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A Twin Falls family prepares for triplets.

FAMILY LIFE, F1

Good Morning

High: 42
Low: 27

Mostly cloudy with light winds. Details: D8



Roads just one issue stalling '08 session

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — State legislators point to six issues that must be resolved before they must adjourn the 2008 Idaho Legislature.

Seven if you count April Fools' Day on Tuesday.

"You'd have a heyday there, wouldn't you?" House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, joked after assuring lawmakers couldn't end for that exact reason. "We could've been done (Friday) but we've still got some things to get done. The key there is we're close."

Despite the death Thursday of any agreement on new transportation money — what many called the main issue of the session — the Legislature will meet again Monday.

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The long trip home

Deported illegal workers face the long arm of the law



A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer stands guard next to a charter flight recently at the Twin Falls airport during the removal of illegal immigrants. Generally, one or two flights a week leave the airport, which is the staging place for all deportations from Idaho and Montana.

By Cassidy Friedman • Times-News writer

Most of the 28 shackled, brown-skinned men deported March 13 by federal agents from the Twin Falls airport still say giving up as out of the question.

They teased fellow travelers with unusual last names:

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Watch a video of immigrants' processing by Twin Falls immigration officials.

Salado — risqué — and Lechuga — lettuce. They stayed jovial at the end of a video informing them of their rights. On the

grimmiest of days, they tried to raise each other's spirits. There were other reasons to eagerly board the flight. Some wanted to escape the

blustery chill. For others, the unmarked MD-83 jet, with U.S. Marshals and government contractors for flight attendants, offered a first-ever flight.

In this crowd of strangers, a sense of comradery took hold, making the trip more endurable.

About this story

The Times-News filed a public records request with Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Nov. 27, 2007, asking the agency to provide a number of deportations in the Magic Valley and Idaho since the inception of ICE in March 2003. ICE sent its response March 19, declining to provide county-by-county numbers, but provided figures for the six-county Magic Valley region.

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Carillo is fighting deportation, but if he is deported he'll be leaving behind his girlfriend who is entering her third trimester of pregnancy and their upcoming wedding.

No answers for a life studying out-there questions

By Tomas Alex Tizon
Los Angeles Times

HARRINGTON, Wash. — "That door," he says with dramatic pause. "That door weighs 4,000 pounds. It's been reinforced to withstand a nuclear blast."

Peter Davenport has a radio voice, the kind of exaggerated baritone that cuts through walls and most doors, but not this one. This is solid steel and a foot thick.

It is Davenport's door, opening into a tunnel leading below ground to what was once a nuclear missile complex here in the desert of eastern Washington.

The Air Force decommissioned the site in the mid-1960s, and it sat empty for most of the time since. Davenport, longtime director of the National UFO Reporting Center, a non-profit clearinghouse and 24-hour hotline for UFO

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Monday
Mostly cloudy, small chance of rain showers	Chilly with scattered snow showers	Partly cloudy and a touch warmer
High 42	Low 27	46 / 25

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly cloudy with light winds and a slim chance of a shower. Highs in the lower 40s.
 Tonight: Scattered snow showers possible. Breezy southwest winds. Lows in the lower 20s.
 Tomorrow: Decreasing clouds and still cool. Light southwest winds. Highs in the lower 40s.

Complete weather report: See page D8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Forever Plaid, Sun Valley rendition of musical hit comedy about close-harmony "guy groups," 6:30 to 8 p.m., happy hour and 8 p.m. show, Boiler Room, Sun Valley Village, Sun Valley Resort, \$12 (no cost for children age 12 and under); attendees may enter for April 13, 20/20 ski pass drawing. (208) 622-2135.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers for Tina Brown of Burley: Fun Run, 9 a.m., The Hub, intersection of Interstate 84 and Idaho Highway 27, Heyburn; and auction with food, drinks and dancing to a live band, 5:30 p.m., Riverside Bar, Burley, proceeds to Brown's medical expenses and treatments for cancer, 431-6417.

EXHIBITS

"For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horseshoes," exploring the history and evolution of the horse and its shoes, hosted by Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Visitor Center, Hagerman, (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227.

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

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, March 30, the 90th day of 2008. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and District of Columbia police officer Thomas Delahanty.

On this date:
 In 1022, Florida became a United States territory.
 In 1867, Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."
 In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution, giving all citizens the right to vote regardless of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.
 In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1964, the original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!" premiered on NBC.

In 2002, Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

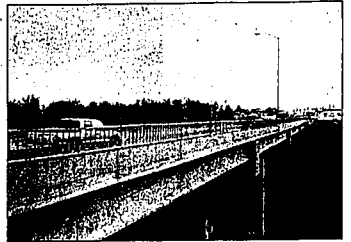
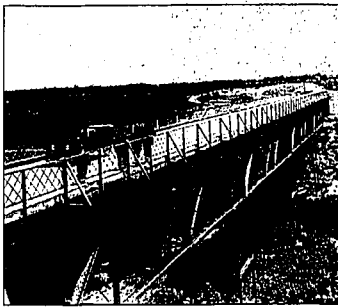
Ten years ago: Vickers PLC announced that it had agreed to sell Hollis-Royce to German automaker BMW for \$570 million. (However, BMW was later successfully outbid by Volkswagen AG.)

Five years ago: A Palestinian suicide bomber wounded some 30 people outside a packed cafe in northern Israel, an attack the Islamic Jihad called "Palestine's gift to the heroic people of Iraq."

One year ago: President Bush went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he apologized to troops for shoddy conditions in outpatient housing. The Food and Drug Administration said it had found melamine, a chemical used to make plastics, in samples of Menu Foods pet food, as well as in wheat gluten used as ingredient in the wet-style products.

MORNING BRIEFING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



The Singing Bridge was built in 1920. It was so named because the bridge would "sing" as cars drove over it, and the noise was amplified by Rock Creek Canyon's walls. It was condemned in 1995 because of safety issues, and the Old Towne Bridge now stands in its place.

AROUND THE WORLD

PAKISTAN

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ROME

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ROME — A view of Rome's ancient Colosseum with its lights off, part of an environmental campaign of a five-minute "lights-out" gesture between 7:55 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 1, 2007. From Rome's Colosseum to the Sydney Opera House, floodlit icons of civilization went dark Saturday for Earth Hour, a worldwide campaign to highlight the waste of electricity and the threat of climate change.

in the dark, it's about making a serious commitment over the next year and beyond over how we contribute to climate change."

Chicago, often touted by Mayor Richard Daley as a "green city," was the first U.S. city to sign up, and almost every major downtown building, including the Sears Tower, agreed to turn off their lights.

Tracey Quinn, a 28-year-old philanthropic consultant in Chicago, was planning to host her sister's surprise bachelorette party by candlelight.

