

SPORTS: D1

GOING DANCING?

Boise State makes NCAA
tourney bid in WAC finals

Good Morning

High: 45
Low: 29

Mostly cloudy and breezy.
Details: D8



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DOUBLE DUTY

What happens
when baby goes to
work with mom.

FAMILY LIFE, F4



HIGH-END RETAIL

There's an
emerging market
in the retail hub
of the valley.

BUSINESS, B1

DAIRY RESEARCH CENTER

"We can stay in a hunker-down defensive position,
or we can do something to move forward and find answers."

— Greg Ledbetter, steering committee chairman for the Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies



Photo by MICHAEL GOODMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lyana Dibben, a technical aid, fills petri dishes with MacConkey agar, a sterile base that will feed bacteria used for research purposes at the Calne Veterinary Teaching Center in Caldwell. The state will move the lab to the Magic Valley as part of the new dairy research center.

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Magic Valley is already world renowned as a mecca for large dairies.

Now, planners of a proposed \$37 million dairy research center are hoping the valley becomes known for solutions to industry-plaguing environmental problems. Organizers have narrowed their search for the Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies, an unprecedented, nearly 4,000-animal confined feeding operation and research complex, to a 20-mile circle around the College of Southern Idaho.

Center planners say they want to be close to Twin Falls so that researchers can commute easily from town and CSI can send veterinary technology students and others for instruction and practical experience.

By industry accounts, the center would be the nation's biggest dairy research operation.

Sprawled over a 1,500-acre complex, the center would host an operating dairy, animal diagnostic labs, classrooms, perhaps even dormitories for U of I students and others.

Few details have been finalized, except for the center's general location. Organizers have a lot to work out between now and when the first cow is milked in two years, but lawmakers, industry officials and scientists agree that Magic Valley is the best location for the facility.

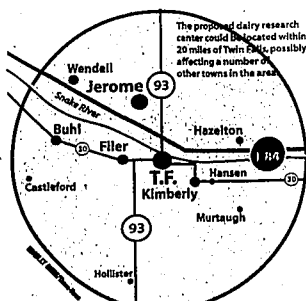
BUCOLIC BOOMTOWN

State livestock lab and
research center to land
near Twin Falls

Heather Dobbin, a research scientist, flame-sterilizes a loop as she studies pasteurilla cultures. Pasteurella is a bacterium that causes respiratory illness in cattle and sheep and other animals. The Calne Veterinary Teaching Center in Caldwell has collected pasteurilla samples since 1987 and has an extensive amount from highborn sheep.



SEE THE REST OF THE
STORY ON PAGE A6



More inside

See layouts for the planned dairy and laboratory facilities at the Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies.

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LDS temple set to open July 8

Times-News

Members of the public will be able to see the Twin Falls Idaho Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of The Latter-day Saints from July 11 through Aug. 16, the church's officials announced Saturday.

The temple will then be prepared for its dedication, to be held in four sessions on Aug. 24 to accommodate

congregations of the church from across the Magic Valley.

Leaders in the church's first presidency gave word that the month-long open house will begin with a three-day tour for members of the media and neighbors of the temple, located on Eastland Drive in northeast Twin Falls. Local civic and

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The Twin Falls temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be dedicated Aug. 24. Open houses for public viewing will be July 11-Aug. 16. The temple is the church's 128th worldwide.

Officials: Hoops fans needed no warning about Atlanta twister

By Erin Haines
Associated Press writer

ATLANTA — Tens of thousands of basketball fans at two arenas were perfectly safe, officials insisted Saturday, even though the crowds apparently weren't warned about an approaching tornado — one that would ravage skyscrapers and injure dozens.

About 18,000 people were watching the Southeastern Conference men's tournament Friday night at the



Damaged windows are seen at the Westin Peachtree Plaza, Saturday in downtown Atlanta after a tornado hit the city Friday night.

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States fight to keep officials' e-mail off open-records

By Tom Hester Jr.
Associated Press writer

TRENTON, N.J. — In New Jersey, the governor's e-mails might shed light on whether he inappropriately conferred with a labor leader he once dated. In Detroit, the mayor's text messages revealed a sexually charged scandal. In California, a fight rages for access to e-mails sent by a city councilwoman about a controversial biological laboratory.

Even the White House has been under pressure from Democrats in Congress over its problem-plagued e-mail system.

On the Web:

- Sunshine Week: <http://www.sunshineweek.org>
- Open the Government: <http://openthegovernment.org>
- Citizen's Campaign: <http://www.jointhecampaign.com/pages/>
- DCWatch: <http://www.dcwatch.com/>

messaging has become a hugely popular way to communicate throughout

While e-mail and text

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See more photos from the Calne Veterinary Teaching Center in Caldwell, which could move to the new Idaho Center for Livestock and Environmental Studies near Twin Falls.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Monday
High 45	Low 29	47 / 31

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the mid 40s.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy and breezy. Lows in the upper 20s.
 Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Highs mid to upper 40s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Titanic: A New Musical" presented by The Diligent Group of Magic Valley, 2 p.m. matinee, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$10 general admission, 734-5511 or 736-7136.
 Last day of 48STRAIGHT, wintertime's largest sports, music and entertainment event spanning both on-snow and off-snow activities, including ski and snowboard cross-racing and halfpipe competitions, over a dozen live concerts, street parties and fashion shows. Sun Valley, www.48straight.com.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Attention: Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1963, the 45th class reunion planning committee seeking mailing addresses of certain classmates currently unreachable, (208) 537-6958 or (208) 733-8629 for names.

SPORTS

Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, a skins game sponsored by Rock Creek Restaurant, 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of junction of I84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 members and \$23 nonmembers, 733-6045.

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

THREE-DAY PLANNER

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- March 17 — Veteran Motor Car Club of America Magic Valley Chapter meeting, for anyone interested in cars and trucks built 25 years ago or more, 1 p.m. following St. Patrick's Day parade, Addison West Restaurant, 348 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls, (208) 326-5637.
- March 17 — Farmers Electric Company annual meeting, 8 p.m., Wayside Cafe, Highway 24, Rupert, 436-6261.
- March 18 — Planning meeting for Live History Day, "Preserving Our History into the Second Century," 5 p.m., Jerome Library meeting room, 324-5641, 324-6953 or 324-7604.
- March 18 — Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, with Sue Wade speaking on "Walkin' the Talk," a character-building project for elementary students, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 312-5057.

CHURCH

March 18 — Lenten Luncheon, a light lunch of soup with Pastor Al Fry of Burley Presbyterian Church speaking in preparation for Easter, noon, church fellowship hall, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., refresh offering, used for mission service and local church food pantry, 436-3354.

FAMILY

- March 17 — Beginning day of Splash Week/swimming lessons, includes five days of swimming lessons, various times, YMCA City Pool, Twin Falls, \$16, 734-2336 for reservations.
- March 17 — Boys and Girls Club Summer Sign Ups, for current members only, ages 6 to 18, \$10 per day in Twin Falls, \$5 per day in Buhl, 736-7011.

HEALTH AND SUPPORT

March 18 — Diabetes Support group meeting, 7 p.m., South Central District Health office (north entrance), College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, open to the public, 737-5946.

COMING THIS WEEK

Monday	Tuesday
Sweat assessment: Our reviewer checks out a class.	On target: Your guide to local shooting ranges and clubs.
IMAGE	COUNTRY ROADS
Wednesday	Thursday
Which eight taces will advance in our tourney?	Celebrate the return of spring with Easter festivities.
FOOD & HOME	TNT

nowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% above peak**	Little Teton	105%	91%
Salmon	107%	94%	Henry's Fork/Teton	103%	92%
Big Wood	97%	87%	Upper Snake Basin	94%	83%
Little Wood	92%	84%	Oakley	101%	94%
Big Lost	92%	81%	Salmon Falls	98%	91%
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*Based on the amount of a watershed's streamflow that reaches the ocean and the amount of snowmelt that reaches the ocean. **Based on the amount of snowmelt that reaches the ocean.

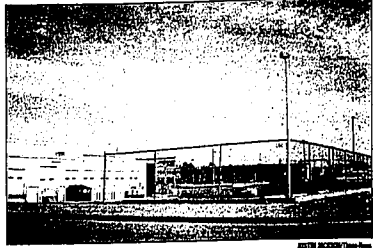
MORNING BRIEFING

PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



TWIN FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY IMAGE PHOTO COLLECTION



BOYD HOSPITAL

The first hospital in Twin Falls, left, was built in 1907 and had 25 beds. Five physicians attended to the sick. It was called the Boyd Hospital, after one of the town's prominent doctors, who also made a push for the first hospital. In 1922 it was turned into the Park Hotel, because the private hospital could not keep up with competition from the new public hospital built by the county. The building accommodated many different ventures, including a radio station, but was torn down in 1960 to make way for the Post Office's parking lot/loading docks on the corner of 3rd Avenue West in Twin Falls, above.

Idaho Tally

Rep. Mike Simpson, R
 Rep. Bill Sauter, R
 Sen. Mike Crapo, R
 Sen. Larry Craig, R

N	N	TORTURE BAN, SPIY BUDGET VETO: Voting 225 for and 188 against, the House on March 11 failed to reach a two-thirds majority for overriding President Bush's veto of a fiscal 2008 intelligence budget (HR 2082) that requires CIA personnel to obey the Army Field Manual's ban on torture of prisoners. A yes vote was to override the veto.
N	N	OUTSIDE ETHICS PANEL: The House on March 11 voted, 229 for and 182 against, to establish an outside panel to help police its conduct. The measure (H Res 1031) took effect immediately. The new Office of Congressional Ethics will be comprised of six citizens jointly appointed by the House speaker and minority leader and will lack subpoena power. A yes vote was to establish the panel.
N	N	ETHICS & RULES DISPUTE: The House on March 11 voted, 207 for and 206 against, to advance a measure (H Res 1031, above) establishing an outside ethics office. This was the pivotal vote on whether to authorize the watchdog unit. Poes would have been able to kill the office had they defeated this motion. Democratic leaders found it necessary to extend the voting period by about 10 minutes in order to secure their one-vote victory, a tactic that appeared to violate a House rule Democrats instituted in January 2007. A yes vote was to advance the measure.
N	N	GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE: Voting 213 for and 197 against, the House on March 14 passed a bill (HR 3773) extending the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) until Dec. 31, 2009. The bill permits the government to conduct surveillance without warrants on strictly foreign communications while requiring it to minimize chances such spying would ensnare innocent Americans. The bill requires the government to continue to obtain secret FISA-court warrants in advance for spying on Americans thought to have terrorist links. But in emergencies the government could start spying immediately and obtain court approval within 30 days or even later. A yes vote was to send the bill to the Senate.
Y	Y	MIDDLE-CLASS TAX CUTS: The Senate on March 13 voted, 99 for and one against, to make permanent middle-class tax cuts scheduled to expire after 2010. The amendment to S Con Res 70 would extend measures such as the child-care tax credit, marriage-penalty relief and the 10-percent bracket. Additionally, the amendment would provide targeted relief for veterans, active-duty troops and victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita and would freeze the estate tax at 2009 levels. A yes vote backed the amendment.
Y	Y	TAX-CHANGE OBSTACLE: Voting 50 for and 40 against, the Senate on March 13 failed to get 60 votes needed to apply the pay-as-you-go rule in S Con Res 70 to tax-code changes as well as spending increases. This was an attempt by Republicans to block the Democrats' plan to allow Bush-administration tax cuts for the well off to expire after 2010. Under the "pay-go" rule, 60 Senate votes would be required to allow those tax cuts to expire. A yes vote opposed applying pay-go to tax changes.

AROUND THE NATION

NEW YORK

Crane collapses onto row of NYC apartments; at least 4 dead, 10 hurt

NEW YORK — A crane mounted to the side of a skyscraper under construction toppled with a roar Saturday, smashing into a block of apartment buildings, killing at least four people and setting off a scramble for survivors in the rubble.
 The crane split into pieces as it fell, pulverizing a four-story brownstone and demolishing parts of three other buildings.
 Mayor Michael Bloomberg said at least four people,

TEXAS

With hot and windy conditions, wildfires burn in Texas, N.M.

PORT WORTH — Wind-whipped wildfires burned across Texas and southeastern New Mexico on Friday, destroying five homes and prompting evacuation orders in one community.
 The 40-square-mile blaze in Knowles, N.M., began as two grass fires but were rapidly spread by winds up to 45 mph, burning across the Texas state line, officials said. No injuries were reported.
 "Knowles is the biggest concern right now," said Dan

TEXAS

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Wane, a New Mexico forestry division spokesman. An evacuation center was set up at Hobbs High School. Authorities did not immediately know what caused the fire.
 In Texas, firefighters battled high winds to prevent flames from advancing on hundreds of buildings and two dozen oil and gas structures, officials said. The flames had destroyed at least one home.
 No injuries were immediately reported as the Texas blazes had destroyed more than 8 square miles by early evening.
 "It's about as bad as we thought it would be," said Lewis Kearney, a Texas Forest Service spokesman.

IDAHO LOTTERY

WILDBIRD Saturday, March 15
 6 22 42 43 47 Powerball: 16
 Power Play: 2

WILDBIRD Saturday, March 15
 WILD CARD: Ace of Clubs
 11 18 22 29 30
 March 15 9 6 0
 March 14 8 7 9
 March 13 5 0 4

PIZZA Saturday, March 15
 6 7 14 22 20 Hit: 4

LOTTO Saturday, March 15
 6 7 14 22 20 Hit: 4

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Records

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society, governments at all levels, are often unwilling to let the public see the e-mails of their elected officials.

Officially, e-mails in all but a handful of states are treated like paper documents and subject to Freedom of Information requests. But most of these states have rules allowing them to choose which e-mails to turn over, and most decide on their own when e-mail records are deleted.

"There seems to be an attitude throughout government — at all levels — that somehow electronic communications are of its own kind and not subject to the laws in the way that print communications are," said Patrice McDermott, director of OpenTheGovernment.org.

"So we keep hearing reports of governors and mayors who decree that their e-mail records can be destroyed, in six weeks or six months, with no appraisal for permanent value and no review by an independent body," she said.

Open records advocates contend by keeping electronic communications private states are giving their elected officials an avenue to operate in secret — they use taxpayer-funded computers to send and receive e-mail but with little or no obligation to make such communications public.

"The public needs to realize that there is a possibility for accountability and historical review that is being put through the electronic shredder," McDermott said.

New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine is fighting in court to keep secret his e-mails with ex-girlfriend Carla Katz, the leader of a powerful union representing thousands of state workers. State Republicans sued when Corzine refused to turn over his e-mails.

"It seems to think he's still running, a private company where he gets to set the rules and ignore them when it serves his purpose," said Tom Wilson, the New Jersey Republican Party chief. "He

isn't doing business. He's leading a government established by and for the people."

Corzine says he's protecting privileges afforded governors. Keep communication private while also keeping his personal life shielded from public examination.

"I think in the American system, people believe that people have a right to a private life," Corzine said.

Corzine is among several governors who say they don't use e-mail. But without a system that grants access to e-mails, open records advocates wonder how the public would know if that's true.

An Associated Press survey — conducted in conjunction with Sunshine Week, a nationwide effort to draw attention to the public's right to know — found e-mails for governors in at least seven states are officially exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

But even in the other states, access to e-mail is limited, at best. Public records guardians decide which e-mails they'll turn over and which ones they won't.

"Now that e-mail has replaced faxes and standard mail as the preferred mode of communication, it is important that these e-mails fall under open public records acts," said Heather Taylor of the Citizens' Campaign, a New Jersey-based group fighting for open government.

Public access to elected officials' e-mail is largely an untested area of open records law, even as government e-mail use proliferates.

"This is becoming a pretty hot issue," said Karl Olson, said, a San Francisco attorney representing a newspaper in a fight to get e-mails from a city council member.

State laws vary on how long e-mails must be retained, and some states charge exorbitant fees for providing copies of e-

mail. There's also debate whether e-mail sent by a public official from private accounts should be subject to Freedom of Information requests.

"Some authorities purge old e-mails sooner than others," said Bill Lueders, president of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council. "And the Legislature, in its wisdom, exempted itself from the retention rule in place for other state officials so lawmakers can simply delete e-mails that may point to unethical or criminal conduct."

Across the country, denial to requests for e-mail access seems to be commonplace.

The Detroit Free Press sought access to text messages sent from Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his chief of staff, Christine Beatty. The Free Press was unable to get access to the messages through a records request, but still got about 14,000 text messages on Beatty's city-issued pager from 2002 and 2003 through another source it hasn't named.

Those messages unleashed a sexually charged text-messaging scandal that has prompted calls for Kilpatrick's resignation.

The mayor's office contends the text messages don't fall under public information requirements because they were transmitted on a leased device, not on city-owned equipment.

When governments do release e-mails — voluntarily or not — these documents can prove revealing to the public. For example:

In 2005, several media outlets, including the AP, sought e-mails from the office of Jim Black, then the House speaker in North Carolina, about possible lobbying work performed by his political director, who was also working for a lottery company

seeking to do business for the state.

Black eventually released documents sought by a federal grand jury and 300 additional pages of e-mails, some of which showed his political director was actively lobbying the speaker even though she wasn't registered to lobby.

Dan Green, a lawyer who represents the Illinois Press Association, said most court cases over electronic records involve fees, not access to the documents.

For instance, in Missouri, the AP requested copies e-mails for several people in the governor's office, prompting the governor's office to respond with a cost estimate of more than \$20,000.

"Some want us to pay for the systems to maintain the records, while we think we only need to pay the cost of reproduction," Green said. "We usually win that one."

In California, the Tracy Press sued the city of Tracy to obtain e-mails between Councilwoman Suzanne Tucker and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory over the possible siting of a biological laboratory in 2006. A San Joaquin County Superior Court judge ruled in August that the e-mails are not public records because they were sent and received at Tucker's personal computer at her home.

"The big question at this stage is whether or not a public official can avoid the requirements of the law by simply going home at night and using a personal computer," said Tom Newton, general counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Washington, D.C.'s Freedom of Information law states that the public has a general right to inspect or copy "any public record of a public body," but community activist Dorothy Brill, of the

group DCWatch, said requests for e-mail correspondence often are met with the response "no records exist."

Last year, Mayor Adrian M. Penty issued an order that would have purged most city e-mails after six months. Brill raised alarm and, faced with pressure from the city council, the mayor withdrew the order in November.

"We have an administra-

tion that functions with e-mails," Brill said. "They don't write memos. If you want to know how a decision was made and why, it's critical to have access to the electronic correspondence."

On Capitol Hill and in federal court, a congressional committee and two private groups are pushing for information on how the White House has handled its e-mail for the past six years.

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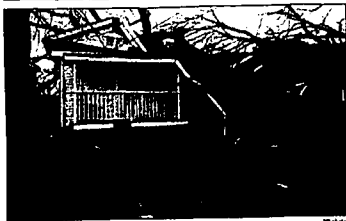
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Rebecca Blouin leaves her damaged home in the Cabbagetown neighborhood of Atlanta, Saturday. At least 20 homes in the historic neighborhood were flattened by a tornado that ripped through downtown Atlanta Friday.

Georgia

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Georgia Dome when its fabric roof began rippling, the catwalks above the court started swaying and chunks of insulation rained onto the players.

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning about eight minutes before the twister hit, but it wasn't clear when or if that alert was passed on to fans, said Katy Pando, a dome spokeswoman. Fans claimed they never heard or saw one.

Another 16,000 fans watching an NBA game at Philips Arena, in the same complex as the dome, weren't told of the weather, either. The arena apparently sustained little damage. Atlanta Hawks spokesman Arthur Triche said.

The tornado, with wind up to 130 mph, cut a 6-mile path through downtown Atlanta, smashing hundreds of windows in and around the CNN Center, blowing furniture and luggage out of hotel rooms and crumbling part of an apartment building. At least 27 people were hurt, though no injuries was believed to be life-threatening, and no injuries were reported at the arenas.

"I thought it was a tornado or a terrorist attack," said Mississippi State guard Ben Hansbrough, whose team beat Alabama 69-67 after an hourlong delay under a roof with at least two visible tears.

"Ironically, the guy behind me got a phone call saying there was a tornado warning," fan Lisa Lynn said. "And in two seconds, we heard the noise and things started to shake. It was creepy."

Elsewhere in Georgia on Saturday, storms killed one person in Polk County and another in Floyd County, both near the Alabama line, emergency management officials said.

Crews hauled broken glass and furniture out of streets in downtown Atlanta, where all events scheduled for Saturday were canceled, including the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Local and state officials were reluctant to weigh in on whether public venues and businesses are responsible for alerting patrons of imminent weather danger. Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John Oxendine said his office would look into whether people at the Georgia Dome got a timely tornado warning, though he considered the question premature.

Dome officials were monitoring the weather throughout the evening, Pando said.

A warning from the weather service gave residents in nearby neighborhoods about eight minutes to seek cover. Guests at the Omni Hotel were quickly ushered into hallways, away from glass and flying furniture, and the only injuries were "some cuts and scrapes and no major issues as far as we know," hotel spokesman Mike Sullivan said.

"It was crazy. There was a lot of windows breaking and stuff falling," said Terrence Evans, a valet who was about to park a car at the hotel when the twister hit.

The 1,000-room hotel was fully booked, though many guests were out at the arenas when the storm hit.

More thunderstorms headed toward the city Saturday. "We're bracing for another round of whatever mother nature throws at us," said Lisa Janak of the state emergency management agency.

Oxendine estimated damage at \$150 million to \$200 million, most of it at the Georgia World Congress Center, a convention facility near the CNN Center and the Georgia Dome.

Temple

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government officials, ecclesiastical leaders, media representatives, and neighbors of the temple will be given specific tours from July 8 to July 10.

Tours for the general public will begin July 11, and will be held every day except for Sundays in that period.

"As members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Magic Valley, we are delighted with the announcement of

the open house and dedication of the Twin Falls Idaho Temple," said Elder Brent H. Nielson of Twin Falls, a member of the church's Quorum of Seventy.

"The open house will give all members of the community an opportunity to come and tour the new temple. Information will be forthcoming in the future as to how to obtain free tickets. We hope that all of our friends will take time from their day to come and see the

beauty of this newly constructed temple and will appreciate this new addition to the landscape of Twin Falls."

The church also announced the date for the youth cultural celebration that will involve a musical and dance festival performed by young members of the church. That event will be Aug. 23, in relation to the dedication.

The temple will open for religious ordinances on Aug.

25, one day after the temple's dedication.

LDS temples differ from regular meeting houses or chapels that are used for Sunday worship. Only members of the church who keep certain standards and have the approval of clergy leaders are permitted to worship in a Mormon temple after its dedication.

The Twin Falls temple will be the 128th Church's fourth temple in Idaho, and the church's 128th worldwide.



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Astronauts prepare for spacewalk to assemble giant robot

By Liz Austin Peterson
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — With power now flowing to the international space station's new robot, the astronauts aboard the linked shuttle-station complex started preparing Saturday for a spacewalk to assemble the giant machine. On Friday night, astronauts used the space station's mechanical arm to

grab onto and energize Dextre, bypassing a faulty cable that wasn't able to transmit power to the robot. The robot, designed to help maintain the space station, could not be completely put together or tested without power to heat its joints and electronics. "That was a great work-around that the ground came up with, and kind of saved the day," astronaut

Garrett Reisman said in a televised interview with the Space.com Web site. The power bypass kept NASA on track for Saturday night's spacewalk to hook the robot's 11-foot arms to its torso. Spacewalkers have already attached the robot's hands to its arms. Phil Engelauf, chief of the flight directors' office, said everyone on the ground was

relieved to see the power problem resolved. "There was obviously some real concern over the last day or two for getting that powered up," he said. The shuttle Endeavour and its seven-man crew delivered Dextre — lying in pieces on its transport bed — to the space station. It was attached to the exterior of the orbiting outpost on Thursday.



Rick Linnehan, STS-123 mission specialist, participates in construction and maintenance on the International Space Station Friday.

Democrats struggling to transcend divisions on race, the sexes

By Cahin Woodward
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Something happened to the feel-good, way-cool Democratic presidential contest in the months since a woman and a black man began their path-breaking race for the White House. By the millions, black voters voted for the black candidate and women voted for the woman. White men seemed torn, by the millions. Sen. Barack Obama has broken historic barriers, especially among the young, as the first black candidate with a serious chance at the presidency. Voters who might ordinarily balk at a female president have backed Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in her pioneering effort.

Those gains have not been enough to erase divisions by race, a task perhaps beyond any mortal and any one election, nor lesser ones between the sexes. And when the campaign moves beyond Democrats, and into the party by diversity, and into the general election, it's questionable how much room is left for such progress.

A significant minority of voters in Democratic contests have considered the race or sex of the candidates important — about one in five in each case. That's according to surveys of voters in about two dozen states across the country on and since Super Tuesday.

Whether clumsy, coarse or calculating, remarks by party stalwarts or hangers-on have brought race repeatedly into the discomfort zone, which is easy to do, suggesting a post-racial political consciousness is for a more distant future. Weeks before Geraldine Ferraro argued that the color of Obama's skin gave him an edge, fellow Clinton supporter Ed Rendell appeared to argue the opposite. The Pennsylvania governor, an important figure in the big April 22 primary, said "there are some whites who are probably not ready to vote for an African-American."

On the defensive about that, he added Clinton "has the same handicap" because some voters won't vote for a woman. By that accounting, backed by evidence in exit polls, polarized politics is still ingrained, taking bites out of "Yes we can" unity.

Clinton was an early crossover figure in one sense — blacks preferred her over Obama last year, while Obama was the pick of upper income whites.

But that changed after the Illinois senator scored a big win in mostly-white Iowa, and his movement was born. In the South Carolina primary and beyond, blacks have powered his victories in states where they live in large numbers, joined by the young of any race — and by white men in varying degrees.

Racial divisions have been most evident in the South, although not exclusively. A quarter of white voters in Mississippi's Democratic primary said race was important in their choices Tuesday, and they voted heavily for Clinton. Thirty-seven percent of blacks said race was important, and nearly all voted for Obama.

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What can the Magic Valley expect?

Hard to say. The center is being designed from scratch by representatives of the dairy industry and from the University of Idaho, which will own the complex.

A comparable facility simply doesn't exist, said Greg Ledbetter, former lead veterinarian at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture who is the facility's steering committee chairman.

"There are still a lot of questions to answer," Ledbetter said. "There's no real blueprint to follow."

U of I already has its own dairy center, a 90-cow operation at its Moscow campus. But the university wants the new facility to reflect conditions typical of the state's dairies: big, high-tech and in the Magic Valley. The cows and the researchers would move south to the new center.

Idaho's complex will house 1,500 milking cows, 225 "dry" cows, 600 beef cattle and — two years after it opens — 1,500 heifer replacements, for a total of around 3,825 head, according to preliminary plans presented to legislators. It'll feature the latest in dairy technology, including multiple waste systems, digester and gasification systems and barns. All of the facilities would be subject to the same land use review and permit processes that any CAFO must follow.

To the casual observer, it won't look much different than any other large dairy. But the center won't be all about cows.

At the request of Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, the university's Caine Veterinary Teaching Center, which employs more than 25 workers in Caldwell, will relocate to the Magic Valley complex. So will testing labs for the state Department of Agriculture and Idaho Department of Fish and Game that are now in Boise. Researchers at U of I's Kimberly Research and Extension center may also work at the facility.

Residential growth is creeping in on each of those facilities, making it more difficult to do the kind of agricultural research that could be conducted in a more rural Magic Valley location.

It's hard to say how many research positions could be shifted to the site. Having all of the labs in one place is expected to increase efficiency, allowing for a reduction in total state employment.

The complex could employ as many as 100 full-time workers, including milkers, herdsmen, scientists and teachers, Ledbetter said.

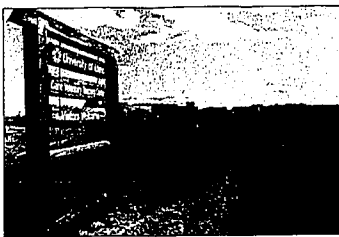
The center's economic impact on the region is still unknown — a study can't be prepared this year, organizers say — but the relocation of the labs will likely require some workers to move here from the Treasure Valley.

Why Magic Valley?

From North Carolina to Iowa, Texas to Idaho, large confined animal feeding operations are increasingly replacing smaller, traditional poultry, hog, beef and dairy operations.

The trend has generally moved westward, first with hogs in the East, poultry in the South and now dairies in the West.

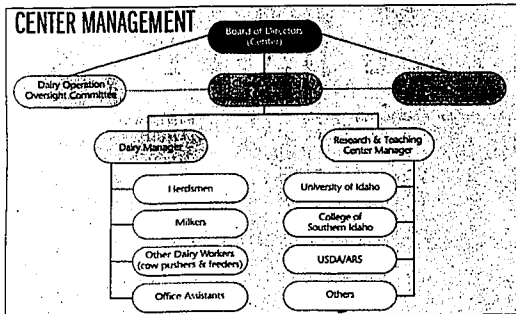
As part of that trend, government officials and the public have become concerned about environmental impacts. Scientists have studied those effects, but officials in Idaho say what's true on a Georgia poultry farm may not be true for a southern Idaho dairy, where management practices have changed in the



Surrounded by pasture, the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center in Caldwell looks rural enough. But in recent years the suburbs have been inching closer. Diagonally across from the facility sits Vallivue High School and in every other direction subdivisions surround the University of Idaho research facility.



