy, who also had a 69.

Cink played in the final group in the Bihak Invitational, albeit eight shots behind Woods. The four-time PGA Tour winner also reacted the final match of the Accenture Match Play Championship, where Woods beat him 6 and 7.

Cink doesn't have the 54-hole lead quite yet.

Brandt Snedeker, who tied his last hole in the morning to finish the second round with a one-shot lead, stretched that margin to four shots with a birdie on the seventh, and he had a 12-foot birdie putt on the eighth.

But he three-putted for bogey, and his momentum was gone. He dropped three more shots over the next five holes. Snedeker was 3 under and in the 16th fairway when the third round was suspended by darkness.

Billy Mayfair also was 3 under and on the 16th hole. Four other players failed to finish the third round and will return Sunday morning, hopeful the wind isn't bending 50-foot pines the way it



Stewart Cink tees off on the fourteenth hole during the third round of the PODS Championship golf tournament Saturday at Inisbrook in Palm Harbor, Fla. Cink was the leader when play was suspended due to darkness.

did throughout Saturday, perhaps the toughest day of golf this year.

Sean O'Hair and Tom Pernice Jr. each shot 71 and were at 2-under 211. Only nine players were under par, which included defending champion Mark Calcavecchia, who was 1 under with two holes to play. Snedeker was happy to at least have a chance.

"I'm disappointed with two three-putts on the par 3s. They were both stupid, boneheaded mistakes, but those are going to happen," Snedeker said. "You're got to be patient. I'm still right there."

Cink had to play 28 holes Saturday, none of them easy.

The wind was raging at dawn and never let until the final minutes of daylight, so strong that players were hitting 9-iron into the 18th green in the opening round were pulling 3-iron or more on Saturday.

The average score for the second round was 74.5. Once the cut was made — the first

cut, anyway — the field average for the third round was headed for about 74.

Seventy-nine players made the cut, activating the week-old amendment to the PGA Tour's cut policy.

Because more than 78 players made only seven pars in his round of 64, Jason Gore and Charles Warren each shot 61.

"It played hard — I played hard," Kevin Sutherland said after a hard-earned 70 left him in a tie for seventh, only four shots behind.

Steve Flesch finished his second round Friday around lunch at 3 over and figured he was gone in a tie for 106th.

Langer up 3 strokes at Toshiba Classic

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Two-time Masters champion

Bernhard Langer moved into position for his second Champions Tour victory, shooting his second straight 6-under 65 to take a three-stroke lead in the Toshiba Classic.

Langer, the Adminstaff Small Business Classic winner last October in Texas in his only fourth start on the 50-and-over tour, had an eagle, five birdies and a bogey Saturday on the Newport Beach Country Club course.

Morris Hataky (64), Jeff Sluman (65), first-round leader Tim Simpson (70) and 2005 winner Mark Johnson (69) were tied for second at 9 under. Defending champion Jay Haas (69) was another stroke back along with Keith Fergus (67) and D.A. Weirberg (68).

Scott Loch, coming off consecutive wins in Florida in the Allianz Championship and The ACE Group Classic, was nine strokes back at 3 under after a 72.

— The Associated Press

Edwards looking forward to racing

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — There are no distractions for Carl Edwards inside his race car.

But that's the only place he's been at peace since NASCAR officials discovered the lid from the oil tank on his No. 14 Mobil 1 Ford was missing after his victory last Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

That was the second straight victory for Edwards and it should have been a time to talk about being in first place in the Sprint Cup standings for the first time in his career and about the possibilities of making it three in a row in Sunday's Kobalt Tools 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Instead, he has spent most of his week answering questions about that missing lid, being docked 100 points — dropping him to seventh in the standings — and losing crew chief Bob Osborne to a six-week suspension.

Edwards figures he has been able to handle the situation pretty well.

"I believe the last year or two I've been hardened a lot," he said. "The only distraction is having to ... talk about it."

"I have a very simple job and that's not to make any mistakes in that race car and as fast as I can, so that's what I keep doing. I get my joy out of doing that job well."

So, for me personally, it's more of just a nuisance to have to come over here and talk about this because I know what happened and it



really doesn't matter to me what other people say about it.

What other people, including a lot of competitors in the NASCAR garage, have been saying is that they believe the Roush Fenway team intentionally let the oil tank lid come off to gain an aerodynamic advantage, estimated by several crew chiefs at between 100 and 170 pounds of additional downforce.

"It's fine by me if folks want to get worked up about it," Edwards said. "Then we've got 'em right where we want 'em. We're just racing hard."

Team owner Jack Roush has consistently denied any intent to cheat.

"We're not culpable," Roush said Friday. "It was not our intent. We did not have any expectation that that thing would come off, but apparently there's enough cheaters out there that have been playing in this area that they know absolutely for sure how much it's worth and the fact that there's an advantage."

"I support the fact that Carl says he would have won that race with or without the panel being loose."

Roush said he would consider appealing if his team believes it could get Osborne's suspension shortened or dropped.

Kenseth breaks 18-race winless string in Atlanta

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — It wasn't pretty, but Matt Kenseth was just happy to be in a NASCAR Nationwide Series Victory Circle after nearly a year.

Kenseth passed Jeff Burton for the lead on lap 186 of Saturday's Nicorette 300, a race extended three laps beyond its scheduled 195 laps at Atlanta Motor Speedway by a late caution flag.

Kenseth, who acknowledged he didn't have the fastest car, managed to hold off Kevin Harvick by about three car-lengths in a green-white-checker shootout, winning for the first time since April 14, 2007, at Texas — a stretch of 18 races.

"About mid-race," Kenseth said, smiling. "You certainly think about getting beat at the end. That happened to us a few times last year."

Kyle Busch looked like a runaway winner as he led 153 of the first 170 laps before blowing a tire and hitting the wall for the second straight week. That left the battle to Kenseth, Burton and Kevin Harvick.

After Kenseth took the lead, Burton faded and Harvick faded, leaving Kenseth to look several times like he could catch him. But a bad pit stop and ill-timed caution flags at the end allowed Kenseth to maintain control on the way to his 24th Nationwide victory.

"Kevin was really fast," Kenseth said. "On short runs, I could beat him. After a few



Matt Kenseth celebrates after winning the Nicorette 300 NASCAR Nationwide Series Saturday at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.

laps, he could beat me pretty good."

When Busch hit the wall on lap 170, it brought out the sixth of eight caution flags in the pits in front, but came out sixth.

"I don't think anything happened," the disappointed former series champion said. "It was just slow. I'm really disappointed. We gave it away on the pit road, but there at the end, when you get handed these situations, you've got to capitalize on them."

Rodgers now ready to play for Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Aaron Rodgers has a message for Green Bay Packers fans.

"I'm not Brett Favre," he said Saturday. "And if they're wanting me to be the next Brett Favre, I'm not going to be him. I'm Aaron Rodgers. That's who I am."

After spending three years running the scout team and watching game film during the week — only to spend Sundays wearing a headset and toting a clipboard — Rodgers' turn finally arrived when Favre retired.

"I'm going to be the best quarterback I can be," said Rodgers, who was in Green Bay for the Packers' annual fan fest. "I did it this way. I'm going to do it my way. And hopefully, I can be successful."

The Packers' first-round pick in 2005 has thrown a grand total of 59 passes in seven career games. But he played well when called on in a game at Day in December, and will be surrounded by young talent next season.

"I'm in a good situation," said Rodgers, who turned 24 in December. "I've got a great team around me. A lot of people are focusing on what I'm going to do — it's what the team's going to do, really. I'm an important part of that. I know my role and I need to play it well. And I'm not going to really have a grace period, either."

No, but he does have Favre's blessing. "I think he'll do a great job," Favre said during his retirement news conference Thursday. "I think he has the talent. I've heard it for the last three years



Green Bay Packers quarterback, Aaron Rodgers, talks about Brett Favre's retirement Saturday during a press conference at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis.

that, "I hopefully he's learned from Brett. What that means, I don't know. He's his own player. He has his own style and that's what he needs to stick to."

Rodgers had an occasionally rocky relationship with Favre. Especially as a rookie, when Favre didn't seem thrilled by the thought of working with a player who would eventually replace him and didn't offer much tutelage. The two gradually grew closer.

Rodgers admires Favre's fortitude and ability to work hard in practice, even when tired.

"The way he's dealt with the stuff that's happened to him and his family off the field, and also the adversity on the field — an interception or a bad throw or a bad drive, just being able to stay levelheaded and even-keeled, I think, is one of his best assets," Rodgers said.

Like nearly everyone in Green Bay, Rodgers assumed Favre was coming back. So he admits it probably won't really hit him until training camp that he is really the starter.

Rodgers knows the comparisons to Favre are inevitable. But he grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and is hoping to follow the path of Steve Young, Young wasn't the next Joe Montana, but he helped the 49ers continue their run of success by bringing a different approach to his position.

"I know a lot of friends and family who were Joe Montana fans, where it didn't matter how good Steve Young did," he said. "They weren't going to cheer for him because he wasn't Joe Montana."

Rodgers has been injured twice in three seasons. In a place where the last guy started 275 straight games that translates to "injury prone."

"I think both those injuries were things that could have happened to anybody," Rodgers said. "So I'm just going to get myself in great shape and play really well, with a little luck, I can stay out there."

Boston's Beckett has back spasms, misses spring start

(AP) The Boston Red Sox are in a holding pattern with Josh Beckett after the ace left Saturday's spring game without facing a batter when he was bothered by back spasms.

Beckett's back pain began when he landed on a wet spot after his first warmup pitch. He threw five more, then walked off the field before the game even started.

"We'll just have to wait and see how it feels tomorrow," Beckett's only comment three hours after he called catcher Jason Varitek to the mound following his sixth warmup pitch in Fort Myers, Fla.

Greg Maddux had no such health problems in Surprise, Ariz. After



Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett, right, grabs his lower back as he walks back to the mound with catcher Jason Varitek shortly after throwing his last warm-up pitch in Fort Myers, Fla., Saturday.

needing only 18 pitches to get six outs in his spring debut Tuesday, the Padres right-hander allowed one run and hit over three innings in

a 9-5 victory over the Texas Rangers on Saturday.

Maddux gave up a leadoff double to Ian Kinsler, who eventually scored on Michael Young's sacrifice fly. He retired eight straight batters until hitting Kinsler with a pitch with two outs in the third inning.

"That was a desert ball," Maddux joked. "A dry splitter."

The 41-year-old Maddux said the ballballs were rubbed up right, but some were just slick.

"Maybe I need to work on my grip a little bit or something the next time out," he said. "I think that's why everything was up a little bit, or mechanically, I might have been doing something wrong. But the balls were a little on the slick side. They were rubbed up good. Not like they were bad balls. Just slick. I just

wasn't sweating enough." Jarrod Saltalamacchia's comebacker hit Maddux on the lower left leg, but Maddux, who won his record 17th Gold Glove Award last year, recovered and threw him out to end the second.

Maddux said his leg's OK, but he's looking forward to getting out of running drills the next few days.

A split squad of Florida Marlins, with starter Gabby Hernandez pitching three shutout innings, beat Boston 5-2, but it's not clear how much worse if Beckett had pitched with the pain and aggravated the injury in a meaningless spring-training game.

"I think everybody holds their collective breath hoping that the severity of this is manageable," said pitching coach John Farrell said.

"Obviously, missing a start today is short term. But, again, it's too early to speculate when he'd be on the mound next."

Beckett, the only 20-6 game winner in the majors last year, was examined Saturday and "will be examined thoroughly" again Sunday, said manager Terry Francona, who didn't want to risk letting him pitch.

"If a kid like Beckett ever threw a pitch and hurt his arm because he was favoring his back, we would not be able to live with ourselves," he said. "We wouldn't do that with anybody."

Beckett's lower back had been sore during the past week, something that's not unusual for players in spring training, Francona said, and he seemed fine when he warmed up in the bullpen before taking the mound for the game.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING Planet Cheer earns first-place finishes

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The Planet Cheer All-Star squads had solid showings at two recent events.

In Pocatello on Jan. 26, the Tiny, Mini, Youth and Senior teams earned first-place finishes.

Individually, Savannah Fitzgerald took third in mini jump, fourth in mini tumbling and fifth for her individual routine. Haylie Grant took first in mini jump and Autumn Burck placed third in mini jump. Breana Barker took second in mini tumbling. Keely Davis was third

in youth tumbling and Brooke Fitzgerald took fifth in youth tumbling.

Briani Budd placed second in senior tumbling, while Grady Carlson was second in senior jump.

At the Jazz It Up competition on Feb. 9 in Salt Lake City, the Tiny, Mini, Youth and Senior teams all earned first-place trophies. The Senior team also won the Grand Champion Award for earning the highest score of the competition.