"Once you've been through a couple bachelorette parties, they're not very different from one another," she said. "So we thought this would be kind of cool."

TIBET

Buddhist monks march in a street in protest against the military government in Yangon, Myanmar, on Sept. 24, 2007.

There is the responsibility of every individual, monks and lay people, to act for the betterment of society," he told The Associated Press in Dharamsala, India, discussing protests in Tibet this month that were initiated by monks.

In widespread protests over the past three weeks, crimson-robed monks — some charging helmeted troops and throwing rocks — have joined with ordinary citizens who unfurled Tibetan flags and demanded independence from China. Beijing's official death toll from the rioting in Lhasa is 22, but the exiled government of the Dalai Lama says 140 Tibetans were killed

there and in Tibetan communities in western China.

LOUISIANA

Contractor seeks to collect millions in Katrina overpayments

NEW ORLEANS — Imagine that your home was reduced to mold-covered wood framing by Hurricane Katrina.

Desperate for money to rebuild, you engage in a frustrating bureaucratic process, and after months of living in a government provided-trailer that gives off formaldehyde fumes you finally win a federal grant.

Then a collector announces that you have to pay back thousands of dollars.

Thousands of Katrina victims may be in the same boat. A private contractor under investigation for the compensation it received to run the flood home grant program for Katrina victims says that in the rush to deliver aid to homeowners in need some people got too much. Now it wants to hire a separate company to collect millions in grant overpayments.

The contractor, ICF International of Fairfax, Va., revealed the extent of the overpayments when it issued a March 11 request for bids from companies willing to handle "approximately 1,000 to 5,000 cases that will necessitate collection efforts."

The bid invitation said: "The average amount to be collected is estimated to be approximately \$35,000, but in some cases may be as high as \$100,000 to \$150,000."

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Watch a video of immigrants' processing by Twin Falls immigration officials.

Also, read a blog by a T.F. family preparing to have triplets

snowpack levels

	% of Avg.	% of March 29
Watershed	104%	104%
Salmon	109%	104%
Big Wood	102%	96%
Little Wood	96%	93%
Big Lost	93%	89%
Little Lost	108%	100%
Hells Fork/Teton	110%	105%
Upper Snake Basin	101%	97%

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
 ** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in April.
 Source: National Weather Service, Boise, Idaho

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Saturday, March 29
 18 20 25 31 36 Powerball: 7
 Power Play: 5

WILD CARD
 Saturday, March 29
 Wild Card: 2
 Age of Diamonds: 5
 2 5 12 18 30

PICK 3
 March 29 8 2 6
 March 28 1 3 7
 March 27 4 9 7

Saturday, March 29
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The long road home

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Crossing a legal border

Antonio Carrillo could see only two options: give up and go home or fight deportation.

The majority of the deportees — 15 in all — took seats toward the back of the 172-seat jet. They remained apart from those who were not fighting deportation.

At the plane's final stop, in Phoenix, the 15 involuntary deportees would go before a judge to make one last plea to stay in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials say all will certainly lose.

"Most of them, they don't have a case," said Steven Branch, ICE's Salt Lake City-based director of detention and removal. His office handles an average of 3,750 removals per year from Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Montana.

Those who fight deportation and lose are sent home under a removal order. They face a felony charge if they return to the U.S.

Those who chose not to fight are simply returned to Mexico. If they sneak back across the border, they face no criminal charge. Some make the round-trip more than once.

"I'd rather obtain a removal order to stop the revolving door," Branch said. "Sometimes a felony return sinks in and it scares the heck out of them."

The deportees' hopeful pursuit for appeals may also describe their obedient — almost passive — behavior as they are processed.

Since the summer of 1990, authorities have corralled Montana and Idaho deportees in Twin Falls for shipment to their native country without ever having a serious incident. Not once have the armed ICE officers and Marshalls needed to pull a trigger.

The closest thing anyone recalls to an escape is a man who once tried to run, only to bounce off a locked detention cell door in Salt Lake City.

International stockade

Each week, suspected illegals are arrested in Montana and Idaho mainly by local law enforcement from crimes ranging from carjacking to murder. A smaller group are arrested by immigration agents.

Arrests made directly by ICE or U.S. Border Patrol agents can often start with an operation targeting criminal aliens but lead to arrests of non-criminal immigrants caught in the crossfire.

Since the inception of ICE in March 2003, immigration agents have arrested and detained 3,355 immigrants in six south-central Idaho counties, according to ICE records obtained by a public information request.

"It's a tough job," Branch said. "We knock on doors at 6 o'clock in the morning. The whole family is there. Come outside so we can arrest you away from your family. People don't realize we don't make the laws up. We



Deportees are loaded onto an unmarked MD-83 aircraft at the Twin Falls airport.

enforce the laws. Congress has passed the laws."

In exceptional cases, ICE agents allow families to fly home together voluntarily on commercial flights.

When the jails across Idaho and Montana fill up, usually once or twice a week, vans haul the men to the Twin Falls County jail for the night. The next morning after breakfast at the jail, ICE agents transfer them to a federal processing office on Addison Avenue East, where they are deposited into a cubic, white-walled holding cell with a single toilet that rests an inch out of view of a surveillance camera.

The group grows to only 28 March 13 but agents have seen it swell to as many as 75 men. Women are always kept separate. After the deportees watch a 40-minute movie about their rights, they are brought one-by-one out of the room by the much smaller number of agents. Their morning breath festers in the close quarters. They are cuffed and shackled to belly chains, inspected, then returned to the cell until the bus in the back parking lot is ready to go.

Once the processing is complete, they lead into a white bus parked in a gated area behind the building. With the exception of screens on the windows that prevents the public from looking in, the 47-seat bus looks like a Greyhound bus.

But on the inside, the front is split from the main cabin by a metal divider. The bus is wired — with monitors showing officers activity in the back and with a scrambled federal radio channel that connects the officers on board to the several vans caravanning to the airport.

The vehicles wait on the tarmac for an unmarked charter jet containing only U.S. Marshals and private contractors, who will fly them to Salt Lake City to pick up a second batch of immigrants.

Then to scoop up more at another regional city, and on until El Paso, Texas, and finally Phoenix.

But these flights won't go to their native countries — whether Mexico or elsewhere. Those flights, which will happen later, entail handing the immigrants off to their respective governments.

Preparing a defense

During this process, the men, some who cannot read, usually with meager educa-

tions, will not be afforded a lawyer. They lack awareness of immigration law, or U.S. laws altogether for that matter, which leaves them to quietly invent the odds of winning their case, and an argument for swaying a judge.

What's Antonio Carrillo's case?

At the ICE office on Addison Avenue East, his mind is not on the departure two hours away, or even his home in Chihuahua Parra, Mexico. It's on his girlfriend in Bozeman, Mont., who is entering her third trimester of pregnancy, and their impending wedding.