Mary Mallock, a lab technician, looks at one of 300-plus samples taken from sheep in eastern Oregon in the chemical pathology lab Tuesday at the Caine Veterinary Teaching Center.



past decade. In the Magic Valley, new dairies rarely have fewer than 3,000 cows. Since 1995, Idaho's dairy herd has doubled, and most of the growth has happened here. More than half of the state's 646 dairies and 72 percent of the state's 512,916 milk cows are in the valley.

Growth has fueled revenue. Last year, the industry generated receipts of \$2.04 billion, a 59 percent increase from \$1.28 billion in 2006.

That means more money for research. The industry plans to double its research expenditures this year, from about \$210,000 to \$415,000. It hopes to contribute \$10 million to the new facility.

Agriculture, county governments, especially in Magic Valley, have tightened regulations, prompting dairymen to fight the laws in court and defend legal challenges from environmental groups.

Dairymen also say they want sound research that will help them avoid legal problems.

"It's really lawsuits brought

against the industry here and a lack of environmental research that prompted (the center)," said Rick Naeberhout, an industry representative with the Idaho Dairymen's Association. "Our goal is to give people peace of mind."

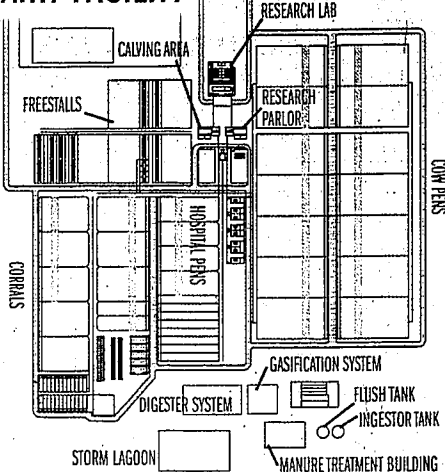
The research center could provide up-to-date science to guide better management practices on the farms and give the public and lawmakers better information to regulate the industry.

"We can stay in a hunker-down defensive position, or we can do something to move forward and find answers," Ledbetter said.

What's next?

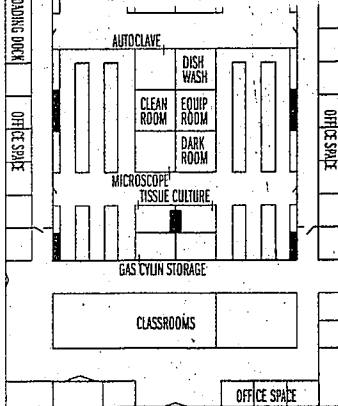
The industry, legislators and the U of I are working to finalize funding and develop an organizational infrastructure. The state Department of

DAIRY FACILITY



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LABORATORY FACILITY



Agriculture has hired a consulting firm to help it raise its original contribution from \$5 million to \$10 million.

Planners propose that the university would own the complex, which would be managed by a non-profit organization with its own board of directors.

Meanwhile, a committee of university and industry representatives is reviewing potential sites and could make a selection later this year.

The committee wants a location near CSI and close to the interstate, though it hasn't yet narrowed its search to specific sites.

"Our site committee is active," said Rich Garber, U of I's director of industry and government relations. "We'll be more aggressively pursuing that in the next few weeks."

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Absinthe trades mystique for mass market

By William Wan
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — They called it the green fairy, and they said it could drive you to peaks of manic creativity — if it didn't first drive you mad. Countries banned it. Teetotalers reviled it. Meanwhile, aficionados built an entire black market around it.

But after decades steeped in mystery and myth, absinthe is forbidden no more, and people are lining up to see for themselves what the green fairy is all about.

It took a legion of lawyers and four years of legal wrangling with U.S. regulators to get it back into the country legally. Since the ban was lifted last year, a handful of companies have been vying to cash in on what they hope will be a new generation of absinthe lovers.

To that end, a small army of Maryland's tastemakers and liquor industry heavyweights assembled Monday at a Baltimore restaurant, bixia, for a taste of the notorious drink — an invitation-only affair organized by one of the three major brands now approved for U.S. distribution.

"After the first glass you see things as you wish they were."
— Oscar Wilde

But absinthe is more than what comes out of the bottle. An entire ritual surrounds its consumption. At Monday's event, as in centuries past, about an ounce of absinthe was poured into a glass. The liquid, a Swiss brand called Kubicler, looked as clear as water. An absinthe spoon, with intricately carved holes, was balanced over the glass, and a cube of sugar was placed on the spoon. Then, icy water was poured over the sugar, which melted into the liquid below.

The liquid, once clear, turned more milky with each drop of water, a process known as the louche, which in French means "shady."

"It's like a jolt of black licorice," Reagan Warfield, 27, a Baltimore DJ, said after his first taste.

Then he took another sip. "I mean it's fine, but where are the hallucinations? I haven't seen anything except the fairy models floating around."

"After the second you see things as they are not."
— Oscar Wilde

But if there are no hallucinations, why was absinthe banned in the first place? At the end of the 19th century, it was the drink of choice, widely popular among artists in Europe. Pablo Picasso and Vincent Van Gogh created paintings in which the drink figured prominently.

Some think absinthe's very popularity led to its downfall. After the crops of grapevines in France were badly damaged by small insects in the late 19th century, absinthe surged in popularity, which might have made the wine industry uneasy.

"That's when they began a smear campaign, and they needed a reason, which is how the rumors started," said TA Dreux, an environmental chemist who spent 14 years analyzing absinthe bottled before the ban.

"They said people were drinking so much that they became 'fou,' or crazy," said Franck Choise, owner of the Combier distillery in France, which has produced liqueurs since it was established in 1834. "But it was not due to the absinthe itself — non, they simply drank too much."

Absinthe, it was said, could cause hallucinations, epilepsy and madness. Then came the trial of a Swiss man accused of killing his family on the day he had two absinthe and other alcoholic drinks. Soon after, the drink was banned in Switzerland, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Brazil and, in 1912, the United States.

At the time, scientists said the problem was a toxin called thujone, which comes from wormwood, the bitter herb used in making absinthe. Studies have shown that in large doses thujone can cause convulsions or kidney failure.

Modern experts, however, say early absinthe contained so little thujone that a man would die from alcohol poi-

soning long before being hurt by the toxin. U.S. regulations today allow no more than 10 parts per million of the chemical in absinthe.

"Finally you see things as they really are, and that is the most horrible thing in the world."

— Oscar Wilde

With the scientific data in hand, distillers in Europe began working to lift the ban.

But efforts in the United States went nowhere. "This was one of the holy grails in liquor laws," said Robert Lehman, a Washington lawyer who spent four years trying to lift the restrictions.

In February 2007, he made a final push, gathering Swiss distillers, an importer from Texas and representatives from the Swiss Embassy at a meeting with officials of the U.S. Tax and Trade Bureau. Among his arguments was

that people were already selling absinthe throughout the country, albeit illegally. To make his point, he had a bottle of absinthe obtained through such channels.

"It was a hail Mary pass," he said, "but it worked."

Kubicler, the Swiss distiller that sponsored Monday night's tasting, hopes to parlay the almost cultish curiosity about absinthe into a place in the mainstream liquor market.

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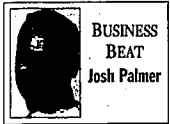
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An emerging market in the retail hub of the valley

My father-in-law fondly remembers shopping in Twin Falls as he grew up in Gooding during the 1960s. Although Gooding stores provided the bare necessities for rural living and farming, the selection was limited to one color for two sexes in three different sizes.



BUSINESS BEAT
Josh Palmer

"Most people weren't really looking for anything other than the lowest price," he said. "But every once in a while, say during Christmas or Mother's Day, we would want something unique and maybe a little higher-end — that's when we would have to go to Twin Falls."

The city of Twin Falls has been the retail hub of the Magic Valley for as long as sales receipts have been reported to the state — it became state law in 1965. There was a lull in retail sales in 1978, but in 1989 plans for bigger stores were proposed to the city planning and zoning commission.

From 1990 to 2006, the city experienced the age of the big-box stores — commercial properties of more than 100,000 square feet that guaranteed the lowest possible price on a similar item sold in competing stores. Retail sales soared along with construction of new stores in north Twin Falls that included Fred Meyer, Target, Home Depot and Lowes.

From 1990 to 2006, average out-of-town expenditures declined from 30 percent to 13 percent, according to the Woodbury Corporation, which owns and operates the Magic Valley Mall.

In other words, consumers were no longer traveling to Boise or Pocatello to buy what they couldn't find in Twin Falls.

However, even by 2006, developers began to notice that Twin Falls was entering a new era — one that may have been lost sometime back in the 1960s.

From 2000 to 2006, household incomes increased from \$34,000 to more than \$39,000, the percentage of

More immigrants looking south for home loans

Cross-border mortgages to buy real estate in Mexico on the rise

By Ivan Moreno
Associated Press writer

DENVER — When the American Dream failed Arlin Gonzalez, the 31-year-old native of Mexico looked homeward for a second chance.

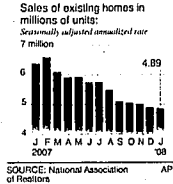
"The divorced mother of two sold her Denver home after

she could no longer afford the mortgage payments. Then she spotted a TV commercial advertising across-the-border mortgages to people living in the U.S.

A house in Mexico, she thought, could be a good investment for her children's future. So Gonzalez bought a home in northern Mexico with a fixed interest rate, paying \$400 a month for 15 years. And she was able to stay in Denver by renting.

"The experience that I had here was that I could kill myself working four or five jobs and still end up with nothing," Gonzalez, a teacher's

Home sales



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors AP

aide at an elementary school, said in Spanish.

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Arlin Gonzalez is shown in her office in Swansea Elementary School in Denver. When the American Dream failed for Gonzalez, a 31-year-old Mexican native, she looked to her native land for a loan to finance her home in Mexico.

Unexpected extras

Your next high-tech gadget may come bundled with an extra — a virus

By Jordan Robertson • Associated Press writer

From iPods to navigation systems, some of today's hottest gadgets are landing on store shelves with some unwanted extras from the factory — pre-installed viruses that steal passwords, open doors for hackers and make computers spew spam.

Computer users have been warned for years about virus threats from downloading Internet porn and opening suspicious e-mail attachments. Now they run the risk of picking up a digital infection just by plugging a new gizmo into their PCs.

Recent cases reviewed by The Associated Press include some of the most widely used tech devices: Apple iPods, digital picture frames sold by Target and Best Buy stores and TomTom navigation gear.

In most cases, Chinese factories — where many companies have turned to keep prices low — are the source. So far, the virus problem appears to come from lax quality control — perhaps a careless worker plugging an infected music player into a factory computer, used for testing — rather than organized sabotage by hackers or the Chinese factories.

It's the digital equivalent of the recent series of tainted products traced to China, including toothpaste, poisonous pet food and toy trains coated in lead paint.

But sloppiness is the simplest explanation, not the only one. If a virus is introduced at an earlier stage of production, by a corrupt employee or a hacker when software is uploaded to the gadget, then the problems could be far more serious and widespread.

Knowing how many devices have been sold, or tracking the viruses with any precision, is impossible because of the secrecy kept by electronics makers and the companies they hire to build their products.

"But given the nature of mass manufacturing, the numbers could be huge.

"It's like the old cockroach thing — you flip the lights on in the kitchen and they run away," said Marcus Sachs, a former White House cybersecurity official who now runs the security research group SANS Internet Storm Center. "You think you've got just one cockroach? There's probably thousands more of those little boogers that you can't see."

Jerry Askew, a Los Angeles computer consultant, bought a new iUnic digital picture frame to surprise his 81-year-old mother for her birthday. But when he added family photos, it tried to unload a few surprises of its own.

Computer consultant Jerry Askew shows a digital photo frame Thursday at Askew Network Solutions in Granada Hills, Calif. The photo frame, bought at a Target store, tried to install four different Trojan viruses on his computer.

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Gold rush: Prices push many consumers to sell, sell, sell

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — A new kind of gold rush is unfolding at jewelry store and pawn shop counters — featuring not prospectors, but consumers.

White-collar workers, retirees and many others have been digging through jewelry boxes and safety deposit boxes to cash in as gold prices reached \$1,000 an ounce. Coins, old wedding rings, necklaces given by ex-boyfriends, hand-me-down gold pieces —

everything is fair game when it brings this kind of profit.

Shop owners across the country are marveling about the phenomenon they say began in the latter part of 2007 and accelerated through the winter, reflecting torrid gold demand like none had ever seen. There are even gold parties, where people gather to sell their jewelry.

"Everybody's trying to sell," said Richard Rozko, owner of a jewelry store on the north-east edge of Chicago. "People are trying to cash out because they don't believe that gold's

going to get higher than \$1,000 or \$1,200" an ounce.

Rachel Weingarten, a New Yorker with a self-described obsession with "shiny trinkets," didn't need to sell but couldn't resist the chance when she saw prices soar like an over-inflated tech stock.

"When I saw the prices going through the roof, I saw it as an amazing opportunity to rid myself of jewelry that no longer suits my taste or status," said Weingarten, a marketing consultant. "It's also been a lot of fun to get cash for stuff that is broken or just really ugly or just

takes up room in my drawers."

Royal Pawn Shop, a 75-year-old business within earshot of the rate of passing El trains in Chicago's South Loop, has display cases sporting fancy gold rings, bracelets and necklaces along with racks holding hundreds of pawned fur coats. It also has more office workers as customers these days — mostly sellers, not buyers, bringing in gold chains and rings.

"It's stuff that's lying around the house, so

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BIGGEST GAINERS AND LOSERS OF THE WEEK

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BOMK	9.75 ▲	8.75	OPTM	6.87 ▲	1.22	ADGF	8.45 ▼	-891.55	HILL	2.42 ▼	-1.04
LXRX	2.23 ▲	0.53	DRAX	5.02 ▲	0.77	BSC	30.00 ▼	-27.00	ICXT	4.38 ▼	-1.86

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David Hickok of DTH Enterprises, Inc. cut the red ribbon recently with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors at the Chamber office. Hickok is a new member of the Chamber. He demonstrates and supplies anti-aging technologies and products. For more information: david@idahohickok.com or 308-3540 or visit his website, www.david-hickok.com for more information.

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Government suspends lending for coal plants

By Steven Murfson

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department has suspended a low-interest lending program for rural electric cooperatives seeking federal assistance to build new coal-fired power plants.

The RUS said it does not expect to make any loans during fiscal 2008 or 2009.

The RUS lending program has come under fire from budget experts and environmentalists who have accused the agency of using low-interest loans to subsidize coal plants that emit greenhouse gases while failing to accurately calculate the financial and environmental risks associated with those plants.

The RUS, an agency with roots in the Great Depression and originally devoted to the electrification of rural areas, has provided \$1.4 billion in

low-interest loans for coal-fired plants over the past six years, the agency said. Rural electric cooperatives rely on coal for 80 percent of their power, well above the 50 percent national average. Two of those plants are scheduled to be completed this year.

Through the last loan for a generating plant was made in 2006, rural cooperatives have applied for \$1.2 billion in loans to cover all or part of four more coal-fired plants, including controversial ones in eastern Kentucky and southern Illinois.

Two other cooperatives recently shelved their projects and withdrew their RUS loan applications. And last month the RUS informed the Southern Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative that the agency was rejecting its application for a coal plant loan, citing new agency policy, rising construction costs and the lack of customers for much of the proposed plant's output.

By the NRE "Consider that experience to be the most effective method of attracting and retaining customers."

Some stores have already grounded the concept—Rudy's, A Cow's Paradise and Inspired Living are a couple local businesses that come to mind.

"These store owners have spent plenty of hard-earned money to market their businesses, and in the process they have appealed to the growing number of people seeking something unique at a slightly higher price.

Although it may seem frivolous to some people such as my father-in-law who still prefers function over fashion, it is nonetheless an emerging market in south-central Idaho.

And with the region growing the fourth highest revenue from sales receipts out of 44 counties in Idaho, it may continue to make Twin Falls the hub of the valley.

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CAREER MOVES

Tamara Wilkinson

BURLEY — Tamara Wilkinson, licensed clinical social worker, has joined the staff of Family Health Services. Wilkinson will be providing psychotherapy to clients of all ages. She has helped clients with depression, grief and loss, self-esteem and many other issues. Wilkinson's past work experience has included providing drug and alcohol treatment, hospice counseling, and helping clients who suffer with chronic physical illness.

Wilkinson moved here from Florida in 2000. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla. She will be working in the Burley office.

Joseph I. Shaw

Joseph I. Shaw has qualified for Waddell and Reed's annual Circle of Champions conference.

The conference is held each spring by the asset management and financial planning firm with invites selected based on an analysis of investments, insurance and financial planning sales generated by the advisor. Shaw will participate in the conference May 15 through May 18 in Tucson, Ariz. This is the 13th time that he has earned the honor.

Shaw has been a professional in the financial services industry for 18 years and counsels clients throughout the Twin Falls community on their ongoing financial affairs and goals. He joined Waddell and Reed in 1990. Shaw earned a bachelor's degree from Idaho State University.

Wills Toyota

Wills Toyota, located at 310 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, announced that three long-time Magic Valley automo-

bile salesmen have joined the Wills Toyota sales team.

John Turner has more than thirty years experience in the automotive industry. He comes to Wills from Gem Motors where he was owner/operator for the last 10 years.

Gary Tucker has 25 years of experience in the automotive sales industry. 22 of which have been in the Twin Falls area.

Mike Esparza, originally from Buhl, has been in the car business for 24 years. He has 15 years experience working in the automotive finance and insurance area in addition to his automotive sales experience.

First Federal

First Federal announced recent entitlements.

Angela Oliver was recently given the title of vice president. Oliver is a 1993 graduate of the University of Idaho High School and has been with First Federal for 12 years. She is currently the branch manager at 1001 E. Eastland Office.

Dawn Soto, branch manager of First Federal's Jerome Office, was recently awarded



Soto

the title of assistant vice president. Soto started in the banking industry 17 years ago and moved to private banking.

She has a BS in business from ISU and an MBA in business from Gonzaga University. Soto is a member of the Twin Falls Optimist Club, Jerome Rotary and a board member for St. Benedict's Foundation.

Doug Wilson was recently awarded the title of assistant vice president. Wilson began his career at First Federal in 1993 working in the data processing department. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1989 and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He serves as a board member for the United Way.

Jake Tolman was recently awarded the title of assistant vice president. Tolman is currently the branch manager and loan officer at First Federal's new Kimberly branch. He is a graduate of Idaho State University with a degree in business administration. Tolman is also a member of the Kimberly Lions Club.

Robert Watts

D.L. Evans Bank announced the promotion of Robert Watts to compliance officer of D.L. Evans Bank.

Watts has been a member of the D.L. Evans Bank team since July of 2006, and previously held the position of compliance specialist. He is a graduate of Idaho State University and recently received a master's degree in finance and accounting in January from the American Continental University.

He grew up in Murtaugh and graduated from Kimberly High School. He is very active in many church and bank related activities.

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GLENNIS FERRY — The National Association of Professional and Executive Women recognized Carlene R. Smith, owner and manager of Lara Rim Ranches and Lone Pine Enterprises LLC, for her commitment to excellence.

Her induction into the Women of Excellence Registry acknowledges her success and professional achievements.

Smith has an impressive background in the agriculture and real estate industries. Lara Rim Ranches is a national cattle and crop ranch.

Lone Pine Enterprises LLC is a national real estate sales and rentals company. In addition to serving as owner and manager, she also handles business operations, development, customer service and financial management for both businesses.

Smith is affiliated with several industry related groups and industries. She donates to veterans organizations, Veterans of Foreign War, and the Disabled American Veterans. She enjoys fishing, outdoor activities, reading, and river rafting.



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SIGNING OFF AT XM

Radio innovator tries hand at Tribune Co.

By Frank Abrams
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ten years ago, Lee Abrams helped revolutionize radio. Now, he's hoping to do the same to journalism.

Abrams, the creative heart and soul of XM Satellite Radio since its 1998 founding in Washington, is leaving to help retool the struggling Tribune Co.

He will be the chief innovation officer for Tribune, based in his hometown of Chicago, the company said Tuesday. In the newly created job, Abrams will attempt to develop strategies and business plans for the company's newspapers, television stations and online properties.

In an interview Tuesday, Abrams said he has been thinking about the news industry as analogous to American music in 1955, just before rock-and-roll exploded.

"Over the past couple of years, I've been fascinated with the concept of news and information as being the new rock-and-roll," Abrams said. "There had always been music, but rock-and-roll took it to a whole new level, broke the rules, wrote a whole new playbook."

Abrams, 55, said news and information can undergo a similar revolution with creative leadership. Abrams has a long history as a radio and music innovator but has no experience in journalism. He did not offer any hints of ideas he has for Tribune's newspaper, television and Internet properties.

Abrams was hired at

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Lee Abrams

Tribune by longtime friend and radio veteran Randy Michaels, a former Clear Channel executive, putting two radio lifers near the top of a sprawling media company that owns only one radio station.

In addition to WGN radio, Tribune owns the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, the Baltimore Sun, Newsday and other papers, as well as 23 television stations, a television studio and the Chicago Cubs. (Abrams is a fan of the Cubs' South Side rivals, the White Sox.) Last year, a broadband revolt forced the company onto the sales block. Tribune ended up going private in an employee-ownership plan devised by commercial real estate billionaire Sam Zell, who is now Tribune's chief executive and chairman.

"Lee is the most formidable creative thinker in the media business today," Michaels said in a statement.

Tribune is laboring under \$1.3 billion of debt incurred in Zell's takeover plan and battling declining advertising revenue, which is cutting into the cash flow needed to pay down the debt. Zell has been visiting his business units and addressing employees in his blunt, often profane, style.

Abrams, by comparison, is

a general legend in the radio industry, credited with inventing the "album-oriented rock" format on FM. At XM, he dreamed up more than 100 of the music channels. Outsize and spontaneous, he urged deejays and programmers to create a smart, fresh sound for the commercial-free channels and to resist heavy FM tropes, such as "two-for Tuesdays."

As XM matured, Abrams' day-to-day responsibilities changed.

"It's created this beautiful piece of art, which is our programming lineup, and now he's more of a curator, making sure the new people who join the XM family don't mess it up," XM spokesman Chance Patterson said.

Abrams was one of the planners of the notorious Disco Demolition Night between games of a 1979 double-header at Comiskey Park in Chicago that resulted in an on-field riot and a White Sox forfeit. He hired Howard Stern to one of his first big jobs and has been instrumental in popularizing a number of rock bands via the XM archives. Abrams is largely responsible for introducing British prog-rockers Yes to U.S. audiences.

He also has been blamed for radio's demise, as having

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residents with a bachelors degree or higher increased one percentage point and the average household size declined.

As the demographics of Twin Falls County changed, so did the demand for higher-end products.

"We didn't really have a place for some of the higher-end tenants that we want," said Brent White, manager of the Magic Valley Mall, which will expand its retail space this year to include higher-end stores.

Even the Leland Consulting Group, which is working with the city to redevelop downtown Twin Falls, told the City Council last year that there is a lack of commercial space for specialty stores.

According to the National Retail Federation, higher-end retail chains are not only looking for a market, but they are looking for the right property to market themselves.

"It's what you see in, on and around the store that enhances the (consumer's) experience," reads a report

Loans

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Despite the nation's foreclosure crisis, such cross-border mortgages are becoming more common as companies seek to capitalize on the growing earning power of Mexican immigrants, who in January alone sent \$1.65 billion back to their homeland, according to Mexico's central bank.

The Denver company that provided Gonzalez's mortgage, called Su Casita, or "Your Little House," finances up to 90 percent of home costs and requires a down payment of at least 10 percent.

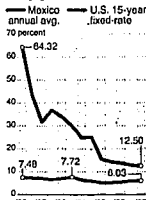
"That's one reason its mortgages typically don't go into default," said Jose de Jesus Olivares, a spokesman for Sociedad Hipotecaria Federal, a Mexican federal agency that regulates and helps fund mortgage lenders doing business in Mexico.

"One of us is to serve the immigrant, to help them bring their dreams to life," said Ivan Funes, general director of Houston-based Conficasa, which offers cross-border mortgages

Deflating rates

Since 1995, mortgage rates in Mexico have decreased five times over and are nearing rates seen in the U.S.

Mortgage interest rates



NOTE: Fixed-rate mortgages introduced in Mexico in 2003. Mexico interest rates ending this column in 2001-02.

SOURCES: Fitch IBCA; Sociedad Hipotecaria Federal; National Housing Commission.

catering to Mexicans in New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver and Ohio. "A lot of Mexicans go to the United States dreaming that they will one day return to their beloved Mexico."

Mortgage interest rates are higher in Mexico than in the

U.S., ranging from 9.5 percent to 14 percent, but they are fixed, another reason foreclosures aren't common, Olivares said.

Many U.S. homeowners sliding into foreclosure when rising interest rates put monthly payments on their adjustable-rate mortgages out of their reach.

Mexicans in the U.S. typically earn double the wages of Mexican residents and are able to pay for their homes faster, Olivares said. The houses they buy are larger than what they could dream of buying if they had stayed in Mexico.

Su Casita and other cross-border mortgage companies don't require proof of legal status in the U.S. — only that their clients have a job and can pass a credit check. Home prices typically start at \$30,000 for a small two-bedroom house.

Santiago Noriega Sanchez, a spokesman for the Mexican agency that regulates mortgages, said the requirements have the blessing of the Mexican government and that no one in the U.S. has

complained about buyers' legal status going unchecked.

"The situation is completely transparent," Sanchez said, noting that Mexican consulates in the U.S. advertise the mortgage programs.

Immigrants have long been underserved by U.S. banks, most of which require a Social Security number for loans and other types of credit. Changing those policies has been difficult for lenders such as Bank of America, which faced calls for a customer boycott last year when it tested a credit card that did not require a Social Security number — allowing illegal immigrants to apply.

Su Casita, which has 171 offices in Mexico, moved to Denver in 2003 after President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox signed an agreement to improve the Mexican economy by encouraging investment in housing especially in areas with high immigration rates. The company also operates in Dallas and Chicago and plans to open offices in Houston and California later this year.



Each penny now costs the U.S. Treasury 1.7 cents to mint.

U.S. mint wants to make sense of coins

By Ellen Van Newsway

No more penny for your thoughts. It's 1.7 cents. And start thinking more of the nickel, because it's worth a dime.

When high supply drove down prices more than a decade ago, mining slowed considerably and the dwindling supply started driving up prices, said Bart Melek, a Toronto-based global commodities strategist with BMO Capital Markets, a financial services provider. For example, he said, zinc averaged \$828 per ton in 2003 and last year it averaged \$3,249.

Never before in our nation's history has the government spent more money to mint and issue a coin than the coin's legal tender value," Edmund Moy, director of the United States Mint, wrote in testimony submitted at Tuesday's hearing before the House Financial Services Committee's panel on monetary policy.

"With each new penny and nickel we issue, we also increase the national debt by almost as much as the coin is worth, and these losses are rapidly mounting."

Changing the metals or the percentage mix in coins could save the Treasury about \$30 million a year for the penny and \$70 million for the nickel under the proposed Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008, supporters said. The bill would give the Treasury the flexibility to revamp the metal and weight makeup of all coins in response to metal prices. It would require the department to immediately stem losses over the one-cent coin by making pennies primarily

of steel within 180 days of the law's passage.

Since 2003, copper and nickel prices have shot up 300 percent and zinc up to 450 percent, according to the subcommittee.

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But lately, developing Asia countries have been gobbling up base metals — copper for computers and pipes, zinc as an anti-rust agent and nickel for stainless steel.

"China has been grooving in the double digits in the past four years," Melek said. "All of a sudden, it's become the consumer of base metals as they build up their infrastructure."

Some lawmakers are concerned about giving the Treasury full power to alter coins. Last year's version of the bill sank partly when the National Automatic Merchandising Association warned of multimillion-dollar costs to retrofit vending machines for new coins.

The Treasury has produced coins since 1792. In 1943, zinc-coated steel pennies were made because copper was a huge wartime demand. When industry demanded more silver, the Mint in 1965 started cladding the dime, quarter and half-dollar coins in cupro nickel. In 1982, copper prices prompted pennies to change to its current copper-plated zinc.

Viruses

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When he plugged the frame into his Windows PC, his antivirus program alerted him to a threat. The S59 frame, built in China and bought at Target, was infested with four viruses, including one that steals passwords.

"You expect quality control coming out of the manufacturers," said Askeew. "42. You don't expect that sort of thing to be on there."