Planet Cheer competes again March 15 at The Idaho Center in Nampa.



Planet Cheer Senior squad

Members of the Planet Cheer Senior squad are Grady Carlson, Briani Budd, Brianna Hoskinson, Rylee Hagan, Vanessa Northcutt, Melsey Schultz, Myrko Freeman, Kendall Telf, Brandon Blomn, Taylor Stinson, Larissa Stewart, McKenna Knopp, Clara Coe, Allison Cole, Alexa Bingham, Ruth Loza, Aspen Butler, Emiko Freeman, Jocelyn Child, Carli Lutz, Jessica Child and Brooke Fitzgerald.



Planet Cheer Mini squad

Member of the Planet Cheer Mini squad are Shelby Veestra, Abby Swanson, Wyniana Cox, Chanel Chandler, Ballea Price, Ivy Swanson, Jilly Gardner, Karlee Price, Johandra Brown, Jaylee Bingham, Datscha Hardy and Kor Gardner.



Planet Cheer Youth squad

Members of the Planet Cheer Youth squad are Keely Davis, McKylene Bingham, Alex Ortega, Kinsley Kyle, Royce Moreno, Kelsie Jarzimek, Brittany Couch, Ashley Long, Brooke Fitzgerald, Taylor Eldredge, Breana Barker, Lindsey Stoneberg, Tanisha Dotson, Autumn Burck, Anika Flores, Haylie Grant, Savannah Fitzgerald, Ashley McClure, Cherie Zick.



Planet Cheer Tiny squad

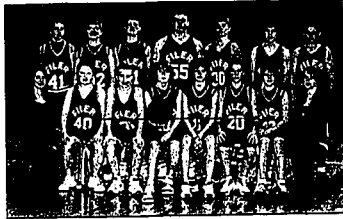
Members of the Planet Cheer Tiny squad are Gable Carter, Alexis Mendoza, Amlyah Flores, Karlee Loeg, Aylah Strong, Bethany Bates, Lauren Maxwell, Arianna Moreno and Tihly Piew.

Courtesy photos

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BASKETBALL



Filer 7th grade boys go unbeaten

The Filer Middle School 7th grade boys went 13-0 this season, winning numerous class games along the way to a tournament championship in Declo. Pictured, from left, front row: Courtney Basaman (state), Brock Mason, Jared Foukal, Blake Vincent, Bryce Vanderstelt, Taylor Deox, Koby Ludwick, Shelby Summers (state); back row: Dakota Derrick, Jay Oyer, Kyle Ackerman, Will Hyatt, Ridge Red, Brett Dolzeldel, Ledne Sanderson. Not pictured: Coach Dean Allen.



Filer 8th grade boys dominate

Filer Middle School 8th Grade boys team 13-0, winning 10 of those games by 20 points or more. The team claimed the tournament championship in Declo, using unselfish passing to create open shots. Pictured, from left, front row: Sara Severa (state), Jeremy Krebs (manager), Brock Ramseyer, Cody Reynolds, Michael Perez, Jonathan Lantz-Stats and Aubrey Sharp (state); back row: Coach Larell Patterson, Jordan Brown, Andrew Peterson, Zack Shaddy, Isaac Kreff, Ryan Karal, Santiago Alvarado and assistant coach Pete Peterson. Not pictured: Cole Meyerboffer and Jared Allen.

Your Scores

BOWLING
SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY PINHEADS
SERIES: Fred Fowler 482, Logan Hollins 284, Quynyn Roberts 283, Charney Knopp 463, Courtney Yoshida 421, Dominique Powers 357.
GAMES: Fred Fowler 171, Logan Hollins 104, Mhason Stimpson 102, Charney Knopp 139, Courtney Yoshida 148, Nichole Williams 140.

TUESDAY NITE KIDS
SERIES: Kiera Hieb 380, Dakotah Hieb 314.
GAMES: Kiera Hieb 139, Dakotah Hieb 126.

TUESDAY TEENS
SERIES: Jared Studer 604, Brody Albertson 424, Jessica Hodge 345, Bridget Albertson 316.
GAMES: Jared Studer 219, Brody Albertson 186, Jessica Hodge 136, Bridget Albertson 120.

LADIES CLASSIC TRIOS
SERIES: Tiffany Hager 636, Kym Davis 550, Georgio Schulz 513, Louise Somers 504.
GAMES: Tiffany Hager 235, Georgio Schulz 210, Louise Somers 198, Kym Davis 194.

MONDAY MARAUDERS
SERIES: Lori Parish 526, Deryn Smith 518, Alice Fornin 469.
GAMES: Lori Parish 202, Lori Parish 198, Brenda Schenk 170, Diane Stolberg 165.

ODDBALL
SERIES: Terri Albert 501, Jan Studer 465, Judy McLeaws 484, Juchelle Luo 562.
GAMES: Jan Studer 186, Terri Albert 181, Debe Ingram 167, Carolyn Gallagher 165.

WED. MIXED
SERIES: Jordan Parish 706, Rick Hieb 703, Erin Nelson 643, Annette Hirsch 611, Tiffany Hager 593, Stacy Hieb 559.
GAMES: Jordan Parish 279, Erin Nelson 252, Rick Hieb 245, Annette Hirsch 593, Stacy Hieb 559.

RAILROADERS
SERIES: Lisa Hutchison 554, Kym Son 546, Cassey Hamilton 536.
GAMES: Cassey Hamilton 197, Lisa Hutchison 193, Kys Rodriguez 187.

THURS. MOR. DOUBLES
SERIES: Derry Smith 616, Deon Fassett 532, Jamie Stewart 514, Kym Son 469.
GAMES: Derry Smith 233, Jamie Stewart 214, Deon Fassett 196, Kym Son 192.

HOUSEWIVES
SERIES: Lisa Hutchison 532, Sharon Rathe 512, Stephanie Moyer 504, Bonnie McClellan 451.
GAMES: Sharon Rathe 201, Stephanie Moyer 191, Lisa Hutchison 191, Marty Smith 187.

THURS. MOR. DOUBLES
SERIES: Bob Despain 556, Rod Runyon 538, Bill Knight 510, Janet Grant 564, Kris Rodriguez 518, Jayne Runyon 405.
GAMES: Bob Despain 226, Rod Runyon 205, Brent Olsen 201, Kris Rodriguez 220, Jayne Runyon 145, Lynn Despain 135.

MAJORS
SERIES: Lyle Martindale 726, Byron Hager 716, Larry Iwakiri 693, Justin Studer 658.
GAMES: Lyle Martindale 269, Steve Schab 256, Larry Iwakiri 254, Tyson Hirsch 253.

EARLY BIRDS
SERIES: Dee Maler 795, Dusty Perrod 571, Duane Smith 557, Nita Maler 551, Norma Carter 534, Becki Smith 443.
GAMES: Dee Maler 298, Dusty Perrod 225, Duane Smith 212, Nita Maler 193, Norma Carter

EARLY MIXED
SERIES: Mike Goodson 625, Ted Wasiko 607, Blayne Thompson 604, Joe McClure 592.
MEN'S GAMES: Joe McClure 246, Ted Wasiko 235, Tom Homan 233, Norm Hatke 224.

LADIES GAMES: Melissa Straub 567, Julie Capurro 562, Kim Leazer 519, Tawlia Bryant 509.
LADIES GAMES: Julie Capurro 218, Melissa Straub 211, Bobbie Thompson 193, Leann Steed 189.

BOWLDROME, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Bob Leazer 665, Dale Black 663, Byron A. Hager 640, Chris Van 635.
MEN'S GAMES: Chris Warr 243, Byron A. Hager 242, Bob Leazer, 239, Dale Black 239.

LADIES SERIES: Nicole Fredrickson 610, Sylvia Wood 584, Leanna Magee 575, Ashlea Rackham 539.
LADIES GAMES: Sylvia Wood 248, Nicole Fredrickson 246, Leanna Magee 211, Kim Leazer 208.

MON. BIRDS
SERIES: Lisa Allen 507, Karen Perron 466, Linda Standers 462, Carrie Mikesell 411.
GAMES: Lisa Allen 200, Carrie Mikesell 191, Linda Standers 181, Billie Jo Clark 175.

MON. MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Zach Black 699, Kyle Mason 571, Nicholas Parsons 557, Troy Black 538.
BOYS' GAMES: Zach Black 288, Kyle Mason 208, Anthony Vest 206, Nicholas Parsons 201.

GIRLS' SERIES: Tanna Coates 205, Danielle Allen 193, Melody Sims 165, Ashlea Nowak 129.
GAMES: Tanna Coates 235, Danielle Allen 235, Melody Sims 235, Ashlea Nowak 235.

WOM. FOLIES
LADIES SERIES: Mike Wrathford 682, Ken Hodges 653, Rick Morrow 652, Tony Brass 646.
MEN'S GAMES: Mike Wrathford 248, Ron Marshall 246, Tony Brass 243, Rick Morrow 236.

LADIES SERIES: Angie Hillman 583, Kay Puschel 575, Stacy Hodges 552, Georgina Randall 548.
LADIES GAMES: Yvonne Bessire 235, Tiffany Colston 216, Kay Puschel 213, Melissa Hodges 205.

SH-ROOM
MEN'S SERIES: Ryan Shull 669, Blake Kondracki 658, Craig Pitman 651, Darrell Reynolds 629.
MEN'S GAMES: Blake Kondracki 246, Bill Meyer 236, Ryan Shull 236, Ryan Shull 236, Ryan Shull 236, Ryan Shull 236.

MID MORN. MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Chadle Eagr 676, Ed Dury 654, Roger Graefe 634, Eddie Chappell 631.
MEN'S GAMES: Chadle Eagr 238, Ed Dury 238, Roger Graefe 238, Myron Schroeder 229.

LADIES SERIES: Barbara Reynolds 590, Carole Fredrickson 553, Julie Shull 540, Angel Olson 535.
LADIES GAMES: Barbara Reynolds 227, Carole Fredrickson 220, Angel Olson 208, Kathi Jerome 205.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 632, Bill Baron 593, Myron Schroeder 582, Blaine Ross 572.
MEN'S GAMES: Doug Southerland 228, Tom Smith 227, Ron Marshall 219, Bill Baron 217.

LADIES SERIES: Barbara Frith 512, Sandy Schroeder 493, Joann Burck 483, J.C. Magee 480.
LADIES GAMES: Linda Cina 199, Barbara Frith 198, Sandy Schroeder 191, J.C. Magee 194.

C.S.I. FRIDAY
MEN'S SERIES: Kyle Mason 650, Patrick Harris 550, Chris Beer 492, Rob Blackston 402.
MEN'S GAMES: Kyle Mason 266, Patrick Harris 215, Karg Blomquist 201, Chris Beer 192.

LADIES SERIES: Hollie Blamiers 515, Angie Hegman 367.
LADIES GAMES: Hollie Blamiers 191, Angie Hegman 141, Whitney Ordonez 138, Sarah Mills 133.

MOOSE
SERIES: Bill Palmer 759, Craig Pitman 727, Don West 710, Doug DeHarter 684.
GAMES: Bill Palmer 290, Craig Pitman 267, Don West 264, Skip Cristobal 267.

MOONSHINERS
SERIES: Betty Chambers 546, Jamie Danville 506, Jackie Boyd 496, Flame Klundt 495.
GAMES: Flame Klundt 213, Becky Chambers 199, Jackie Boyd 174, Hillarie Smith 172, Danielle Human 172, Deanna Hell 172.

GIANTS
BOYS' SERIES: Dylan Mack 362, D.J. Williamson 359, Jay McKay 345, Kyle Lockbeck 342.
BOYS' GAMES: D.J. Williamson 149, Dylan Mack 127, Kyle Lockbeck 122, Jay McKay 121.

GIRLS' SERIES: Caitlin Boat 340, Taylor Rites 300, Krista Hertel 290.
GIRLS' GAMES: Caitlin Boat 122, Taylor Rites 102.

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BOYS' SERIES: Chris Coates 353, Michael Telley 323, Bradston Love 318, Daniel Schliche 308.
BOYS' GAMES: Chris Coates 139, Bradston Love 125, Michael Telley 112, Daniel Schliche 109.

GIRLS' SERIES: Ashley Eters 353, Eylee Maltos 311, Nyomi Aspegta 290, Shannon Anderson 263.
GIRLS' GAMES: Ashley Eters 131, Eylee Maltos 123, Nyomi Aspegta 113, Shannon Anderson 110.

M.V. Eagles Youth squad shines
The Magic Valley Eagles Youth squad took first place at the Big Sky Challenge on Jan. 26 and second place at Jazz It Up on Feb. 9.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Near average temperatures with a mix of sun and clouds. Highs, lower 50s.
Tonight: A few clouds overcast. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and staying dry. Highs, 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 51, Low 30).