He has told her not to worry; he has no legal help, but he'll take care of it. After all, he and eight of the other men today have committed no crime, beyond a traffic ticket.

"She knows I'm in jail," Carrillo said, looking prim in a black pinstripe buttoned shirt. "She doesn't know what's going to happen. She doesn't know (if I lose) I can never come back."

He threw his hands into the air. "Maybe I'll win."

It's worse for Carrillo, 19, if he loses the hearing. It will mean he cannot simply marry his fiancée and move back to the U.S. because that would trigger a felony charge. If he voluntarily left, it would give him a clean slate with the American government. He seems unclear on this point.

Still at the processing office, the bus is ready to take the men to the airport. Carrillo returns to the holding cell, where men are called out by agents wearing blue latex gloves to be searched and handcuffed.

Carrillo, who was happy being photographed before the cuffs went on, now declines to have his picture

taken. ICE gives the men street clothes so they don't have to wear the jail garb of the county where they were arrested. It's important to him that he not be viewed as a criminal.

Roots of an arrest

It's also important for Luis Delacruz, of central Peru. As a convicted criminal, he has no chance of winning his appeal.

But he has a plan: Make a case against racism.

After joining his brother and cousins in Halley five years ago, Delacruz, 32, had a roofing job. He bought a car and hoped to start saving money — money that might justify leaving his wife back home in Peru.

But then Delacruz had too much to drink and tried to buy more. He showed his Peruvian ID to a mini-mart clerk, who reported him. Soon afterward, a Blaine County deputy arrested him for driving under the influence.

To Delacruz, the cause of his deportation isn't his status as an illegal immigrant or drinking and driving. It's racism.

"Why do they imagine these things about us?" he said with a sigh. "I'm leaving with what I came with. I'm not thinking about coming back. You're too far from the people you love."

That's the sentiment of the case he'll make, which carries no legal weight, at the civil proceeding.

He recalls leaving his wife five years ago, promising her he'd return with more money than he left with. She bawled, and even reconsidered letting him go.

He's protesting his deportation, he said, because he still has debts here and feels ashamed that he won't be able to pay it back.

If he wins his appeal, he says, he'll be back to pay up.

Chances of that happening are slim.

It's unclear what happens to the immigrants once they reach their seats inside the airplane. The charter plane, unlike the bus, looks on the inside like a typical airliner. As the Marshalls finish packing plastic garbage bags containing their livelihoods — a book, an extra pair of clothes, a cowboy hat, court papers — into the undercarriage, something shuts off. The men lose their smiles.

The laughter, both contrived for each other and authentic. The men, all with closely cropped black hair, stare forward at the seat ahead. As Marshalls retract

the stairwell, the cabin permeates with only the calm hum of the engines.

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Session

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Negotiating and compromising — plus plenty of arguing — have prevented adjournment. Lawmakers, who this year offered closure dates perhaps as often as new bills are introduced, are aiming for Wednesday.

"Any minute before would be the bonus," said House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Beuke, R-Oakley.

Of the six issues, two remain in the Senate, three in the House and one needs sign-off from both chambers. Lawmakers caution that while some issues have passed the other chamber over a week, neither leadership team is holding bills hostage.

"I do not have any work on the floor left to do," said Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls. "It is getting all the legislation processed and ready to vote on."

The key matters of business include:

• Substantive abuse treatment funding. After Otter vetoed \$16.6 million for substance abuse treatment — saying it wasn't justified — the Senate responded with an override. The next day, Otter line-item vetoed money for legislators' computers.

The House chose not to override the veto, and is crafting a compromise with Otter that leadership described as "90 percent" of the original amount. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will meet Tuesday.

"The single most important issue remaining time-wise is drug and alcohol treatment dollars," said Davis.

• A constitutional amendment regarding local option taxes. It would cement a two-thirds voter approval for any local-option sales tax and set the same minimum in only counties or cities where such a taxing district is proposed.

As an amendment to the constitution, it needs two-thirds, or 24 of 35 senators to approve it. But passage is uncertain. The seven Democrats oppose it, two Republicans opposed it in committee, and two others, including Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, said they're against it.

A trailer bill, which lets cities and counties enact local-option taxes of up to 1 percent, passed the House on Friday. Both issues will be voted on Monday, said Davis.

• A constitutional amendment regarding local governments. The bill, pushed by counties and cities, would allow municipalities and public hospitals to incur debt in select instances. The plan is in response to an Idaho Supreme Court decision.

The bill passed the Senate over a week ago, but some House members said they dislike some provisions. Beuke said Thursday it's "got a pulse" and House Majority Caucus Chairman Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, said it will get a hearing Monday.

• Reformed medical benefits for retired state workers. The bill would drop state coverage for retirees 65 and older and require them to use Medicare. It would decrease the state's medical liability from \$442 million to \$136 million, but provide better benefits, according to lead sponsor Colner.

The bill passed the Senate more than a week ago, but Moyle said it could be heard Monday or Tuesday. House Commerce and Human Resources Chairman Bob Schaffer, R-Nampa, said he has a "weak coalition" on his panel to pass it with some amendments.

Personal property tax. The House has before it an amended bill to repeal the tax businesses hate to pay. On Thursday, the Senate, citing a slumping economy and tight budget, unanimously agreed to changes that exempt 86 percent of Idaho businesses from paying taxes on the first \$75,000 of items from office equipment.

The original version sought to gradually eliminate the tax over five years beginning in 2010 as long as the state's gener-

al fund grew 5 percent annually. By 2015, the entire tax would be cut, whatever the size.

The original bill barely survived the House, passing 39 to 31, and sponsor Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry President Alex LaBeau has said he's against the new one.

"Now he's just working for the Microns, Union Pacific and the big boys," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, who said he's comfortable with the amended version.

Beuke, who voted against the original bill, said he's

unsure how it'll fare in the House.

Modified open primaries. A bill that would create a modified open primary election also allows for a party to conduct and pay for its own private election, including a closed caucus.

The bill, which Democrats oppose, has waited several days for a vote and would still need to pass the House. Davis, who has said he likes the current election system in Idaho, said he's unsure if it will be voted on.

Despite the looming issues, some wouldn't mind

ending before Wednesday — even Monday or Tuesday.

"April Fools" is almost fitting," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-

Ketchum. "We didn't get much accomplished."

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
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 sightings, brought it for \$100,000 two years ago to turn into his new headquarters.

Why does a man buy an old, windowless missile complex deep underground, only to spend his days tracking unidentified objects flying through the sky?

Davenport doesn't have an answer. Furthermore, he doesn't need one. As a full-time UFO investigator and possessor of one of the world's most comprehensive, though unofficial, UFO data bases, his life already runs counter to convention.