Security experts say the malicious software is apparently being loaded at the final stage of production, when gadgets are pulled from the assembly line and plugged in to a computer to make sure everything works.

The testing computer is infected — say by a worker who used it to charge his own infected iPod — the digital germ can spread to anything else that gets plugged in.

The recent infections may be accidental, but security experts say they point out an avenue of attack that could be exploited by hackers.

"We'll probably see a steady increase over time," said Zulfikar Ramzan, a computer security researcher at Symantec Corp. "The hackers are still in a bit of a testing period, but it's really worth it."

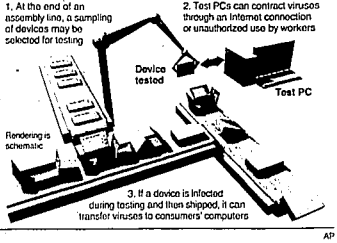
Thousands of people whose antivirus software isn't up to date may have been infected by new products without even knowing it, experts warn. And even protective software may not be enough.

In one case, digital frames sold at Sam's Club contained a previously unknown bug that not only steals online gaming passwords but disables antivirus software, according to a security researcher in CA. Inc.

"It's like if you pick up a gun you've never seen before — before you pull the trigger

Infected, fresh out of the box

Harmful computer viruses can infiltrate hard drives that leave the factory. In the recent years, some hard drives, GPS devices, digital picture frames and music players were tainted during the manufacturing process.



you'd probably check the chamber," said Joe Tolaferri, vice president of operations of McAfee Avert Labs, the threat-research arm of security software maker McAfee Inc.

"It's an extreme analogy, but it's the right idea. It's best to spend the extra 30 seconds to be sure than to be wrong," he added.

Consumers can protect themselves from most factory-loaded infections by running an antivirus program and keeping it up to date. The software checks for known viruses and suspicious behaviors that indicate an attack by malicious code — whether from a download or a gadget attached to the PC via USB cable.

One information-technology worker wrote to the SANS security group that his new digital picture frame delivered "the nastiest virus that I've ever encountered in my 20-plus-year IT career."

Another complained his new external hard drive had malfunctioned because it came loaded with a password-stealing virus.

Monitoring suppliers in

China and elsewhere is expensive, and cuts into the savings of outsourcing. But it's what U.S. companies must do to prevent poisoning on the assembly line, said David Sheriff, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology specializing in supply chain management.

"It's exactly the same thing, whether it happened in cyberspace or software or lead paint or toothpaste or dog food — they're all quality control issues," Sheriff said. "While manufacturing breakdowns don't happen often, they have become frequent enough — especially amid intense competition among Chinese suppliers — to warrant more scrutiny by companies that rely on them," Sheriff said.

"Most of the time it works," he said. "The Chinese suppliers have every reason to be good suppliers because they're in it for the long run. But it's a higher risk, and we've now seen the results of that higher risk."

The AP contacted some of the world's largest electronics manufacturers for details on how they guard against infec-

tions — among them Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., which is based in Taiwan and has an iPod factory in China; Singapore-based Flextronics International, Ltd.; and Taiwan-based Quanta Computer Inc. and AsusTek Computer Inc. All declined comment or did not respond.

The companies whose products were infected in cases reviewed by AP refused to reveal details about the incidents. Of those that confirmed factory infections, all said they had corrected the problems and taken steps to prevent recurrences.

Apple disclosed the most information, saying the virus that infected a small number of video iPods in 2006 came from a PC used to test compatibility with the gadget's software.

Best Buy, the biggest consumer electronics outlet in the U.S., said it pulled its affected China-made frames from the shelves and took "corrective action" against its vendor. But the company declined repeated requests to provide details.

Sam's Club and Target say they are investigating complaints but have not been able to verify their frames were contaminated.

Legal experts say manufacturing infections could become a big headache for retailers that sell infected devices and the companies that make them, if customers can demonstrate they were harmed by the viruses.

"The photo situation is really a cautionary tale — they were just lucky that the virus that got installed happened to be one that didn't do a lot of damage," said Cindy Cohn, legal director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "But there's nothing about that situation that means next time the virus won't be a more serious one."

Gold

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they figure: Why not make money on it?" said co-owner Wayne Cohen. "The price of gold is so ridiculously high that they'd be stupid not to get rid of it."

Others are selling to help cope with tough times in an economic slowdown.

Three miles across town, Division Gold store owner John Vela recounted housewives coming in to pawn treasured items from their jewelry boxes and numerous clients saying they need money to pay their property tax bills and take care of other rising financial obligations.

"I have mortgage brokers, real estate agents, retail shop owners. They're nervous about the stock on their faces," he said. "Many haven't been to a pawn shop before — they want to know how it works. Some don't want to let go of their gold. (But) gold is cash to them."

Silver also is stirring customers to sell more, with prices having more than

tripled from \$6 per troy ounce two years ago to over \$20.

The stories are similar elsewhere.

At Gold Star Pawn Shop in Delmar, Ohio, where the Cleveland-area economy is suffering, manager Marc Berman said people come in regularly with broken gold chains, rings with marks on them and scrap gold to get more money in their pockets.

"I think it's more about gas prices than anything else," he said. "People are bringing in anything to try to get money to put a few gallons in the tank."

Some seniors come in monthly to pawn gold items in order to make it through their next Social Security checks arrive, Berman said.

The clientele at Palace Pawnbrokers in downtown San Diego has gone more upscale as gold prices have soared. Owner Jeff Bernard said it's a mixture of those who seem to need the money more than ever and those

who want it.

"It's a combination of many factors — the state of the economy, the price of a gallon of unleaded gas going for \$3.60 here," he said.

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AROUND THE WORLD

PAKISTAN

Restaurant explosion kills Turkish woman, wounds Americans

ISLAMABAD — A bomb exploded in the back garden of an Italian restaurant crowded with foreigners in Pakistan's capital on Saturday, killing a Turkish woman and wounding 11 others, police said.

Personnel from the U.S. and British embassies were among the wounded. It appeared to be the first attack targeting foreigners in a recent wave of violence in Pakistan.

A list of victims was posted in the reception area at Islamabad's Poly Clinic. Five U.S. citizens were listed as undergoing surgery. It said one Japanese, one Canadian, one Briton and three Pakistanis were wounded. Foreigners crowded around the list, some burst into tears. Zahid Janjua, a student at the city's International Islamic University was dining nearby at another restaurant. He helped bring victims to waiting ambulances, staining his clothes with their blood.

"It was chaos. Broken tables and chairs lay scattered across the lawn. There were eight or nine people lying injured and crying for help," he said.

IRAN

Ahmadinejad critics show strength in Iran parliament vote

TEHRAN — Conservative opponents of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made a strong showing in Iran's parliamentary elections, according to partial results Saturday. The split could mean frictions between the president and former supporters disillusioned by his fiery populist rule.

Reformists, meanwhile, claimed to have made better than expected gains even though most of their candidates were thrown out of the race by Iran's clerical leadership.

If reformists succeed in expanding the largely muted bloc of around 40 lawmakers they had in the outgoing parliament, it would be a blow to hard-line attempts to bury the movement, which calls for reducing the power of clerics and opening up the West.

The Interior Ministry put turnout in Friday's vote at around 60 percent — up from 51 percent in 2004 parliamentary elections. Grouping all conservative factions together, it said they had won just over 70 percent of the seats so far, with most of the nation counted, without giving an exact number.

IRAQ

Report: Less violence provides window of opportunity in Iraq

BAGHDAD — The influx of thousands of U.S. forces has driven down insurgent attacks in Baghdad, but violence elsewhere in Iraq raises questions about whether killings will continue to drop as American forces begin to leave, the United Nations said Saturday.

As security improved in Baghdad, violent attacks spread last year to other parts of the country, including Diyala Province and Mosul, al-Qaida's last urban stronghold, according to the report from the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq.

"The government of Iraq continued to face enormous challenges in its efforts to bring sectarian violence and other criminal activity under control against a backdrop of political instability," the report, which examined the last six months of 2007, said.

"This is a window of opportunity for Iraq," Staffan de Mistura, the U.N. chief in Iraq, said at a news conference in Baghdad.

— Wire reports

Police, protesters clash violently in Tibet

By Audra Ang
Associated Press writer

Inside

China gambles that Tibet crackdown won't bring Olympic boycott.

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The latest unrest began Monday on the anniversary of a 1959 uprising against Chinese rule. Tibet was effectively independent for decades before communist troops entered in 1950.

Initially, the protests were led by Buddhist monks demanding the release of other detained monks. Their demands spiraled to include cries for Tibet's independence and turned violent Friday when police tried to stop a group of protesting monks. Pent-up grievances against Chinese rule came to the fore, as Tibetans directed their anger against Chinese and their shops, hotels and other businesses.

It was the fiercest challenge to Beijing's authority in nearly two decades.

China's official Xinhua News Agency reported at least 10 civilians were burned to death on Friday. The Dalai Lama's exiled Tibetan government in India said Chinese authorities killed at least 30 Tibetans and possibly as many as 100. The figures could not be independently verified.

In the Tibetan capital Lhasa on Saturday, police manned checkpoints and armored personnel carriers rattled on mostly empty streets as people stayed indoors under a curfew, witnesses said. The show of

force imposed a tense quiet.

Several witnesses reported hearing occasional bursts of gunfire. One Westerner who went to a rooftop in Lhasa's old city said he saw troops with automatic rifles moving through the streets firing, though did not see anyone shot. Foreign tourists in Lhasa were told to leave, a hotel manager and travel guide said.

"There are military blockades blocking off whole portions of the city, and the entire city is basically closed down," said a 23-year-old Canadian student who arrived on Saturday and who was planning to leave. "All the restaurants are closed, all the hotels are closed."

Even as Chinese forces appeared to reassert control in Lhasa, a second day of sympathy protests erupted in an important Tibetan town 750 miles away.

Police fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of Buddhist monks and other Tibetans after they marched from the historic Labrang monastery and smashed windows in the county police headquarters in Nialhe, witnesses said.

Also Saturday, fresh demonstrations by Tibetan exiles and their supporters sprouted up in New York, Nepal, Switzerland and Australia.



An elderly Tibetan man cries following a protest during which Nepalese security forces clashed with and arrested demonstrators in front of the United Nations building in Kathmandu, Nepal, Saturday.

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Drug cartels tyrannize Mexico border region

By Manuel Rog-Frauzis
The Washington Post

TIJUANA, Mexico — The killers prowled through Loma Bonita in the pre-dawn chill.

In silence, they navigated a labyrinth of weed stacks at the crest of a dirt lane in the blighted Tijuana neighborhood, police say. They were looking for Margarito Saldana, an easygoing 43-year-old district police commander. They found a house full of sleeping people.

Neighbors quivered at the crack of AK-47 assault rifles blasting inside Saldana's tiny home. Rafael Garcia, an unemployed laborer who lives nearby recalled thinking "It was a fireworks show," then sliding under his bed in fear.

In murdering not only Saldana, but also his wife, Sandra, and their 12-year-old daughter, Valeria, the Loma Bonita killers violated a rarely broken rule of Mexico's drug cartel underworld: Family should remain free from harm. The slayings capped five harrowing hours during which the assassins methodically hunted down and murdered two other police officers and mistakenly killed a 3-year-old boy and his mother.

The brutality of what unfolded here in the overnight hours of Jan. 14 and early Jan. 15 is a grim hallmark of a crisis that has cast a pall over the United States' southern neighbor. Events in three border cities over the past three months illustrate the military and financial power of Mexico's cartels and the extent of their reach into a society shaken by fear.

More than 20,000 Mexican troops and federal police are engaged in a multi-front war with the private armies of rival drug lords, a conflict that is being waged most fiercely along the 2,000-mile length of the U.S.-Mexico border. The proximity of the violence has drawn in the Bush administration, which has proposed a \$500 million annual aid package to help President Felipe Calderon combat what a Government Accountability Office report estimates is Mexico's \$23 billion a year drug trade.

A total of more than 4,800 Mexicans were slain in 2006 and 2007, making the murder rate in each of those years twice that of 2005. Law enforcement officials and journalists, politicians and peasants have been gunned down in the wake of violence, which includes mass executions, such as the Border Patrol whose bodies were found on a ranch outside Tijuana this month.

Like the increasing number of Mexicans heading over the border in fear, the violence itself is spilling into the United States, where a Border Patrol agent was recently killed while chasing suspected traffickers.

Drawing on firepower, savage intimidation and cash, the cartels have come to control key parts of the border, securing smuggling routes for 90 percent of the cocaine flowing into the United States, according to the State Department. At the same time, Mexican soldiers roam streets in armored personnel carriers, attack helicopters patrol the skies, and boats ply the coastal waters.

"The situation is deteriorating," Victor Clark, a Tijuana human rights activist and



In a jail in Tijuana, Doris Elena Inostroza, 28, waits to see a judge on minor drug charges. When U.S. border security tightened after the 2001 terrorist attacks, cartels built up the local market by handing out free samples, a Tijuana-based drug expert says, and the estimated number of addicts grew from about 100,000 in 2004 to 200,000 in 2007.

drug expert, said in an interview. "Drug traffickers are waging a terror campaign. The security of the nation is at stake."

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More than 1,900 miles southeast of Tijuana, the city of Reynosa stretches along the Rio Grande across from south Texas. This is Gulf cartel country, a region dominated by the cartel's private army, Los Zetas. Their arsenal belies a military brigade, exceeding those of some Mexican army units.

Led by Heriberto Lazcano Lazcano, Los Zetas are a highly disciplined mercenary squad composed of former elite Mexican troops, including officers trained by the U.S. military before they deserted. The group has become an obsession of Calderon's administration, which has sent more than a thousand troops to Reynosa and neighboring cities.

Soldiers crowd the slender canal bridges that crisscross Reynosa, stopping drivers at random and staring across the cityscape with their fingers on the triggers of heavy weapons. The tense atmosphere has led to mistakes.

On Feb. 16, soldiers fatally shot Sergio Meza Vazquez, a 20-year-old with no apparent ties to the drug trade, when the car he was riding in didn't stop at a checkpoint. "You're scared to leave your house," Alejandra Salinas, Meza's cousin, said in an interview outside the family tire shop. "We're just in the way."

In Tijuana, Ciudad Irapuato and Nuevo Laredo, the growing Sinaloa cartel is fighting rivals over smuggling routes. But in Reynosa, police say, only Mexican soldiers target the Gulf cartel's control.

To prepare for battle, Los Zetas have stocked safe houses with antitank weapons, assault rifles, grenades and other heavy weapons, including some that Mexican law enforcement authorities believe once belonged to the U.S. Army.

"How can I fight them?" said Juan Jose Muniz Salinas, Reynosa's police chief. "It's impossible."

On Feb. 7, soldiers stormed the dusty "El Mezquite" ranch outside Miguel Alemán, west of Reynosa, and found one of the largest illegal arsenals in recent memory: 89 assault rifles, 83,355 rounds of

ammunition, and plastic explosives capable of demolishing buildings. Two days later in nearby Nuevo Laredo, soldiers found a weapons cache that included eight military uniforms used as disguises.

The mounting evidence that cartels have infiltrated many border police forces has prompted drastic action.

In Reynosa, soldiers disarmed the entire police force in January, leaving them without weapons for 19 days while ballistic tests were conducted. Police officers, who make \$625 a month, were also forced to provide voice samples for comparison with recordings of threats made over police radios. Mayor Oscar Luebbert Gutierrez said in an interview. "It wasn't worth it," said Muniz Salinas, the police chief. "They come after us, but it's other authorities that are really involved. Look at the state police, the federal police and the military."

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It was New Year's Day in Tijuana, the hilly city at the foot of America's busiest border crossing. City workers prepped for celebrations, but Jesus Alberto Rodriguez Meraz and Saul Ovalle Guerrero, both veteran police officers, had other plans.

They were going to get rich. The officers stole one ton of marijuana from the Arellano Felix drug cartel. But before they could sell the load they were kidnapped. Four days later their bodies were found. Tijuana's new police chief, Jesus Alberto Capella, said in an interview.

The killings barely registered in Mexico, lost in an avalanche of at least 30 police officer murders in the past three months and dozens more in the past year. Their case illuminates the pervasive police corruption created by drug money.

One of every two police officers murdered in Mexico today is directly involved with drug gangs, according to estimates by police officials, prosecutors and drug experts.

Capella, nicknamed "Tijuana Rambo" because he fought his way out of an assassination attempt shortly before taking office, estimates that 15 percent of the city's 2,300 police officers work for drug cartels, earning a monthly stipend as body

guards, kidnapers or assassins. In Baja California alone, Mexican justice officials estimate that 30 percent of the local and federal police force is on a cartel payroll.

"We have the enemy in our houses," Capella said. The killings in Loma Bonita were related to a police corruption case, Capella and other police officials said. A few days earlier, Tijuana police had killed an officer working as a bodyguard for a drug gang that tried to rob an armored car.

Cartel assassins, using police radios, vowed revenge. Within a week, Saldana, his family, and two other officers had been murdered.

Some of the killings have come with specific messages taunting Mexican authorities.

During one week in mid-February, six bodies were found with signs lashed to them that included information such as the phone number and address of the Mexican army office set up to receive tips about organized crime. According to analysts, such "narco-messages," some of which are carved into the bodies, are intended to keep residents from reporting tips.

The decline of the Arellano Felix cartel's dominance of Tijuana has had the unexpected effect of deepening police corruption.

After one brother was assassinated and two others were arrested, a war erupted because the cartels' new leadership — including a sister, Fincedina — refused to share territory with the Sinaloa cartel, a police official said on condition of anonymity. Once loyal to the Arellano Felix cartel, some police officers switched sides.

"The police became armed wings of the warring cartels," the police official said.

At the same time, tighter border enforcement following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks has made it harder for cartels to smuggle drugs into the United States. So the car-

other border states have begun giving police lie-detecter tests. The questions range from the innocuous to queries such as "Have you ever worked with a drug trafficker?"

Rommel Moreno Manjarez, Baja California's attorney general, said in an interview that out of every 1,000 officers (rated, 700 fail, "It's impossible" for the

narco to succeed without the help of the police," he said. "The success that the narco has been having is because of the police."

The family of Dr. James H. Spafford would like to thank Home Care Options and Mary Garcia for the wonderful care and compassion given to Jim in his final months.

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EDITORIAL

Make college possible for those who can't afford it

It's an interesting and, in many ways courageous idea from College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Beck...

Why shouldn't part-time students taking fewer than 12 credits get a break on their bills for tuition and fees? The proposal — which hasn't yet been taken up by CSI trustees — calls for a \$10 reduction in the cost per credit for part-time students, from \$105 to \$95.

Our view: Should the College of Southern Idaho charge part-time students less than others? The idea deserves serious consideration...

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

How tuition and fees would change

Table with 3 columns: Credits Present, Proposed, and amounts for 3, 6, 9, 10, 12 credits.

Beck is right when he points out that the school has for years balanced its budget on the backs of part-time students. But wouldn't full-timers be pulling more than their own weight under the new plan?

The equalizer, according to Beck and his financial vice president, Mike Mason, is the CSI Foundation, which provides scholarships — mostly to full-time students.

Last year, the foundation handed out about \$750,000. That could increase to \$1 million next year.

But there are risks. What if, for example, the foundation's investments don't do as well as hoped? Where would the extra financial aid come from to keep full-time students in school?

And might not the change result in more full-time students dropping to part-time, costing CSI revenue in the process?

The student body hasn't yet weighed in on the idea — there's a survey in progress — and the notion hasn't been formally presented to the board. Either or both could have serious objections.

But at the very least, Beck and his colleagues are thinking outside the box about how CSI can do its job better. It's an innovative proposal from an institution that thrives on innovation.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Outsiders' are trying to turn Idaho into a rathole

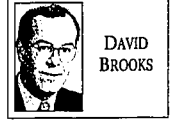
As an Idaho native, retired and returning to my home state with the freedoms and voluntary husbanding of our natural resources, I am amazed at the population increases from other states that because their state was in such a sorry mess they moved here in our pristine state, and they have become involved in controlling our state with no knowledge nor expertise. These 'outsiders' are trying to create Idaho into the rathole they left.

For example: Bureau of Land Management grazing. History shows that the cuts in range rights have nearly put the small rancher out of business and created a new industry of firefighting, good grazing eliminates the fires we have each fall. Now I know there are always going to be fires, but with the cattle and sheep grazing the land, this was kept to a minimum. Further cow allergies were purchased by the stockgrowers! The firefighting industry creates nothing to enhance our state. Logging is another industry, where again timber management and lack of harvesting have destroyed much of our forest land with bugs killing our trees. Now let's examine one of the greatest polluters in our state — the milk industry, which are California imports and their waste has contaminated our water to the extent it is not potable (drinkable) in many areas. This industry is again an import from outside and could care less what the Snake River looks like or the contaminants it contains, but this isn't important to the San Valley greenies. They drink bottled water and live in a manner that is devoid of responsibility. This is a clear example of the destruction these folks are causing Idaho and Idahoans! When they destroy it all, they will take their money and move on. Just like the milk folks from California. And it will take generations to eliminate the mess. An observation from an Idahoan: My state, my country, first and last always. WILLIAM W. KNOX II Fairfield

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The not-so-sweet smell of success

Every society produces its own distinct brand of social misfits, I suppose, but our social structure seems to produce significant numbers of people with rank-link imbalances. That is to say, they have all of the social skills required to improve their social rank, but none of the social skills that lead to genuine bonding. They are good at vertical relationships with mentors and bosses, but bad at horizontal relationships with friends and lovers.



DAVID BROOKS

Perhaps they grow up in homes with an intense success ethos and get fed into the Achievement, the complex social machine that makes young children and toddlers into Ivy League valedictorians. They go through the obnoxious practice, soccer camp, homework marathon childhood. Their parent-teacher conferences are like mini-Field of Fame enshrinements as all gather to worship at the flame of their incipient success.

In high school, they enter their Alpha Geekdom. They rack up great grades and develop that coating of arrogance that forms on those who know that in the long run they will be more successful than the beauties and jocks who get dates.

Then they go into one of those fields like law, medicine or politics, where a person's identity is defined by career rank. They develop the specific social skills that are useful on the climb up the greasy pole: the capacity to imply false intimacy; the ability to remember first names; the skills of effective deference; the willingness to stand too close to other men while talking and touching them in a manly way.

And, of course, these people succeed and enjoy their success. When Big Success descends upon them, they dominate every room they enter and graciously share



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their company with those who are thrilled to meet them.

They master the patois of globalbluney — the ability to declaim for portentous minutes about the revolution in world affairs brought about by technological change/environmental degradation/the fundamental decline in moral values.

They treat their conversational partners the way the Nazis treated Poland. They crutch initial resistance, and the onslaught of accumulated narcissism is finally too much to bear.

But then, gradually, some cruel cosmic joke gets played on them. They realize in middle age that their grandeur is not enough and that they are lonely. The ordinariness of their intimate lives is made more painful by the exhilaration of their public success. If they were used to limits in public life, maybe it would be easier to accept the everydayness of middle-aged passion. But, of course, they are not.

And so the crisis comes. Perhaps alpha male gorillas don't wake up in the middle of the night feeling sorry for

themselves because "nobody knows the real me." But those of us in the business of covering the great and the powerful know that human leaders have an almost limitless capacity for self-pity.

They seek to heal the hurt. Maybe they frequent prostitutes because transactional relationships are something they understand. But in other cases, they just act like complete idiots.

I don't know if you've seen a successful politician or business tycoon get drunk and make a pass at a woman. It's like watching a St. Bernard try to French kiss. It's all overbearing, slobbering, desperate wanting. There's no self-control, no dignity.

These Type A men are just not equipped to have normal relationships. All their lives they've been a walking Asperger's Convention, the kings of the emotionally avoidant. Because of disuse, their sensitivity synapses are still performing at preschool levels.

So when they decide that they do in fact have an inner soul and it's time to

take it out for a romp... Well, let's just say they've just bought a ticket on the self-immolation express. Some desperate lunge toward intimacy is sure to follow, some sad attempt at bonding. Welcome to the land of the wide stance.

Maybe they'd be OK if someone along the way they'd had true friends, defined as a group of people who share a mutual inability to take each other seriously. Maybe they'd be prepared for what is about to happen if they'd subordinated their quest for immortality to the joys of domestic ridicule.

But they are completely unprepared. And in the middle of some perfectly enjoyable dinner party a woman will suddenly find a tongue in her ear. I once visited a home in which the host had photos of himself delivering commencement addresses lining the stairway wall. I've heard countless presidential candidates say they are running on behalf of their families even though their entire lives have been spent on the campaign trail away from their families.

These are rank-link tragedies waiting to happen. The reputation recovery interview on "Larry King" is but a few steps away.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.

There's a reason why no news is good news

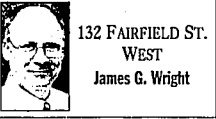
If you've ever criticized this or any other newspaper for accentuating the negative, you're not alone. It's a complaint that started about 30 seconds after Johannes Gutenberg invented movable type in 1439.

Reader Raymond Miller echoed those complaints in a recent email: "We want to hear the good, not always the bad," Miller wrote. "Put this idea up for a vote in your column. I will bet you a steak dinner that you will get an overwhelming positive response... We have suffered enough with death and destruction. Give us what we want, and not what you think we want... I will look forward to accepting that steak dinner, while you may have to 'eat crow.'"

No bet, Raymond. I already know you'd get the steak and give me the bill. The majority of readers would love the steak dinner.

And then they would stop reading the paper. How do I know this? Every couple of years an editor somewhere gets tired of hearing complaints about "bad news" and runs up the side of Everest. Even though the benign is banished from the front page or even from the whole paper. This usually lasts as long as a Hollywood marriage. People start complaining that there's nothing important or interesting in the paper, and they stop reading it.

Why? News, in one of its most basic definitions, is something unusual, but of the ordinary, notable because it doesn't happen every day.



132 FAIRFIELD ST. WEST James G. Wright

Raymond, would you really be disappointed by headlines like these: "No one killed by truck late Tuesday" "Costco Wholesale sells good chicken"

"Restaurant cook displays proper hygiene" "Nothing happens at City Council meeting" "School children attend class" "Plane lands at airport" I didn't think so.

We do tend to put the most newsworthy — or unusual — things on the front page, so you may think that we're playing up the bad and ignoring the good.

Consider the act of murder — a big seller in the news business ever since Cain laced Abel. More than 70,000 people live in Twin Falls County, but you don't need all 10 fingers to add up the number who were murdered last year.

We covered each killing, usually with multiple articles, not because we wanted to wallow in the bad but because murder in our community is rare and people want to know when it happens.

Should we instead report 358 times over the course of the year that 69,993 people weren't murdered yesterday?

News, in one of its most basic definitions, is something unusual... notable because it doesn't happen every day.

That story would get really old really fast. It's also not quite fair to say we dwell on the bad news and drive out the good.

Here's a challenge back at you, Ray: my friend: Take a ruler and measure all of what you consider the bad news in the paper.

Then measure what you would consider good or just plain neutral — the guys who make Eagle Scout, the donations of time and money for worthy causes, the stories about business expansion, the birthdays, wedding announcements, high school sports, recipes, comets, feature stories, Steve Crump's columns, the whole TNT section, the duplicate bridge results, the school honor rolls, the Church News, the hike of the week in Outdoors and everything else — including news articles on the front page about problems being solved and injustices being corrected.

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Advocates' arrogance about wolf threat is inextricable

We own the B Bar B Ranch, which is one mile south of Highway 20 and borders the townsite of Picoabo. We have bred, raised and trained American quarterhorses for more than 30 years and have a pedigree program that is the result of proven performance genes and years of selecting only the best in our bloodlines to be in our brood mare program and stallion program. We own more than 100 head of registered quarterhorses. We also breed and raise organic Angus beef cattle and organic lambs and have a successful Picoabo Lean Inc. organic meat program.

READERS COMMENT

Katie Breckenridge and Rob Struthers

The ranch consists of more than 1,800 acres of certified organic hay fields and certified organic dry grazing pastures. We are bordered by private ground on the north and Bureau of Land Management ground on the east, west and south. On Feb. 29, three wolves were spotted approximately 30 yards from our stallion pasture, 20 yards from one of our employee's housing, 35 yards from our indoor

arena and 25 yards from our 5-year-old gelding and mare pens. The wolves walked over the hill to the south of the horse operation right into our ranch headquarters with the feedlot full of organic cows, steers, first-calf heifers and organic ewes. They then meandered past employee housing and into the organic hay fields. On March 6 at 2:30 p.m., two wolves were spotted running the band of 2- and 3-year-old horses across the hay field directly across from the outdoor arena. They ran the horses head across fields that are two to three feet deep in snow and ran them into fences. The wolves then

departed to the north, jumped the fence into the neighbor's fence eating pasture and disappeared into the Picoabo town site. Under the current rulings, we are not allowed to do anything to the wolves unless we catch them in the act of killing or harassing our animals. The wolves show no fear of anything. The wolves act like a pack of domestic dogs. They are on private lands — not public lands. There is no way that stallions and brood mares can be replaced even if there was deprivation money available for broken legs, crippled studs and lacerated legs on horses. Horses that

have been stressed and chased by dogs will always remember this experience and will have behavior characteristics that will have to be dealt with in the future by their riders. Closed organic cattle herds are very few. One cannot buy them because they are not available in large numbers. We own our lands and do not run on public lands with the exception of a handful of private BLM animal units that we hardly use. The reason that we write this letter is to express our feelings to the certain wolf advocates that do not comprehend the full impact of wolves on our lives and to

those individuals that could care less about the impact these animals have on us. The arrogance that is expressed by many of them in their total denial of the previously stated facts is inextricable. We also wanted to present factual situations that several of us face daily to the readers of your newspaper in an attempt to give facts about the current management of the wolf programs and why it is extremely important that wolves are delisted. We hope we have accomplished our goal.