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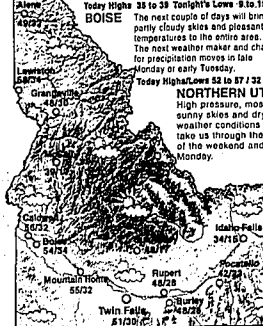
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A few clouds. Highs, upper 40s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds. Lows, 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Highs near 50.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Get out and enjoy the great weather today as it will be dry and partly cloudy.
BOISE Today High: 48 to 58. Low: 28 to 37.



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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists moonrise and moonset times.

U. V. INDEX

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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EDITAROD

Defending champion Mackey first out of Nulato

NULATO, Alaska (AP) — Defending champion Lance Mackey was the first musher out of this Yukon River checkpoint Saturday in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, leaving with a team he said was not running at full-throttle.
'I'm not sure they're going to have what it takes. Mackey said of his 14-dog team before leaving Nulato at 2:49 p.m. to head to Kaltag, 42 miles downriver. 'But I'm not giving up. A lot can happen between now and Nome.
The 37-year-old Pitkin, Colo., was the first to reach this old Russian trading post, 700 miles into the 1,100-mile race to Nome. He arrived with 14 dogs exactly two hours ahead of four-time champion Jeff King, whose 16 dogs looked alert and fresh despite the long trek on the Yukon.
Mackey said his own dogs were finally responding to medicine for lingering diarrhea that's affected their appetites. His team, which thrives in subzero weather, also has struggled with inertia brought on by unseasonably warm conditions along the trail.
'Using many of the same dogs,' Mackey said, 'I became the first musher to sweep the 1,100-mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race and the Iditarod. He also won the Yukon Quest last month with many of the same dogs that are running in this Iditarod.
'I think left in traveling a little faster right now,' Mackey said in Nulato, fretting that King's dogs will take over the lead. 'I'm going to do everything I can to keep that from happening. But in all honesty, I think he's in control.'
Before heading off to the village school for a map, the 51-year-old King tended to his team, throwing the dogs a pre-meal snack of frozen meat.
'I hope you go,' he said as he scattered snow on the snow. 'That what you looking for?'
Asked if he planned to take all 16 dogs back on the trail with him, King said, 'I believe so. They're all fine.'
Mackey said Saturday, a 7-year-old dog in rookie musher John Stetsen's team died. It was the first dog death in this year's race.

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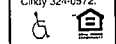
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7. Aussie Heeler X, white & black, female, found in Buhl.
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9. Lab Chocolate male, found in Buhl.
10. Chessie X, chocolate & white, male, found in Twin Falls, red collar.
11. Heeler X, brown, female, found in Fil-er.
12. Sheep dog, tan & white, found on 6th Ave E.
13. (2) Collie X pups, tan & white, found on Ramage.
14. Aussie X, tri colored, female, found on 2900 N. 2334 E.
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Dear Mr. Wolff: If you play for four hearts doubled, level pre-empt with an extra ace or an extra trump. Since you can open at the one-level and jump to game with a strong hand, a four-level opening is not a strong bid. In third or fourth seat the call is on any hand that takes your fancy since you do not have to worry about partner being strong.

ANSWER: The score for four hearts doubled is indeed 240 for tricks, with 50 for the insult and 300 for game, but 100 for each doubled overtrick, totaling 690. The general rule is that doubled overtricks are 100 nonvulnerable, 200 if vulnerable. Meanwhile redoubled overtricks are 200 or 400 a pop. If you use bidding boxes, you can consult the back of the card for four hearts, which lists all the possible outcomes.)

Dear Mr. Wolff: Recently I was dealt seven solid diamonds and A-K-3 of hearts, with a small doubleton and a small singleton in the black suits. I elected to bid one diamond. My partner responded with two hearts, a weak response, with the opponents passing. What would you recommend to be the most logical bid? Would a jump to four hearts be sensible, or should I look for slam?

ANSWER: If you play two hearts to be natural and weak with a range of 3-7 points or so (one should not do it with more), then indeed a jump to game looks simple and direct. You will make your game, but can't make slam - partner surely will not have an ace and bad trumps such as six to the queen. With that hand he would respond one heart, then rebid the suit. The pre-emptive jump looks more like a hand without a trick on defense outside the suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What does one need to open four hearts or four spades? My guess is you feel you can make eight tricks (out of the 10 you need) out of your own hand - and you would have at least a six-card suit. Correct?

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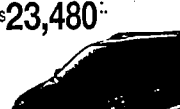


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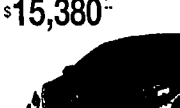


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DECISION TO DIE



From left, Sandee Goley jokes with her mother, Afton Scofield, and sisters Cathie Blevins and Sheila Turner during a family lunch at Afton's Twin Falls home in November. Afton's daughters cherished these lunches even more after their mother's diagnosis of kidney failure and her decision not to seek treatment.

89-year-old with kidney failure faces the end unafraid

Story by Ariel Hansen
Photos by Ashley Smith

In August, Afton Scofield made a choice. She chose knowing her family would have difficulty accepting that she wouldn't seek treatment for kidney failure. She chose knowing the treatment would make her life longer, but wouldn't make it better. Afton chose to die.

"I figured, I've had a good life, I've done a lot of things, I've met a lot of people, I've had a lot of good friends. I just didn't feel like I could ask for anything else," Afton said in November.



Cathie Blevins, left, talks with her sister Sheila Turner in February, during an afternoon of sorting belongings left behind when their mother, Afton Scofield, died of kidney failure.

The 89-year-old, thin from kidney disease, sat on a pastel striped sofa in her Twin Falls home, a bit weak but quick to offer hospitality. To her right, a refrigerator magnet held up a do-not-resuscitate order, not far from her collection of small, bright teapots mounted above the range.

The former homemaker and grocery clerk, born in a log cabin along an Idaho stretch of the Oregon Trail, didn't know how long she had to live. But Afton was feeling stronger and eating more — including the cakes and sweets she loved to make for her daughters and other family, some of whom visited nearly every day.

That was the hardest part, telling her family.

"I came home and told the kids, and they fell apart," she said. "They said, 'We want you to live longer. I think they just couldn't think anything else.'"

Everyone must face death, but Americans have long fought the reaper. Doctors are taught to take extraordinary measures, to wield

every weapon in the battle against that final breath.

"To have the patient say 'Stop' or 'Don't do anything,' that's not how we're trained," said Dr. Nagraj Narasimhan, the Twin Falls kidney specialist who gave Afton her mortal diagnosis and presented her options. He advocates helping the patient make the best decision for herself. "Just because we have a procedure or machine doesn't mean we have to use it."

The doctor believes Afton made a measured choice — he used words like "deliberate," "pragmatic" and "appropriate" — when she chose to forgo treatment. A patient her age isn't eligible for a transplant. Dialysis could have extended her life by about five years, but she would have depended on a machine at home or via regular office visits.

"He told me how many hours of my day would be gone, and I just couldn't see it," Afton said of the diagnosis. "I just couldn't see myself wasting my time taking dialysis."

it's early February, the holidays have faded, and Afton's family has just lost its matriarch. The two of Afton's daughters who live in Twin Falls have come to her home, where they nurse cups of coffee at the dining table that hosted their weekly luncheon gabfests.

Instead of a plate of cake, that table holds condolence cards from across the country, laid out in two thick stacks.

Because of the weather, Afton spent her last few weeks at Twin Falls Care Center, where her granddaughter Brit Buffington and Brit's mother, Paula Buffington-Johnson, both

work. When she fell on a Sunday morning — possibly a minor stroke, her daughters guessed — she was whisked to the emergency room, where local family members met her. Afton was conscious and speaking when daughters Cathie Blevins and Sandee Goley arrived.

"She was talking, she was worried about the insurance," Cathie says.

"And about me," adds Brit, who lived with Afton most of her life. Brit had just had her tonsils removed. "Once I got there, she went to sleep and never woke up."

Before falling into a coma — the way she had hoped she would die — Afton tried



In his Twin Falls office, kidney specialist Dr. Nagraj Narasimhan discusses Afton Scofield's decision not to seek treatment. After the 89-year-old's first appointment with him in July, she told her daughters she was impressed with the doctor's natty dress.

STORY CONTINUES ON F4

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.

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Wednesday: Taco salad
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Friday: Fish

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Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon

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Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Jackpot trip
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Mrs. Idaho, 11:30 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Lunch bingo
Saturday: Boy Scouts of America banquet

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St. Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:
Monday: Vegetable soup and sandwiches
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese and hot dogs
Thursday: Meatballs

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Fried chicken 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.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers,

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: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Ham
Thursday: Beef stroganoff

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Board of directors meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: AARP tax preparation, 9 to 11 a.m., by appointment
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out: home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Beef enchiladas
Friday: Meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 10 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: NA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Foot clinic
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Sunday: Pinochle, 7 p.m., \$1 per player

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Stuffed chicken breast
Tuesday: Shredded beef pita pockets

Wednesday: Beans and hum
Thursday: Beef roast
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.
Pinochle at Shoshone, 1:30 p.m.

Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 1 p.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.

Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Afternoon movie
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Potluck dinner and dance with fiddlers

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: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Pork roast
Friday: Salad day

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: Porcupine meatballs
Tuesday: Malibu chicken
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Barbeque ribs
Friday: Tater tot casserole

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Massage, 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
SIIWA and congressman
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Gem State Fiddlers

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: Orange chicken
Thursday: Pizza
ACTIVITIES:
Tuesday: Board meeting
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

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

MENUS:
Monday: 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: Pizza
Wednesday: Turkey salad sandwich

Friday: Spaghetti
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo
Thursday: Depart for Wendover trip
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

Return from Wendover trip
Saturday: Pancake breakfast

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: Slippy Joe
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Friday: Ham
ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

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

MENUS:
Tuesday: Oven-fried chicken
Wednesday: Taco salad bar
Friday: Baked fish
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.
Twin Falls trip, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Zenityr class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.

Zenityr class, 11 a.m.
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Hearing aid counselors, 10 a.m., appointment needed

Carey Senior Center

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

MENUS:
Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12; \$4.50, home delivery gift shop; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Chef salad
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Chicken fetuccini
Thursday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
Friday: Chicken, fish or enchiladas

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.

Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwideman at 435-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4572 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Stromboli sandwiches
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary lunch
Thursday: Barbeque beef on a bun
Friday: Alaskan pollock

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tax help by appointment
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Raclo shop, 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, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12.

For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Fish fillet
Thursday: Pork roast

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Taxes, 1 to 4 p.m.
Potluck, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Easy assistance, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Quilting, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Birthday bingo, 2 p.m.
Thursday: Gem meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Taxes, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Add just a pinch of spice to your life, Capricorn

IF MARCH 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You will be thinking outside the box this week while independent Uranus sends energy your way. Exciting changes will keep you hopping and you are likely to make a major change of heart regarding some key matter. Start matters of importance, such as buying a new home or starting a new business, in late July when Lady Luck will be there to help you. A chance to permanently improve your circumstances might be presented at that time or you might reap certain rewards you so richly deserve. Expect to be thrown into contact with true blue friends and helpful contacts this summer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Remember how the West was won. You may be battling great odds or face hostility from coworkers sometime this week. You will eventually conquer the opposition through sheer audacity and courage.

TALOUS (April 20-May 20): Adhere to a schedule. You will be able to accomplish more if you remain highly organized in the week ahead. Tackle nasty necessities first so that you will have ample time for some fun in this week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There is safety in numbers. The more pennies you save, the more content you

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will be this week. You may have your preferences, but don't endorse someone who is considered by many to be a black sheep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Never say die. Your high spirits and optimism will act as a counterbalance and lighten the atmosphere caused by pessimistic companions in the week to come. Avoid serious discussions and decisions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pennies are meant to be pinched. This week you won't be satisfied by a major purchase if you act against your better judgment. You've got a critical eye and could find flaws in a prized possession.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Save your pennies. This week you may strike out against a few extra cents out of every dime. Clip a few coupons; find economical ways to have fun and try to be less critical of your special someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Build up your strength. If you are going to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders you must be strong. During the week to come you might be forced to relinquish a social event due

to a tight schedule.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ignore a cold shoulder. Those who treat you with hostility do so out of weakness or fear of intimacy. Remain patient and by the end of the week a somewhat trying social situation will warm up greatly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make it do or do without. Pass up shopping expeditions in the week ahead as your pockets aren't as deep as you'd like them to be. Remain focused on career goals even if you must make sacrifices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Add a pinch of spice to your life. There is a tendency on your part this week to measure up people the same way you measure flour for a cake. Painsstaking attention to detail might yield happy results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The only way to stretch the budget is to tighten the belt. Be willing to curtail expenses if a significant other opposes your spending habits this week. Make creative, intelligent, and resourceful choices.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your best bet for forward. It is difficult to leave a small footprint on the environment, but you can make good strides this week. A loved one may be somewhat demanding and critical of efforts.