The center, in operation since 1970, is known worldwide among scientists as well as ordinary citizens interested in UFOs. The hotline is posted on various UFO Web sites, and calls — as many as 20,000 a year — come from people who believe they've seen or experienced something beyond the ordinary, potentially involving extra-terrestrials.

If the case seems compelling and is within a short flight away, Davenport will investigate. He takes written reports, records testimony and consults experts in specialty areas.

Davenport, 60, is a passionate, cerebral man with a haughty disdain for the media. "I do not countenance fools," he had said earlier that day, almost as a warning. "The work of studying UFOs is of immense consequence to every living thing on this planet. If I sense you are wasting my time, I will be blunt."

His life revolves around a question, namely: "Are we alone in the universe or are we not?" He believes there are clues behind the monstrous door that he now faces.

"It's not the normal guy on the street, but crazy? No. He's not crazy. ... Personally, I think he's going to prevail on this thing."

— Robert B. Frost, former chief engineer for Boeing's portion of the B-2 bomber project, of Davenport

Boeing's portion of the B-2 bomber project, Frost met Davenport, a fellow technic, in Seattle.

"The guy's brilliant," Frost says. "Personally, I think he's going to prevail on this thing."

By that, Frost means time will prove Davenport correct on his hunch that UFOs represent a real phenomenon.

Davenport earned degrees in biology and Russian at Stanford University and graduate degrees in genetics and biochemistry of fish at University of Washington. He became founding president of a Seattle-area biotechnology company, BioSyn, Inc., and nine years later, in 1994, sold his stock and made a small fortune.

That same year, he received a phone call from Robert Gribble, a retired firefighter in Seattle who for two decades had acted as a one-man clearinghouse for UFO information and operator of a 24/7 national UFO hotline.

Gribble wanted to pass the torch. Davenport accepted and has been director of the National UFO Reporting Center ever since, keeping the hotline and funding the operation out of his own pocket. Cost can range from \$500 to \$5,000 a month, depending on travel.

Davenport has few other expenses. He never married, never had kids. He drove old cars. For a dozen years he ran the center out of a rented home near Seattle's University District. Then he got the notion that he wanted his own missile site.

"There was an allure to the idea," he says he told friends. Davenport, who had long been interested in aircraft and rocketry, had heard of missile silos for sale in east-

ern Washington.

One in particular was going for a bargain price: Atlas Missile Site No. 6, in which the previous owner had killed and dismembered a visitor. Long-haul truck driver Ralph Benson was convicted of murder in 2004 and was suspected in at least one other murder when he died in prison two years later.

Davenport bought the site from Benson's sons. "I don't know about the kind of people who buy these things," Davenport says, his voice trailing off. He leaves the steel door propped open and fumbles for lights.

A series of clicks, and the room turns pale yellow. He stands in an entryway, all concrete and steel, and dank like a cave. On each side is a tunnel. He takes the tunnel to the right and clomps down a metal tube about 50 yards long. It is large enough for him to walk through without heading. The tube leads to a cave about the size of a basketball court. Piles of debris can be seen in the semi-darkness.

"Launch control room," he says with his radio voice.

Toward the back of the missile room, shrouded in darkness, sits Davenport's life work: a collection of tens of thousands of reports on UFO sightings.

He kept files long before the television show "X-Files" brought the paranormal to prime time.

The information is meticulously labeled and filed in a long row of mismatched metal file cabinets. They form the shape of a miniature city skyline.

The plan was to live and work in here. But the site needed more work than

Looking beyond Bigfoot and Loch Ness

While mainstream science tends to dismiss the subject, a number of prominent scientists and much of the public — as high as 60 percent, according to polls — believe UFOs exist and should be studied. As a corollary, a large number of astronomers believe life in other parts of the universe is not only possible but likely. Among the famous, former President Carter, anthropologist Margaret Mead, psychiatrist Carl Jung and astronaut Gordon Cooper reported seeing UFOs or proclaimed a belief in UFOs as representing visits from extra-terrestrials.

... by saying he had seen, in the 1980s, a strange "triangular craft" hovering above a rural area of Washington state. In a way, Peter Davenport's destiny was sealed, by his own reckoning, at age 6. In 1954, while sitting in a car with his mother and brother at a drive-in theater in St. Louis, he looked out the window and there in the sky, a bright red disc hovered, then — whom? — disappeared into the horizon. "If there was a seminal moment," said Davenport, longtime director of the National UFO Reporting Center, "that would be it."

— Tomasz Alex Tizon

expected. The place leaks. The ventilation isn't good, and there's a little bit problem.

For now, the center's phone and answering machine will stay at Davenport's Harrington apartment, a few miles away, until Missile Site No. 6 is fixed up. Davenport is doing most of the fixing up himself.

Davenport says the vast majority of UFO sightings, up to 90 percent, are explainable: weather balloons, military aircraft, satellites and the like. Many more prove to be hoaxes.

But then there's the tiny percentage, maybe only a handful each year, where something was definitely seen — often by multiple reliable sources — and which defy explanation.

He believes that clues lie buried in the hill-sized mounds of paper he has meticulously cataloged, if only the government or a well-funded university would do the research.

"I'm willing to share data," he says. "I'm willing to throw all of it to anyone who wants to know."

There have been few ink-

Someday, he says, a UFO event could take place that would prove irrefutable, and then people would be forced to make a leap in consciousness as big as stone-agers into cyberspace. If that happens, the files in this underground castle could take on new significance. Or not.

"Not many people would waste their lives pursuing such an elusive subject," Davenport says on the drive home. His car is an 18-year-old gray Crown Victoria with a quarter-million miles. The windshield is cracked. "Sometimes I don't know why I do it."



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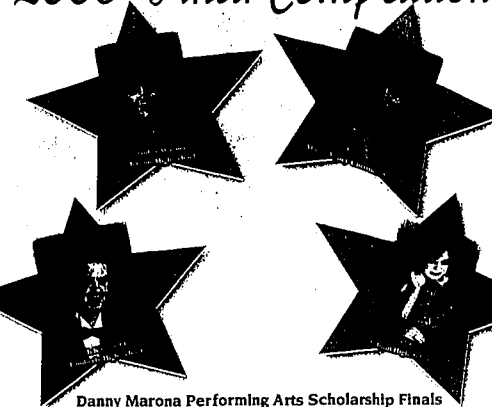


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First over-the-counter paternity test brings DNA analysis to the masses

By Yan Q. Mai
The Washington Post

For years, women have been able to go to the drugstore to answer a question: pregnant or not? Now science has taken testing a step further, and those same drugstore shelves are stocking kits to find out another, equally pressing question: father or not?

The Identigene DNA paternity test was rolled out at Rite Aid stores nationwide this month and sells for \$29.99 — plus \$119.99 for laboratory processing. Identigene promises results that are at least 99 percent accurate in three to five days.