Katie Breckenridge and Rob Struthers are the owners of the B Bar B Ranch in Picoabo.

OTHER VIEWS

What other Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... Block and Lewiston Tribune

Sharon Block must be feeling a bit discouraged right now.

The Republican state representative from Twin Falls has been working for six years on a bill to give scholarship money to students who promise to stay off drugs.



Block

After all her hard work, the Senate Education Committee just voted overwhelmingly to kill her bill. That's a tragedy. Remember, she worked on this bill for six years. At some point, someone should have told her it was a really dumb idea.

Instead, legislators held hearings and listened to witnesses as they grappled with the painfully obvious. The bill would have spent approximately \$45 million per year on \$2,200 scholarships for teenagers who rejected drugs and submitted to random urine tests to verify their honesty.

That's ridiculous ... Imagine giving a professional athlete a bonus because he makes good on a promise not to rape anyone for a year ...

The kids who would stay off drugs for a scholarship would no doubt stay off drugs anyway. If you want to fight substance abuse, you have to reach the kids who might actually abuse substances ...

... Block herself is keeping the faith ... "Our statistics are going up," she says. "We need to do something."

She's right. However, doing something effective would be preferable.

... CSI

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Forensic crime dramas are a hot TV genre — and for now, a Statachouse political drama over forensics has subsided.

On Tuesday the Legislature's budget-writers put aside money that could allow the Idaho State Police to add some staffers at its forensics labs. A good move, and better than nothing. Crime investigation isn't a fill — and it's a bad place to try to save money.

The forensics fight centered on a small piece of a state budget exceeding \$3 billion. Gov. Butch Otter wanted \$637,000, enough to add six new staffers at the ISP's labs in Meridian, Coeur d'Alene



and Poocatello.

Otter had the numbers to back up his request. The state's understaffed labs meet turnaround target times for only 43 percent of their DNA tests, and 24 percent of latent fingerprint tests. Because of delays in these basic tests, Otter says, prosecutors have been forced to release criminal suspects because of the suspects' statute of limitations running out.

The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee rejected the request. The budget-writers had their reasons: January tax collections had fallen a startling \$30 million short of projections, prompting a search for any possible savings.

Having seen his request land in the budgetary morgue, Otter fired back last week ... the Republican governor said the GOP-dominated budget panel was nickeling-

and-diming public safety. "To me, no role of government is more essential and proper than protecting the people in whom all political power is inherent."

JFAC responded ... by approving \$229,400 — which might be enough to add three staff positions ...

The forensics lab issue will resurface during the 2009 session; here's hoping for less drama and more dollars.

... county administrators

Coeur d'Alene Press

Wanted: A new form of government for Kootenai County. And if you aren't willing to promise supporting that as a candidate, you need not apply.

"That's the view of a growing number of citizens representing a broad cross-section of our communities. Quietly, environmentalists, builders, manufacturers, educators and many others agree that Kootenai County's current form of government is neither as effective nor as efficient as it needs to be.

This really isn't a news flash. Several years ago, the county appointed a blue-ribbon task force to thoroughly analyze county government and recommend areas where it could improve. Two key task force proposals — hiring an administrator and changing the form of overall supervi-

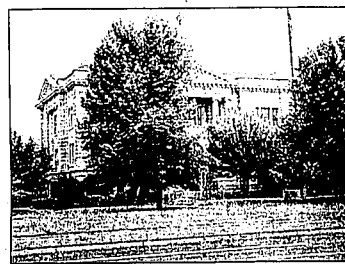
sion — have been wholly ignored.

Not any longer. To earn this newspaper's endorsement in upcoming elections, as well as the support of a growing number of groups and individuals, a candidate must pledge unflinching support for re-creating a top administrative position and allowing voters to decide what shape the county's government should take.

Hiring an administrator is the highest priority and requires only the support of two of the three commissioners. We believe the simple act of having one person responsible for the county's purchases will, by itself, pay most or all of the administrator's salary. Today, individual departments do all their own purchasing. Coordinated bulk buys would save tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

The form of government is open for debate, but this much isn't: Voters should be able to decide what's best for Kootenai County.

One of the proposals suggested by the task force and supported broadly is increasing the number of commissioners from three to five, but reducing salaries and making them part-time positions. With a top-flight administrator, that model has a strong chance to succeed, but there may be other suggestions worthy of consideration. The County Commission should make it a top priority to examine the options and ensure they're on an upcoming general election ballot. Today, commissioners are often too mired in minutiae to lead effectively. That's not so much a slam on the current commissioners as it is an indictment of the system ...



President Bush not interested in hearing a discouraging word

The resignation of Adm. William Fallon as head of Central Command, the U.S. military headquarters for the Middle East and Central Asia, was both appropriate and necessary. Given the public disdain Fallon has expressed for the policies and abilities of President Bush, no other choice was possible.



JAY BOOKMAN

Those sentiments are expressed most recently, and most clearly, in the current issue of *Esquire* magazine. The headline of the piece describes Fallon as "The Man Between War and Peace" and its author, defense analyst and writer Thomas R.M. Barnett, clearly had great access to the admiral. Barnett lays out Fallon's disagreements with the president on Iraq, Iran,

Afghanistan and other issues, depicting Fallon as a man who basically sets his own foreign policy agenda.

The admiral — a well-respected officer with an otherwise fine record — has long been vocal about the foolishness of using the military to end Iran's nuclear ambitions. In fact, in the past year his opposition and that of other senior military officers have helped take that option off the table.

Now, his forced resignation is being interpreted by some

as a sign that an attack on Iran is again being considered. As the opening line in the *Esquire* piece puts it, "If in the dying light of the Bush administration, we go to war with Iran, it'll all come down to one man (Fallon). If he do not go to war with Iran, it'll come down to the same man."

However, conversations with military officials and other indicators suggest that's highly unlikely. Fallon's more serious dispute with the Bush administration centers on Iraq, not Iran.

Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq and Fallon's nominal subordinate, strongly advocates keeping more than 130,000 troops in Iraq for the foreseeable future, to prevent what he sees as the gains from the

recent surge. Fallon, on the other hand, doubts the long-term effectiveness of the surge and has made it clear that he wants to draw down our force in Iraq more quickly.

But Bush — in his role as the Decider — has chosen to side with Petraeus, not Fallon, which suggests that current troop levels in Iraq could be maintained through the end of his presidency.

Fallon's recommendation in part reflected his larger responsibilities as Contcom commander. In that role, he also oversaw U.S. efforts in Afghanistan, where a lack of manpower has seriously compromised our chances of success. Fallon understood that as long as Iraq consumes so many military resources, help for

Afghanistan will not be forthcoming.

Like many senior officers, Fallon was also concerned that long-term manpower demands in Iraq are doing serious damage to the military, with little chance of producing ultimate success.

Bush disagrees with that assessment as well. As commander in chief, he has a right to promote those officers who share his vision, to expect obedience and public silence from those who disagree, and to demand resignations from those to whom silence becomes indispensable.

However, while Fallon's

outspokenness made his resignation necessary and ended his career, it has served a valuable purpose. It demonstrates that the sometimes bitter debate about Iraq policy now being conducted in the political arena is being echoed by a similar if more muted debate within the military itself. And in both arenas, that debate reflects differences of judgment, not differences of patriotism.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tired of N.Y. Times? Turn to Fillmore for 'balance'

We cannot agree more with John Doherty's opinions expressed in his letter in the *Times-News* on March 12. We also tire of the overabundance of *New York Times* eastern establishment

diatribes that constantly populate the *Times-News* op-ed pages.

We always look forward to Mallard Fillmore's cartoon strip, which offers an infrequent "balance."

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Shame is the game: Cops crack down on johns to curb prostitution demand

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — On the Web, on billboards, on television and in newspapers, men who solicit prostitutes are being shamed across the country.

The spectacular fall of New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer may have been the ultimate form of public humiliation over a prostitute, but it also renewed the debate over how cities should deal with the world's oldest profession.

Many cities believe targeting johns to cut demand is the best way, among them Chicago, Raleigh and Durham, N.C., and Arlington, Texas, where pictures of those arrested for soliciting prostitutes have been posted on police Web sites. Other cities that have tried the shame approach include St. Paul, Minn., Chattanooga, Tenn., Cincinnati, Denver and Detroit. Some cities have seized the cars of those who solicit sex. Some have sent "Dear john" letters to their homes so their families can learn what they've done.

Such crackdowns can backfire, though. In Kansas City, officials posted pictures of men arrested in prostitution cases on TV, but stopped the practice. Police Capt. Rich Lockhart said the program was a success at first, snaring some lawyers and ministers.

"It actually was quite effective, especially initially," he said. But as the affluent and educated learned of the dangers, police found they were arresting more street people as customers in the city's prostitution-infested areas.


"The problem's always there," he said. "We didn't arrest any fewer people. We just arrested different people. It's one of those problems that's not going to go away."

Other cities have required men to stay out of areas where prostitution flourishes or to attend schools like the one

Norma Hotelling formed in San Francisco.

A one-time prostitute, Hotelling started SAGE (Stand Against Global Exploitation) 13 years ago and the organization runs a class aimed at

preventing recidivism among the clients of prostitutes. The program educates first-time offenders about the dangers of prostitution and trains them to build intimacy out of their personal relationships.



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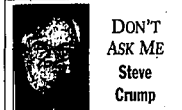
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Women are never happy, you know?

My wife is, um, fastidious about certain things — like the inside of her car. Shoot, like the inside of any car. She can't abide crumbs on the seats, floor mats or consoles. Now these are just crumbs, mind you. They probably don't contain the Ebola virus. No matter: I'm not permitted to munch so much as a donut within the confines of her Subaru Outback.



So guess what her opinions are about my car? Look, I'm a guy. My birthright is coffee stains and the specks on the front of my shirt aren't dandruff. Heck, half of my meals are taken behind the wheel.

With predictable results. I single-handedly keep the SuperVac at the car wash in business.

But the SuperVac can't quite keep up, so my upholstery always looks like the Eddy's Bakery after an earthquake.

What's worse, I have had shocks and one of those dash-board-mounted drink carriers, so every time I drive over a bump, half of my 20-ounce-skinny-half-cup-caramel-macchiato-with-medium-foam spills all over the car's interior and the lap of my trousers.

Last year, the vehicle's radio/CD player/clock ceased to function. Then the dash-board heater/AC vent seized up. I took the rig to a mechanic, who said the instruments were glued shut by caramelized sugar, butter and milk.

He charged me 50 bucks and sent me home with an old toothbrush, with which my stepdaughter Geneva painstakingly separated all the moving parts.

The upshot is that my wife won't abide my ride. At all. Victoria car pools with, and recently her vehicle needed to go into the shop. It was her week to drive, so I offered to swap cars with her for the day.

And make Dianne (her car-pool partner) ride in *that*? She gasped as all the color drained from her face.

My spouse's aversion to my vehicle leads to no end of hassles. If she goes somewhere and needs a ride, I have to drive home, park my rig and borrow Geneva's car to go collect Victoria.

Last time that happened, I whined enough that she agreed to reconsider her zero-tolerance policy toward my jalopy. "I'll ride in it on one condition," she said, "You have to get it detailed."

Next morning, I drove to a custom car wash and did just that. It took hours, but when they were finished the interior looked like Donald Trump's office.

I'd been gone a long time, and when I pulled into the driveway Victoria was standing on the sidewalk with her arms crossed. "Check it out!" I chirped.

She gingerly opened the passenger-side door, stuck her head inside and recoiled in horror.

"What?" I cried. "Like I said," she replied, "I'll ride in this thing if you get it detailed... and fumigated."

"What?" I repeated. You stand around the car, wrapped her arms around me and looked me straight in the eye.

"Darlin'," she said, "these tears in my eyes aren't because I missed you."

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Brown to retire as principal of Popplewell Elementary

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

After a 27-year career with the Buhl School District, Helen Brown has decided to retire.

Her tenure with the district will come to an end with the close of the school year.

Brown, who has served as principal of Popplewell Elementary for the past 13 years, has held many positions within the Buhl district,

including the teaching of physical education and health classes and coaching gymnastics and track. Although she leaves with mixed emotions, a letter Brown presented to the school board said the move was "right for me at this time."

"I do love the children," she said. "They give me hugs everyday."

She thanked the district Tuesday not only for a great career but for the education her own children received from the Buhl school system.

Brown's announcement was met with understanding and accolades for her dedication and service.

"Thank you very much for everything you've given," said trustee Jackie Frey.

Community members and parents say Brown's decision to retire is one met with sadness. Brown and the school's Parent Teacher Network

worked well together, said Marcy Brodine, the network's president.

The PTN is active in the elementary school. Volunteers with the group assist students and staff during day, field trips and within the classroom.

"We're not happy about it (Brown's retirement)," Brodine said. "Change is good sometimes, but at other times a change isn't so good."

Mrs. Brown was very supportive of parents and the children. We had a good relationship. The PTN and Helen worked very well together and she will be missed."

In the meantime, the district has planned to announce the school vacancy in order to find a replacement.

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CATCHING SOME AIR

Ski festival gives Sun Valley much-needed national exposure after summer wildfires

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — Despite losing a race Saturday, Ryan Dean, 38, regally reached down to kiss a baby at the base of Dollar Mountain.

His crying son around his ankles, he smiled and hugged his wife, surrounded by live TV cameras and a TV helicopter that hovered precariously close.

The Ketchum lifer gloated: King for a day.

More important than Dean's private exuberance, however, the ski kingdom of Sun Valley was back, thanks to a big nudge from the promoters of the 48Straight Jeep King of the Mountain ski festival. Ketchum buzzed all day Saturday with energized shoppers wearing black ball caps marked 48 in gold — an image of frenzied retailing shop owners hadn't seen since before the Castle Rock Fire last August.

The mountains, the gems of the Wood River Valley, attracted the sort of luster they hadn't seen since the last major skiing competition in the late 1970s, said Barry Peterson, of Ketchum's Barry Peterson Jewelers.

"We do have ski races," Peterson said, "but nothing as big as this: nothing as televised. I think it's good PR for Sun Valley and for the state. It brings the sort of attention you can't really go out and buy."

Restaurateurs watched their tables fill; hoteliers their bookings. There was much to celebrate and Dean was loathe to worry about a simple loss on the slopes.

"It's awesome," he said, referring to the second annual event. "It's changed Ketchum and Sun Valley. Sun Valley has kind of been a blue hair resort. This thing has kind of put the fire back in skiing."

Completing the picture of resurrection was the return of Spearhead, the vegan, environmentally conscious,



A pack of skiers races down Dollar Mountain during a qualifying run for the Skier Cross event Saturday at the 48Straight Jeep King of the Mountain ski festival. Sun Valley is the final stop for the national ski and snowboard tour that wraps up today with the half-pipe event on the Warm Springs side of Bald Mountain.

and otherwise left-leaning musical group, Michael Franti, the band's front man, who canceled his visit to the smoky ski resort town last summer, was now headlining a long night of live performances.

"See you there," chimed a group of locals about the night's headliner that

would play in a tent on a blocked-off street in Ketchum. The group had climbed halfway up the mountain to catch a better view of the heats and tug on beers. Snow rained down on them from the muted gray sky.

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Political bouts are in their final rounds

BOISE — On his way out of the Capitol Annex on Thursday evening, Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, was asked when the session will end.

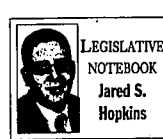
"Well, I only have a few issues to get resolved, but I've got a lot of politics to deal with," he said dryly, but perhaps accurately.

Monday marks the 11th week — and what some hope is the beginning of the end of the 2008 Legislature.

One of the issues Davis referred to is transportation funding, which delayed last year's session conclusion by a week. The issue nags at the lawmakers of Idaho, the fourth-fastest growing state.

His debate was aired out Friday at an afternoon press conference from House leadership after a committee passed legislation requiring a constitutional amendment to allow local-option taxing. The event was both informative and philosophical.

The lawmakers grouped issues in three categories — state funding, federal funding, and the local-option



LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK
Jared S. Hopkins

sales tax debate. They said all their ideas are out there — about a dozen bills have been introduced — but added a value-based fuel tax is possible.

They predicted the Legislature will approve increases in registration fees for vehicles, including cars and trucks, and added that an increase in the fuel tax is possible.

They said all projects collectively would bring in between \$40 million and \$110 million. Meanwhile, the Idaho Transportation Department says there's about a \$200 million deficit.

Addressing the amendment, House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said it's not intended to stall governments from addressing

needs, but rather would place taxing authority in the hands of local taxpayers.

"Self-determination is a basic tenant in United States society," he said.

Later that day, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who is co-chairman of the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee, said he supports the constitutional amendment. He said he would be opposed to local option taxes, but understands that in some parts of the state, new infrastructure is inevitable, and it is another opportunity to fund it.

He said he understands amending the Constitution is a big deal.

"Sometimes we need to take baby steps," he said. Meanwhile, Davis might be right that politics could keep lawmakers in Boise for extra time. The battles continue to brew.

The Senate committee hearing held a meeting Thursday on a bill sponsored by House Education Chairman Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Couder d'Alene, that

would authorize the state to create a statewide digital education system. It was there that Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, said he got a phone call from a crying Idahoan whose kindergarten couldn't attend first grade.

"Would this bill help her?" Schroeder asked, adding it was not a rhetorical question.

Much of the room broke into laughter — but not Schroeder, a strong proponent of early education, or Nonini, a staunch opponent to it.

"I didn't come here to horse trade today," Nonini said in deadpan delivery.

Earlier in the week at a House committee, House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, and Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home, exchanged testy remarks.

Corder asked if Moyle was tracking his bills in the Senate.

Moyle's response? "Not yet but I'm going to start."

Running out of room

Filer schools approve bond levy proposal

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The Filer School Board approved a resolution to bring a \$14.1 million bond levy to voters in May.

The school board's 3-2 decision Wednesday gave the go-ahead for members of the long range planning committee to proceed with an intensive campaign to inform the public about district needs.

"Until I took a tour of district buildings and saw how crowded we actually are, I didn't think there was a need for expanded facilities," said Jim Hughes, chairman of the district's long range planning committee. "But particularly with regard to our special needs students, I'm ashamed that we don't have the room so this district can do a better job."

Last October, voters rejected a \$14.9 million and \$800,000 double-bond levy. The funds would have been used to construct an intermediate school for the district's fourth- through sixth-grade students, eight additional classrooms at the high school, repair roofs at both Filer and Hollister Elementary schools, resurface the parking lot at the middle school and build an athletic and community event field house with bleachers and night lighting.

"We don't have adequate restroom facilities or a place for teams to prepare and get out of the weather," Hughes said. "What we do have are football players going out and watering the trees at halftime."

The academic space needs are based on a projected 3 percent increase for in-district student population growth.

"We're planning so that these investments will meet district needs for at least 10 years down the road," district Superintendent John Graham said. "We're not going to fill the space with out-of-district kids and then go back to the public asking for more."

Committee members who met Thursday evening plan on informing district residents about levy details by going door-to-door and using the voting list to make calls.

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Next meeting
The Filer School District's long range planning committee will hold its next public hearing at 7:30 p.m. March 27 in the Filer High School library.

Cleo E. Shorthouse

Cleo E. Shorthouse, 91, died March 13, 2008, at his home.

He was born July 2, 1916, in Canon City, Colo. Cleo moved to Idaho with his mother and stepfather, Charles and Gayle Shorthouse. He attended school in Castelford, Idaho, and graduated from Castelford High School in 1934. After graduating, he attended business school in Portland, Ore. After a year, he came back to Idaho and attended Albion State Normal School, graduating in 1937. After graduating, he taught school for four years in Wendell, Idaho, where he was the football and basketball coach.



He married Dortha Roland in 1941. To this union, they had three children, Pat, Kay and Dave. Cleo served with the Army Signal Corps attached to the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946 in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war, he managed Hemenway and Moser, a candy and tobacco wholesaler, retiring in 1982.

He was Elder Emeritus at First Christian Church, where he served in many capacities. He was also a member of Masonic AM-FM Taylor Lodge 94 and past patron of Magic Chapter 82, Order of Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dortha of Twin Falls, Idaho; children, Pat (Rick) Walsh of Bountiful, Utah, Kay (Scott) Baumer of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Dave (Debbie) Shorthouse of Boise, Idaho; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and brother, Bill (Donna) Shorthouse of Pocatello, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bob Shorthouse.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Southern Idaho Learning Center for children scholarships.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 17, at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls. A private family burial will take place Monday, March 17. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@mglvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.mglvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Alfred Benkula

Alfred Benkula was taken suddenly from us way too soon.

Al was born in Tucson, Ariz., on Sept. 23, 1924, to Ralph D. Delow and Minnie Pisano. He was raised in Murtaugh by his mother, Minnie, and D.W. Benkula. He was a licensed practical nurse, working at Magic Valley Memorial Hospital. Al rose through the ranks, ultimately becoming a surgical technician. He later owned and operated Valley Nursing Home in Twin Falls and Mountain View Convalescent Center in Kimberly. He had a great love and need to see that elderly were loved and cared for with respect. He was employed at Cactus Pets and the Horseshoe Club for 20 years. He could not have done it without all the encouragement from all his friends in Jackpot. He had a real zest for life and looked forward to going to work each day, but also enjoyed his days off.



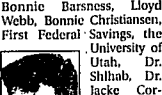
Al was an athletic individual. He loved football in high school. He was a Golden Gloves champion boxer. In his early adulthood, Wes Dobbs introduced Al to judo. From then on, it was judo with Wes and Guy Matsuka.

He traveled with his family and took oh, so many young all over the Intermountain West to judo tournaments. He later won the judo National Championship in 1981.

He passed on his passions to his children and grandchildren. As far as the family knows, Al, his sons, Bill and Steve, grandson, Adam, are the only three-generation judo belts in the intermountain area (with granddaughter, Jenna, a brown belt).

He wanted to thank the following individuals who

helped him along in his life: his lifelong friends, Howard and Bubs Jewell, Ray and Donna Johnson, Lloyd Webb, Bonnie Christiansen, First Federal Savings, the University of Utah, Dr. Shihab, Dr. Jacke Corbett, Dr. Adcox, Dr. Ward, Dr. Desmond, Dr. Martin and his special friends at Knart pharmacy. He never could have made it without his medical team and countless friends and family.



He was blessed to have two wonderful women in his life, Donna Benkula brought forth one son, Bill, and one daughter, Connie. Sue Benkula brought forth a son, Steve.

His love and dedication for his family was the driving force of his life. His sense of humor and zest for life touched all who knew him. He fought his most courageous battle, clinging to life for many years until he received his new kidney in 2002.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Connie (Bob) Huse; sister, Cecilia; and his parents. He is survived by sons, Bill (Dana) and Steve (Carole) Benkula; brother, Karl (Pat) Benkula; sisters, Carmen Craig and Vicki House; and many grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Al Benkula Scholarship Fund at CSI. He was very proud of helping others further their education.

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Ruby Reed and Family

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Dorothy (Dottie) L'Herisson

JEROME — Dorothy (Dottie) L'Herisson's beautiful spirit left her body on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

She is loved beyond words by her family in life and in passing. She brought joy and smiles to the many who knew her with her humor and wonderful wit.

Dottie was born in Fairfield, Idaho, 84 years ago. At an early age, she and her beloved parents, Harry and Lucille Giesler, moved to Boise, where she was raised with her brother, Dick Giesler. Dorothy graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle, in 1947, she met Charles L'Herisson while skiing in Sun Valley. They were married there in 1949.

Dottie was an active member of the Jerome community and helped in many organizations and events. She excelled at many sports and was golf champion at the Jerome Country Club for three years. She was full of creativity and made many

flouts for Jerome parades and enjoyed working with interior design at the family stores, L'Herisson's Fine Furnitures.

Dottie loved life and learning and people. She had many interests, but performing for many years until her late 70s brought her some of her greatest delight. But most of all, she excelled at being a mother and wife. Dorothy was full of love and compassion for anyone in need. She gave her many gifts completely with her whole heart.

The family suggests memorial donations be given to the Special Olympics, P.O. Box 6590, Boise, ID 83707-6590, or to the Trolling Dog Ranch Animal Sanctuary, 400 Trolling Dog Ranch Lane, Ovando, MT 59854.

To fulfill Dottie's wishes, cremation services, obituary notices and no services are planned. Cremation arrangements took place under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Darrell Coates.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S. in Jerome, with Bishop Alan Leavitt officiating. A visitation will be held Wednesday, March 19, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. and again one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow in the Richfield, Idaho, cemetery.

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Shirley L. Ingle

JEROME — Shirley L. Ingle, age 57, a former resident of Filer, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007, in a special care facility near Greenville, S.C., one month after the onset of a rare medical condition.

She was the loving wife of Jeff Blankenburg for 23 wonderful years. Shirley was born in Twin Falls on April 1, 1950, the daughter of the late Ed and Jennie Ingle.

She was raised in Filer, graduated from Filer High School in 1968, earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Idaho State University in 1972 and later earned an MBA from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich. After retiring from Uppjohn Inc. in Kalamazoo, Mich., Shirley and Jeff moved to Greenville, S.C., where she enjoyed playing golf with Jeff, was an avid reader, loved cooking and the comfortable southern lifestyle of the region.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald and Jennie Ingle; and a sister, Sandra Ingle. She is survived by her husband, Jeff Blankenburg; her children, Jeff Blankenburg of Cheryll, S.C.; her sister, Cheryl I. Johnson and her husband, Murray Johnson of Auburn, Wash.; a niece, Angela K. Johnson of Kent, Wash.; and numerous cousins.

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SERVICES

Ruth H. Wellhousen of Wenatchee, Wash., and formerly of Hazelton, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Dorris Marie Hurt (Wiese) Bellegrave of Rupert, service at noon Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Dewayne L. Clayton of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Springdale LDS Church, 559 E. 200 S. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th

St. in Burley, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Florentina Teresa Sabala Laragan of Twin Falls, rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Edward's (The Convent Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Val Kent Parke Sr. of Carey, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Carey LDS Church (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

POCATELLO — Joseph "Dean" Shaffer, 78, formerly of Jerome and Gooding, died Friday, March 14, 2008, at a local hospital.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Connie (Bob) Huse; sister, Cecilia; and his parents. He is survived by sons, Bill (Dana) and Steve (Carole) Benkula; brother, Karl (Pat) Benkula; sisters, Carmen Craig and Vicki House; and many grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

LaVern Eugene Christensen

ROGERSON — LaVern Eugene Christensen of Rogerson, Idaho, went to live with his loved one on March 13, 2008, due to final stage emphysema and pneumonia.



LaVern was the eldest child of Peter C. and Daille (Campbell) Christensen, born Feb. 20, 1923, on their farm in Benkelman, Neb. Vern graduated from Haigler High School in Haigler, Neb., in 1941. He then moved to Englewood, Colo., working in the dairy industry. It was there he met his soul mate, Helen M. Magnuson, at a Grange dance. In May of 1943, he enlisted in the U.S.

Air Force. Prevented from serving in combat by chronic asthma, he was honorably discharged in August of 1946. He and Helen were married May 21, 1947, in Portland, Ore. They returned to Englewood, Colo., where he continued working in the dairy industry. Their only child, Dana Lee Christensen, was born there in Littleton, Colo., on March 3, 1954. Vern began working at a Watkins store in 1960 and was transferred to Boise, Idaho, where they lived for 12 years. They then moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where he and Helen began working in the gaming industry in Jackpot, Nev. to be closer to their work. They settled in Rogerson, Idaho, where they resided at the time of his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother. LaVern is survived by his wife, Helen of 61 years; his son, Dana (Jill) of Boise; his grandsons, Matt Christensen and Travis (Ballely) Christensen and their son, his great-grandson, Hunter Christensen of Boise. He is also survived by his brothers, Diane (Madge) Christensen of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Glendon Christensen of McGill, Nev., and many special friends in and around the close-knit community of Rogerson.