Make your memories digital

Times-News
A photo without a story is a memory lost.
The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the noncredit class "Digital Scrapbooking & Storytelling, with Heritage Makers" from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, March 25 to April 29, in Library 101 on campus.
Cost is \$99, plus \$84.90 paid to instructor Joyce Moore for materials.
No more cutting, gluing or pasting, class organizers say. You'll learn to organize your most important family pictures, use the Internet to storyboard with mess and clutter, use the Photoshopping Best Heritage Makers online storytelling program, put names and dates with old pictures for future reference, prepare your draft for quality publishing, and send your book for publishing.
The product an heirloom book with a high-gloss laminated cover with your own design, of which you can order as many copies as you want.
For information or to register: 732-6442 or www.est.edu/community.

See what's new online at Magicvalley.com

SINUSITIS or COLD?

Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds, you may not realize that you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspect that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thick whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes

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Granddad hopes to open girl's eyes and herd off heartbreak

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I recently visited our daughter and two beautiful grandchildren, "Mary" (age 17) and "Patrick" (age 15). Mary has a boyfriend I'll call "Brandon" who is all she has talked about since we arrived. She's quite smitten.

One night I was having trouble falling asleep and decided to go downstairs for a glass of wine. As I descended the stairs, I noticed Patrick and Brandon locked in a passionate embrace on the couch. They never noticed me, and I quietly returned upstairs. The boys' love-making did not help my insomnia.

I haven't mentioned what I saw to anybody. I am not bothered by the gay aspect of the encounter I witnessed. However, my paternal instincts make me want to protect Mary from being hurt. I don't believe in meddling, but I'm not sure keeping silent is right, either. Any advice?

—SURPRISED

GRANDPOP IN CHILLY GRANDPOPO: I assume that Patrick has not yet come out to the family about his sexual orientation. If that's the case, then I don't recommend you out him by telling his sister what you saw. I do, however, think you should discuss it with Patrick, because she should be the one to tell Mary she shouldn't pin her hopes on Brandon, as he's not the person he may pretend to be.

DEAR ABBY: My twin sister and I are close, but sometimes we like to do things apart from each other.

Other kids don't seem to understand why we're not together 100 percent of the time, even though we're together probably 90 percent of the time.

When we're not together, we are invariably asked, "Where's your sister?" or "Did you two have a fight?" We're tired of having to explain that nothing is wrong and that



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

we've just chosen to do something different at a particular time.

We share a room and sleep in a double bed, so we are always very close at home. But once in a while, we like to get out and do something apart, and we don't see why others should question it. How do we put an end to these questions and comments?

—NOT SIAMESE IN MEDFORD, ORE.

DEAR NOT SIAMESE: The reason you are asked those questions is because you and your sister are together 90 percent of the time. People tend to question anything that is unusual, and seeing you apart is unusual. There is no way to put an end to the questions, but you can keep your sense of humor and respond honestly by saying, "We're not joined at the hip. We felt like doing something different today."

DEAR ABBY: Can you suggest a sincere, non-religious phrase that is the equivalent of "I'll keep you in my prayers"?

I'm not formally religious, but when I have a friend who is sick or experiencing a rough patch, I want to say something that carries the same sentiment. I'm not comfortable "acting" religious when I'm not, but I would like friends to know how truly concerned I am and how much I hope they get better.

—CARING TEXAN

DEAR CARING TEXAN: Say it to them just as you have said it to me: "I'm concerned for you, and I hope you are better soon; you're in my thoughts today and every day."

Yes, Wii can. And Wii definitely will

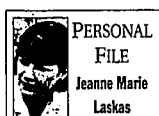
"This is all your fault," says my sister Claire in a voice mail. "You told me to move the Wii upstairs!" She hangs up. She has an uncanny way of getting me to call back quickly. I'm sitting here wondering what in the name of the Virgin Mary Galaxy she is talking about.

Claire was the first person I knew to get a Nintendo Wii console game, two years ago, back when the system was introduced. I did not approve. I was a cranky old video game neophyte, a person who maintained, firmly, that my own children would not have their creativity thwarted, would not be tempted by the evils of pixel addiction that I believed virtual play video games represent. It gave me something to feel superior about.

Flash-forward to a rainy day last November. I was at a friend's house, and everyone was Wii bowling, and I picked up and got my children a Wii for Christmas last year. No, I was not waiting in line at Target on a cold Sunday at 6:35 a.m. in the hopes of snagging a Wii for my little girls.

No, I got that Wii for myself.

I made my husband wrap it. I opened it on Christmas morning and told my family



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

I would share.

We formed teams. We rooted for one another. We made little virtual Wii characters to represent friends and family, and we played baseball and cheered on virtual Grandmom and virtual Granddad. And when virtual Aunt Claire hit a grand slam, we did spins around the family room and high-fived each other, and then we called to congratulate her.

"What a hit!" I said. "You're amazing!" I took her a while to catch on. "The Wii is a family game," I said. "It isn't about just sticking your kids in front of a video screen to keep them quiet while they get mellowed and turn green."

She confessed that she herself had never played her family's Wii; the game was hooked to the old TV in the basement, where she rarely ventured. I told her to bring that game upstairs. I told her to get involved. I told her the good news of my conversion: Video games are not, in themselves, evil. It's how you use them that matters.

Sharing the good news is a noble act of pure sisterly heroism. It gave me something new to feel superior about.

For whatever reason,

Claire followed my lead. She reprogrammed a family unit just as I had experienced, and she said her husband, James, was mostly enjoying the game. "Mostly, he likes telling us to stay back from the TV and to always wear the stinking wrist strap," she said. The caution had been widely covered in the media: A Wii remote, because it is wireless, and because of the game's motion-sensor feature, can fly out of your hand if you're not careful. "Every Wii family has a Wii cop," I told her, explaining that my husband served that function in our house: Back! Stay Back! Put the wrist strap on!

Husbandly nagging was all part of the Wii experience. It was happening in homes across the land. It was beautiful, a boundless Wii community.

So, this brings us to the present and Claire's voice mail. I am trying to puzzle out the source of her woe, hoping against hope it has nothing to do with the big, flat-screen TV she and James recently got and planned to return because they felt it was too big and obnoxious.

I call her back.

When she hears my voice, she grunts.

Then she says: "Wrist strap. Must tighten wrist strap." I ask her, calmly, about the flat screen. Had she returned it yet? Was it, in fact, in the family room with the Wii?

"Shattered," she says. "Bowling. Dead."

"Verbs," I say. "Can you use verbs?"

"This is all your fault," she says, explaining that her son, Peter, had the wrist strap on, but not on tight enough. The remote flew out of his hand and into the TV, killing the very, very expensive TV that I never told her to put in her family room: I just told her to put the Wii there.

"This is all your fault," she says repeatedly, adding that the puppies I talked her into getting last year had chewed her couch.

I tell her it's her fault for listening to me? "Why do you listen to me?"

She does not say it is because I am superior.

She grunts. She's in pain. "You, um, still have your health," I say. She says nothing, and nothing I can say will help, so I decide to save myself.

"Please don't tell my husband," I plead. "The Wii cop will become unbearable, and our Wii days will be over."

"I am going to think" about that," she says in a measured tone. I tell her not to be cruel.

She says I would be for the sake of my TV, my family unity. Now, she's gathering momentum. I can feel her winding up. I am bracing myself as she tells me that every sister has a dark side. "In fact," she says, "I am going to call him right now."

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Time to get the children off bottles

By Beth Whitehouse
Newsday

Question: My twin grandsons will be 6 years old in June, and their mother still puts them to bed with whole milk in baby bottles. Is this OK?

Answer: It's definitely not OK to be doing that, for a number of reasons," said Dr. Sara Fitzpatrick, a pediatrician at Grello Pediatrics in West Islip, N.Y.

Her opinion was echoed by Dr. Ron Kosinski, chief of pediatric dentistry at a Children's Hospital in New Hyde Park. Kosinski could hardly contain a groan when the question was posed to him.

"The first thing is the bottle," Fitzpatrick said. "Children should be weaned off the bottle by 18 months. It can significantly affect the alignment of their teeth if they're using the bottle much longer than that."

By 6, children are starting to get their permanent teeth, and that's when using the bottle will have an even bigger effect.

They shouldn't even be using a bottle during the day, Fitzpatrick said.

"There's no need for a 6-year-old to be using a bottle," Fitzpatrick said. "They should be using a cup."

Second, being a grandparent, you've probably

heard the old-fashioned term "baby bottle rot." That's what dentists and dentists used to call what happened to children's teeth when they were put to bed with milk in bottles. Now, dentists call it early childhood caries.

More complicated name, same unhealthy result.

"The milk lays on the teeth. The milk has natural sugars in it. The bacteria in the mouth feed on the sugar, and that causes tooth decay," Kosinski said.

If the child's mother can't stop herself from this bad habit, at least she should wipe her children's teeth with a wet washcloth immediately after they finish a bottle, and not let them fall asleep before she does it, Kosinski said.

Juice is not OK in the bottle at bedtime, either. Nothing is OK at bedtime except water, no matter what the age of the child, Fitzpatrick and Kosinski both said.

Incidentally, the children also shouldn't be drinking whole milk at their age, Fitzpatrick said. You should encourage a change in that habit as well.

"Heart health-wise, kids over 2 should be drinking a lower-fat milk, either 1 percent, 2 percent or skim," she said. "It's good to start kids on a heart-healthy diet from a young age."

Military family camp accepts registrations for weekend near Sun Valley

Times-News

Idaho's National Guard and Reserve families can enjoy Idaho's outdoors while easing stress and building friendships at the 3rd annual Idaho Military Family Camp, set for July 25-27 near Sun Valley.

The camp, organizers say, is designed for service members and their families — from all branches of the military — who have experienced military life, deployment or homecoming.

"It's focused on family, it's focused on talking, it's focused on being happy, it's focused on learning new skills together," Dan Ashley, a participant in the first two camps, said in a press release. "That builds a strong foundation and fond memories."

Campers can go fishing, take nature walks, make leather crafts, create garden beds and participate in other activities from archery to yoga. Or they can just enjoy the quiet and unwind.

"We offer lots of choices in order to meet everybody's needs," said Sue Tinsley, University of Idaho coordinator for Operation: Military Kids and camp organizer, "but we don't want anyone to feel that they have to do anything in particular."

camp counselors and adult volunteers monitor and lead children's activities, giving adults time to be with one another. Evenings bring family campfires, singalongs and ball games.

The registration fee of \$35 per person (children under 1 get in free) covers two nights' lodging, six meals, snacks, instructors, materials and child care. Rustic cabins at the 7,100-foot-high Central Idaho 4-H Camp provide shelter, or families can reserve RV or tent sites.

The camp is sponsored by partnership that includes Idaho Military Family Programs, Regional Army Reserve Child & Youth Services, Operation: Military Kids, U of I Extension 4-H youth development staff, 4-H Endowment, Central Idaho 4-H Camp Board, regional 4-H clubs and community volunteers, and Idaho businesses and veterans organizations.

Philly encourages registration well before the June 1 deadline: (208) 454-6556 or spilly4h.org.

Prospective youth and adult volunteers may request an application as well; training will be provided.

Check the breed when buying a pooch

Newsday

Whether you get your dog from a shelter or a breeder, whether he's purebred or an "All American," you need to understand his heritage to make an intelligent decision about whether he will work in your household.

As with any breed or mixture of breeds, seek out the guidance of those with experience.

- Large-breed dogs. Many breeders of these dogs, from Rottweilers to Ridgebacks, do not place puppies or adolescents in homes with children under 5, or sometimes even 7.

- Young dogs can be boisterous, and during their FRAPs — Frenetic Rapid Activity Periods — they can scatter preschoolers like bowling pins. This has nothing to do with the dog's temperament but rather its youthful energy and underestimation of a young human's ballast.

- Terriers used as raters and vermin catchers, many of these dogs have small frames but very sturdy bodies — the better to go underground to battle their quarry.

That natural feistiness is also what makes many breeders and rescuers reluctant to place dogs in households with very young children: a terrier's finite patience may wear thin after the umpteenth nose bonk.

- Toy dogs. Size matters with these guys: Clumsy handling by a toddler who doesn't know better — or an older child who does — can

lead to serious injury. Some toy breeds are fragile, for example, might be a poodle or a Yorkie. Owing to their hardy spaniel heritage, cavalier King Charles spaniels also can be a good option for older, well-mannered children.