"This test really is about providing peace of mind, answering questions of paternity for people who simply want to know," said Douglas Fogg, chief operating officer for Identigene, which is based in Salt Lake City.

Although Identigene's product is the first kit to be sold in stores, at-home paternity tests have been available online for several years. The kits are just one more example of what some are calling the "democratization" of DNA. As the cost of decoding and analyzing our genes plummets, companies are even starting to offer "personalized genomics" tests to consumers that promise to help them discover what diseases they are likely to get or even who their soul mate may be.

Rite Aid started selling the paternity tests on the West Coast in November, the first time such a kit had been sold at a retail store. Fogg said his company sold 10,000 kits to the chain in three months. Ashley Flower, a Rite Aid

spokeswoman, declined to comment on the product other than to confirm its existence.

"It's just another product we're able to offer our customers," she said. "We always do try to be first to market with innovative health-care services."

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Public likely to see less of Pope Benedict than John Paul during DC visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Oct. 6, 1979, Pope John Paul II emerged from a car's sunroof, waving and smiling to the countless ranks of cheering onlookers who lined Washington streets and even climbed trees for a glimpse of the Roman Catholic leader.

"Things will be different when Pope Benedict XVI arrives next month."

The public will have fewer opportunities to see Benedict because of security concerns and a tighter schedule. Benedict has just one public event in the nation's capital — a Mass at the National stadium on April 17 — and will travel through the city in a closed car or in the popeobile, a specially designed and secure vehicle used by the pontiff during public appearances.

"His visit reflects the times we live in," said Susan Gibbs, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Washington. "There has to be a little higher level of security, unfortunately."

Benedict's lower profile also will be due to the fact that he is a quieter man than John Paul, and at 80 is more than two decades older than his predecessor was when he came to town — the last visit by a pope to Washington.

Still, many are joining the long list of people clamoring for tickets to the 10 a.m. Mass at the stadium, which seats about 46,000.

Monsignor Ronald Junneson, rector of St. Matthew's Cathedral in northwest Washington and liturgy director for the Washington archdiocese during John Paul's visit, said the demand for tickets is a major difference between Benedict's upcoming visit and John Paul's D.C. trip, which included a Mass on the National Mall that was generally open to the public and drew some 175,000 people.

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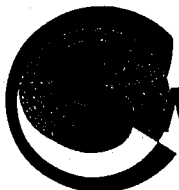
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Weak spot in GAMBLING?

Gamblers not expected to double down in economic downturn

By Kathleen Hennessey
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — In a town enthralled with its own mythology, Las Vegas would like to hold on to one myth in particular these days: Gambling is recession proof.

It is conventional wisdom characteristic of a city and an industry far more accustomed to boom than bust, but it is just not true, experts say. Gamblers, whether motivated by compulsion or hope, do not necessarily double down when the economy spirals and belts tighten.

"It's an old idea that has very little relevance and maybe no relevance to the United States today," industry analyst Eugene Christiansen said.

Christiansen and others trace the notion to decades old economic research conducted when gamblers' options in the U.S. were limited to horse racing and a handful of Nevada resorts. Such tight supply ensured demand for gambling was steady.

"They fared pretty well," said William Edgington, a professor of economics and director for the University of Nevada, Reno Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming. "Part of this was a pent up supply of gaming product."

Not so in 2008, when 48 states have some form of legal gambling and millions of Americans are within driving distance of a slot machine. Casino companies today have moved gambling to the mainstream of the U.S. tourism and entertainment industry and have moved themselves into the competition for consumers' discretionary spending.

MGM Mirage chief financial officer Dan D'Arrigo said his company sees no difference between the way consumers manage their gambling dollars and the entertainment and lodging spending that has grown to make up the majority of casino companies' revenue.

"They're all in one bucket," he said.

With the housing market tanking and gasoline and food prices rising, operators are seeing the effects of that bucket being emptier than it used to be. Still, gaming companies are going ahead with resorts that will



A penny slot machine is shown at the Paris hotel and casino in Las Vegas. In a town enthralled with its own mythology, Las Vegas would like to hold on to one myth in particular these days: Gambling is recession proof. It's conventional wisdom characteristic of a city and an industry far more accustomed to boom than bust, but it's just not true, experts say.

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A survey of 19 states with casino or race track gambling found about half saw gross gambling revenue drop in December 2007 from the year before. In January 2008, the portion grew to 12 of the 19 states, including Nevada. The state saw gambling revenue fall nearly 5 percent from a year ago to \$1.05 billion, although analysts note it is too soon to discern a clear downward pattern.

Harrah's Entertainment Inc., the world's largest gambling company by revenue, noted several soft patches in its fourth quarter earnings report.

Because companies have started to cut budgets for employee travel and conventions, booking cancellations have increased and attendance has dropped at major conventions. Harrah's chief executive Gary Loveman said.

Room rates are "off a bit," he said, and consumers who do not use the company's loyalty rewards card — typically low-rollers — have been the first to drop off.

MGM Mirage noted similar weak spots, despite reporting a revenue increase of 4 percent, which was aided by a rush of foreign investment. Dubai

World, the investment arm of the Dubai government, completed a joint venture giving it a 50 percent stake in the \$6.1 billion CityCenter megaresort on the Las Vegas Strip.

While the CityCenter development remains a bright spot on the horizon, other smaller projects face uncertain futures due to the shaky credit market. In January, the Cosmopolitan, a casino resort under construction on the Strip, defaulted on a \$760 million construction loan from Deutsche Bank and appears to be moving toward foreclosure. Questions also have been raised about the future of The Plaza, a 3,500-room resort modeled on The Plaza Hotel in New York.

Atlantic City properties are more clearly feeling the pinch of increased competition from new Pennsylvania slot parlors and tight credit markets.

The city's gambling halls suffered through a 10-month decline in revenue until a much welcomed 1.5 percent uptick in February. Pinnacle Entertainment recently announced it was considering scrapping a \$2 billion megacasion project if credit markets do not improve.

Christiansen said such news has precedent. In 1991, when the U.S. was feeling a similar mix of economic woes, the casino industry felt the blow. After outpacing increases in personal income for most of the 1980s, the growth in gross gambling revenue fell behind that year.

This time around experts and executives are talking about the industry's resiliency, rather than immunity, to economic downturns.

"Historically, gaming has been extremely resilient, very durable and held up better than almost any other sector during recessions,"

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Lighter flights

High fuel prices prompt airlines to lighten loads

By Chris Kahn
Associated Press write

PHOENIX — Your gingerale doesn't come in a glass anymore on most US Airways flights. On Delta you'll find yourself in a thinner, lighter seat. If you fly JetBlue cross-country, you'll get a dainty bag of 100-calorie crisps in place of the original snack box of cookies, crackers and spreadable cheese.