In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held at this time. In late spring or early summer, at a time to be announced later, a memorial celebration will be held in their large front yard in Rogerson for all who knew

and loved him to share their love and memories. Also according to his wishes, his ashes will be scattered in the desert that he so loved. The family would like to express their eternal gratitude to Dr. Lisa Burget, Dr. Robert Lobb and the excellent, compassionate nursing staff at St. Luke's Magle Valley Regional Medical Center who cared for him in his final days. Especially Sheryl, who called him "Sir" which he loved.

Memorial donations can be made to the American Lung Association, 1111 S. Orchard St., Suite 245, Boise, ID 83705, or to the College of Southern Idaho Nursing Program. Prepare a place for us, Dad, until we meet again. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Idaho man sentenced to 25 years in wife's stabbing death

CALDWELL (AP) — A man convicted of stabbing his estranged wife and cluding police while she bled to death in the trunk of her car has been sentenced to at least 25 years in prison. Third District Judge Renee Haffon Friday sentenced 37-

year-old Roger Hubbard to 45 years in prison. Hubbard was convicted in October of second-degree murder, second-degree kidnapping and felony child officers in the September 2006 death of Colleen Hubbard.

Sarah Catherine 'Cathy' Kuzlik

FILER — Sarah Catherine "Cathy" Kuzlik, 66, of Filer, moved on to her heavenly rewards at home after a valiant battle with cancer, on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.



Cathy was born Sept. 28, 1941, in Nebraska City, Neb., to Floyd and Mary E. Jones. She was the seventh of nine children. Cathy grew up working in the fields, while taking care of her siblings, nieces and nephews, along with helping to keep the family home going. She went to Catholic school, graduating in 1959. During this time, she met and married James C. James Sr. and to this union were born seven children. Jim Sr. and Cathy were later divorced. In 1977, she married William G. "Bill"

Kuzlik and they were together until his passing in 2001. Mom had many interests, including embroidering, hunting, fishing, camping and belly dancing, but was mostly known for her sewing. She worked for Idaho Frozen Foods, KG Men's Clothing Store, and was self-employed as an at-home seamstress. Since 2002, she had been employed as secretary of Rock Creek Community Church, her most rewarding job. Mom made many friends at our small but mighty church. Bantering with and spoiling Pastor Dale was one of her most favorite things to do. Her faith was what kept her going, helping us all through this difficult time. Although she may be gone, we know she is no longer in pain and will always be in our hearts. We'll miss you, Mom, but we know you are

in a better place! A very special "thank you" to Chris and Bonnie for all their love and care of Mom through these past weeks and also to Idaho Home Health and Hospice and Dr. Matthew Jolley. She is survived by daughters, Kodie Kuzlik, Mary James and Sarah (Dana) Scrimphier; sons, Chris (Bonnie) James, Jim (Donna) James, Richard (Daylene) James, Jessie (Rosie) James and Medford James; and seven granddaughters and five grandsons. Also surviving are sisters, Alice, Elizabeth and Mary Ellen; and a brother, Floyd, all of whom reside in Nebraska, along with many nieces and

nephews. She was preceded in death by both parents; sisters, Ruby, Sylvia and Goldie; and brother, A. J.

Cathy's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at Rock Creek Community Church, Fifth Avenue and Idaho Street in Twin Falls. Pastor Dale Metzger will officiate. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

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- April 14th: Good Friday Ecumenical Worship at 1st Presbyterian, Twin Falls-7:00 p.m.
- April 16th: Easter Sunrise Service-7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast-8:00 a.m. Easter Worship-9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday Processional
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Chancel Choir & Hallelujah Handbells
Sunday, March 16, 10 am

Good Friday Communion & Tenebrae Service
Handbell Quartet & Chancel Choir
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Maundy Thursday Service
March 20 • 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday
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Easter Sunday
Sunrise Worship at Shoshone Falls • 7:30 am
Continental Breakfast • 8:15 am
Worship and Celebration • 10:00 am



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A CHANGE OF PACE

Burley man finds new calling after bout with kidney disease



RON THOMETZ

Ron Thometz of Burley, whose future once looked bleak because of a chronic kidney disease, has found success and a new calling in a family-owned transportation business.

By Koren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — About 12 years ago Ron Thometz of Burley was stricken with a chronic kidney disease. He at one time even doubted his survival.

Eventually, he knew he would live but that he would never be 100 percent again. When he was ready to return to work, the one seemingly insurmountable challenge was finding a good job he could manage with his health problem. His wife, Sue Thometz, encouraged him to find something he could do on his own. He had business experience but a lot of doubts.

"What if I couldn't carry it off?" he had worried. "What if my health got worse and I couldn't do what I had contracted to do?"

But Sue kept after him. During many of his doctor visits he began to notice that other patients often had to wait for rides — "they might wait four or five hours some times to get a ride," he said. This prompted Thometz with the idea of opening his own transportation service. S&R Services on West Main in Burley.

At first, the company consisted of Thometz, his car and his telephone. But by February 2005, after having secured additional contracts, the couple rented a building and bought a couple of additional cars.

"Two weeks after we started, I was over my head with computer work and the volume of clients," Thometz said.

"We hired somebody to help us with the office and one more driver. And then another driver. Pretty soon I wasn't driving at all."

Thometz said he soon found that most of his customers were on Medicaid, and the couple made efforts to hook up with the federal program. Sue said it was a lengthy application period. "We called Medicaid and asked for an application," she said. "It took a while, but we did get approved."

"After that, the business just snowballed," said Thometz. Though the business caters to anyone, about 95 percent of the clients are Medicaid patients, he said. By the end of that year the couple bought the building they were renting and have since made improvements to it.

Thometz today has 11 drivers and 15 vehicles. His wife and daughter, Jennifer Woodland, manage the office and make sure people meet Medicaid requirements. They have provided transportation for all age groups. The couple says they try to recognize the special needs of each client and cater to them.

"At the beginning I told Sue I've could do \$12,000 to \$13,000 a month, we'd be doing great." But the reality of the business is that it had "quadrupled my expectations," Thometz said. The couple is investing most of their income back into the business, he said.

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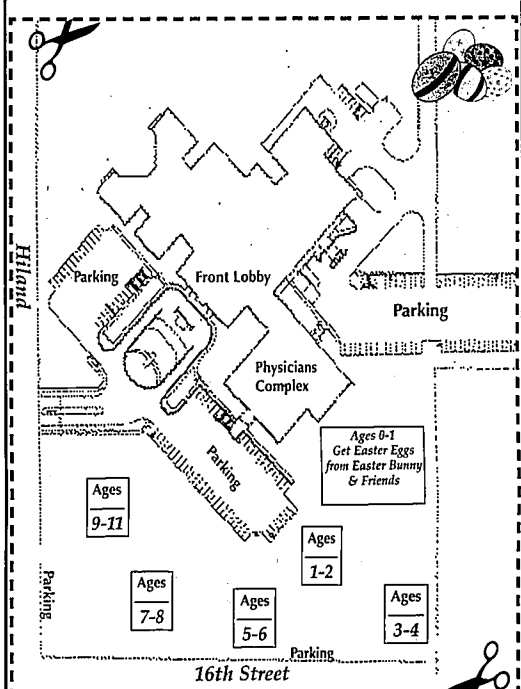
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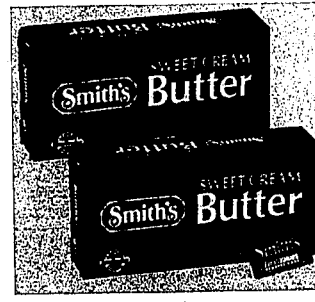
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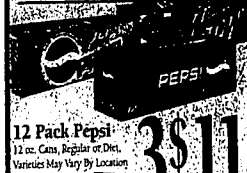
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TV SCHEDULE

11:30 a.m. FOX - NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Food X-Moto at Bristol, Tenn.

7:30 a.m. TGC - European PGA Tour, Balatonics Championship, final, at Juhu Island, South Korea (same-day tele).

8:30 a.m. NBC - PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer Invitational, final round, at Orlando, Fla.

9:30 a.m. TGC - Champions Tour, AT&T Classic, final round, at Santa Clara, Calif. (same-day tele)

10:30 a.m. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, Oakland vs. Tampa Bay

11:30 a.m. CBS - National coverage, Southwestern Conference, championship game, Arkansas vs. Georgia, at Atlanta

12:30 p.m. CBS - National coverage, National Conference, championship game, Kansas vs. Oklahoma, at Kansas City

1:30 p.m. ESPN - Big 12 Conference, championship game, Texas vs. Kansas, at Kansas City

2:30 p.m. CBS - National coverage, Big Ten Conference, championship game, Wisconsin vs. Illinois, at Indianapolis

3:30 p.m. NBC - NCAA Tournament Selection Show, at Indianapolis

4:30 p.m. NBA BASKETBALL, ABC - Dallas at Miami

5:30 p.m. NBC - Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

6:30 p.m. VERBUS - PBR, Tacoma Invitational, at Tacoma, Wash. (same-day tele)

7:30 p.m. TENNIS, Noon FSN - ATP Masters Series, Pacific Life Open, at Indian Wells, Calif.

8:30 p.m. PGA TOUR, Arnold Palmer Invitational, at Bay Hill Club and Lodge

9:30 p.m. LPGA TOUR, Mastercard Classic, at Inverness Club

10:30 p.m. NHL, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

11:30 p.m. NHL, Tampa Bay at Carolina

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After winning World Cup, Miller's coaching staff disintegrates

BORMIO, Italy - Bode Miller's breakaway ski team is in pieces Saturday when practically his entire staff for family reasons.

Miller split from the U.S. Ski Team before his season to train and care on his own, and he clinched his second overall World Cup title Thursday.

"It's obviously a concern of mine for next season. I can't continue to be, which is still up in the air on my side," Miller said.

Yocum's diagnosis. The right-hander has already started rehabilitation and will not participate in any baseball activities until he is re-evaluated, the team said Saturday.

TENNIS
Graf beats Navratilova in exhibition TOKYO - Once again, Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova needed a tiebreaker to settle the score.

Friday's Late NBA Box Score
WASHINGTON 118, PHOENIX 93
MIAMI 107, MEMPHIS 93

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Miller leads 76ers to stunning win

PHILADELPHIA — Andre Miller scored a season-high 32 points and Andre Iguodala had 25 to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to their third straight sparkling victory, 103-96 over the San Antonio Spurs on Saturday night.

The Sixers already knocked off Detroit and Chicago on the road this week and returned home to another suddenly supportive crowd. Philly (33-34) gave the faithful a reason to cheer from the opening tip, pressuring the Spurs into turnovers and turning back a late run by the champs.

The Sixers are on track for their first playoff berth since 2005 and moved within a game of 500 for the first time since they were 2-3 on Nov. 9. That spiraled into a 5-13 start, but Philadelphia is 17-6 since Jan. 26 and has won nine of its last 10 at home.

Tony Parker scored 27 points, Manu Ginobili had 22 and Tim Duncan led the Spurs, who were coming off a loss a night earlier at Detroit.



San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (19) goes up for a shot as Philadelphia 76ers forward Louis Williams defends during Saturday's NBA game in Philadelphia.

CELTICS 99, BUCKS 77
MILWAUKEE — Boston managed an easy victory without one of its three stars Saturday night, beating the Milwaukee Bucks as injured guard Ray Allen sat in a suit at the end of the bench.

Even with Allen out of action because of a bruised left heel, the Celtics had no problem rebounding from

their home loss to Utah on Friday. Kevin Garnett scored 19 to lead Boston, and Eddie House added 17 — all but two of which came in the second half as the Celtics emptied their bench.

Charlie Bell scored 16 to lead Milwaukee, which has lost five straight and eight of its last nine.

MAGIC 122, PACERS 111
ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo Turkoglu scored 27 points, including nine in the final five minutes to help Orlando pull away from Indiana and clinch a playoff berth.

Barthand Lewis added 22 points for Orlando, which has won seven of eight. Dwight Howard, who was in

foul trouble much of the fourth quarter, added 18 points and 12 rebounds before fouling out with 43 seconds to play. Maurice Evans scored a season-high 19 points.

NETS 117, JAZZ 115
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Richard Jefferson made a running jumper with 1.5 seconds remaining to give New Jersey a victory over Utah.

Jefferson led the Nets with 27 points and Vince Carter scored 25. Josh Boone had 21 points and 13 rebounds as New Jersey posted its fifth straight home win over Utah. Devin Harris added 19 points and 12 assists.

Carlos Boozer equaled his career high with 41 points for Utah. He had a remarkably precise game, shooting 15-of-19 from the field and 11-of-13 from the free throw line. Reserve Kyle Korver added 18 points for the Jazz.

WIZARDS 119, CLIPPERS 105, UT WASHINGTON — Antawn Jamison scored 36 points, including three key free throws to send the game into overtime, and Washington beat Los Angeles.

Corey Maggette scored 34 points, one shy of his season high. The injury-riddled Clippers, who have lost 233 games to injury — most in the NBA this season — started their 29th different tie-up.

— The Associated Press

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Tigers abuse Vikings pitching for sweep

Times-News

Nate Bobrowski and Logan Parker were solid on the mound and Jerome smacked the Middleton Vikings' pitchers around to the tune of 15 runs in each game of a doubleheader sweep in Middleton on Saturday.

The Tigers won the first game 15-2 and the second 15-1, that one coming in five innings.

Jerome (4-1) is at Kuna next Saturday.

Game 1
Jerome 15, Middleton 2
Innings: 1-15, 2-10, 3-11, 4-12, 5-12, 6-12, 7-12, 8-12, 9-12
Pitcher: Nate Bobrowski (7) and Logan Parker (2) for Jerome; Justin W. Williams (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings; Michael Christy (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings; Michael Christy (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings; Michael Christy (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings.

Game 2
Jerome 15, Middleton 1, five
Innings: 1-15, 2-10, 3-11, 4-12, 5-12, 6-12, 7-12, 8-12, 9-12
Pitcher: Nate Bobrowski (7) and Logan Parker (2) for Jerome; Justin W. Williams (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings; Michael Christy (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings; Michael Christy (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings.

SOFTBALL
JEROME BATTLES TO SPLIT
Jerome was without three starters, but the team still earned a split at Preston Saturday. The Tigers won the opener 6-4 before losing 9-7.

Jerome is at Burley on March 26.

Game 1
Jerome 6, Preston 4
Innings: 1-6, 2-6, 3-6, 4-6, 5-6, 6-6, 7-6, 8-6, 9-6
Pitcher: Nate Bobrowski (7) and Logan Parker (2) for Jerome; Justin W. Williams (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings; Michael Christy (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings.

Game 2
Preston 9, Jerome 7
Innings: 1-9, 2-9, 3-9, 4-9, 5-9, 6-9, 7-9, 8-9, 9-9
Pitcher: Nate Bobrowski (7) and Logan Parker (2) for Jerome; Justin W. Williams (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings; Michael Christy (1) and Aaron Case (1) for Vikings.

Commentary: ESPN documentary "Black Magic" a slam dunk

By Linton Weeks
The Washington Post

From one angle, the excellent ESPN documentary "Black Magic" is about the three degrees of separation between James Naismith, who invented basketball in the 1890s, and Jerry Johnson, coach of the Dallas Mavericks more than a century later. If you find such an apostolic succession intriguing, you will revel in the four-hour film that airs in two parts Sunday and Monday.

The two halves flow together like basketball games, telling the parallel stories of the American civil rights movement and the rise of African American basketball players. From another angle, this is a lively account of Earlhart's Things. The first spin-moves, fadeaway jumpers from the corners, gangsta-looking players and trash talking. It engages the senses with intimate interviews, live-action shots, powerful black-and-white news footage and lots and lots of up-tempo, fast-break music, such as "Green Onions" by Booker T. and the MGs and "Sweet Soul

Music" by Arthur Conley.

Narrated by Samuel L. Jackson and Wynton Marsalis — with additional commentary by historians Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Cleveland Sellers — the film highlights such pioneers of the hardwood as:

John Chaney, the retired Temple University wizard-coach, who was a legendary player at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla., and in the Eastern Professional Basketball League. Richard "Doc" Kirkland, one of the first gangster-athletes who, when he was offered a contract by the Chicago Bulls in the late 1960s, sneered and said, "I've got more money than that in my pocket." Kirkland went on to play for a prison league team, on which he scored 135 points in one game. Today, he is a motivational speaker. Perry Wallace, the first African American varsity basketball player to play for Vanderbilt University and the Southeastern Conference. Wallace now teaches at American University's Washington College of Law.

There are tangential pursuits —

such as the story of the tragic death of Delano Middleton, killed in a riot at South Carolina State University in 1968 — but they are fascinating and well told. The heart of the documentary is the story of John McLeod, considered to be the godfather of black college basketball. A genius of the sport, McLeod studied at the feet of Naismith at the University of Kansas in the 1930s, but he was not permitted to play for Naismith because of his race. McLeod would coach at the North Carolina College for Negroes, among other schools.

In the early days, basketball was a staid, slow-moving game of set offenses and defenses. McLeod believed in a scrap-and-slam, baseline-to-baseline style. McLeod spurred other men, such as Clarence "Big House" Gaines at Winston Salem State University, to become teachers of the game. McLeod told Gaines to head north for skill players and to the Midwest for players who know the fundamentals. Gaines coached for 47 years. One of his players was Earl "the Pearl"

Monroe, who co-produced this film.

Because of segregation, black youngsters who wanted to play basketball went to black colleges. Eventually, they longed to test their skills against the best white teams. In 1948, McLeod formed a committee that petitioned the NCAA to allow black colleges to participate in the year-end tournament; the organization replied that black colleges just couldn't compete. The secret, of course, was that some of the black teams were every bit as good as, if not better than, the elite white teams.

One of the first tales told in the film is of a secret game between McLeod's North Carolina College for Negroes and an all-white Duke University team in 1944. McLeod's team won. In the film — directed and produced by Dan Klores — we learn how McLeod advised the Washington Capitals to draft Harold Hunter, the first African American to sign a contract with the NBA, as well as Earl Lloyd, the first African American to play in an NBA game. We also see how he

became the first African American to coach an integrated area team, the Cleveland Pipers of the American Basketball League. The team's owner, a young George Steinbrenner, began meddling with McLeod's successful strategies. Steinbrenner withheld the players' salaries when the Pipers hit a losing streak. During a game against the Cleveland Chiefs, Steinbrenner even traded one of the Pipers to the opposing team at halftime; the player changed uniforms and kept playing.

As schools began to integrate in the 1950s, fewer and fewer black high school stars chose historically black colleges, and their basketball programs began to falter. Such blue-chip prospects (and eventual NBA stars) as Oscar Robertson, Walt Chamberlain, Bill Russell and Washington's own Elgin Baylor played on college teams that were predominantly white. There were exceptions. Avery Johnson, for instance, was a superstar at Southern University, whose coach, Ben Jobe — a first-rate storyteller in the film — had been a disciple of John McLeod.

Dodgers, Padres tie in Beijing baseball debut

BEIJING (AP) — The vendors sold peanuts, hot dogs and tea. Blue sky reined gray snow, and a breeze in left field unfurled China's red flag alongside the Stars and Stripes.

It was opening day for baseball in China on Saturday. And the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles left the nearly sellout crowd of 12,224 at the new Olympic venue with an inconclusive outcome — a 3-3 tie in an exhibition game in major league baseball's first foray into China.

Not that the result proved all that troubling. Most fans knew so little about the day's events that nobody booed when play was called after nine innings. And forgive them if they didn't sling along "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." "It's historic if nothing else," commissioner Bud Selig said.

Dodgers manager Joe Torre said all the hoopla made things feel closer to a regular-season game. "I took on a little bit more than an exhibition game for me today," he said. "In spring training you go out there and you basically practice over though you play a game. There was the attention, the number of media, the number of questions involving being here in China. That type of atmosphere made me feel it was more than just an exhibition game." "I accept for the sake of concessions — a 12 ounce beer cost \$1.50 — it seemed like an afternoon at any ballpark in America. There was one problem: Vendors and concession stands kept running out of drinks, creating long lines before reinforcements arrived. "You didn't really capture the fact you were in China unless you knew you were in China," said Padres first baseman

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San Diego Padres outfielder Scott Hairston makes throws from centerfield in an exhibition game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Saturday in Beijing, China.

Adrian Gonzalez, whose wind-blown double in the eighth tied the score. "The atmosphere was great and the field was in great condition. You just felt like you were at a ballpark playing baseball." Occasional staccato organ music pumped up fans, and the music between innings ranged from Carmen to Latin rhythms to hip-hop. Fans who arrived early even saw a little glimpse of traditional Chinese dozens of elderly practicing tai chi near the stadium entrance. "In general overall the ballpark had a good feel," Padres manager Bud Black said. "The between innings entertainment was not unlike what we have in the States." Selig took a long look at what transpired. "I am very confident that someday

after I'm gone and we do as well as I think we are going to do in China, people will say that's where it all started," he said. Selig said there would be more games in China, and he left open the possibility of a regular-season game. "You need a genesis; you need a starting point," Selig said. "And this is a great way to start." Baseball is virtually unknown in China, and Major League Baseball is trying to cash in on a growing middle class with money to spend. "It was a festival of baseball for a fan like me," said Zhu Yi, a Red Sox fan who traveled 1,000 miles from the southern city of Chongqing. "It was a real opportunity for me. It would have been even better if the Red Sox had come." Maybe next time.

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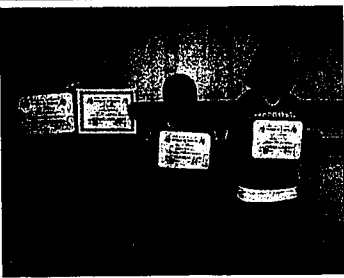
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Luis Estrada, Dallin Peters and Alex Goedhart receive their Purple Belt certificates.



Johnny Lancaster and Isaac Nebeker show off their Best Attendance achievement awards.



Colton Craig, Michael Arndt and Makala Bird display their Yellow Belt certificates.

Jerome Martial Art Academy holds Awards Night Ceremony

For the Times-Herald

JEROME — The Jerome Martial Art Academy held its annual Awards Night Ceremony on Jan. 2.

Students received their belt rank certificates for promotions given during the past year.

In order to receive a certificate, all promoted students

are registered with the Cascos Martial Arts Association and has their rank certified by the association.

In addition to belt rank certificates there also were also numerous special achievement awards presented.

Johnny Lancaster and Isaac Nebeker, both of Wendell, shared the award

for Best Attendance. Lancaster also received the Spirit award and Nebeker took home the Most Improved Student award along with Anita Waymont.

Michael Arndt and Luis Estrada received awards for Most Consistent students. Dallin Peters received the Most Powerful Kick award.

Hunter Zacarias and Colton Craig were recipients of the Most Energetic award.

Jeremy Mower and Betty Arndt received the Don Adams Memorial award for adult students.

The Jerome Martial Art Academy is located at 202 East Main Street and may be reached by calling 324-6194



Josiah Waymont shows his Blue Belt certificate.

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SUNDAY EARLY MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Todd Fiscus 644, Rick Fredrickson 621, Byron A. Hager 595, Bob Leazer 582.

MEN'S GAMES: Bob Leazer 225, Todd Fiscus 225, Gerald Brant 223, Byron A. Hager 214.

GIRLS' SERIES: Elaine Hager 577, Tracey Hoffman 532, Gretchen Black 520, Nicole Fredrickson 518.

LADIES GAMES: Elaine Hager 230, Ann Shepherd 224, Nicole Fredrickson 192, Tracey Hoffman 180.

MON. MAJORS

BOYS' SERIES: Nicholas Parsons 667, Zach Black 663, Kyle Mason 621, Cody Worden 522.

BOYS' GAMES: Nicholas Parsons 257, Kyle Mason 245, Zach Black 235, Cody Worden 189.

GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Allen 553, Ashley Nowak 392, Taml Craig 392, Tanna Coates 392.

GIRLS' GAMES: Danielle Allen 220, Taml Craig 162, Ashley Nowak 140, Melody Sims 138.

MON. MIXED FOLLIES

MEN'S SERIES: Tony Brass 698, John Bonnett 618, Rick Morrow 597, Bill Boren 551.

MEN'S GAMES: Tony Brass 258, John Bonnett 233, Rocky Reece 221, Rick Morrow 210.

LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randall 584, RaeNae Reece 583, Tiffany Cornelison 576, Angie Hillman 563.

LADIES GAMES: Tiffany Cornelison 213, RaeNae Reece 210, Angie Hillman 203, Corrie Baker 200, Georgia Randall 200.

SHBOOM

MEN'S SERIES: Blake Kondracki 695, Craig Pitman 689, Jim Gries 618, Neil Saberson 596.

MEN'S GAMES: Craig Pitman 268, Jim Gries 259, Blake Kondracki 257, Jim Dean 233.

LADIES SERIES: Carole Fredrickson 585, Barbara Reynolds 570, Julie Shull 542, Kelly Jeroux 524.

LADIES GAMES: Barbara Reynolds 237, Kathi Jeroux 231, Carole Fredrickson 220, Julie Shull 196.

MID MORN. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 664, Jim DeVries 635, Blaine Ross 574, Myron Schroeder 573.

MEN'S GAMES: Jim DeVries 237, Myron Schroeder 237, Tom Smith 227, Chelcie Eager 225.

LADIES SERIES: Gail Cederlund 513, Bonnie Draper 539, Dawn Kulin 517, Vicki Kneff 506.

LADIES GAMES: Bonnie Draper 229, Dawn Kulin 226, Gail Cederlund 210, Joanne Miller 193.

TUES. A.M. TRIOS

MEN'S SERIES: Ann Shepherd 577, Mary Ann Bruno 534, Jim McGuire 534, Jessie Biggestaff 519.

GAMES: Angel Campbell 224, Ann Shepherd 217, Janet Browning 194, Jean McGuire 190, Gail Cederlund 190.

LATECOMERS

SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 625, Charlene Anderson 564, Barb Aslett 553, Jessie Biggestaff 522.

GAMES:

Kristy Rodriguez 216, Charln Peterson 210, Barb Aslett 205, Ann Shepherd 204.

C.S.I. TUESDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Chris Irwin 513, Jeff Klamm 456, Shawn Goshong 455, Riley Juker 440.

MEN'S GAMES: Chris Irwin 191, Shawn Goshong 190, Riley Juker 176, Torey Clark 173.

LADIES SERIES: Aubrie Vanbuskirk 375, Becky Stonemetz 374, Tiffany McKelvey 340, Amy Wells 332.

LADIES GAMES: Katerina Sato 155, Chelsea Rahr 133, Becky Stonemetz 133, Aubrie Vanbuskirk 131.

CONSOLIDATED

SERIES: Matt Olson 697, Jon Powlis 694, Daniel Wade 668, Bob Leazer 686.

GAMES: Matt Olson 289, Rick Fredrickson 287, Mike Olson 288, Cobey Magee 258.

M.V. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 629, Eddie Chappell 566, Ed Dutry 522, Rich Fansworth 514.

MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 222, Eddie Chappell 197, Rich Fansworth 194, Ed Dutry 191, Jim DeVries 191.

LADIES SERIES: Jean McGuire 549, Belva Coak 476, Dottie Haggood 461, Sandy Schroeder 450.

LADIES GAMES: Jean McGuire 203, Belva Coak 181, Sandy Schroeder 176, Linda Clina 176.

LADIES CLASSIC

SERIES: Georgia Randall 606, Diana Brady 575, Kathy Gray 555, Angel Olson 544.

GAMES: Diana Brady 2411, Sharon Simmons 233, Jeannne Christian 214, Georgia Randall 203.

SUNSET

SERIES: Julie Shull 600, Michele Seckel 561, Carole Fredrickson 555, Kristy Rodriguez 551.

GAMES: Michele Seckel 209, Julie Shull 205, Carole Fredrickson 202.

SOMETHING ELSE

MEN'S SERIES: Rusty Bligs 558, Jay Johnson 477, Bruce Thaeete 455, Tom R. 451.

MEN'S GAMES: Rusty Bligs 192, Jay Johnson 190, Mark Warren 177, Jeff Cysdale 176.

LADIES SERIES: Judy McGuire 439, Patty Lyman 412.

LADIES GAMES: Judy McGuire 164, Sharla Wren 151, Patty Lyman 150.

FRI. P.M. SENIORS

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 709, Blaine Ross 626, Bill Boren 575, Chelcie Eager 565.

MEN'S GAMES: Tom Smith 245, Blaine Ross 236, Bill Boren 219, Doug Southerland 205.

LADIES SERIES: Carolyn Johnson 538, Gloria Rudolph 533, Sandy Schroeder 521, Linda Clina 499.

LADIES GAMES: Judy McGuire 212, Carolyn Johnson 192, Gloria Rudolph 188, Linda Vining 186.

C.S.I. FRIDAY

MEN'S SERIES: Hyle Mason 646, Patrick Harris 634, Rick Blackston 448.

MEN'S GAMES: Hyle Mason 228, Patrick Harris 220, Craig Blackstons 208, Stewart Bingham 188.

LADIES SERIES:

Hallie Blamires 528, Shandra Hall 387, Charlene Combs 387.