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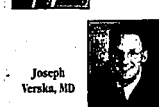
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DECISION TO DIE

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to tell her daughters something, but wasn't able to communicate. However, the younger women said they felt their mother wasn't afraid, that she was ready to die.

That Afton didn't struggle in her final days has inspired her daughters to take similar attitudes.

"I didn't have that 'I want to hold onto you for a few more days' feeling. For her, and for the peacefulness of her life and the peacefulness of her death, it was OK that she would be gone," Sandee says.

Cathie gathers the condolence cards, straightening the pile, and sets them aside.

For two days, family continued to gather at Afton's deathbed. They read excerpts of an oral history compiled in earlier years by her eldest daughter, Sheila Turner, who lives in Sweet.

"We read out of her notebook and we talked about the people Mother had known," Cathie says, hands wrapped around the favorite green coffee cup reserved for her at Mother's house.

"We laughed and cried, really we did, we laughed a lot. The nurses all say the last thing to go is the hearing, so I had a feeling Mother could hear us reminiscing," Sandee says. Her voice chokes.

On Tuesday night, Feb. 5, Afton died.

At 89, twice widowed, Afton was familiar with death. Her first husband died of an aneurysm relatively young, and Sandee's son succumbed to a rare form of cancer when he was a teenager. With Afton's diagnosis, however, the death she pondered most during her last months was her mother's.

"She had kidney problems same as I've got," Afton said at home in November. Her mother took an intense sulfa drug to prolong her life, but still suffered and hallucinated. "When my mother was so sick in the hospital, I absolutely prayed she would die in the next few days because I wanted her out of her misery."

Afton didn't want to suffer. And she didn't want her illness to affect her brain. Around the time Afton received the diagnosis, at her weakest stage, her body wasn't properly processing nutrition.

"There was a spell when I couldn't walk, when I couldn't get up off the couch. I couldn't even write my name," she said. Brit tried to show her how, unsuccessfully. "Now that's an awful feeling, to not be able to write your name."

By November, Afton was back to daily crosswords, like the one waiting on a table beside the couch.

After talking with Dr. Narasimhan about the end, Afton understood that kidney disease would likely give her a relatively painless, easy death.

"He said, 'You'll probably sleep it away. Who can ask for anything better than that,'" she said. "I Heck, I've lived this long, and I could have a worse disease: I could have cancer and be in pain. I consider myself lucky that I've got the disease I've got."

Afton's doctor agreed that kidney disease isn't a bad way to go, particularly with hospice care at home, but recognized that the determination to die was



Sheila Turner, right, laughs with her sisters Cathie Blevins and Sandee Goley while looking through their mother's things after her Feb. 5 death.



Sandee Goley, left, and Sheila Turner look through their mother's books of postcards and ephemera in late February.



Afton Scofield jumps in to help with dishes after a family lunch in Twin Falls in November. Afton often welcomed family and friends to her table.



Afton Scofield's beloved cat, Lucky, is in need of a new home — without children or other cats — after Afton's death. Temporarily, Lucky still lives with Afton's granddaughter at the home they shared in Twin Falls. Interested? Call Cathie Blevins at 731-2900.

still difficult.

"It's a brave person who can make that kind of decision," Narasimhan said three months later. "She really weighed the pluses and minuses. She said she'd made peace with everybody in her life."

Afton knew her passing would be hardest on those she left behind, and in her living room in November that was the only topic that brought her close to tears as she contemplated her death.

"I've got an especially good family, and everybody doesn't have that," she said, her voice cracking. "I regret that I wouldn't be there for them."

In late February, Afton's three daughters gather around her dining table, looking through their mother's collection of postcards and ephemera. They found the boxes, dusty on the top shelf of her closet, and are both reminiscing and choosing pieces to cherish.

They've already taken home glassware and jewelry. "This ring I have on today was on her finger when she passed away," Sandee says. "They've had a few weeks to mourn, and to be glad for the time they had with her before her death, but it still hurts. Many moments are interrupted for a tissue-dabbled eye or a stifled sob.

Cathie pets Afton's orange tabby, Lucky, for whom the family is struggling to

Hospice care helps at end of life

Although some terminal patients die in emergency rooms, hospitals or care centers, many are able to spend their last days at home because of hospice care.

In addition to nursing, hospice workers often arrange for meals and cleaning, and help the patient find information about end-of-life issues including wills and final directives.

"I didn't really know what they did, but they're wonderful," said Afton Scofield. Hospice workers visited her regularly in the months before her death, both at home and at the care center where she spent her last weeks.

Doctors, too, value hospice care for their patients. Dr. Nagraj Narasimhan, the kidney specialist who diagnosed Afton's disease, appreciates the connection that hospice maintains between the doctor and the terminal patient.

"Having them let me know what the patient needs is invaluable," he said. "It allows a patient who has given up on life to do it at home in their own surroundings."

find a home. "We'd already gone through some of the stages of grief," Sandee says. "No matter how much you think you're prepared and have things figured out, you don't."

A buried wood canister on top of the TV cabinet holds Afton's ashes, and the family will scatter them without a service, according to her wishes.

"I told them to just throw them into the wind and let the wind take them," she said in November. She didn't want to be buried, and she didn't want a funeral — besides that go back to her mother's death. "When we buried my mother, it was an awful day, snowy and slick. I just hated leaving her there. I think that was one of the worst experiences of my life, leaving her there in the cold snow. ... I can't stand the

thought of being put in the ground."

Afton made herself clear — how she wanted to die, how she wanted to be remembered, that she wanted her grandchildren to grow up kind and honest — and her daughters are grateful. They had time for last pieces of advice, but now they can ask her no more questions. At her mother's bedside, Cathie was ready to let go, "but I was scared that there would be things we couldn't ask her, like how to do a recipe."

Around the table, the women pick through papers and pamphlets. Some they don't remember, but they know the objects were special to Afton. Others have memories attached.

"Oh my gosh, she kept this. I don't even have this," Sandee says, holding up a newspaper clipping from

her own time on the Hansen City Council.

As they sort Afton's things, some are harder to handle. On a side table sit her years of journals, chronicling day-to-day events and her thoughts on life: The women haven't begun reading. "I don't know when I'll be ready," Cathie says.

Not all of Afton's thoughts are written in the journals. Some are on scraps of paper, like this one: "Death ends a life, not a relationship. Dying is one thing to

be sad about, living unhappily is another thing to be sad about."

Though tissues are never far from their elbows, Sheila, Sandee and Cathie snicker at a menu from a 1950s governor's ball in Sun Valley and ooh at a beautiful magazine cover. Their humor honors their mother's well-lived life, her well-chosen death.

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ENGAGEMENT

LEITCH-HAWKINS

James and Sylvia Leitch of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Theresa Leitch, to Luke Stephen Hawkins, son of David and Suzanne Hawkins of Twin Falls.

Leitch is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and works at First Federal Bank in Twin Falls.

Hawkins is a graduate of Twin Falls High and works at Lowe's Home Improvement in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Aug. 2, at the home



Luke Hawkins and Jessica Leitch of Hawkins' grandparents, Lee and Brenda Atkins, 300 W. 335 S. in Jerome.

A reception will follow at 7 p.m.

By Susan Brink
Los Angeles Times

At 9 or 9 years old, the typical American schoolgirls perfecting their cursive handwriting style. She's picking out nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs in sentences, memorizing multiplication tables and learning to read a thermometer.

She's a little girl with a lot to learn.

And yet, in increasing numbers, when girls this age run across the playground in T-shirts, there is undeniable evidence that their bodies are blossoming. The first visible sign of puberty breast budding, is arriving ever earlier in American girls.

Some parents and activists suspect environmental chemicals. Most pediatricians and endocrinologists say that, though they have suspicions about the environment, the only scientific evidence points to "the obesity epidemic." What's clear, however, is that the elements of female maturity increasingly are spacing themselves out over months, even years — and no one quite knows why.

While early menstruation is a known risk factor for breast cancer, no one knows what earlier breast development means for the future of girls' health. "We're not backing up all events in puberty," says Sandra Steingraber, biologist and visiting scholar at Ithaca College. "We're backing up the starting point." She has examined the research on female puberty and compiled a summary in an August 2007 report called "The Falling Age of Puberty in U.S. Girls." The report was financed by the Breast Cancer Fund, an advocacy group interested in environmental causes of that disease.

Earlier breast development is now so typical that the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society urged changing the definition of "normal" development. Until 10 years ago, breast development at age 8 was considered an abnormal event that should be investigated by an endocrinologist. Then a landmark study in the April 1997 journal *Pediatrics* written by Marcia Herman-Giddens, assistant professor at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, found that among 17,000 girls in North Carolina, almost half of blacks and 15 percent of whites had begun breast development by age 8. The researcher at the time suggested changing what it considered medically normal.

The new "8" — the medically suggested definition for abnormally early breast development — is, the society says, 7 for white girls and 6 for black girls.

Puberty involves three stages: breast development, pubic hair growth and, finally, menstruation. Because the final event is typically the most memorable for women, it has been the one most scientifically documented in



Young girls are beginning to develop earlier than their mothers did.

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studies based on self-reported menses. The first 100 years that medical records were kept on the age of onset of menstruation saw continuous drops. Between about 1850 and 1950 in Europe, the average age of a girl's first period dropped from about 17 to about 13. (The U.S. doesn't have good data earlier than the 20th century, though trends were probably similar, says Steingraber, who prepared the August 2007 report after examining hundreds of studies on potential dietary, lifestyle and environmental causes of early puberty.)

Much of that decline probably has to do with better nutrition and public health improvements that reduced the spread of infectious diseases. "Better diet, closed sewer systems, deep burial of the dead," Steingraber says. "By the beginning of the 20th century, those things were in place."

Adequate food and good health signal the brain that it's safe to reproduce. "We're healthier and we weigh more," says Dr. Francine Hoffman, head of the center for diabetes and endocrinology at Children's Hospital. "In some ways, puberty is a luxury."

With the brain picking up these signals, the hormonal parade can begin, first with the release from the hypothalamus of gonadotropin-releasing hormone, which sends other hormones from the pituitary gland through the bloodstream to the ovaries. The ovaries gear up production of a form of estrogen called estradiol, which initiates breast development — the first step in puberty.

A second signaling pathway stimulates the adrenal gland to begin androgen production, which results in pubic hair. The final stage of puberty is the beginning of monthly periods.

But the first two events are happening significantly earlier in the lives of today's girls than they did in the lives of their mothers and grandmothers. The age of first menstruation has dropped too, at a rate of about one month per decade for the last 30 years, according to a January 2003 study in *Pediatrics*. Today, the U.S. average for first period is 12.50 for white girls, 12.06 for black girls and 12.09 for Latina girls.

The gap between the first appearance of breast buds

and menstruation grew wider by as much as a year and a half between the 1960s and the 1990s, according to research published in the October 2006 journal *Current Opinion in Obstetrics and Gynecology*. The time from breast buds to bleeding, according to Herman-Giddens, is now close to three years.

In short, that finely tuned biological process may have reached a tipping point. Since the 1960s, Herman-Giddens says, the decline in the age of maturity has crossed the line from positive reasons, such as better diet, to negative ones, such as eating too much, exercising too little and the vast unknowns of chemical pollution.

The lack of adequate explanation has some experts worried. "Over the course of a few decades, the childhoods of U.S. girls have been significantly shortened," Steingraber says.

The new average age of puberty, some fear, may be like the new average weight — typical, but terrible.

"My fear," Herman-Giddens says, "is that medical groups could take the data and say 'This is normal. We don't have to worry about it.' My feeling is that it is not normal. It's a response to an abnormal environment."

Dr. Paul Kaplowitz, chief of endocrinology at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and lead author of a special article Oct. 4, 1999, in the journal *Pediatrics* suggesting a redefinition of early puberty, isn't so sure. Too many girls are being labeled abnormal, he contends.

"Maybe we shouldn't be worrying so much about those girls," he says. "The chance of finding a serious condition in a 7-year-old with pubic hair is very, very small."

With statisticians proving that "average" is younger than recently thought, environmental activists are asking whether hormones in food, pesticides in produce or

phthalates in plastics and cosmetics could be contributing to breast buds in third-graders. Social scientists have lifestyle suspicions. Does the stress of fatherless households, or the stimulating effects of sexually suggestive television shows, have anything to do with earlier signs of puberty? The suspicions remain difficult to prove.

Despite the reassurance of pediatric endocrinologists that younger development is normal, a lot of parents are still nervous, Kaplowitz says.

"If somebody calls in and says, 'I've got an 8-year-old with breast buds,' there's nothing I need to do," he says. "I discourage referrals. But they show up anyway."