With jet fuel prices so high, airlines have no choice but to scour their planes for ways to lighten the load. There's no room for even the smallest bits of dead weight, from redundant wing lights to extra wires in the walls. Manufacturers also are using lighter materials in plane construction.

"The pressure is immense" to cut weight, said John Heimlich, chief economist for the Air Transport Association of America, an industry trade group. "Every penny more per gallon adds \$195 million to the industry's expenses per year."

"You simply cannot make all of that up with fare increases."

Fuel fuel which the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration tracked at \$3.17 per gallon in New York on Tuesday, has doubled since the beginning of 2007. It outpaced fuel as the biggest airline expense three years ago. As of September 2007, fuel made up 27 percent of operating expenses for U.S. airlines, according to the latest data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

The industry has struggled to keep up. Carriers have increased fares, cut capacity, parked their gas guzzler planes, charged customers to check a second bag, trimmed staff and pushed as many passengers as possible to automated kiosks. American Airlines also try to exert some control over fuel expenses through hedging, a



A typical snack and beverage served on a Delta Airlines flight Friday, coming into Phoenix. With jet fuel prices so high, airlines are busy scouting planes for ways to lighten their load. Every pound they lose saves \$50 in annual fuel costs, airline officials say, so every ounce counts.

practice of capping fuel prices months or years in advance with long-term contracts.

But hedging is still a gamble.

"Reducing consumption is a certainty," Heimlich said. "You're always going to win by consuming less energy."

To that end, carriers have pulled out unused ovens, magazine racks and trash compactors during the past few years. Some removed paper manuals in the cockpit and installed electronic maintenance logbooks.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines created a Fuel Smart Team in 2005 as fuel prices started to go up. Tom Oudabek, American's manager of strategic programs, said the team tried to cut weight in places that customers wouldn't notice.

The team capped electrical outlets in the lavatories and cut the power converters from the wall. It took out phones in seat backs and

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Job seekers: prepare for full disclosure

By Molly Selvin
Los Angeles Times

Fibbing on your resume is a really bad idea.

First, you probably will be found out by the army of commercial background screeners that employers deploy to scour resumes, check criminal records and pull credit histories.

Plus, you don't need to. Most bosses are pretty forgiving if you come clean about a minor brush with the law or a supervisor so nutty he sent you running for the door.

Yet resume tinkering is practically an epidemic. Superheated competition for jobs, especially those with big paychecks, tempts many applicants to pump air into their resumes. A gig as an administrative assistant expands into a management title. A mail-order MBA is passed off as the real deal.

"We tend to disproportionately reward individuals with extraordinary records," observed Kirk Hanson, a business professor and executive director of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University in California. "There's a huge incentive that's increased over the years in claiming that you're a star, so individuals tend to knock pieces from their resume that are inconsistent with being a star and add things that are consistent with that image."

But the precipitous tumble of high-profile managers in recent years should send up red flags for every job-seeker.

Marilee Jones had to quit her job in April as the long-term admissions dean at the Massachusetts Institute of

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Technology Institute of Boston.

Contractors for March, similar to February, Wall Street will also get a snapshot of the service sector with a second ISM report on Thursday.

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—The Associated Press

Coming in the week ahead

Investors to hear report on payrolls

Investors will have plenty of economic data to pore over this week as the market tries to determine if the

country is indeed in the midst of a recession. Perhaps most watched will be Friday's Labor Department report on payrolls, which economists surveyed by Thomson Financial/IFR predict fell by about 50,000 in March after a 63,000 drop in

February. Economists also predict the unemployment rate will rise back up to 5 percent from February's 4.8 percent.

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Tuesday. Economists expect a shallow contraction for March, similar to February. Wall Street will also get a snapshot of the service sector with a second ISM report on Thursday.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

CITIFINANCIAL



Citifinancial celebrated their Chamber membership with a ribbon cutting along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. They are located at 1239 Pole Line Road E., Ste. 313C, Twin Falls. They offer personal loans unsecured or auto secured up to \$15,000, first and second mortgages which include home equity loans, credit cards, insurance, and new auto loans. For more information: 732-5571 or visit www.citifinancial.com. Pictured from left, Eddee Gallegos, associate branch manager; Rachel Kasunic, branch manager; Reanna Silva, senior branch account executive; Christine Sabey, branch manager; Drea Andrus, senior branch account executive; Andi Wofford, senior branch account executive; Oscar Hernandez, senior branch account executive.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



First Baptist Church located at 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, cut the red ribbon at their ribbon cutting ceremony along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors to celebrate their Chamber membership. First Baptist Church offers preschool classes to the community as well as after school and summer school programs for children. There is a new playground, newly renovated sanctuary, new roof, new programs, new members and home groups and Sunday school classes. The pastor is Rev. Dr. Jeff Cooper. For information about the church or its services: 733-2936. Pictured cutting the ribbons is Rev. Dr. Jeff Cooper.

CAREER MOVES

John C. Roberts

MADISON, Wis. — John C. Roberts, DDS, of Twin Falls, has achieved Accredited status in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. Roberts reached this status through dedication to continuing education and careful adherence to clinical protocol. He practices cosmetic dentistry at 256 Martin St., Twin Falls.

Through the program, AACD members must undergo a three-part process consisting of a written examination, submission of clinical cases for evaluation and an oral examination. Each candidate must also attend a series of workshops as part of the program.

Roberts graduated from the University of the Pacific in 1995. He has instructed hands on, live patient programs for the past eight years on cosmetics, occlusion and full mouth rehabilitation and is published in leading dental journals and lectures nationally on aesthetic dentistry and dental implants. Roberts is also the cofounder and Director of Education for Smart Implants.

He enjoys spending time with his wife Christie, his son Duncan, and his identical twin daughters Francie and Mimi.

Erik Christensen

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Wheaton World Wide Moving selected its Drivers of the Month for February 2008.

Erik Christensen, Bell Moving Systems in Burley, was an honoree for intermittent fleet driver. Christensen logged more than 59,000 safe miles since joining Wheaton in May 2007. This is his first Driver of the Month award.

Founded in 1945, Wheaton World Wide Moving is one of the world's most highly regarded providers of transportation services. They offer domestic and international household goods relocation services as well as special commodities and logistic services and are headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind.

Jim and Mary Fort

BOISE — Jim and Mary Fort of Addison Photography Studios in Twin Falls recently attended the Professional Photographers of Idaho annual convention in Boise. At the group's closing ceremonies, Jim was awarded the fellowship of photography. The honor is earned by submitting photographic prints to the state competition judged worthy of merit, presenting programs, writing articles and serving the organization in various capacities.

Jim was also elected as PPI's state board secretary for the coming year.