LADIES GAMES: Hallie Blamires 185, Kathleen Hamilton 147, Shandra Hall 144, Charlene Combs 144.

MOOSE

SERIES: Myron Schroeder 693, Craig Pitman 682, Tom Smith 675, Todd Fiscus 663.

GAMES: Ron Salsor 269, Myron Schroeder 256, Ed Harmon 256, Kelly Jeroux 256.

MOONSHINERS

SERIES: Becky Chambers 550, Samara Arthur 528, Deanna Hill 513, Pamé Klundt 471.

GAMES: Becky Chambers 200, Samara Arthur 195, Flame Klundt 186, Deanna Hill 180.

LIL GIANTS

BOYS' SERIES: Braden Lowe 379, Michael Tettey 311, Daniel Schliebe 300, Chris Coates 285.

BOYS' GAMES: Braden Lowe 136, Daniel Schliebe 117, Cooper Hildreth 115, Chris Coates 109, Michael Tettey 109.

GIRLS' SERIES:

Ashley Erters 115, Samantha Beverly 104, Nyomi Aspytia 303.

GIRLS' GAMES: Nyomi Aspytia 212, Elyse Mallock 115, Ashley Erters 115, Samantha Beverly 109.

GIANTS

BOYS' SERIES: Joe Campbell 457, Kyle Lotwick 389, Brian Payne 376, Alex Bowyer 374.

BOYS' GAMES: Joe Campbell 158, Jay Maloy 153, Alex Bowyer 148, Brian Payne 138.

GIRLS' SERIES: Kati Jo Moses 540, Chyneue Uker 387, Nichole Williams 364, Caitlin Boat 359.

GIRLS' GAMES: Kati Jo Moses 208, Miranda Curtis 144, Caitlin Boat 143, Chyneue Uker 133.

SLAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY PINHEADS

SERIES: Fred Fowler 558, Andrew Morgan 455, Quentin Roberts 367, Courtney Yoshida 551, Nichole Williams 423, Chancy Kropp 352.

GAMES: Fred Fowler 207, Andrew Morgan 173, Quentin Roberts 149, Courtney Yoshida 201, Nichole Williams 160, Bethany Adams 135.

TUES. NITE KIDS

SERIES: Kira Hieb 362, Dakotah Hieb 269.

GAMES: Kira Hieb 135, Dakotah Hieb 92.

TUESDAY TEENS

SERIES: Jared Studer 606, Andrew Morgan 530, Brody Albertson 455, Jessica Dodge 332, Sara Schafer 168.

GAMES: Jared Studer 216, Andrew Morgan 190, Brody Albertson 151, Bridget Albertson 179, Jessica Dodge 133, Sara Schafer 57.

ODDBALL

SERIES: Terri Albert 517, Sharon Hayden 502, Anna Studer 492, Jan Studer 487.

GAMES: Terri Albert 224, Sharon Hayden 190, De Wilcox 188, Anna Studer 179.

CLASSIC TRIOS (4 GAME SERIES)

SERIES: Bob Bywater 856, Dell Smith 849, Justin Studer 808,

DANCE



Declo High School Sting Dance Team recently competed at the Pacific Northwest Dance Competition in Boise. The team won first place in military division, third in novelty division and team captain Holly Hamilton won first place in solo division. The Sting Dance Team consists of 25 members and was the largest team competing. The advisor is Jan Kidd and team choreographer is Christa Matthews.

Delbert Bennett 806

GAMES: Bob Bywater 278, Dell Smith 257, Delbert Bennett 237, Dusty Pond 226.

MONDAY MARAUDERS

SERIES: Brenda Schenk 496, Diane Strobleng 483, Dery Smith 458, Betty Bell 449.

GAMES: Brenda Schenk 181, Dery Smith 173, Diane Strobleng 170, Betty Bell 155.

LADIES CLASSIC TRIOS

SERIES: Alicia Bywater 484, Georgia Schultz 454, Corrice Leslie 446, Jewel Tetter 432.

GAMES: Alicia Bywater 188, Georgia Schultz 167, Corrice Leslie 169, Jewel Tetter 166.

TUESDAY MIXED

GAMES: Rick Hieb 648, Erin Nelson 639, Shane Herring 597, Stacey Hieb 582, Theresa Knowlton 494.

SERIES: Rick Hieb 245, Shane Herring 233, Byron Hager 229, Chris Rowley 214, Stacey Hieb 213, Theresa Knowlton 176.

WED. MIXED

SERIES: Tyson Hirsch 749, Galan Rogers 642, Matt Blauer 569, Annette Hirsch 602, Georgia Schultz 504, Terri Harris 492.

GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 258, Kurt Schimpf 255, Galan Rogers 231, Annette Hirsch 234, Georgia Schultz 223, Terri Harris 182.

RAILROADERS

SERIES: Kris Rodriguez 580, Janet Grant 563, Kym Son 521, Theresa Knowlton 496.

GAMES: Kris Rodriguez 205, Kym Son 204, Janet Grant 197, Theresa Knowlton 180.

HOUSEWIVES

SERIES: Lisa Hutchison 558, Sharon Ralthe 522, Theresa Knowlton 521, Kristie Johnston 246, Leon Klimes 239.

MASON

SERIES: Mike Harder 542, Jean Stoekersby 529, Edie Barkley 518, Virginia Mulkey 499.

GAMES: Mike Harder 205, Virginia Mulkey 189, Jean Stoekersby 188, Vi Coshaw 181.

EARLY BIRDS

SERIES: Darin Carter 634, Dee Maier 606, Shannon Carter 560, Nita Maier 521, Norma Carter 492, Georgia Schultz 435.

GAMES: Darin Carter 238, Dee Maier 235, Shannon Carter 204, Nita Maier 199, Norma Carter 171, Carol Smith 162.

MAGIC BOWL

MEN'S SERIES: Scott Livingston 592, Con Honsteln 556, RD Adema 555, Gail Frally 538.

MEN'S GAMES: Gail Frally 272, Vance Massey 255, Robbie Warkins 215, RD Adema 210.

LADIES SERIES:

Margie Adema 604, Amanda Adema 546, Ida Countymann 494, Sandy Kelly 469.

LADIES GAMES: Margie Adema 215, Amanda Adema 215, Sandy Kelly 177, Ida Countymann 169.

COMMERCIAL

SERIES: Bret Fuller 703, Ron Romero 564, Rick Fredrickson 661, Leon Klimes 660.

GAMES: Mike Leazer 259, Rick Fredrickson 255, Bret Fuller 246, Leon Klimes 239.

PIONEER

SERIES: Tamnia Bryant 638, Cindy Morrison 558, Leslie Vanderham 545, Amber Blackwell 544.

GAMES: Tamnia Bryant 235, Toni Champlin 227, Amber Blackwell 223, Leslie Vanderham 212.

VALLEY

SERIES: Mike Tackett 751, Chet Stone 697, Ron Dawson 686, Tony Brass 671.

GAMES: RD Adema 269, Mike Tackett 268, Chet Stone 264, Rod Jerke 256.

FIFTY PLUS

MEN'S SERIES: Chelcie Eager 703, Tom Draper 605, Charles Lewis 604, John McCandless 580.

GAMES: John McCandless 254, Tom Draper 248, Chelcie Eager 246, Richard Fansworth 245.

LADIES SERIES:

Shirley Kunsman 512, Dot Van Hook 507, Dale Eager 504, Imagine Morgan 489.

LADIES GAMES: Dixie Eagger 191, Dot Van Hook 243, Shirley Kunsman 181, Belva Coak 177.

THURS. MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Craig 619, Jody Bryant 603, Doug Hamrick 597, Jim Bromley 592.

GAMES: Jim Bryant 236, Brad Burket 233, Tom Craig 226, Todd Dickenson 219.

LADIES SERIES:

Bev O'Connor 554, Kathy McChue 536, Nancy Lewis 494, Edie Barkley 491.

LADIES GAMES: Tracy Jones 240, Bev O'Connor 204, Kathy McChue 190, Nancy Lewis 183.

EARLY FRIL MIXED

MEN'S SERIES: Robbie Watkins 603, Todd Dickenson 593, Tom Homan 564, Spencer Jones 563.

MEN'S GAMES: Robbie Watkins 236, Russ Barlett 232, Todd Dickenson 217, Tom Homan 216.

LADIES SERIES:

Melissa Straub 611, Bobbie Thompson 589, Kathy McGuire 513, Lisa Dickenson 504.

LADIES GAMES: Melissa Straub 214, Bobbie Thompson 204, Aycce Wasko 197, Lisa Dickenson 191.

Drivers laud DJ for storied career on eve of final points race

Bristol race signals end for Jarrett; May's All-Star event to be last race

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — As Dale Jarrett prepared for the last real start in his 24-year career at NASCAR's top level, praise for the 1999 Cup champion flowed around Bristol Motor Speedway.

Jarrett will start 37th Sunday in his final points race, his last time behind the wheel except for an All-Star race in May.

"He has had a heck of a career and I have had a blast racing with him," four-time series champion Jeff Gordon said on Saturday. "I feel fortunate to have raced him for some great wins, great battles for wins as well as for championships."

"He is just one of the highest-quality individuals and race car drivers that I have ever raced against."

The 51-year-old Jarrett earned that reputation through 667 starts that featured 32 wins — three of them Daytona 500 victories — and one at Indianapolis Motor Speedway — one championship and more than \$59 million in winnings. Along the way, he became known as a tough but classy and clean racer who developed into a true ambassador for NASCAR.

"When you see him coming in the mirror and he's faster than you, you just get up out of the way and let him go and he does the same for you," said Greg Biffle. "He falls along the lines of the Mark Martins and Rusty Wallace and all the guys that have been at this level."

A second-generation racer, Jarrett grew up in NASCAR traveling the circuit with his father, two-time champion Ned Jarrett. And when Ned moved into the broadcast booth, the duo provided one of the more moving moments in recent history when the father tearfully called his son's first Daytona 500 victory in 1993.

Tony Stewart, who had yet to transition into NASCAR and watched the race on television, called it his favorite Jarrett memory.

"Seeing him win the Daytona 500 and having his dad doing the commentary like he's coming down to win the Daytona 500 was pretty cool," Stewart said. "I'm excited for him as a

person, I'm sad as a driver to see him go. You have to be excited for somebody like him that's done this as long as he has and he's leaving on his own terms."

Ned Jarrett will wave the green-flag-at-Sunday's start as a tribute to his son's final race. Then Jarrett will follow his father once again, moving full-time into the broadcast booth as a commentator for ESPN. He started the job last season calling Nationwide Series races, and he'll move into the Cup booth this July when ESPN assumes its portion of the TV package.

He's preparing for this final race and new career with no regrets.

"As I've said a number of times, it's been a privilege and an honor to drive for the car owners that I have and represent the sponsors that I have," said Jarrett. "I couldn't have asked for a better scenario. If you gave me a chance to go back and do it all over again, I wouldn't have changed a thing about it."

He's driven for many of the top names in NASCAR: Cale Yarborough, the Wood Brothers, Joe Gibbs, Robert Yates. And he raced against the biggest stars, including Richard Petty, whom he watched race his father.

He wasn't afraid to take risks, either signing on with Joe Gibbs Racing when it was a startup organization and striking with Yates when it became clear the team was no longer among NASCAR's elite.

Then he took the biggest risk of all, leaving Yates and his comfortable relationship with Ford Motor Co. to join upstart Michael Waltrip Racing and drive a Toyota.

Jarrett's final full season suffered because of the switch. Waltrip's three-car team struggled last season, and Jarrett missed 12 of 36 races in a humbling send-off for a former champion. He failed to score a single top-10 finish last season, and he heads into his final start searching for his first victory since October 2005 at Talladega.

Waltrip will honor the commitment Jarrett made to him with tribute decals that "Thanks DJ, A Champion, A Legend, a Friend" on his cars.

"We are very grateful for everything DJ has done not only for MWTR, but for NASCAR," Waltrip said. "He has been an invaluable resource to Michael Waltrip Racing ... and he will continue to be."

And he'll continue to have a presence in the garage through his work with ESPN. It should make him available as a mentor to

newcomers in search of guidance, and many of today's younger drivers fondly recall Jarrett being among the first well-wishers to visit them in Victory Lane following their initial Cup wins.

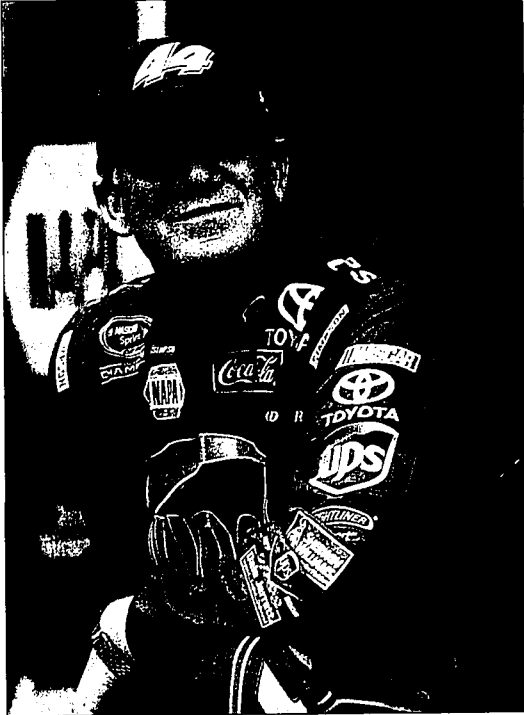
That kind of support stuck with Dale Earnhardt Jr., who was stunned to see Jarrett at the early morning celebration of his 2001 victory at Daytona that came just four months after his father was killed at the race track.

"I hooked to my right and standing next to me was Dale Jarrett," Earnhardt recalled. "I asked him what he was still doing there ... he said 'I wouldn't miss this. That was the coolest thing I have ever seen you do.'"

"That was just, I don't know, it showed me a lot about his character right there. At that time in my life, it meant a lot to me for somebody to care and want to experience that with you. Obviously there was a void there for me and it meant a lot to me that he understood that."

As driver after driver recalled their favorite DJ moment this past week, Jarrett was forced to look back on what will go down as one of the greatest careers in NASCAR history. He did it with mixed emotions that will undoubtedly be with him Sunday.

"I've found myself thinking about a lot of the things that have happened over the last 20 years," Jarrett said. "It's been fun thinking about it, but kind of difficult to see now that it's coming to an end. It's been great. I've had a wonderful time."



Dale Jarrett watches Saturday's practice from the pits at Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. Sunday marks Jarrett's last competitive race.

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Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies. Highs in the mid 40s.

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Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 45, Low 29).

Yesterday's Weather

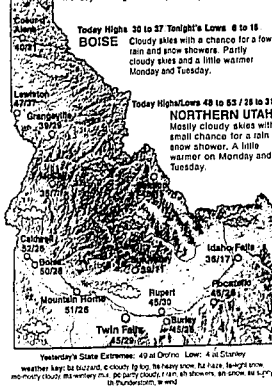
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Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Highs mid to upper 40s.

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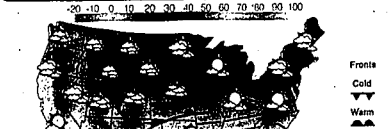
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY. Includes a photo of Regg and his quote about life and happiness.

China hopes Tibet crackdown won't affect Olympics

BEIJING (AP) — Soldiers on foot and in armored carriers swarmed Tibet's capital Saturday, enforcing a strict curfew a day after protesters burned ships and cars to vent their anger against Chinese rule.

The violence erupted just two weeks before China's Summer Olympic celebrations kick off with the start of the torch relay, which passes through Tibet. China is gambling that its crackdown will not draw an international outcry over human rights violations that could lead to boycotts of the Olympics.

The Chinese government is hoping a successful Olympics will boost its popularity at home as well as its image abroad. But Beijing's hosting of the Olympics has already attracted scrutiny of China's human rights record and its pollution problems.

So far, international criticism of the crackdown in Tibet has been mild. The U.S. and European Union called for Chinese restraint without any threats of an Olympic boycott or other sanctions.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said Saturday he doesn't see an Olympic boycott over Tibet.

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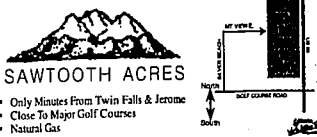
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ACROSS

1. Rite spot
2. Doggies
3. Of people: prof.
4. Long nail
5. "Aloha" composer
6. Component piece
7. Of a people: prof.
8. Scottish lake
9. Objects
10. Magnetic recording
11. Motor collector?
12. "Beats"
13. "Sexy" lady
14. Actress Gair
15. Tender spot
16. Auberjonaes and Descartes
17. Hindu priestly caste
18. Winter fall
19. Srios blubber
20. 35 Angli dist. abbr.
21. Divoist
22. Relative of a flambeau
23. Brit. diodes
24. Explorer Ericson
25. Hawaiian accent
26. Feminine pronoun
27. Dines at a diner
28. South Pacific region
29. Censor's inserts
30. Salf
31. Boldly restating
32. Bitingly cold
33. Social follower?
34. Number stamper
35. Eye part
36. Wife of a rajah
37. Word with prayer and throw

DOWN

1. Rara
2. Mother of Castor
3. Walked (on)
4. Impromptu elements
5. Statistic
6. Murdorous
7. Blood deficiency
8. Irregular stone foundation
9. Drinking vessel
10. Looses
11. "My Favorite Year" star
12. Rousing gudies
13. Dovesly felt
14. Lutz lead-in
15. Sculptor
16. Oldenburg
17. Cur of pork
18. measure
19. Reasons
20. Worried
21. Rowan, a.k.a. Mr. Boan
22. Earthly savor
23. Priced slowly but surely
24. Gospe! singer
25. Winsans
26. Peccans, pumpkin, etc.
27. Wingley's and
28. Publiant
29. 40 Harmonicas
30. Liquefied
31. "Tasman Shandy" author
32. Impartial

ACROSS

64. Afterwards
65. Actor London
67. Alien language
71. Knats verse
72. Scaf singer
73. Fitzgerald
74. Part of NLCIS
75. Practical jokes
76. Flab's title
78. Top social category
80. do mer
81. Williberto
82. Informing
85. Hindu mystic writings
87. Admanth
89. While
90. performing
90. Cleanliness
92. Turner: surf
93. Tropical cuckoo
94. Winter fall
95. Sound of a leak
96. Flab's tenants
99. One hundred:
101. AAFP members
102. Tex and Thelma
103. Part of the Arctic Ocean
105. One more time
108. CED part
109. Norwegian king
110. Makos
111. Insensitive
114. Car accident rescue device
116. High: prof.
117. Windsor
118. On a curler
118. Hog-wild
119. Of an arm bone
120. Spils taken
121. Cooper's
122. Bumpo

DOWN

46. Street talk
48. Beat it
49. Childie person
51. Alphabet
53. Knockie
54. of the silliness
52. Dugout canoe
53. Knocks
57. Old World
58. Coop item
61. Make road repairs
63. Minor divisions
65. Moors
66. Sets to rest
68. Dairying device
69. 31-syllable
70. Japanese poem
73. Italian
74. wine center
77. Ways in, abbr.
79. Gofor from
81. El Paso
82. Dimple
83. Dorcien's prince
84. Current events

85. Med. school subj.
88. Long, narrow cushions
91. Actress Parsons
93. Aquarium requirement
97. Old World
98. Former PLO
99. Ravine
100. Wife of David
102. Hazardous laundry
103. Australian
104. Invaluable emanations
105. Open
106. somewhat
107. Goro Gi
111. Oven glove
112. _noir
113. (burgster)
115. Stone and Stallone
115. Coals's coat

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Double duty



Anna Hoobler juggles a phone call while her daughter, Hailey, sits on a desk. Hoobler works for Dragt Dairy Construction in Filer, which her parents own, and can bring her baby to work.

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

These moms can bring their babies to work

When Chrissy and Lance Griff started their family eight months ago, the young parents knew having mom stay with baby would be a priority for them. Even so, the Twin Falls couple faced the question all parents answer when baby makes three: Does mom go back to work or stay home?

Their option was straightforward. Chrissy was a development specialist for the state of Idaho, and bringing son Tatum to work with her was out of the question. Understandably so, she said. "It didn't make sense for me to spend all day with other children, helping them develop to their fullest potential, only to be handing my own child over to someone else. Nobody loves your children as much as you do," she said. "If you work for a family-run operation, or another place with that kind of flexibility, bringing your baby to work may be an option. For me it wasn't."

So she suspended her career to become a full-time mom.

The Griffs' friends Anna and Brandon Hoobler of Filer didn't have to choose between full-speed careers

"It didn't make sense for me to spend all day with other children, helping them develop to their fullest potential, only to be handing my own child over to someone else. Nobody loves your children as much as you do."

— Chrissy Griff, who worked as a development specialist for the state of Idaho before becoming a full-time mom

and full-time parenting. Still, they had to change their lives to make that pairing a reality.

"We both gave up really good jobs with Capital One in Boise to move down here," said Anna. "But it's been one of the best decisions we've made."

The 26-year-old's days are now spent working as office manager for Dragt Dairy Construction in Filer and taking care of infant daughter Hailey — at the same time.

Anna's parents, Gerrit and Lori Dragt, own the construction company, and both she and Brandon play integral roles. After Hailey was born last summer mom didn't miss a beat returning to work.

"I was only gone for about two weeks," she said. "Everyone has struggles going back to work. So did

we, but all in all it's been pretty nice."

Anna knows most folks in the work force can't be bringing their children to the office or job site, and she appreciates being an exception. Even so, there are challenges — like dealing with a babbling babe when the phone rings.

"I know that some days my work production is not optimal, on those days when Hailey needs more attention, but we're getting through," Anna said.

Long naps and no mobility have made the adventure relatively easy so far, but primary-colored toys and activity centers await the growing girl in a cleared-out area of the office.

"I think it will be tougher, the less she sleeps and the more she gets around," said Brandon, 26. "But I really like being able to come in here

and spend time with Hailey. I think it has helped us have a closer bond."

The Hooblers expect the arrangement to last until Hailey starts preschool. Until then, the chubby-checked blonde is playing office mascot.

"We've always made it clear that this is family-run business, and she's family," said Anna. "Everybody loves her. When the guys come in they always make sure to say hello."

For Michelle Russell of Buhl, bring-baby-to-work parameters are more strict, but the experience is just as valued. Though her December delivery date coincided with her employer's slow period, Russell was back to work in two weeks — months sooner than she expected.



With baby Walter fast asleep, Michelle Russell works as Buhl Chamber of Commerce's administrative assistant.

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Meet the ultimate cheapskate: the poor man's rich man



"Yes, we are cheap, but we are also generous, kind and happy!" says Jeff Yeager, of Accokeek, Md., and other advocates of the cheap-pride movement. His 'The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches' was released in December.

By Dan Zak
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The burgeoning cheap-pride movement began on a back road in Accokeek, Md., with a goof named Jeff Yeager, who retired from Washington nonprofit work several years ago and answered the cosmic calling to be the patron saint of thrift.

In short order, he found himself on the "Today" show as a correspondent on

issues of frugality, began writing about penny-pinching techniques online (www.ultimatecheapskate.com) and eventually snagged a book deal with Random House's Broadway Books. He recently finished the second leg of his book tour (by bicycle) for "The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches: A Practical (and Fun) Guide to Enjoying Life More by Spending Less" (\$13), which was released in December.

"Yes, we are cheap, but we are also

generous, kind and happy!" goes the mantra of the cheap-pride movement, as Yeager, 49, details in the book. "We refuse to spend our whole lives making money we really don't need to make or spend in order to enjoy life!"

Now, Yeager's pulpit is noble. Throughout his "Tour de Cheapskate," he cycled through South Florida, crashing on the couches of fellow followers of

Please see CHEAPSKATE, Page F3

Jeff Yeager's 6 Golden Rules for Ruling Your Gold

1. Spend less time and effort accumulating things.
2. Buy the better part of shopping. If you want to buy something, procrastinate instead of hesitating to get it. You can't buy it if you don't buy it.
3. Buy the month and note how you spend the money.
4. Buy what you could have done for you. For example, instead of hiring a cleaning service, set aside an hour to clean your house yourself.
5. Buy what you need, not what you want.
6. Pinch the dollars, and the pennies will pinch themselves. Giving up the daily Starbucks habit is good but not a panacea. Think bigger. Do you really want a dog to mid-size one costs \$780 per year, according to the ASPCA? Do you really need a large apartment with large rent?

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50. Seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms: bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Corned beef and cabbage
Tuesday: Chicken-fried steak
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Thursday: Spaghetti dinner, roast pork
Friday: Fish

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Monday: Bridge
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.

Gem State Fiddlers
Board meeting
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Lunch bingo
Saturday: Super Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4. Seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 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: Tomato soup and sandwiches
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Birthday dinner, pork chops

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Easter dinner, baked ham, 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.
Wednesday: Nev. overnight trip, bus leaves at 1 p.m.
Friday, 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, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday: AARP tax preparation, 9 to 11 a.m., by appointment
Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.
Friday, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-serve salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out: home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4. Seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Corned beef and cabbage

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Seniors: \$5, non-seniors: Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Corned beef and cabbage
Tuesday: Polish sausage
Wednesday: Sloppy Joe
Thursday: Hot pork sandwiches

Friday: Easter dinner, ham
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Commission for the Blind, 12:30 p.m.

Message, 1 to 3 p.m.
Last Resort Band
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Gem State Fiddlers
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
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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: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo
Friday: Fish

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Pinocchio, 7 p.m.

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.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SHBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwedemann at 436-9107 or Kithy Andrews at 677-4072 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Valley Singles Square Dance Club, 7 p.m.

Monday: SilverSneakers for SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Seniors: \$5, non-seniors: Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Ham
Thursday: Chili
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Seniors: \$5.50, under 60:

MENUS:
Monday: Corned beef and cabbage
Tuesday: Ham sandwiches

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

214 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: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Chili dogs
Friday: Potato bar

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Bingo
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo

Blaine County Senior Center

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

MENUS:
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Wednesday: Pepper steak
Friday: Baked ham

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Massage therapy, 9 a.m.
Dinner at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Zenity class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Manicures, 10 a.m.
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Zenity class, 11 a.m.
Friday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3. Seniors: \$5, non-seniors.

MENUS:
Thursday: Baked ham

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5. Seniors: \$6, non-seniors: \$3.50, 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: Corned beef and cabbage

Tuesday: Chill

Wednesday: Barbecue ribs
Thursday: Potato bar
Friday: Easter lunch

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.
SHBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwedemann at 436-9107 or Kithy Andrews at 677-4072 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

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: Corned beef and cabbage
Tuesday: BLT sandwiches
Wednesday: Oven-baked chicken
Thursday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: Fish basket

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 8:06 a.m.
Exercise
Community bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Community pinocle, 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., Glouns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3. Seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. For info: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Butter beans and ham
Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage
Thursday: Baked chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Taxes, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Medicare, noon
Thursday: Business meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: TOIP, 9 a.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.
Taxes, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3. Seniors: \$4, under 60: \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Not looking for the fountain of youth

By Katti Gray
Special to Newsday

The woman who paid me what, to the average person, would be a simple accomplishment is my circle of sister surrogates, although the rush-rush of our respective lives barely lets us see each other more than once a year. A lot can happen during months of physical absence.

"Or not."
"Get you never age!" said Audrey Edwards, a New York writer and real estate agent, as our eyes fell on each other at a recent Big Apple soiree. I hug, kiss, kiss. "Himm-himm, so good to see you!" I tell her how grand she looks minimal, uptown attire, funky enough but not too dressy, and appropriate for a person of my age. (I do not pass, as some women of my era do, at Forever 21.) I wore suede boots with three-inch heels (gave up stilettos when my ankles began to ache), a swirling skirt and a sparkling sleeveless top, as another friend mentioned, I can pull off because my underarms do not jiggle like Jell-O.

Though, if I live long enough, they might. If, as when my weight-training starts to slide, or gravity takes over, and the triceps follow suit, so what? Fitness is a virtue, of course, and the weights partly are my way of forestalling aches and pains that can accumulate as the years pass.
"The pressures of getting older, without looking as if one is aging, are heavy. They confuse me. They keep even me from accepting a compliment head on and in the moment. They raise the specter of my own contradictions; before I've given it a thought, I also comment in the positive on an age-defying face or body or, especially, hands, for my two are the most crinkled part of me."

I mime what I hear and read, even in magazine editorials: the aging crowd, which, by the numbers, is overtaking the country's overall population. I like a compliment as much as the next person. I do know how to "thank you," and embrace another's observation about an unflattering aspect of me.
And I do dream of the day when someone will zero-in on the fine lines burrowing into my forehead, the ones that border the corners of my smile, and say to me, "Ooo, girl, that is one stunning wrinkle. Getting old sure looks good on you!"

Renée, of the dewdrop skin and sultry late-night radio jock's voice, is vain. "Yes, but not in an unhealthy way," she said. The vanity is due to being reared in a household where she was told she was pretty — an astute parenting tactic in a society with dangerously narrow conceits about beauty — and with an older brother who was not shy about telling a would-be suitor to back away from pretty little sis.