Kaplowitz examined evidence for all suspected environmental and lifestyle factors in his book, "Early Puberty in Girls: The Essential Guide to Coping With This Common Problem."

"The explanation for which there's the most evidence is that it's related to the trend in increasing obesity," he says. "There are other factors, such as if your mother matured early. Sometimes we simply don't know. But overall, the biggest single factor is the trend toward obesity." Fatty tissue is a source of estrogen, so chubbier girls are exposed to more estrogen.

"With environmental influences, there has been a lot of speculation, but little hard data. I'm not suggesting there's no connection, but it's very hard to say there's a proven connection. I think it's environmental mainly in the sense that overeating and lack of exercise is environmental," Kaplowitz says. "I've tried to take the view that we shouldn't be alarmed about this."

Herman-Giddens is not so convinced, but concedes that evidence for environmental causes is close to impossible to obtain. "I myself am shocked sometimes to see that my girls, 6 and 9 years old, with breast development," she says. "But with all the estrogen-like elements in the environment, it's virtually impossible to study. There's no place to find an unexpected population."

When's clear is that physical appearance is getting ahead of other aspects of girls' maturity. They might be perceived as far older than they are, even when they're still running through their mothers' closets to clamp around in oversized kid's hosiery.

"My daughter started developing breasts maybe around age 8," says Blanda Sykes of Inglewood, Calif., near Los Angeles. "She was still into her doll phase and dressing up like a princess." So Sykes began giving frank mother-daughter conversations about curves and changing bodies a bit earlier than she expected.

Maureen Davidson, daughter of Shannon Marisa and Brian James Kitchen of Twin Falls, was born March 2, 2008.

Ernie James Theadore Marice Neumann and Robert Kim Davidson of Twin Falls, was born March 1, 2008.

Brilee Ann Benjamin, daughter of Janice Lynn and Jason Lee Benjamin of Kimberly, was born March 1, 2008.

Marly Alvarez Gutierrez, son of Ivania Juarez and Manuel Gutierrez of Hazelton, was born March 2, 2008.

Bria Alyce Kitchen, daughter of Shannon Marisa and Brian James Kitchen of Twin Falls, was born March 2, 2008.

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ANNIVERSARY

THE KERNERS

Carl and Dorothy Kerner of Shoshone will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Golden Years Senior Citizens Center, 218 N. Rail St. W. in Shoshone. The family requests no gifts.

Carl Kerner and Dorothy Schaal were married March 16, 1948, at the Congregational Church in Twin Falls.

He served in the Navy Seabees in World War II. After returning home in July 1946, he helped on his father's farm. He later bought a farm in northwest Shoshone. The



Dorothy and Carl Kerner

couple farmed until 1975 when they sold the farm, retired and moved into Shoshone.

The couple has one son, Stan (Jeanie) Kerner of Portland, Ore.; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

MILLER-ANDRAE

Christina DeNaughel Miller and Brandon Andrae were married March 8 at the Heyburn 2nd Ward LDS building. A reception followed.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Billie Rae DeNaughel of Heyburn. The groom is the son of Kingsley and Vicki Andrae of Caldwell.

The bride is a graduate of Minico High School and attended Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She works at Wal-Mart in Burley.

The groom is a graduate of



Brandon and Christina Andrae

Caldwell High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He works at McCain Foods in Burley. The couple resides in Burley.

GEARY-PICKUP

Amanda Geary and Justin Pickup were married March 7 at the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Jed and Treena Geary of Burley. The groom is the son of Reed and Coleen Pickup of Burley. A reception was held March 8 at Sweetheart Manor in Burley.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of University High School and is a junior at Brigham Young University, majoring in family life education.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Declo High School. He attended Utah State University for a year before serving a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in



Amanda and Justin Pickup

Rancagua, Chile. He attended the College of Southern Idaho for a semester and will attend BYU, majoring in construction management. He works at Perry Olson Drywall in Utah. The couple resides in Provo, Utah.

WELTY-WREN

Desiree Welty and Kevin Wren were married Feb. 2 at The White House in Twin Falls.

The bride is a full-time student at the College of Southern Idaho, studying clinical laboratory science.

The groom works with Lighthouse.

They're now in new construction and has his own painting business.

They reside in Twin Falls



Desiree and Kevin Wren

with their three boys.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Adam Levi Fackrell Jr. and Tyrell Thomas Fackrell, twin sons of Nicole Marie Bowman and Aaron Levi Fackrell of Kimberly, were born Feb. 1, 2008.

Micela Martinez, daughter of Viviana Raquel Chavez of Jerome, was born Feb. 16, 2008.

Christiana Georgina Martinez, daughter of Sherrill Leon Kimbrough and Cody Allan Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 22, 2008.

Alexandra Anahl Battista, daughter of Cintia Adelaida Reyes and Alejandro Battista of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 22, 2008.

Niko Raquel-Valencia, son of Patricia Valencia-Jacobo and Rodrigo Rangel of Shoshone, was born Feb. 22, 2008.

Kaser Xavier Olivarez, son of Veronica and David Olivarez Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 24, 2008.

Palge Dawn Martin,

daughter of Daphne Louise and Steven Riley Martin of Jerome, was born Feb. 26, 2008.

Madeline Kay Christensen, daughter of Melissa Kay and Matthew Lewis Christensen of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 26, 2008.

Kendra Rae Rauger, daughter of Amy Michelle and Nicklas Ray Rauger of Kimberly, was born Feb. 26, 2008.

Adrian Ray Patterson-Rodriguez, son of Kelsey Kaye Patterson and Guadalupe Rodriguez of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 27, 2008.

Taylor Dawn DeLuca, daughter of Kimberly Dawn and Armand DeLuca Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 27, 2008.

Carson Eric Drees, son of Mindy Jean and Eric Steven Drees of Gooding, was born Feb. 27, 2008.

McKyla Astorga-Paz, daughter of Rosalia Paz and Alberto Astorga of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 28, 2008.

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Shana Mae and Brock Ryan Eaton of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 28, 2008.

Al-Lex Pierce Hoch, son of Sarah Jean Hatch of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 29, 2008.

Ryan Tyler Jardine, son of Marianne and Anthony Wayne Jardine of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 29, 2008.

BREAK THE ICE WITH CLUB PENGUIN

By Alice Reid
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If Mumble, Gladia and the rest of the "Happy Feet" colony got you dreaming of being a penguin, it's time to wake up and introduce yourself to Club Penguin.

As a member of this growing online club for kids ages 8 to 14, you choose a name for your penguin-self and a color, if you like, because in the digital world not all penguins have to be black and white.

Then you can waddle around, party, play games and chat — instant-message style — with other penguins in a snow-blanketed virtual cartoon world. There's a ski slope, a boat dock, shops, a beach and many other places to explore.

Club Penguin has 12 million members. Joining www.clubpenguin.com is free, but to do some of the cooler stuff costs about \$6 a month.

Penguins live in igloos that start out pretty plain but can be upgraded by spending some of the virtual coins they earn by playing games. If your penguin is into fashion, there are lots of outfits to buy.

Carlo Gatti, 9, a fifth-grader in Washington, joined Club Penguin two years ago, not long after it started. By his count, his penguin has earned — and spent — thousands of coins.

"I spent it on a lot of clothes for my penguin, and I upgraded my igloo," he said. "I turned it into a two-floored igloo, and then I turned it into a snow globe."

Carlo's mom limits his club time. On odd days of the month, he can sign on for 30 minutes; on even days, he's allowed one hour. Carlo said these are rules he can live with.

A lot of parents worry about how much screen time their little penguins have. "It's just another screen, like TV," said Mini Carter of Alexandria, Va., whose two daughters belong to Webkinz, another popular site for kids. "It's taking time away from reading or outdoor play."

At the same time, she likes that the sites help kids learn how to save money, make choices and even practice math.

The people who started

Beware of strangers

Club Penguin and similar sites are popular for their online social networking (talking to other people). Unlike sites for older teens and adults, however, sharing personal information is strongly discouraged.

At Club Penguin, parents can limit their child to sending pre-written words and phrases. Here are some other ways to stay safe online:

- Never give your name, address, phone number, school or password to anyone online — even if you think you know who they are.
- Your user name should not reveal who you are.
- Stay out of chat rooms that don't have monitors.
- If someone writes or asks something that makes you uncomfortable, tell your parents right away.

Club Penguin wanted the site to be open to any kid with a computer. More than 90 percent of club members pay nothing to belong. Just like paying members, their penguins earn virtual coins, but they can't buy as many things.

Kids and parents like the safety of Club Penguin.

Sixth-grader Cory Cox, 11, of Alexandria, read some reviews of the site when he joined: "One was (from) a policeman that said some really good things about the safety."

Carlo said he wouldn't be in Club Penguin if it didn't have built-in safety features. "You don't want anyone to hack into your files or e-mails or something," he said.

Unlike many chat sites for older users, penguins keep their true identities secret. And their chatting has limits: They can write their own words or, to be super safe, choose from a list of messages to exchange. "Hello!" is one example.

Some words are banned, however. And site monitors keep an eye out for bad behavior.

Penguins who misbehave can be shut out of the club for a day or two — or kicked out of their igloo for good. And that's no fun at all.



Carlo and Zoe Gatti, of Washington, play on the Club Penguin Web site. About 12 million computer users and their colorful characters interact at Club Penguin, an online world for kids 8 to 14.

More virtual fun and games

There are several other virtual worlds where you can have fun and interact with millions of players around the world. Most are free, with added features for paid subscribers.

Runescape — A Middle Ages fantasy world in which players trade, chat and fight with each other. Free; paid subscribers get additional content. Warning: There is a lot of cartoon violence, and players often try to cheat each other. www.runescape.com

NeoPets — Kids take care of more than 50 species of animals that exist in electronic form. The virtual world of Neopia, which has more than 100 million members, helps teach about money and responsibility. www.neopets.com

Virtual Magic Kingdom — Players create their own characters, play in Disney parks and decorate their space with virtual stuff. This free game is for kids 8 to 14. Chats are moderated and limited to a dictionary of acceptable words. vmlk.disney.go.com

Imbeo — A social network for kids that includes trading cards, blogs and a variety of avatars. www.imbeo.com

Webkinz — Owners of plush toys get codes that allow access into a virtual world of games and collecting. For younger kids. www.webkinz.com

This taxidermist has all the right stuffing

By Amy Omdorf
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Is it real? That's the question that taxidermist Paul Rhymer hears most from kids who visit the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, where he works. Yes, it is real. No, there are no guts still inside. No, it won't bite.

Taxidermy — preparing the skin of a dead animal so that it looks lifelike — is part art and part science.

Rhymer's specimens are animals that have died in zoos or were hit by vehicles. In order to make a museum critter as scientifically accurate as possible, he needs to understand how an animal's body looks and works.

It's harder than you might think.

"Everyone knows what a penguin looks like, until they have to make one," he says. "Penguins are part of the museum's current project; the museum's new Ocean Hall, which is to open in September.

He also is working on



Paul Rhymer, taxidermist at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, is creating life-like penguins for the Ocean Hall exhibit scheduled to open in September. He says taxidermy is like making an animal "from the inside out."

some birds for the new hall. "You can put a lot of expression in them," he says, explaining why he loves making birds.

Rhymer, 45, started learning how to prepare dead ani-

mals when he was 8 by helping his father, who also was a taxidermist. After looking for a career in art, Rhymer found a way to combine his artistic talents with the skill of taxidermy.

Completing a job can take several hours to several months.

For birds, Rhymer starts with excelsior (a straw-like material) and wire for the legs, wings and neck. He

wraps the excelsior until he has the shape he wants.

Preserving an animal's skin or fur can be done in a variety of ways, including using chemicals such as borax.

"You are basically making (the animal) from the inside out," he says.

Rhymer does a lot of research before he starts a project, so that the animal will look like it did in the wild. Working at the Smithsonian gives Rhymer access to scientists who are experts in whatever animals he is researching.

Every detail, from how an animal stands to the color of its eyes, must be perfect. Primates are especially complicated. "They are as individual-looking as you and I are," Rhymer says.

"Everyone knows what a penguin looks like, until they have to make one."

— Taxidermist Paul Rhymer

If the Smithsonian is unable to find the right specimen for an exhibit, Rhymer will make a model of the animal. If he needs help, his wife, Carolyn, is a model-maker at the Smithsonian.

When he's not making new pieces for exhibits, Rhymer restores older ones. Although he has worked for the Smithsonian for 23 years, there are many animals that have been in the museum's collection a lot longer than that.

Since some of them are now extinct, Rhymer makes sure they stay in good shape for people to see. "He pays special attention to his favorite animal, the pink fairy armadillo. 'It's just so weird,' he says. 'How often do you have 'pink' in the name of an animal?'"