PETERSON BROS. CONSTRUCTION



Peterson Brothers Construction cut the red ribbon at a ribbon cutting at the Twin Falls Area Chamber office assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Peterson Brothers Construction is located at 1920 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls. They can assist you with your residential, industrial or commercial construction needs. For more information: 734-6303. Pictured from left, Jeremy Peterson (on left) and Geri Peterson, Jeremy's mother (on right).

EXTRA MILE AWARD



The Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors awarded Tom Jones with the Extra Mile Award. Jones went the extra mile for Sandy Swope on a cold, blustery winter day. He changed her tire on the freeway so that she did not have to stand in the cold or wait for a tow truck. He is employed by Magic Valley Business Systems. Pictured from left, Dennis Moon, owner of Magic Valley Business Systems; Tom Jones with his family; and Terry McCurdy, owner of Magic Valley Business Systems.

Doctor of physical therapy buys clinic

As former director of RehabAuthority Twin Falls, Bryan Wright, doctor of physical therapy, purchased the outpatient, physical therapy clinic on Feb. 14. Other than ownership, the only changes expected at the clinic will be altering the name from RehabAuthority to Wright Physical Therapy, with Bryan as the primary therapist.

Group lauds local CARES program

The Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics recently recognized CARES (Children at Risk Evaluation Services) in Twin Falls for their work on the front lines of child abuse. Programs such as CARES advance efforts to evaluate and treat victims of child sexual abuse.

St. Luke's Magic Valley CARES program was recognized particularly for its involvement with Idaho Network of Children's Advocacy Centers. St. Luke's Magic Valley CARES was recognized, along with five other Idaho organizations that make up the Idaho Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, during Pediatric Day of the Idaho Perinatal Project winter conference in February.

Business Network International slates Visitors' Day

BNI, Business Network International, a networking organization specializing in business referrals among members, is holding a Visitors' Day for its Magic Valley chapter. While BNI has had chapters in Idaho for 11 years, this is the first chapter opened in the Twin Falls area. BNI is a way for businesses to experience growth by duplicating their marketing efforts through word of mouth.

The Boise area BNI chapters generated over 10,000 referrals for member businesses in 2007 alone, which resulted in over \$2.3 million worth of business being done. It was founded in 1995 by Ivan R. Misner, Ph.D., author of *The World's Best Known Marketing Secret and Masters of Sales*.

BNI of Southern Idaho will hold the Visitor's Day for the Magic Valley chapter at 7 a.m. April 15 at the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome. Call Mark Butler for advanced reservations at 404-1933. For more information about BNI: Jeremy Miller, executive director, at 724-0601 or jeremy@bni-idaho.com. Or visit: www.bni-idaho.com.

AmeriTel Inn will open soon in Twin Falls

A new AmeriTel Inn is opening in Twin Falls in the spring of 2008. It will be the newest hotel in the Magic Valley.

The AmeriTel Inn Twin Falls features a 24-hour indoor pool and spa, a large state-of-the-art fitness center, free high speed internet, a 24-hour business center, a convenience store in the lobby, and a hot complimentary breakfast.

The new AmeriTel Inn Twin Falls location is the first hotel in the Magic Valley to feature a digital high definition in-room entertainment solution delivered through 42 inch plasma televisions in every sleeping room. The hotel has 101 rooms including two-level spa suites.

General manager, Doug Ableman, has been with AmeriTel Inns for more than eleven years, having worked at three different company locations in Boise. He recently graduated from Boise State University with degrees in International Business Management and Spanish.

The hotel is currently hiring for all positions and are taking reservations on their

website, www.ameritelinns.com.

Syringa Networks adds broadband capacity

Syringa Networks LLC announced the addition of broadband capacity to its diverse routed fiber optic network in southern Idaho. Syringa Networks added another frequency (color of light) to its network, increasing its network capacity by an OC-48 (equivalent to 2,488.32 mega bits per second). Another way of characterizing this is: an OC-48 can carry 32,256 simultaneous phone calls.

With this upgrade, Syringa Networks now operates five OC-48 rings in southern Idaho.

In addition to these OC-48 rings, Syringa operates seven Gigabit Ethernet rings in southern Idaho. Each of these rings has a capacity of 1,024 mega bits per second which is about one thousand times the capacity of the average DSL connection.

Syringa Networks serves both rural and urban areas of southern Idaho from Council Bluffs in the west to St. Anthony in the east and as far north as Challis.

CONTRIBUTION

DINNER FOR VALLEY HOUSE



Cactus Pete's Resort and Casino prepared Easter dinner for the Valley House Homeless Shelter on March 20. The banquet was appreciated and enjoyed by all the Valley House families. Easter baskets were given to all the Valley House children. Pictured from left, Destiny and Christy Compher, sisters; and Ed Flemming of Cactus Pete's.

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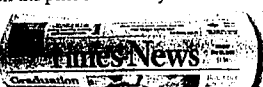
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MILESTONES



The Dilettantes Group of Magic Valley celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a ribbon cutting at the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. For fifty years the talents of many individuals have produced musical productions for the Magic Valley residents to enjoy. The Titanic was this year's production. For information: Sandy Hackling at 735-2500, ext. 3657. Pictured from left, front row, Margaret Vincent, Roger Vincent, Marty Mead, David Mead; and the many talented artists of the Dilettantes Group of Magic Valley.

Fred Meyer carries eco-friendly products

The Fred Meyer Store in Twin Falls is carrying a new line of eco-friendly garden products in response to the growing demands for more sustainable, organic products. The products, manufactured by TerraCycle, Inc., are

made entirely from waste and school kids can earn money by helping collect some of the waste items used to make the products.

TerraCycle's mission is to provide organic and eco-friendly products without charging a premium. The products will be available at Fred Meyer locations throughout Idaho.

Resumes

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Technology after acknowledging that she didn't have an undergraduate degree as she'd claimed. Jones, ironically, had won national attention crusading against the pressure on students to build their resumes for elite colleges.

David Edmondson's 11-year career with RadioShack Corp. ranked in 2006, when misrepresentations he'd made about his education came to light. He'd been the company's president and chief executive.

They are hardly alone. An annual employer survey turned up "inconsistencies" in the work histories of nearly half of job-seekers last year, with 20 percent of applicants providing false or misleading information about their educational credentials. Discrepancies in verifying past employment were up 13 percent over 2005 and up 7 percent involving education, the poll by Kroll Background Screening and Fraud Solutions showed.

"It's astonishing to me the kind of things that people try to fabricate," said Scott Viebranz, Kroll's chief sales officer. "They don't believe it will be found."

Job hunters should be forgiven for feeling like they are criminals before they even get to the interview. But

Increasingly, employers are looking to protect their reputations and deflect any liability if they unwittingly hire a crook or a fraudster. So job offers routinely come with a big string attached—passing a background screen.