Watch for behavior problems

The Washington Post

Temper tantrums? Fussy eating? Sudden shyness? Most children will display some of these behaviors at some point, but sometimes they are symptoms of something more serious — and that's where consulting a pediatrician is important. The American Academy of Pediatrics advises its members to look out for such developmental issues that could hamper a child's well-being, recommending screening for developmental delays at 9, 18 and 30 months old.
So says the fifth issue of "The Prepared Patient," an online resource from the Health Behavior News Service, which is devoted to "Monitoring Your Child's Development." It offers tips, links and further information for parents.

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PRETTY FOR PROM
What are the choices when families want modest prom gowns?
NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY LIFE

CSI students plan one-morning pet care class

Times-News

Students in the College of Southern Idaho's Veterinary Technology program will hold a one-morning class for pet owners and anyone who cares for animals.

Subjects will include how to save an animal that is choking on food or a foreign object, how to clean your pet's teeth, trimming nails, handling eye injuries, applying bandages, cleaning ears, how to perform CPR on a

pet, and the symptoms of poisoning and what to do if it occurs.

The class is open to the first 20 people who sign up. It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon March 29 at CSI's Small Animal Lab, 260 Second Ave.

S. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$25, which includes snacks and printed information. Participants may buy a pet first aid kit for \$10.

Sign up: Merry Olson at CSI, 732-6401 or molson@csi.edu.



Oliver Stearns, 8 months old, sits on the desk in the office of Dr. Greg Dairy Construction.

Blair Koch for the Times-News

Chempskate

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The payoff is just exponential. You take that advice in your 20s or 30s. Like housing: Consider the novel idea of finishing in your starter home. Buy a house you like when you're relatively young, pay it off as soon as possible and skip this senseless upgrading to bigger, better housing.

I don't ever want to be too preachy, but I do think, with each generation, people's expectations about what they really want and need have spiraled upward. I'm not convinced that the cost of living has increased outside the range of inflation since the '70s. What has changed is people's expectations about what they need and want.

Q. In one chapter, you go to St. Mary's County, Md., and chat up the Amish. How do they inform the chempskate mentality?

A. The Amish realized hundreds of years ago that, gosh, you need a little critical judgment here; just because something exists doesn't mean you need to inject it into your life. Particularly with tech spending, Americans are of this mind-set of "I'm going to get a flat-screen TV and an iPod; maybe I can't afford it with this paycheck, but

I'm definitely going to get it."

It's about two things: the impact that mentality has on your finances — it's led us to have a negative savings rate for the first time since the Depression — and the impact that approach has on your non-financial life — you're chasing after something you can never get enough of, and it's not making us any happier.

Q. Tell me about the "money step," which is the bedrock concept of the book and an antithesis to the "Spend! Spend! Spend!" mantra of consumer culture.

A. It's the notion that throughout our lives everything we think we want seems to involve this subconscious exercise of earning money to spend money to get what we want. We want good health, so we think that means buying a gym membership. (We need to ask ourselves, "Do we always need to go through that step?")

Q. The dollar is worth less and a recession seems imminent, so frugality is starting to seem attractive.

A. Cheap, as I define it, it may be the new cool. ... It certainly has real ramifications for the green move-

ment. Green is so hot right now. I don't understand how you can — if you're an American — embrace the green movement and not admit to yourself that it means you must consume less in your own life.

Q. You ever bump up against people who disagree with you?

A. The one that cracks me up is how quite a number of people say, "For God's sake, it would be the end of our economy" — that if everyone believes as Jeff does, the economy goes down the tubes. Give me a break. I'm one guy in an Acecook with one little book weighing in against the 3,000 commercial messages we get every day saying, "Buy some more stuff. Spend more money." I'm one guy with one book. I hardly think I'm going to topple the economy.

That said, if this cheap-skate lifestyle catches on — maybe if that slows down the economy — I don't think that's a bad thing. The current U.S. economy is both unsustainable to the environment and unfair to other people on the Earth. But here's the good news: It's also unnecessary in the end. It's unnecessary to our happiness.

Baby

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"When they offered for me to bring Walter with me I was shocked. I never expected that to even be an option, but after two weeks I was ready to come back to work," said Russell. The 26-year-old is the administrative assistant for the Bobl Chamber of Commerce. "If I wouldn't have been able to bring him with me, I don't know what I would have done."

Russell's father does do some sitting during chamber lunches and important meetings, but for most of the work week Walter sleeps in a car seat beside his mother's desk.

What does an employer gain by having offspring underfoot?

Retention of a valuable employee, said Gary Legler, past chamber president and current board member.

"Whatever it takes to keep Michelle," Legler said. "I'm glad we have the potential to accommodate her. Not a lot

of businesses can, and not a lot of new moms have that opportunity."

"We didn't know what we were going to do without her," said Bobl chamber director Christine Garrison, who occasionally took her own grandson to the office.

For now, the situation works. But Russell knows it is temporary.

"When he gets a bit older, noisier and is walking around I just can't imagine getting everything I need to get done, do," she said. "Especially in the summertime. That is our busy time of year. We have hundreds of visitors coming through the office every month and we are in and out preparing for events as well as going to meetings. When that time comes, Walter won't get to come with me. For now, I'm enjoying every second."

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Illness takes toll on boy and parents

By Sandra G. Goodman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — By the time her son was 4 months old, Lynn Richards was certain something was wrong. Baby Oliver couldn't lift his head, which was unusually large, and he was as floppy as a rag doll.

"He's just lazy," the pediatrician pronounced, dismissing her concerns as the customary anxiety of a first-time mother. Richards, a senior policy analyst for the Environmental Protection Agency, was skeptical: How, she wondered, could a baby be lazy? She felt torn by conflicting advice from her mother, who urged her to do something, and her husband, who told her she was overreacting and nothing was wrong.

When Oliver was 6 months old, the pediatrician grew concerned and referred him to Children's National Medical Center in Washington. The family was launched on a merry-go-round of appointments with specialists in physical medicine, neurology and genetics in the quest for an answer.

Numerous tests followed: MRIs that required general anesthesia; a painful muscle test involving the insertion of multiple needles into his arms and legs during which Oliver had to be held down by his mother; blood draws complicated by the collapse of his tiny veins; and hours languishing anxiously in waiting rooms. The process was punctuated by several terrifying nighttime sprints to various emergency rooms when Oliver would, in a matter of hours, go from being perfectly healthy to deathly ill.

Diagnosing the problem would take more than two years, and a definitive treatment plan longer still. In the end, the key clue to the mysterious problem lay in the results of a urine test flagged by an alert pediatrician.

To Richards, now 41, are dozens of the worst things was "feeling ambushed all the time. Every single time when I thought we were at the end of the road, and (doctors) would suggest, 'Let's test for this.'"

Equally difficult, she said, was making sense of the conflicting messages from various specialists, each of whom seemed to have a different



Photos by BOB D'AMICO for The Washington Post

Lynn Richards, of Arlington, Va., struggled to sort out conflicting diagnoses about her son, Oliver Stearns. The eventual diagnosis: short-chain acyl-coenzyme A dehydrogenase deficiency (SCAD), an inherited inability to convert certain fats into energy, especially during periods without food or liquid.

idea of what might be wrong, or who she felt minimized her concerns.

One casualty of the ordeal was her marriage. She and Joshua Stearns separated when their son was 16 months old. Both cite the strain of caring for a chronically ill child — a commonly cited cause of marital dissolution — and the early disagreements about the severity of Oliver's problems.

"I thought that different kids mature at different rates," said Stearns, a real estate agent, who sees his son nearly every day. "Looking back on it, I think, 'How could I have been dismissive of something that was pretty serious?'"

As months passed, doctors ruled out a brain tumor; a rare form of multiple sclerosis; an autoimmune disorder; muscular dystrophy; and neurofibromatosis, a disorder that causes skin tumors and was suggested by the appearance of telltale birthmarks called café au lait spots. Another possibility was a metabolic disorder, of which there are dozens.

No one was sure what to make of Oliver's frequent illnesses: four bouts of pneumonia, chickenpox, strep throat, and hand, foot and mouth disease. Sometimes these illnesses presaged frightening episodes of vomiting and lethargy.

One of the scariest occurred shortly after Oliver's second birthday.

When Oliver began vomiting during a bout with the flu, his new pediatrician, Eduardo Fox, told his parents to take him to a hospital and called to alert the staff.

When the family arrived, the emergency room was swamped. They dutifully waited their turn. After two hours Oliver, who had no fever, suddenly went limp.

"I was holding him, and his eyes began rolling back in his head," Stearns recalled. "Lynn jumped up and ran over to the desk" and doctors whisked Oliver away for immediate treatment. Testing revealed that his blood sugar was dangerously low, his mother recalled, signaling severe hypoglycemia.

Fox, meanwhile, had zeroed in on the abnormal result of a highly specialized urine test that a geneticist at Children's had sent to the Mayo Clinic months earlier. Fox suspected that Oliver's problem might be a rare inborn error of metabolism, but a definitive diagnosis would require more than one analysis.

He ordered a second test. After some uncertainty, Fox's hunch was confirmed: Oliver had short-chain acyl-coenzyme A dehydrogenase deficiency (SCAD), an inherited inability to convert certain fats into energy, especially during periods without food or liquid.

SCAD occurs when a person inherits two copies, one from each parent, of a genetic

variation or mutation. The disorder is believed to affect between one in 40,000 and one in 100,000 newborns, according to Genetics Home Reference, an online database affiliated with the National Library of Medicine. It can range from relatively mild, as in Oliver's case, to severe.

Poor muscle tone, also known as hypotonia, growth problems and developmental delays are common. SCAD can cause severe hypoglycemia, seizures and sudden death. Lethargy is a sign of metabolic distress that must be treated rapidly.

"The only thing that didn't fit the SCAD diagnosis, which was confirmed through a skin biopsy, was Oliver's big head. It was, doctors decided, a diagnostic red herring of no obvious significance.

"In many ways Dr. Fox is the hero in all this," said Richards, who, with Stearns, credits Fox's persistence and ability to communicate with them and the specialists as the key to uncovering the diagnosis.

Fox demurs. "I don't think I've thought of anything that anyone else didn't, but Lynn and Josh appreciate that I was willing to work with them on it and follow through" by focusing the search and coordinating test results. "It was truly more of a team effort" in which specialists were integrally involved.

Uncertain about how best to proceed because SCAD is newly recognized and poorly



Oliver Stearns, at his home in Arlington, Va., hugs his favorite stuffed animal. Spike the dinosaur accompanies him to all his major doctors' appointments to act as his 'protector.'

understood, the couple took Oliver to a specialized metabolic clinic at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in June 2006. Officials there recommended that Oliver eat small quantities of high-carbohydrate, low-fat food at least every two hours during the day, remain properly hydrated and receive a specific IV solution at the first sign of lethargy to forestall a metabolic crisis.

"He hasn't been to the hospital since, and he's gained 15 pounds," said Richards, as her first son, now 5, arranged stuffed animals in the living room of their suburban bungalow. "I think things are more or less under control now."

Both parents are nervous

about how he will fare when he starts kindergarten.

"I still need to remind his teachers at day care to feed and water him regularly," his mother said. "He will always have this, and he will always need to manage it." He receives physical therapy and wears leg braces for his motor problems and recently started speech therapy; there is no evidence of cognitive difficulties.

"One of the neat things is that there is an answer, and he's not too seriously affected compared to what it could be," Fox observed. "There are a lot of kids with developmental delays and hypotonia, and you never know what's causing it."

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Toys to make debut this year

By Beth Whitehouse
Newsday

Toy manufacturers are already preparing for the next time Santa revs up his sleigh. About 1,200 companies participated in the 15th Annual International Toy Fair in New York recently to introduce toys that will debut this year, some in spring, others summer, and many for the holiday season this fall.

The average person can't just stroll into the Javits Center event. Attendees must be toy buyers, there to place orders. About 15,000 attend each fair to do serious business.

But reporters are allowed in — not many would want publicity? So we grabbed our notebook to bring you this behind-the-scenes, you-saw-it-here-first insider's guide to what might

be the hottest items coming to toy store shelves now through December.

3-D Sidewalk Chalk

Crayola is putting a new spin on drawing — this sidewalk chalk, when viewed through the included plastic glasses, makes a drawing jump out in three dimensions, as if floating in the air. Five sticks of two-sided chalk — a total of 10 colors — and a pair of 3-D glasses for \$4.99. On shelves now.

Clickable

Those of you with girls ages 5 to 9, prepare yourselves for the Disney Fairies Clickables Collection. Clickables continue the concept of the virtual playground — toys that marry real world items with a virtual world (think Webkins). The real-world starter kit

from Techno Source includes a plastic jewelry box that connects by USB port to the computer, a necklace and three charms for \$29.99. Each charm has an unlockable item such as a fairy wand that can be used online in a virtual world called Pixie Hollow. Putting the charm's sensor against the jewelry box transports the item to the Pixie Hollow Web site, where girls create their own fairies. Girls can click charms with friends' charms to trade items that they then add to their online world. Other accessories include a handheld game that lets users earn points to spend in Pixie Hollow. Out this fall.

Underwater Digital Camera Mask

These goggles have a built-in digital camera that takes still shots and videos under-

water or above. Your budding filmmaker can now play Jacques Cousteau while swimming in the backyard pool. Goggles with a 3.1 megapixel camera will retail for \$79; a 5.0 megapixel camera will be \$99. Coming in April from Liquid Image.

Cranium Family Edition

This year is the 10th anniversary of Cranium, the game company that launched its products at Starbucks. The company will launch a family edition of Cranium, which skewers younger so parents and children as young as 8 can compete. Teams, draw, sculpt, act out charades. Look for it this fall for \$19.99.

Scene It?

Something for parents, too! Screenlife Games is coming

out with several new versions of its popular Scene It DVD trivia game. One that tweens will embrace is Scene It! Disney Channel, covering clips and questions from shows such as "Hannah Montana" and "The Suite Life of Zach and Cody"; Mom and Dad will like Scene It! Seinfeld. Coming in September for \$39.99 each.

Spykee Robot

These robots can be controlled by Bluetooth or phone technology, computer or voice, depending on the model. Different models include a video surveillance device, iPod compatibility and/or picture-taking capability. One has a video camera in its head, so users can watch on the computer screen what the wandering robot might be seeing. Prices range from \$149 to \$299. Out in

September. (A female robot will debut in 2009.)

Yo Gabba Gabba

The preschool TV show of the same name debuted last August on Nickelodeon and stars five colorful monsters: Brobee, Foofa, Muno, Plex and Toodee. Spin Master developed plush versions of the characters called Siggie Balls that sing and wiggle wildly like jumping beans. The small balls cost \$5.99. In stores this August.

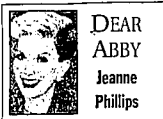
Ugly Betty

The Ugly Betty doll has braces and glasses and long black hair, just like the "Ugly Betty" TV character. The same Alexander Doll Co. has created the antithesis of the oh-so-perfect Barbie. Cloth version is \$44.95; vinyl version \$69.95. Out in June.

The childhood drownings of friends still haunt man 30 years later

DEAR ABBY: I'm married to a wonderful man, "Dave" and I are in our late 30s.

When Dave was about 5, he was with two of his cousins who were about the same age. They were playing the water. While they were playing, the smaller cousin fell into a pond, and the older one jumped in after him and tried to save him. All my husband could do was stand and watch as both of his little cousins — he was about 5 — drowned before his eyes. He ran for help, but by then it was too late.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

He doesn't deserve to live with this horror for the rest of his life. How can I convince him to get professional help?

HURTING FOR MY HUSBAND

DEAR HURTING: Remind Dave that when this happened, he was only 5, and under the circumstances, he did everything he could to save his cousins. Although this incident, which has haunted him all these years, will be difficult to talk about, it's the only way to rid himself of the feelings of helplessness and survivor guilt from which he is clearly suffering.

Talking to a counselor will help him to reclaim his life and rid himself of this depression. For a couple of sessions, he may indeed just sit there and cry. But tears can

be healing. And eventually he will be able to talk about what happened.

Clip this column, give it to your husband, and tell him that I, too, am urging him to get the help he needs. It's in my thoughts and prayers, and the longest journey begins with a single step.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in the process of creating a will. We have a 29-year-old son, married, with two young daughters. We also have a single 25-year-old son.

I have an engagement diamond with matching wedding band, and a mother's ring with diamonds and rubies. Both are of great sentimental value to me. Because I don't have a daughter, which is standard etiquette my instinct is to will them to both granddaughters, but I don't want my daughter-in-law to feel slighted. She's very important to me. Any "rules" on this one?

— WONDERING IN MINNESOTA

DEAR WONDERING: Leave them to your granddaughters.

Upon your death, they should go to your daughter-in-law for "safekeeping" until the girls are old enough to appreciate both their monetary and sentimental value.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently at a family gathering with my husband's family. His uncle was hosting the party, and his wife asked me a question that I honestly didn't know the answer to.

His uncle's wife asked me how she should introduce me to their friends.

Should she say, "This is our nephew's wife" or should she introduce me as their "niece"? What's the right answer for a situation like this?

— NANCY IN ARNOLD, MD.

DEAR NANCY: Tell your husband's aunt that the next time she makes the introductions, she should say, "This is our nephew, 'Bob,' and his lovely wife, 'Nancy,' and to say it with a smile.

Intimate rivalries: A mixture of pride and envy

By Shankar Vedantam
The Washington Post

The young woman had done well in a recent exam, but was feeling awful because she had just found out that a close friend had done even better. When she confided in social psychologist Abraham Tesser, he immediately recognized that the woman was standing at the fault line of two emotions that each say something interesting about human nature.

When someone we know or love excels at something, we take pride in her accomplishment because we care about the other person and get to bask in some of her reflected glory. But when we are involved in the same activity as that friend, our intense admiration — and feel bested by that person — we can simultaneously feel envious and threatened. In a way we would not if the star performer were a stranger.

Tesser realized that the woman had unintentionally given him a window into a touchy issue: how close friends and intimate partners who are engaged in similar work or activities compare themselves with one another.

The question led Tesser to experiments that have broad significance, because many people form friendships at work and at school, and this leads inevitably to becoming close to others with the same interests and avocations.

"When people who are close to us do well, you get both responses. You get the response, 'My sister got the boy, again,' or 'My brother made the team and I didn't — again!'" said Tesser, professor emeritus at the University of Georgia at Athens. "At the same time, you are also basking in reflected glory: There is my cousin who is the first violinist in the symphony," or "There is my son, the doctor!"

What makes the

phenomenon interesting is that the conflict arises only if the star is in the same domain in which you wish to be seen as outstanding. If the young woman who confided in Tesser had not been outshone by a friend, she would not have felt threatened. And if the friend had not excelled in the same exam that the woman considered important, again there would have been no conflict.

"People are happiest when they feel they are doing about as well as their spouse," said Penelope Lockwood, a social psychologist at the University of Toronto who has extended Tesser's research. "It is more of a problem when you feel you are in the same league as your partner but are not achieving what your partner has achieved."

Many couples and friends tell researchers they feel no envy or resentment toward a partner who does well,

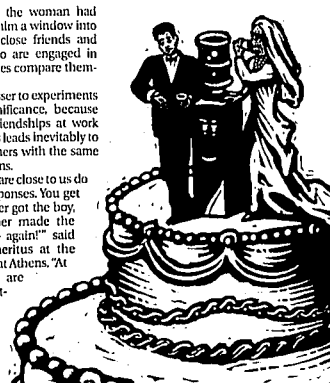
but controlled experiments show otherwise. In one, Tesser and his colleagues videotaped people as they were told that someone close to them had outperformed them. The volunteers said they were delighted, but impartial analysis of the video revealed that their expressions of pride were leavened with dismay.

In another experiment, Tesser and his colleagues brought groups of four people into a lab, with each group consisting of two pairs of friends. The volunteers were asked to play a word game, where three of them in turn gave clues to the fourth. When people were told that the game revealed how intelligent they were, and they then did badly, they tended to undermine the friend by giving her difficult clues in the next round. But they gave easy clues to strangers.

When the players were led to believe the game was trivial, however, they were more likely to give easy clues to their friends; the game was so trivial that it did not matter if the friend outperformed them.

In a third study, Tesser had participants compete in a quiz. They did not know that their competitor was really a research assistant who had memorized all the answers. The volunteers initially lost, of course, but some were told that the quiz was an important test of intelligence; others were told the quiz was just a meaningless game.

When Tesser later asked the defeated volunteers to take a seat in a room where the research assistant was already seated; Tesser found that the quiz was so important seated themselves farther away from the "clever" competitor than did those who thought the game was trivial. We want to be close to people who are stars. In other words — just as long as they excel in something that is not important to us.



Help for the hurting

Kids' day camp addresses bereavement

Times-News

Kids Count Too Inc. will host a Bereavement Day Camp on April 5 at Idaho Home Health and Hospice, 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Camp registration will begin at 8:45 a.m., and the camp will conclude by 5 p.m. Trained counselors and mentors will lead the day camp, focusing on age-appropriate activities, organizers said. Any child between ages 6 and 16 who

has experienced a loss of a loved one is invited. Activities include lunch and snacks provided.

For each participant, a parent or guardian must complete a permission and health form for registration and submit it by March 27.

Kids Count Too Inc. is a local nonprofit organization whose purpose is to help children experiencing bereavement.

Information: Debra Gates, 736-0900, or Revis Turner, 404-3210.

Burst your bubbles this week, Leo

HOROSCOPE

Jeralind Saunders

IF MARCH 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your charming allure will draw others near in the next six months, but you may end up tilting at windmills. Your business acumen is at its peak in August for career success and that is a good time for career decisions. Your best chance for improved happiness in all facets of your existence will occur in October. The wheel of fortune will turn your way and it's a good idea to enter a prosperous opportunity or climb to a higher plateau. You might even find that someone who is a lucky charm.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think spring. During the week to come it's a good idea to clean out the flowerbeds or dust off the bicycle and prepare for a new season. Pass up the temptation to make major purchases or start something of importance.

AURUS (April 20-May 20): Look a gift horse in the mouth this week. Because people think you are a bit better than you really are, it is possible that you will be offered something beyond your abilities. Admit your limitations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Those who hesitate are wise. Caution should be your byword in the week to come. Be thorough about gathering pertinent information and carefully adding up the pros and cons before making a final decision.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): To everything there is a season. Wind up your winter projects and put away the sleds and snow shovels so that you will be ready to initiate spring activities. Be skeptical of investments and offers this week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Burst your own bubbles. It is much too easy to become mesmerized and motivated by something that isn't worthwhile this week. Hold off on major decisions until next week when the stars are more favorable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you can't run and keep up

with the big dogs, stay on the porch. An instinct to give chase to dreams too ephemeral to handle needs to be tamed. Don't start anything of importance this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be fooled. You are romantic and full of fun, so someone may think you are serious about a relationship. It isn't wise to latch onto a passing fancy this week and try to make it a lasting event.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Contain an obsessive nature. You could put too much energy into something of doubtful value this week. A reservoir can generate electricity as long as it's contained, but can wipe out everything downstream if a dam's floodgates are opened.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Where there's a will, there's a way. However, you may wish you'd spent your time and energy on something that will yield better results. Avoid being caught up in fruitless pursuits in the week ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your internal compass might be temporarily demagnetized for a few days this week. A firm plan might not be what it seems, or a financial arrangement might have some fine print you overlook.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is time to waste. A relationship with a certain new someone could be like a cat chasing its tail. It is a lot of fun but nothing of significance is accomplished. Don't give your heart away this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You could be chasing shadows. There is a tendency to overlook the facts. You may be enthused about making a major purchase, but will be more satisfied with the outcome if you wait until next week.

ENGAGEMENTS

BURNETT-COWEN

Ron and Teresa Burnett of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Burnett, to KJ Cowen, son of Rick and Fran Cowen of Wendell.

Burnett is a senior at Gooding High School. Cowen is a senior at Wendell High School.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Oct. 25.



KJ Cowen and Jessica Burnett

RICHARDSON-MICKELSON

Brook and Kelly Brodeen of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Lynn Richardson, to Jayson Mickelson, son of Garth and Tessa Mickelson of Twin Falls.

Richardson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is a full-time student at the College of Southern Idaho pursuing a nursing degree.

Mickelson is a graduate of Twin Falls High. He is a U.S. Marine at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and is scheduled to deploy in September for the



Jayson Mickelson and Whitney Richardson

second time to Iraq. The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at T-R Ranch in Twin Falls. A reception will follow.

FARWELL-SMITH

Mike and Shanna Farwell of Declo announce the engagement of their daughter, Faith Farwell, to Michael Smith, son of Kurt and Terri Smith of Burley.

Farwell is a 2007 graduate of Declo High School and attends Idaho State University.

Smith is a 2005 graduate of Minico High School and attends CSI. He works at Ramsey's Heating and Electric.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 22. A reception



Michael Smith and Faith Farwell

will follow from 6 to 8 p.m. at Camco Special Event Center in Burley.

WEDDINGS

BARSON-COLLINS

Crystal Barson and Christopher Collins were married Feb. 29 at the Boise LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Boss and Peggy Barson of Heyburn. The groom is the son of Linda Collins of Boise.

A reception was held March 8 at Ambulatory Surgery Center in Burley.

The bride is a graduate of Burley High School and Stevens-Henager College. She works at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

The groom is a graduate of



Crystal and Christopher Collins

Timberline High School and works at Micron Technology. He will attend Boise State University.

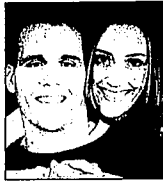
SILCOCK-GENTRY

Savanna Kaye Silcock and Mark Suber Gentry were married March 14 at the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of David and Connie (Egbert) Silcock of Salmon, formerly of Burley, and the granddaughter of Dorothy Silcock of Burley and the late Donald Silcock. The groom is the son of Cynthia Osterberg of Bristol, Fla., and the late Grant Gentry.

A reception was held March 15 at the Moore Stake Center.

The bride is a 2007 graduate of Butte County High



Mark and Savanna Gentry

School in Arco and attends the College of Southern Idaho.

MATTHIS-GERMANN

Jenni Helene Matthis and Travis Scott Germann were married Feb. 23 at the Waterfront in Boise. A reception followed.

The Rev. Tom Hausch officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Marjorie Matthis of Boise and Fran and Harry Green of Corona, Calif. The groom is the son of Brent and Julie Germann of Burley.

Regina Salas, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Tyson Germann, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsman were Don Green and Steven Green, brothers of the bride. Alexander



Jenni and Travis Germann

Matthis, son of the bride, was ring bearer.

Special guests included Gladys and Lyle Biggs, grandparents of the bride. The couple resides in Boise.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE LOVELANDS

Glenn and Lois Loveland of Heyburn will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Fairfield Inn by Marriott in Burley.

Glenn Loveland and Lois Christensen were married March 20, 1958, in Idaho Falls. They lived in Springdale and Arco and now reside in Heyburn.

He worked in insurance and real estate most of his life. She was a cook for Cassia County schools for many years before retiring. They are members of the Paul 4th



Glenn and Lois Loveland

Ward in the Paul Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The event is hosted by their children, Greg, Kerric Lee, Darren and Ryan, and the couple's many grandchildren.

To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@magicvalley.com. The photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday.

THE HURDS

Ralph and Juanita Hurd of Wendell and formerly of Jerome celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 14.

Ralph Hurd and Juanita McGhee were married March 14, 1948, at the home of the bride's parents in Jerome.

The couple lived in Jerome, where he farmed until November 1952, then moved with their children to Arlington, Calif. He worked for Contractor's Service Co. for more than 22 years. She stayed at home to raise the children until they were in high school, then was a nurse's aide for several years. They returned to Idaho in 1973 and settled in Wendell, where they farmed and he had a heavy equipment parts business. They now are



Ralph and Juanita Hurd

retired on the farm, which he still farms.

The couple has three children, Cynthia (Jim) Lundstrom of Wendell, Michael (Pam) Hurd of Craig, Colo., and Stanley (Janis) Hurd of Seaside, Ore.; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family will gather in the summer to celebrate.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Tawn Lee Shoup, son of Tiffany Lee Anderson and Kyle Raymond Shoup of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 20, 2008.

Kason Xander Ebb, son of Keely Ann Cook of Jerome, was born Feb. 26, 2008.

Anthony Jeremiah Hazen, son of Teri Dawn Nelson of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 27, 2008.

Oyngui Deyanira Orozco, daughter of Oyuquai Alejandra Vargas and Fabian Orozco of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 28, 2008.

William Miles Lundstrom, son of Tracee Lee Case and Jonathan Miles Lundstrom of Twin Falls, was born Feb. 29, 2008.

Angel Luis Garcia, son of Cynthia Marie Cantu and Luis Leon Garcia of Shoshone, was born Feb. 29, 2008.

Kevin Erubel Navarro, son of Carolina Santos Valadez of Filer, was born Feb. 29, 2008.