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TRAVEL READING

Nine destination bookstores worth putting on a tourist's itinerary

By Beth J. Hargaz
AP travel editor

NEW YORK — When is a bookstore worth a tourist's time?

When it's more than just a place to buy books.

A destination bookstore can make you feel like you're part of the community, whether you're grooving on the laid-back vibe at Powell's in Portland, or tuning into the Beltway buzz at Washington's Politics and Prose.

Some bookstores offer literary touchstones, like the wooden chairs signed by writers who've visited. That Bookstore in Blytheville, an Arkansas institution frequented by native son John Grisham. City Lights in San Francisco, once a hangout for Beat writers like Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac, draws tourists from around the world.

"Each one of these stores has a unique, distinct personality and approach," said Meg Smith, chief marketing officer for the American Booksellers' Association, a trade group for independent bookstores. "You really do see a snapshot of the town and the region in these kinds of folksome independent bookstores."

And don't overlook the shopping potential. Most independent bookstores take pride in showcasing regional literature. Quirky hand-written signs with staff recommendations may direct you to writers you've never heard of. The tote bags at the Strand bookstore in Manhattan, which come in more than 30 designs, were voted the No. 1 souvenir to bring home to Japan by New York readers of *Nikkei*, a Japanese financial newspaper.

Any list of destination bookstores is bound to leave off some favorites. But here are nine noteworthy bookstores around the country that are definitely worth a visit.

The West

POWELL'S CITY OF BOOKS:

1005 W. Burnside, Portland, Ore.; Powells.com or (800) 878-7323.

The Gold Room, the Rose Room, the Purple Room — even with a color-coded map and signs, it's easy to get lost in the labyrinths of Powell's City of Books. And "it's hard to walk out with less than 10 books," said marketing coordinator Kim Sutton. She added that locals love to bring their out-of-town guests in: "They'll say, 'This is my bookstore,' and show them around with a lot of pride and ownership." Powell's claims to be the world's largest independent used and new bookstore; its other locations include three other general bookstores and two specialty stores (Technical and Home and Garden).

ELLIOTT BAY BOOK CO.:

101 S. Main St., Seattle; elliottbaybook.com or (800) 962-5311.

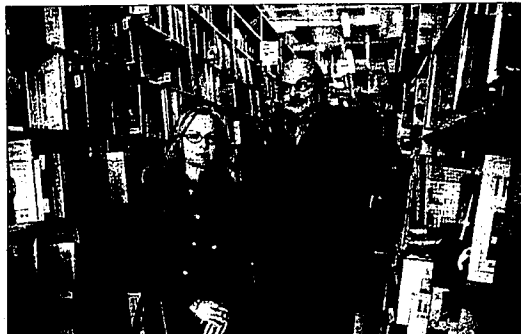
Elliott Bay Book Co. is located in Seattle's historic Pioneer Square district, once the city's Skid Row but now known for nightclubs, galleries, sports arenas and architecture — including the 1867 red-brick building that houses Elliott Bay Cedar shelves offer 150,000 new and used titles in rooms with exposed brick walls, and one or two readings are held every night. "It can be anyone



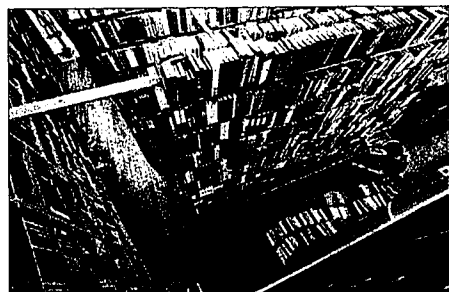
Kathy Hernandez, of Boulder, Colo., browses through a book at the Tattered Cover book store in lower downtown Denver on Jan. 3, 2007.



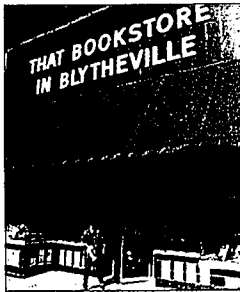
Rich Avirett browses at the Tattered Cover Book Store in Denver in June 2005.



Michael Powell, right, owner of Powell's Books, poses with his daughter, Emily Powell, at their downtown store in Portland, Ore., in June 2006. Powell's Books' flagship store is so large, visitors get a map at the door.



An employee of the Strand sorts the books in February 2007 in New York. The Strand is one place you could go to find out if your books have anything more than sentimental value.



An unidentified woman leaves That Bookstore in Blytheville, Ark., on Dec. 12, 2002.



Tytty Yli-Vikari, of Helsinki, Finland, looks through a stack of books while visiting the Elliott Bay Book Co., Jan. 3, 2008, in Seattle.

from a first-time poet to Dave Sedaris returning for his 10th time," said Elliott Bay spokeswoman Tracy Taylor. "We had him here when nobody knew who he was and there were 15 people in the audience. He sang the Oscar Mayer song."

CITY LIGHTS BOOKS:

261 Columbus Ave., San Francisco; Citylights.com or (415) 362-8193.

This store, a city landmark, was co-founded in 1953 by poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, who also started City Lights Publishers and was arrested on obscenity charges for publishing Ginsberg's famous poem "Howl." The store continues to serve as a center for counterculture activities and politics. Recommendations from its "Muckraking" section, for example, include titles like "The Fall of the House of Bush" and "What Orwell Didn't Know." Tourists also like to stop in at the bar next door, Vesuvio, to have a drink where Kerouac once belled up.

TATTERED COVER BOOK STORE:

1628 16th St., Denver; Tatteredcover.com or (303) 436-1070.

Visitors to Denver often go to 16th Street, a mile-long outdoor mall through the heart of LoDo, historic Lower Denver. There, amid breweries and boutiques, see the arenas where Denver's major league teams play and across from the train station, you'll find the Tattered Cover. "We get a whole lot of tourists, along with people waiting for trains and fans hanging out until game time," said spokeswoman Patty Miller. The store has two other locations, but the LoDo location is especially inviting, with cozy nooks, overstuffed chairs and a gas fireplace.

The East and Midwest

THE STRAND:

Corner of 12th Street and Broadway, near Union Square, Manhattan; Strandbooks.com or (212) 473-1452.

Founded in 1927 by the Bass family, which still owns it, The Strand is a New York legend, offering "16 miles of books," including used books for a buck, new best-sellers, rare books and collectibles in every price range, and an entire floor of art books. It's as much a scene as it is a bookstore; customers range from Japanese tourists and East Village hipsters to New York University students and crusty intellectuals who quiz the staff on their literary knowledge. The "treasure hunt" is part of the allure, said Christina Foxley, director of store events. "Our stock is constantly changing. One hour we might have a book, one hour we don't. You never know what you might find."

POLITICS AND PROSE:

5015 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington; Politics-prose.com or (800) 722-0790.

Even people who've never been here feel like they know the place because many of its readings are broadcast on C-SPAN. "We have a lot of people who come here and the first thing they want to know is, 'Where does the author stand?'" said co-owner Barbara Meade. "They want to have the whole setting

Take a vacation at your desk with a destination webcam

By Megan K. Scott
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Slide the webcam, face down the slopes. Visit Times Square. Take a virtual vacation that requires no money, no vacation days, and no planning.

Webcams, short for web cameras, are capturing more than baby pandas at the zoo. More than a million are offering images in real-time through the Internet, ranging from the not-so-interesting (a pug sleeping on a couch) to destinations like Iceland. Some are live streaming video 24-7, while others refresh the image every few seconds or longer.

Still, regardless of how "live" these images are, webcams are showing the world to the world, says Brian Curry, founder and CEO of EarthCam, a leader in providing webcam content, technology and software.

There are some webcams worth checking out. Note that some of these Web sites may prompt you to download software before you can

view them; many are best viewed at certain times of day, and some can be enlarged for better viewing.

HAWAII WAVES
Mauiwindcam.com/streaming/ — Catch the waves on the reef in the North Shore of Maui. Two webcams capture the Uppers Kanaha and Camp One, famous windsurfing spots. Professional windsurfers launch right in front of the camera and train in the winter months before starting the Professional Windsurfers Association tour. (Note: The camera runs from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. HST but replays the previous 12 hours during dark hours).

TIMES SQUARE
earthcam.com/usa/newyork/timesquare/ — One of the best webcams for people who are burning the midnight oil. The camera shows live streaming video of Times Square and the illuminated signs means the view is great 24-7. The main image captures the "Crossroads of the World" at 46th Street and

Broadway and allows users to zoom in or zoom out. EarthCam has a total of 20 cameras in Times Square, including four inside the Hawaiian Tropic Zone Restaurant, Bar & Lounge.

AFRICAN SAFARI
www.africanwildlife.com/afri/ — Go on a virtual safari with live streaming video of the Mashatu Game Reserve in Botswana, Africa. Watch lions, tigers, bears, deer and other animals feed at a watering hole. The best viewing times are 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. EST or 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. EST, according to the site. (Note: You have to sit through a commercial — or two — before the live video).

INSIDE AN AQUARIUM
earthcam.com/ocean-tank.php — One of EarthCam's top 25 webcams. Watch more than 150 species of sea life, including sharks, eels and turtles, in the 3.7-million-gallon of boiling water can reach about 185 feet. (Note: The image updates every 30 seconds, so you may have to watch for awhile to see the eruption).

OLD FAITHFUL
Nps.gov/archive/yell/old-faithfulcam.htm — Watch an eruption of the Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone National Park. The geyser erupts more frequently than any of the other big geysers, according to the National Park Service, with an average interval between eruptions of about 91 minutes. The geyser shoots as high as 8,400 gallons of boiling water into the air at heights that can reach about 185 feet. (Note: The image updates every 30 seconds, so you may have to watch for awhile to see the eruption).

NIAGARA FALLS
Earthcam.com/canada/niagarafalls/ — The camera is

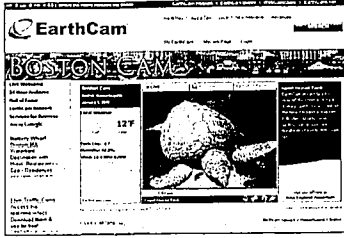
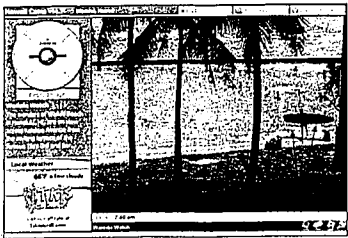
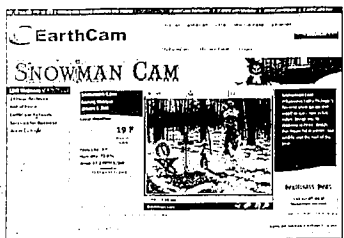
on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. The image updates once every two to three seconds. (Note: The camera has an automatic windshield wiper, which can be distracting).

FOR SKIERS
Skiisugar.com/sugarlive/srbase.html — Race down the slopes at Sugar Mountain Resort in North Carolina. The live streaming video shows skiers at the base of the Lower Flying Mile beginner slope, for the summit webcam. Check out <http://www.skiisugar.com/sugarlive/index-summit.html> which shows the Tom Terrific expert level slope. Double click to make them full size for a real virtual skiing experience. (Note: Skiing stops at 10 p.m. and lights are turned off.) Many other ski resorts have webcams, so check out the Web site for your favorite slope.

FOR DIVERS
livebluediving.com/ — Go scuba diving in Bonaire National Marine Park in the

Netherlands Antilles without donning a wet suit. The megapixel camera is located 49 feet below the drop off at the dive site and offers a view of the coral reef. Control how fast the image updates by selecting the refresh rate in the left-hand corner of the screen. You can make it as fast as every two seconds.

THE DEER AND THE SNOWMAN
earthcam.com/usa/nichol/gaylord/snowman/ — For a snowy scene, here's a live streaming video of a snowman (not made of snow), a duck and a thermometer showing the temperature in Gaylord, Mich., a golfing and snowmobile destination. Ken and Sheryl Borton's display is near their home in Wilderness Valley and has become a tourist destination for snowmobile enthusiasts. During daylight hours, you may not see much action on the webcam. But in the evening, you may spot deer in the woods coming to feed.



Make sure your papers are in order

By Andrea Sachs
The Washington Post

Applying for a passport can be a confounding experience. Here are some answers to common questions.

Q: How much advance time do I need to apply for a passport?

A: It can never be too soon — whether or not you have a foreign trip planned. Obviously, with a passport in hand, you can leave with little notice. However, if your passport is nearing its expiration date, renew as soon as possible, because some countries require passports to be valid six months after a traveler's entry or return date. Another issue to consider: Some nations require passports to have two to four blank pages for visas and stamps.

Q: Where can I find passport information?