Caillin Cami Garner, daughter of Megan Jean and Jed M. Garner of Twin Falls, was born March 1, 2008.

Savannah Anne Brown, daughter of Regina Anne Brown of Wendell, was born March 4, 2008.

Iva Reed Orozco, daughter of Sarah Lee and Luis Alberto Orozco of Twin Falls, was born March 4, 2008.

Austin Bradley Rumsey, son of Jennifer Irene Niven and Mitchell Cody Rumsey of Twin Falls, was born March 4, 2008.

Danny Michael Saldana Bojorquez, son of Marcela Bojorquez of Buhl, was born March 4, 2008.

Hailey Grace Andrus, daughter of Dawnna and Jay L. Andrus of Twin Falls, was born March 4, 2008.

Faxton Conrad Smith, son of Amber Jill and Colin Dieth Smith of Heyburn, was born March 4, 2008.

Camryn Grace Young, daughter of Melody Ann and Russell Lee Young of Twin Falls, was born March 4, 2008.

Ava Grace Smith, daughter of Kam Corie and Ivan James Smith of Kimberly, was born March 5, 2008.

Melek Makaradze, daughter of Khidiyazi Bayrokoridze and Klusnidini Makaradze of Twin Falls, was born March

5, 2008.

Stetson Duane Banks, son of Deborah Ann and Bruce Joseph Banks of Filer, was born March 5, 2008.

Cayanna Jade Spencer, daughter of Jaimie Lee and Christopher Jan Spencer of Jerome, was born March 6, 2008.

Aydan Scott Wood, son of Cassie Renee and Adam Lee Wood of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2008.

Jamie Cathleen Newby, daughter of Jenny Marie and Christopher Ryan Newby of Twin Falls, was born March 6, 2008.

Laramie Ray Fawcett, son of Sarilyn Jo and Daniel Ray Fawcett of Buhl, was born March 6, 2008.

Jilliam Jade Loya, daughter of Sujei Yega Morales and Julian Phillip Loya of Twin Falls, was born March 7, 2008.

Garret Keith Koehn, son of Karissa Kate and Brandon Keith Koehn of Buhl, was born March 7, 2008.

Samuel Lodyn Markell, son of Melanie Lynn and Joshua Matthew Markell of Kimberly, was born March 7, 2008.

Reid Martin Holland, son of Sarah Beth and Matthew

Martin Holland of Hagerman, was born March 8, 2008.

Dalmeln Coulter Henson-McGrew, son of Jansley Renee Henson and Abraham Lynn McGrew of Richfield, was born March 8, 2008.

Kyson Timothy Bohrn, son of Nicole Ann Johnston and Brent Timothy Bohrn of Twin Falls, was born March 9, 2008.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Alfredo Jr. Valdez, son of Alfredo and Anna Valdez of Jerome, was born Feb. 19, 2008.

Judy Anthony Brooks, son of Dustyn Brooks and Aurlie Byington of Gooding, was born Feb. 26, 2008.

Kassandra Michelle Ramirez, daughter of Rafael Ramirez and Cassandra Brito of Jerome, was born Feb. 28, 2008.

Alex Jean Rose Drake, daughter of Jennifer Drake of Shoshone, was born Feb. 29, 2008.

Aaliyah Yaslene Jasper, daughter of Jazmin Jasper of Jerome, was born March 3, 2008.

The bad luck of the Irish:

Apostrophes can confuse computers, mess up your dental appointment

By Sean O'Riordan
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It can stop you from voting, destroy your dental appointments, make it difficult to rent a car or book a flight, even interfere with your college exams.

More than 50 years into the Information Age, computers are still getting confused by the apostrophe. It's a problem familiar to O'Connors, D'Angelos, N'Dours and D'Angostinos across America.

When Niall O'Dowd tried to book a flight to Atlanta earlier this year, the computer system refused to recognize his name. The editor of the Irish Voice newspaper could book the flight only by giving up his national identity.

"I dropped the apostrophe and ran my name as 'O'Dowd,'" he said.

It's not just the bad luck of the Irish. French, Italian and African names with apostrophes can befuddle computer systems, too. So can Arab names with hyphens, and Dutch surnames with "van" and a space in them.

Michael Rais, director of software development at Permission Data, an online marketing company in New York, said the problem is sloppy programming.

"It's standard shortsightedness," he said. "Most programs set a rule for first name and last name. They don't think of foreign-sounding names."

The trouble can happen in two ways, according to Rais. One: Online forms typically have a filter that looks for unfamiliar terms that might be put in by mistake or as a



Niall O'Dowd works in his office at the Irish Voice newspaper Feb. 20 in New York. When O'Dowd tried to book a flight to Atlanta earlier this year, he hit by problem familiar to O'Connors, O'Connors, D'Angelos and D'Angostinos across America — the computer system refused to recognize his name.

Jake. A bad computer system will not be able to handle an apostrophe, a hyphen or a gap in a last name and will block it immediately.

Two: Even if the computer system is sophisticated enough to welcome an O'Brien or Al-Kurd, the name must be stored in the database, where a hyphen or apostrophe is often mistaken for a piece of computer code, corrupting the system.

"That's what happened during the Michigan caucus in 2004, when thousands of O'Connors, Al-Husseins, Van Kemps and others who went to the polls didn't have their voices counted."

"It was a real slapped-together computer system the party put together and a lot of people were left out who were registered to vote, it was a real pity," said Michigan political consultant Mark Gebner.

In the year's primaries, the system worked much better, according to the Michigan Democratic Party. There have been isolated reports of problems elsewhere, but nothing on the scale of Michigan.

Still, an apostrophe,

hyphen or space can interfere with medical and dental records, gym memberships, online searches or school registration.

Dutch-American professor Jessica van Campen has seen her name listed as Jessica Vancampen, Jessica Van, Jessicaven Campen, Jessica Campen and Jessicaven Campen by uncertain computer systems. When she went to her finals in college, she was listed under Campen and was told Jessica Van Campen had dropped out of the course.

"It was another moment of panic," she said.

All of this confusion has prompted some people to surrender to technology. Iraqi immigrant Lina Alathari was once known as Lina Al-Athari, but dropped the hyphen in America. "There is no pronunciation difference, so I'm fine with it," she said.

Eric Carna, D'Angelo, a lawyer in New York, was born apostrophe-free, but took one on when she married her Italian-American husband. But "he told me to drop the apostrophe when filling out forms so to computers I'm

just a 'Dangelo,'" she said.

The problem is difficult to correct because computer systems have many different ways of recognizing names, Rais said.

"It depends on the form filters, and it depends on the database program," he said. "Basically, there are a lot of programmers out there who forget that a growing portion of the American public are not called John Smith or Mary White."

The Irish apostrophe began with the British, who put it there because they believed the O looked odd without a link to the rest of the name. Many Gaelic speakers in Ireland refuse to carry an apostrophe, considering it a vestige of colonial days.

"Maybe that's the solution," said O'Dowd, who was rejected by an online alarm clock service. "Maybe we should just drop the apostrophe altogether, not just as a national-statement call but because I'd like my alarm call to work in the morning."

For my part, I've already thrown off my apostrophe. From now on I am Sean O'Driscoll.

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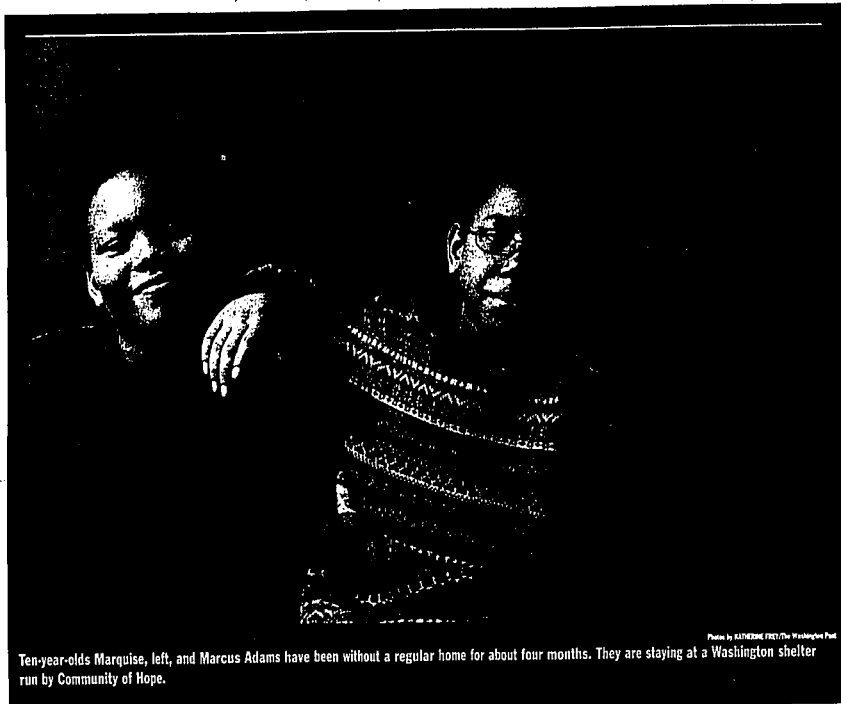


Photo by KATHY ZUM FOTI/The Washington Post
Ten-year-olds Marquise, left, and Marcus Adams have been without a regular home for about four months. They are staying at a Washington shelter run by Community of Hope.

TWINS ARE AMONG KIDS LIVING IN SHELTERS AROUND D.C.

By Amy Omdorff
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Up, up, up to the fourth floor the two boys loudly race. In the homeless shelter where they now live, there is no elevator to get them to the three-bedroom apartment they share with their mother and three older brothers.

Twins Marquise and Marcus Adams are 10. They used to live in a rented home in Washington that had a yard where they could play football. But that was about four months ago, before the person who owned the house decided to sell it.

When the boys' mom didn't have enough money to rent somewhere else, the family found itself at a shelter run by a group called Community of Hope.

"It feels a little bad, but then you get used to it," Marcus says.

The brothers are among an estimated 1,200 homeless children in the nation's capital city, many of whom live in shelters.

Kelly Sweeney McShane, an official with Community of Hope, says the number of homeless people has declined slightly in the past year, but the family shelters are always full.

"These children probably don't look like what kids think a homeless person looks like," she says. "They are just like any kid."

Marcus and Marquise don't look alike. But the bond between them is clear. Their

beds are next to each other in the room they share with their 13-year-old brother. (Two older brothers share another bedroom in the small apartment.) Marcus and Marquise like chocolate-chip cookies and video games. And both want to drive trucks or buses when they grow up.

Marquise says he hopes "to drive around the country." The twins say they miss having a house to live in. But the shelter, which has 20 apartments, offers safety and stability.

Their old neighborhood had more violence and drugs, they say. "If we'd hear shooting and stuff, we'd go in our house and mind our business," Marquise says. "We'd think nice things," Marcus adds.

Although they hope their shelter stay doesn't last too long, the boys agree that the place is nice. There is a computer lab on the first floor, and the basement has a small library and a room with art supplies, toys and board games. Volunteers come by to help with homework. As a result, Marquise and Marcus are becoming better students, earning Bs and Cs, their mom, Alice, says.

Moving to the shelter meant going to a new school, and that was difficult at first. But the twins say they haven't had much trouble making friends in their new fourth-grade class.

"They don't really care if we live in a shelter," says Marquise.

"They are just our friends." Shelter rules say that friends can visit only on weekends. But the boys have made friends at the shelter, too.

With help from Community of Hope, their mother is looking for a job and a new home for the family. The twins hope she finds one soon — in a safe neighborhood.

"I hope we live in a low-crime area," Marquise says, looking hopefully at his mom.

Oh, and they'd like a yard so that they can play football again.



Twins Marquise, left, and Marcus Adams, who share a room in a Washington shelter with an older brother, used to live in a rented house but now they're homeless. They are among an estimated 1,200 homeless children in Washington, many of whom live in shelters.

The boys look at the positive side of their homeless situation: They are in a safer neighborhood and are becoming better students. Here, Marquise shows visitors the shelter's facilities, which include a library, computer lab and study room.

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The midnight kite flying squadron

By Amy Omdorff
The Washington Post

Anyone can fly a kite in daytime. The Midnight Squadron in Laurel, Md., does it at night, often attaching lights so the kites can be seen in the air. "It makes nice patterns," says the group's leader, Chris

Cooke. He is teaching his 4-year-old daughter how to fly a kite. She is the youngest member of the squadron, which welcomes kite lovers of all ages.

"It can kind of grow with you, especially if you are a kid," says Cooke, 36. "There's just a lot of different ways you

can go with it."

One of those ways is kite fighting. The object is to knock your opponent's kite out of the sky by hitting it, blocking its wind or cutting its line. The Midnight Squadron competes every year in the Smithsonian's Rokkaku Challenge, in which Japanese-

inspired kites do battle.

For a change of pace, club members like to attach cameras to their kites and take daytime photos from above. For a kite-eye view, go to www.midnightquadron.org and click on "Photo Gallery" and "Kite Aerial Photography."

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Emergency care in the air

By Cindy Loose
The Washington Post

The death of a 44-year-old woman on a flight from Hali to New York last month and the subsequent accusation of malfunctioning equipment have spotlighted the issue of emergency medical care in the air.

The FAA does not have recent statistics on how often medical emergencies occur in flight, but a study of British Airways passengers, printed in the British Medical Journal in 2000, found an average of one incident for every 11,000 passengers. The most common medical emergencies in the air: fainting or near-fainting (29 percent of cases), chest pain and cardiac problems (16 percent), asthma attacks and shortness of breath (10 percent) and allergic reactions (5 percent).

Since 1986, planes flying in the United States have been required to carry a medical kit. The FAA in 2004 ordered enhanced medical kits that contain dozens of items, including an automated defibrillator for shocking hearts, and drugs such as nitroglycerin, lidocaine and epinephrine. Even the older kits were "useful in more than 80 percent of emergencies and occasionally lifesaving," according to a year-long study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. The study recommended only one addition: a bronchodilator, to improve air flow, since added to the kit requirements.

Crews are trained to use the equipment, but protocol also calls for them to seek medical experts on board. (Health professionals in the United States are protected from litigation in a good-Samaritan situation.) Planes are verbally linked to medical advisers on the ground; the pilot decides whether to divert the flight.

Some of the circumstances surrounding the recent death remain unclear. The New York medical examiner found that the passenger, Carine Desir of Brooklyn, had heart disease and diabetes and that those conditions caused her death, according to the Associated Press. Her cousin, who along with her brother was traveling with her, complained that a flight attendant on American Airlines had initially refused to give Desir oxygen, that the oxygen tanks subsequently brought didn't work and that the defibrillator also did not work.

Airline spokesman Tim Wagner says the woman said she was a diabetic and asked for oxygen. A flight attendant said she wasn't sure oxygen would help and stepped away to consult with another attendant, Wagner says, but oxygen was administered within three minutes of the request.

Seven medical experts on board responded to a request for help. Two doctors and a nurse worked with the patient for 45 minutes, including using a hand-pumped respirator, Wagner says. Oxygen tanks are passive mechanisms that merely enrich air and are effective only when a patient is breathing on her own. A respirator, which forces air into a patient's lungs, is needed if a patient stops breathing unaided.

An automated defibrillator does not help in a heart attack and delivers a shock in only certain cardiac situations: sudden cardiac arrest, meaning the immediate cessation of the heart's electrical system. Victims are unconscious. "The description of the passenger's condition and other events do not add up to a sudden cardiac arrest event and could very well explain why the (defibrillator) did not deliver a shock," says Chris Chlames, director of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association.

Reader Wei Zhang of Phoenix was searching for tickets to the Beijing Olympics when he spotted Beijingticketing.com and alerted us to things he considered suspicious, including the fact that the Web site lists a London phone number and a Phoenix address, and that it says in one place that the company is private and in

another that it's a public company named XL&H Ltd., registered in Delaware.

The site is prominent, the first one to pop up on a Google search. But CoGo was unable to find Delaware registration for XL&H. Further searching shows that XL&H shares the Phoenix address with Xclusive Leisure & Hospitality Limited. That name, too, fails to come up in a search of companies registered in Delaware.

Using the e-mail address listed at the ticketing site, we asked about the discrepancies, about how the company managed to get large numbers of hand-to-procure tickets and about how tickets are delivered. The only response: "Tickets can be picked up from our office in China." Zhang later checked out the Phoenix office building listed

as the company address. The building manager told him that though the company once had inquired about space, it "never rented space."

"Those considering buying tickets on the internet should read the fine print. XL&H and the next two providers that come up on a Google search all state under "terms and conditions" that tickets might be hand-delivered just prior to the event. Ask yourself: Will I feel calm standing on a street corner in Beijing waiting for a stranger to deliver tickets just before an event?"

CoSport, a New Jersey company, is the only official U.S. outlet for Olympic tickets. Individual event tickets are sold out, but costly packages are still available at CoSport.com and through a Canada-based company at Roadtrips.com.

Tribeca Film Festival coming to NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — The Tribeca Film Festival is back in Manhattan April 23-May 4 for its annual showcasing of new films.

About 125 feature premieres, from big Hollywood releases to Indies and documentaries, are on the screening schedule this year. There are panel discussions and several free public events, including the Tribeca Drive-in at the

World Financial Center (leave your car home), April 24-26; the Tribeca Family Festival Street Fair on Greenwich Street, May 3, and the Tribeca/ESPN and Sports Film Marathon, April 27 and May 3.

Venues range from Lower Manhattan to Union Square and the East Village.

The lineup of movies has not yet been made public, but typically the schedule

includes something for fans of every genre, from drama to comedy to horror. Tickets are \$15 for evening and weekend screenings and \$8 for daytime, weekday and late-night screenings. In addition, the festival will offer a few select screenings with panel discussions for \$25. Sales started Feb. 28.

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Washington's famed cherry blossoms expected to peak during festival

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most of the cherry trees circling the Tidal Basin should be in peak bloom when the National Cherry Blossom Festival begins later this month, according to the National Park Service.

The park service's chief horticulturist, Rob DeFeo, said that most of the 3,700 trees will be bursting with pink and white blossoms from March 27 through April

3. The entire blooming period lasts for several weeks.

More than 1 million people are expected to attend the two-week festival, which begins March 29, organizers said. Highlights include a kite festival, fireworks and a 10-mile run. A parade will be held April 12 featuring giant balloons, floats, marching bands and a performance by Miss America Kirsten Haglund.

"It's a great way to showcase the beauty of our city," District of Columbia Council member Tommy Wells said of the annual festival. "It's a great thing for tourism, which is very important to our city."

To help ease congestion around the Tidal Basin, the park service is offering satellite parking at Hains Point. Visitors will be able to park at free lots on the peninsula and

take shuttle buses to the Jefferson Memorial.

Most of the trees lining the Tidal Basin are descendants of those presented to the United States by Japan in 1912 to mark 60 years of friendly relations. The blossoms are greeted by the Japanese each year as a symbol of spring, as well as the fleeting nature of life.

Details at Nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

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Jackson Hole, Park City earn five stars for hotels

CHICAGO (AP) — The Mobil Travel Guide, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, has for the first time awarded five stars to properties in Wyoming and Utah.

The Four Seasons Hotel in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and the Stein Erksen Lodge in Park City, Utah, were both new additions to Mobil's 2008 five-star club.

Other properties appearing on Mobil's five-star list for the first time are the Boston Harbor Hotel and The Sanctuary on Kiawah Island in South Carolina.

The Broadroom in Colorado Springs, Colo., is the longest-running property on Mobil's five-star list, marking its 48th year of receiving the honor.

The new restaurants earned five stars from the 2008 guide: the Georgian Room in Sea Island, Ga., The Inn at Dos Brases in Brenham, Texas, and Le Bernardin in New York.

Only one new spa — the Spa at the Sanctuary at the Kiawah Island resort — was added to the list this year.

A total of 41 lodgings, 17 restaurants and three spas earned five stars from Mobil. The new guide also lists 50 newly added four-star hotels, restaurants and spas.

The four-star list includes the famed Greenbrier, in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. The Greenbrier lost its five-star Mobil rating in 2000, and had hoped to regain the prestigious ranking following the completion last year of a \$50 million renovation project.

First published in 1958, the Mobil Travel Guide uses a rigorous standardized system for evaluating properties. With 750 criteria for hotels, more than 250 for restaurants, and 450 criteria for spas.

Mobil's inspectors also make unannounced, undercover visits.

Their service evaluation, for example, looks to see if guests are greeted by a valet within 60 seconds of their arriving at a hotel or are offered a beverage within 60 seconds of being seated at a restaurant.

"We are thrilled to share this landmark year with travelers across the world and look forward to another fantastic 50 years," said Shane O'Flaherty, president and CEO for Mobil Travel Guide.

Tickets on sale for California exhibit of Chinese terra cotta warriors

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — An exhibit of the famed Chinese terra cotta warriors is scheduled to open May 18 at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.

The U.S. tour moves from the Bowers to the High Museum in Atlanta in November; to the Houston Museum of Natural Science in May 2009; and to the National Geographic Society Museum in Washington from November 2009 through March 2010.

Advance tickets for "Terra Cotta Warriors: Guardians of China's First Emperor" at the Bowers are on sale now.

The exhibit consists of 20 figures and dozens of artifacts from the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, who is considered the first emperor of a unified China and whose rule began in 221 B.C. Since his tomb was discovered in 1974, nearly 1,000 figures have been excavated, but experts believe that the tomb may contain as many as 7,000 of the statues.

The traveling exhibit includes 10 warriors, court officials, an acrobat, a bare-chested strongman, musi-

cians, a stable boy, chariot horses and bronze water birds. The museum said it is the largest collection of the figures to ever leave China.

Tickets for the Bowers show are \$20 for weekdays (students and seniors, \$14), and \$22 for weekends (students and seniors, \$16). Children under 6 are free. Tickets can be purchased through the Bowers Admission Desk (714) 567-3600; Ticketmaster, (877) 250-8999, or through Museumtix.com.

The offbeat Dublin

By Scott Vogel
The Washington Post

Q: I'm going to Dublin at the end of the month and would love a few offbeat and interesting suggestions.

A: One place to put on your list is haunting, disturbing Kilmahinich Gaol, where leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising — not to mention rebels past — were executed.

On a lighter note, we hear great things about tours of the Guinness brewery, which is not terribly offbeat but unmissable nonetheless (Guinness storehouse.com).

The James Joyce Centre is one idea for the literary minded (jamesjoyce.ie). And the pub at the Clarence, owned by Bono and the Edge, might be worth a look, though it can be a zoo (TheClarence.ie).

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Stoogeum: The nyuk, nyuk stops here

By Marc Fisher
The Washington Post

On their first date, back in 1978, Gary Lassin's future wife told him she was related to someone famous. But she wouldn't say who.
"She was a little embarrassed," Lassin recalls. No guy would let such a challenge lie. He coaxed and cajoled and finally got it out of her: Robin was the niece of Larry Fine, one of the Three Stooges. (He's the one with the Buzz-like Ratliff hair and what Lassin calls "the stupefied, google-eyed stare.")
"I knew I had to get this girl to marry me," Lassin says. Soberly.

Lassin managed to get the girl — and, more important to our story, he took on the fixation with all things Stooges that was somehow lacking in Robin's family. ("She was very afraid of the Stooges as a child because they hit each other and hurt each other," Lassin says. "So she was scared when Uncle Larry visited from the West Coast.") Her family solved this simply by calling Larry "Uncle Max."

Three decades later, Lassin is the proprietor, curator, designer, tour guide and publicist for the Stoogeum in suburban Philadelphia, the only museum in this galaxy devoted entirely to the history, lore, comedy and worship of a slapstick act that has shown remarkable staying power in a pop culture that has pretty well lost the very notion of a comedy team.

Tucked in the rear of a suburban office park behind a Wawa convenience store, the Stoogeum is a startlingly professional museum, with classy design, an endless array of Stooges documents, movie posters and vintage chuckles, and a vault containing probably the world's most complete collection of the trio's movies and TV shows.

Lassin's wife still doesn't care for the Stooges. ("A wiseguy, huh?") Nor do most women. Maybe it's something about how the comedians were constantly conking each other on the skull (nyuk, nyuk). But to boys who grew up either with the original Three Stooges movie shorts or with the after-school TV show



The Stoogeum in Gwynedd Valley, Pa., near Philadelphia, has three floors of exhibits, posters and collectibles saluting the suits of slapstick. It's the only museum devoted to the Three Stooges, and a labor of love by its owners.

Details: The Stoogeum

GETTING THERE: The Stoogeum is in Gwynedd Valley, Pa., about a half-hour outside Philadelphia.
THE STOOGIUM: Admission is free, but you must make arrangements to visit. Check Stoogeum.com, e-mail garylassin@stoogeum.com or call (267) 468-0810. To join the Stooges Fan Club or read the Three Stooges Journal, contact Stoogeum owner Gary Lassin at the museum or via the Web site.
EATING THERE: Lassin recommends the Drafting Room (900 Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, (215) 646-6116) for its selection of beers and Ristorante San Marco (504 N. Bethlehem Pike, Ambler, (215) 654-8000) for its fish and pasta.
STAYING THERE: There are few places to stay near the museum; visitors usually overnight in or near Philadelphia ((800) 537-7676, GopHia.com) and add the Stoogeum as a side venture. Or stay in Wayne, Conshohocken or one of the Main Line towns in Philly's suburbs and make the 20-minute trip to the Stoogeum from there.

that recycled those shorts every day from 1958 well into the 1970s, the Stooges were the height of hilarity.

Strangely enough, though most Americans will pretty soon be too young to have any direct recollection of those lazy afternoons watching 15-minute, black-and-white capers in which Moe Howard, Larry Fine and either Curly or Shemp Howard (or one of their latter-day replacements) chase, whack and toss pies at each other, the Stooges remain fixed in pop culture.

Whether it's Curly pronouncing himself "a victim of solomanstacy," Moe and Larry squeezing Curly's head in a vise, or the whole lot of them spraying puns so awful that the Marx Brothers seemed positively Shakes-

pearian by comparison, the images and sounds of the Stooges have secured a place in Americana that has long outlived the films themselves.

The Stoogeum displays dozens of examples of the trio's shtetling power, from the beer cans and "Got Milk?" ads that used Curly's doofus face as a paragon of dumb guyness long after his death, to the wall full of magazine covers that play with the Stooges' classic lines. The Stooges made it to cereal box covers, jigsaw puzzles, coloring books, comics, board games, hand puppets, action figures, plates and even Three Stooges Hair Tonic.

With touch-screen videos, an 85-seat theater playing a loop of dozens of Stooges shorts and throwback artifacts such as a 1980s, Pac-

Man-era video game based on the Stooges and the 1960s Stooges lunchboxes that I remember kids toting to school in second grade, the museum traces the comedy team from its 1920s vaudeville roots to TV appearances into the '70s.

There are three stories of this stuff, including what Lassin calls "the strangest art gallery in the world," featuring oils, charcoals, murals and an original Al Hirschfeld etching of the Stooges.

Lassin — who is also president of the Stooges Fan Club and editor of the Three Stooges Journal, a quarterly of mind-bogglingly serious (and fun) pieces on the trio's history and meaning — collected everything here, plus thousands more artifacts he hasn't yet worked into the exhibits.

For years, he haunted collectors' shows and budgeted local TV stations for the old films they used to show each afternoon. Slowly but steadily, he acquired original costumes, props, ads, scripts and — I actually think I once owned one of these — records such as "Christmas Time With the Three Stooges."

More recently, eBay has taken most of the fun out of the hunt: "It's not as satisfying now," Lassin says. "On eBay, it's just a question of who's going to pay the most, instead of it being all about the skill of finding the stuff."

At 52, Lassin realizes there's a generation of younger people who don't know and don't necessarily care for the Stooges — his own kids among them. But he's thrilled whenever children visit — who love the old shtick, and there are still plenty of boomers eager to dive into the silliness of their youth.

"I collected all this as if I was the Stooges' mother," Lassin says. "I don't do James Bond, Batman or baseball cards. I do one thing: Outside of playing a little golf, I am unidimensional. But the Stoogeum is not just for fans. I often see three generations sitting in the theater: a son, grandfather and son, all rolling on the floor in laughter together. I love to watch that."

Admission to the Stoogeum is free, and there is no museum shop. This is a labor of love, available by appoint-

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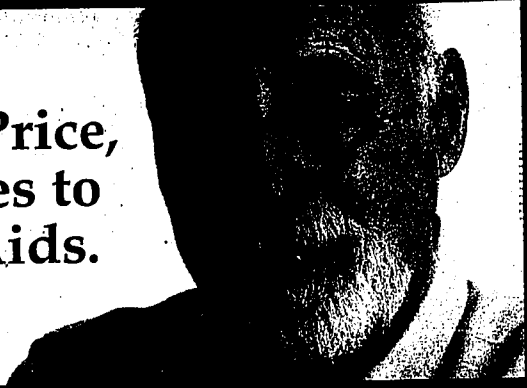
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