A: The U.S. State Department is the official source, and its Web site (travel.state.gov/passport) is a handy, clearly outlined process, requirements, fees, etc. It also includes updates, such as information on the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and the Electronic Passport.

Q: Can I apply by mail?

A: Not if you're a first-timer. Mail-ins are for renewals whose old passports are not damaged, stolen or expired, and were issued within the past 15 years. The passport also must have been issued after your 16th birthday, and there must be no name change that you cannot legally prove.

To renew a passport, in a padded envelope send a DS-82 application form (available on the State Department's Web site, at travel

agencies; see below), your most recent passport, two identical 2-by-2-inch passport photos and a \$75 check made out to the U.S. Department of State. If your name has changed, also include a certified copy of the legal document specifying the change (e.g., marriage license, adoption papers, etc.).

Mail to National Passport Processing, P.O. Box 13408, Philadelphia, Pa. 19101-3408. If you use a mail service that does not deliver to post office boxes, send to National Passport Processing, Attn: Department 13349, 1617 Brett Rd., New Castle, Del. 19720.

You can also request extra visa pages in your passport for no additional cost: attach a signed request for additional pages with your application. New passport should arrive within four to six weeks, barring a natural disaster or other unforeseen incident. If possible, the department recommends applying outside the peak period of January through July. And fret not: Your discarded, stamp-plastered passport will be returned for future gloating purposes.

Q: Who must apply in person, and what is the process?

A: If any of the following apply to you, then head to your nearest passport facility.

- You're a first-time applicant.
- Your passport was lost, stolen or damaged. If it was lost or stolen, you must also complete Form DS-64.
- Your old passport expired and was issued more than 15 years ago or when you were younger than 16.
- Your name has changed since your last passport was issued and you do not have the legal documentation to prove it.

• You're a minor, 14 to 17 years old. A parent or legal guardian (with ID) must be present if the teenager does not have acceptable identification. Parental consent also may be requested. For children younger than 16, consent and/or appearance by both parents or legal guardians is required, as is proof of relationship (e.g., the name on the child's certified birth certificate).

And, yes, even newborns and toddlers need a passport and must be present when their parents apply on their behalf.

Application materials include Form DS-161 (but unlike the mail-in, do not sign it until the passport official gives the word); proof of U.S. citizenship, including a birth or naturalization certificate, among other official documents; personal identification, such as a valid driver's license or military ID; two 2-by-2-inch passport photos taken in the past six months; and payment of \$100 (16 and older) or \$85 (younger than 16).

Q: Where do I go to apply in person?

A: There are more than 9,000 passport acceptance facilities nationwide, including many federal, state and probate courts, post offices, public libraries and county and municipal offices. The department's Web site (idhd.travel.state.gov) will help you find outposts in your neighborhood.

Q: I'm in a hurry — my trip is in a few weeks.

A: For expedited service, you can apply by mail or in person. For the mail-in, send in the requisite materials

plus an additional \$60 and overnight delivery costs. Write "Expedited" on the envelope. No proof of departure is required. To ensure timely delivery — three weeks door-to-door — splurge on two-way overnight delivery.

If you're leaving in two weeks or less, don't risk the mail. Instead, make an appointment with a Passport Agency. Bring with you all of the necessary documents and the extra \$60.

For even faster — but costlier — service, employ a private company that can deliver your passport in a jiffy, say 24 hours. American Passport Express (800-941-6778, americanpassport.com), for one, lists turnaround times of one to two days, two to four, four to six, and seven to 12. Prices, which include government fees, run from \$376 (new applicant, one to two days) to \$206 (renewal, a week to 12 days). Other companies include PassportsVisaExpress.com (888-596-6929) and All American Passports (866-769-4977, allamericanpassports.com).

Q: Where can I find additional help?

A: For advice or a status report on your application, contact the National Passport Information Center at 877-487-2778 or check online at <http://passport-status.state.gov/opss/OPSS-Status.asp>. The site will let you know whether your application has been received by Passport Services and about when to expect your passport. Currently, it is taking about a week to 10 days for an application to be tracked online.

Two-month festival for mustard-lovers

— ST. HELENA, Calif. (AP) — You can see the golden blooms of wild mustard in Napa Valley in February and March, and you can taste and celebrate the condiment at a variety of events during a two-month-long festival held in the region each year.

The 15th annual Napa Valley Mustard Festival is scheduled for Feb. 2 to March 29. Events include "Mustard, Mud & Musie" — a Calistoga Jazz Festival, March 8-9, in the town of Calistoga; and a March 14 awards night at Napa's Black Stallion Winery non-

oring "world champion mustard-makers," where you can taste original mustard recipes by Napa Valley chefs and vote for your favorite in the "People's Choice Mustard Festival Chef of the Year" contest. A marketplace is scheduled for March 15-16 at the American Center for Wine, Food & the Arts in Napa. You can taste mustards from around the world and shop for wine, arts and crafts, and local culinary and gourmet products.

Details at MustardFestival.org or (707) 938-1133.

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they see on television explained to them." January events include the authors of titles like "The Nucleus of the Speculation Economy," but don't let the "Politics" in the store's name fool you.

PRAIRIE LIGHTS:

15 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City
Prairielightsbooks.com or (800) 295-2665.

Thanks to the University of Iowa's famed Writers' Workshop, which has given Iowa City a vibrant literary scene, you're going to see at a Prairie Lights event. Could be a Nobel laureate like J.M. Coetzee; writer Michael Pollan promoting his new best-seller, "In Defense of Food," or even a presidential candidate like John Edwards, who was in town for the caucuses. "Right place, right time," said Jim Harris, the store owner, when asked to explain how the store has attracted so many bigwigs

over the years — from Raymond Carver to Toni Morrison to Junot Diaz. Events air on WSUI, a National Public Radio affiliate.

The South

BOOKS & BOOKS:

265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables, Fla.
Booksandbooks.com or (305) 442-4108.

Some bookstores are crammed with serpentine rows of dusty shelves aching with books — but, that's not what you'll find at Books &

Books, which has three locations in addition to its Coral Gables flagship. "Our Coral Gables store is built around a courtyard in a Mediterranean-style building and our South Beach store is in a gorgeous Art Deco building," said owner Mitchell Kaplan.

The store also has branches in an upscale mall in Bal Harbour and on Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean. Books & Books hosts 70 author events a month, and the store's specialties include art, architecture and regional literature,

including books about Cuba and Latin America. Both the Coral Gables and Miami Beach stores also have full-service restaurants.

THAT BOOKSTORE IN BLYTHEVILLE:

316 W. Main, Blytheville, Ark.; Tblb.com or (470) 763-3333.

It's located in an out-of-the-way small town, but That Bookstore in Blytheville has become famous thanks to Grisham, who grew up nearby. "He comes here all the time, every time he has a

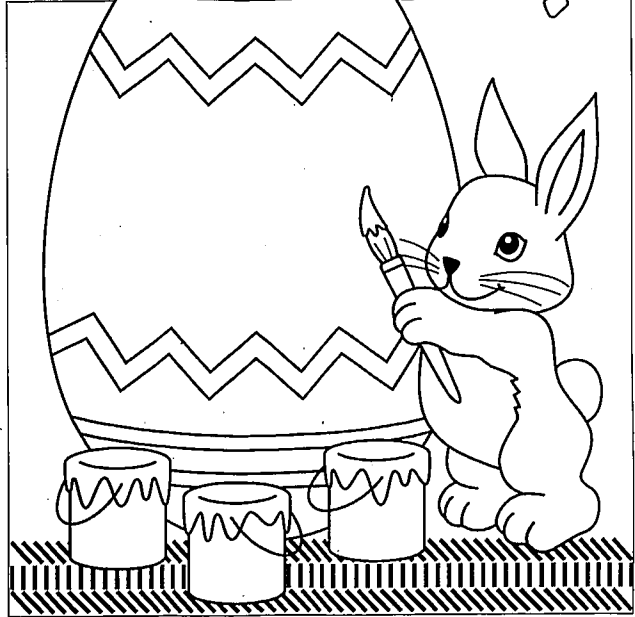
book," said Mary Gay Shipley, the store's manager, founder, owner and junior. "While Grisham no longer greets the public during his visits, he does sign books, and his association with the store gave Shipley the clout to get other big names in — from Mary Higgins Clark and "Cold Mountain" author Charles Frazier to Bill and Hillary Clinton.

The store is located on Interstate 55 between Memphis and St. Louis, so we get a lot of customers traveling from the Midwest to Florida," Shipley said.



Coloring Contest

Happy Easter!



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Child's Name: _____
Age: _____
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1. In Sunday's Big 5 sales flyer, what brand are the Warbird Golf Balls priced at \$16.99 doz. on page 3? _____
2. In Sunday's Fred Meyer sales flyer, what is the price of the Artisan Bread on page 4 of the food pages? _____
3. In Sunday's Kmart sales flyer, what is the price of the Cameron 4-leg Swing Set on page 15? _____
4. In Sunday's Michaels sales flyer, how much can you save on the entire stock of Crayola products on page 4? _____
5. In Sunday's JCPenney sales flyer, how much can you save on the entire stock of kids' Easter apparel on page 13? _____
6. In Sunday's Rite Aid sales flyer, what is the price of all Weight Loss Aid on page 5? _____
7. In Sunday's Sears sales flyer, what brand of handbags are priced at 40% off on page 14? _____
8. In Sunday's Shopko sales flyer, how much can you save on all Sterling Silver Jewelry on page 13? _____
9. In Sunday's Target sales flyer, what is the price of Moon Sand Princess Castle on page 17? _____
10. In Sunday's Walgreens sales flyer, what is the price of Russell Stover Easter Eggs with the coupon on page 1? _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____
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- 1) Times-News Take Me Shopping Trivia Contest begins February 17, 2008, and ends March 27, 2008.
- 2) No purchase or consideration is necessary to enter. Entry forms will be printed weekly from February 17, 2008, through March 23, 2008 in the Times-News. Entry forms may also be picked up at Times-News Customer Service Counter at 132 Fairfield Street West, Twin Falls, or on magicvalley.com/takemeshopping. The last day to enter is March 27, 2008.
- 3) The sweepstakes is open to all legal residents of the United States. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age as of February 1, 2008. Employees of Lee Enterprises, the Times-News, their parent or sister companies or any immediate family members are ineligible.
- 4) One weekly winner will be drawn among correct entrants at random for a total of 5 weeks. Weekly winners will receive \$100 in gift cards from select area stores. One grand prize winner will win \$500 in gift certificates to select area stores.
- 5) No substitutions or transfers of a prize by a winner are permitted.

- 6) A winner assumes all risks and agrees that Lee Enterprises, the Times-News and their affiliates, subsidiaries, agencies and employees have no liability in connection with the acceptance or use of the prize. A winner shall be solely responsible for all federal, state and local income and other taxes associated with the prize and for any insurance related to the use of any prize. This sweepstakes is void where prohibited by law. Federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.
- 7) To enter the sweepstakes, complete the entry form with the correct answer. Only one (1) entry per person per week is permitted. Only one (1) entry will be accepted per envelope. Do not include checks, forms or letters with entry. Only original entry forms will be accepted. No copies or facsimiles of entry forms are permitted. Entry forms may be mailed to Take Me Shopping Trivia Contest, Times-News, PO Box 348, Twin Falls 83303-0348. Lee Enterprises is not responsible for undelivered or delayed mail. People who live outside the delivery area of certain sales flyers may participate by logging on to magicvalley.com/takemeshopping and completing and submitting an online entry form.
- 8) Prize winners will be notified by telephone. Prizes must be claimed in person at the Times-News, 132 Fairfield Street West, Twin Falls, Idaho.
- 9) By acceptance of any prize, a winner consents to the use of his or her name, picture and/or likeness for purposes of advertising or trade, without further compensation, unless prohibited by law.

- 10) Decisions of the judges are final in all matters pertaining to the Times-News Take Me Shopping Trivia Contest. Judges reserve the right to withdraw the Trivia Contest or make changes at any time. Lee Enterprises in its sole discretion shall name any and all judges.
- 11) As a condition to eligibility for any prize, a winner shall execute and return an affidavit and release by which he or she represents and consents (a) that he or she has read and understood these Rules; (b) that he or she is bound by all of the provisions of these Rules; (c) that he or she will be solely responsible for all federal, state and local income and other taxes associated with the prize and for any insurance related to the use of the prize; and (d) that he or she will indemnify and hold harmless, Lee Enterprises, the Times-News and any other prize sponsors, and their affiliates, subsidiaries, agencies and employees, from and against any liability (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by any of them as a result of or arising out of any breach of the foregoing representations or covenants. Grand prize winners are required to complete a W-9 form.
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