PricewaterhouseCoopers recruiters thought they had bagged a terrific job candidate until a check found the guy hadn't attended the college where he said he'd earned his undergraduate degree.

"We gave him a chance to provide documentation," recalled Jennifer Allyn, a human resources manager for the accounting giant.

"It said he was in some discrepancy with the school and concocted a whole story that made no sense."

The company rescinded the offer. "We were happy it got caught," Allyn said, adding "who knows what have happened later?"

Often, what job-seekers leave off their application causes them more problems than what they put on it.

"It's what they didn't tell you that they filed for bankruptcy or sued a former employer or had been sued," said Kenneth S. Springer, president of New York-based Corporate Resolutions Inc., another commercial screening company.

Gambling

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MGM Mirage president and chief operating officer Jim Murren said recently.

The industry, particularly in Las Vegas, pointed to several factors to bolster the claim.

Compared with other top U.S. tourist destinations, major gambling hubs—Las Vegas and Atlantic City—are still affordable to the bargain traveler.

D'Arigo said MGM Mirage has seen an increase in comparison shopping for room rates with visitors opting for companies' mid-market properties over high-end luxury resorts.

Meanwhile, the high-end resorts may increasingly fill up with international travelers, thanks to a U.S. dollar so weak that a Las Vegas Strip room at the tony Bellagio can mean like a bargain for tourists from Europe and Asia. Roughly 13 percent of all visitors to Las Vegas are from outside the U.S. and that number is expected to rise.

But Badington notes Las Vegas' fortunes are often closely tied to the development of new properties that create buzz and draw repeat visitors. In the past, when gambling revenue in the city has been economic growth it's been in the wake of a building boom.

It's too soon to know whether the first new resort hotel on the Strip in three years, Las Vegas Sands' \$1.9 billion Palazzo which began opening in late December, will be that sort of driver.

Early signs don't look promising. The number of visitors to Las Vegas fell slightly in January compared with year-ago numbers. Daily drive-in traffic has slowed compared with last winter, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Many analysts are looking further down the road to the late 2009 opening of the CityCenter project and its 6,300 rooms for the rebound.

"There are a lot of arguments that should be a softer market in '08 than it was in '07," Edgington said.

Robbie Hamilton, a regular at the Hooters and Orleans—hotel-casinos, makes one such argument. The 27-year-old student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas typically spends at least \$40 a week betting on games, but he expects that amount to fall as gas prices rise.

"Gas and gambling kind of come out of the same pocket," he said. "I'll have to leave less action because my gas tank needs it."

Bottom line on remodeling

Home renovations' return on investment varies at resale

By Mary Ellen Sawyer
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If you're trying to sell your house, you'll probably need to grab a paint brush — or at least a phone to call a contractor. But as you fix up the place, keep a close eye on costs, as major remodeling projects rarely add to a seller's bottom line.

Even a minor, mid-range kitchen remodeling project in this area would cost about \$21,000, and a major "upscale" kitchen upgrade would cost \$110,521, according to remodeling magazines' 2007 Cost vs. Value report. That report seeks to estimate the costs of common remodeling projects and how much of the investment will be recouped at resale.

"To sink those kinds of dollars into a property that you are planning on leaving is very risky," said John Wuestman, a broker and an owner of suburban Re/Max Advantage Realty. "Any thought of recapturing 100 percent of that isn't true ... It's more like 70 to 75 percent."

Payoff for recent remodeling projects at resale varies depending on the project. Remodeling found that mid-range kitchen upgrades, for instance, would add about \$17,000 to the home's resale price, recouping about 62 percent of its cost. The



A building contractor mixes plaster for a new room. Payoff for remodeling projects at resale varies depending on the project, a recent report says.

upscale version would add about \$85,000 to the bottom line, for a 77 percent payoff on investment.

Some projects had worse payoffs than kitchens, the remodeling report found. Installing a backup generator, for example, cost an average of \$12,841 but returned only 55 percent of that in value.

Home-office remodeling also brought a poor return, costing an average of \$26,679 and recapturing 56 percent of that in value.

"That doesn't mean you should just throw up your hands and ask for less, though. Anything that's broken or that you're thinking, 'We're just going to knock off

the price,' fix it," Wuestman said.

"You're better off doing it your way," agreed Barbara Nowak, an agent in Long & Foster's suburban Burke, Va., office. She cautioned sellers against avoiding the work by instead offering credits toward repairs like carpet replacement.

Still, "people have to be very cautious," she said, noting that in her experience, many of the projects with the biggest payoff were also the least expensive. The most important improvement is to "clean the house and clear the clutter."

After that, "paint's always a big thing," Nowak said. Sellers should remove dated wallpaper and stained or worn flooring. "If you have vinyl that's curling up," she said, it needs to go.

Considering replacing any dated light fixtures, Nowak said. "Those things will give you pretty good bang for the buck."

Overhauling a kitchen is costly and should be taken on cautiously if you're on your way out, she said. Most sellers should focus on small changes instead.

One easy upgrade, for several hundred dollars, is installing a microwave over the stove, Nowak said. "Having a microwave on the counter takes up valuable counter space. Even a microwave cart really closes up a room."

Justice Department approves XM-Sirius radio merger

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department approved the merger of XM and Sirius, ruling that the union of the nation's two major satellite-radio services does not create an anti-competitive monopoly.

The decision eliminates what was viewed as the toughest legal hurdle facing the \$13 billion deal, which is unrelated to the Federal Communications Commission. Consumer

groups and traditional broadcasters, meanwhile, have urged the FCC to impose conditions on the merger.

Founded 11 years ago, XM pioneered a new market for paid-radio services. XM and Sirius were emblematic of consumers' growth in media choice, as the market for online, cable and digital media players boomed. But the strength of other media caused satellite radio stock prices to sag and created financial incentives for the

satellite companies to consolidate.

In explaining the decision, Justice officials said the options beyond satellite radio — digital recordings, high-definition radio, Web radio — mean that XM and Sirius can merge without diminishing competition.

"There are other alternatives out there," Assistant Attorney General Thomas O. Barnett said in a conference call.

"We just simply found that the evidence didn't indicate

that it would harm consumers."

The deal, which was proposed over a year ago, was immediately denounced as a monopoly by some key members of Congress.

"We believe the elimination of competition between XM and Sirius is contrary to antitrust law and the interests of consumers," Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., chairman of the Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on antitrust and consumer rights, said in a statement.

Airlines

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removed the heavy telephone wiring that was folded inside.

"I always think we've come to the end of the list, but we keep on finding new items" to remove, Oberbeck said.

The weight-savings measures unrelated to the grounding this week of MD-80 planes operated by American, a company spokesman said Friday. American and Delta Air Lines both had to cancel flights after Federal Aviation Administration inspectors questioned whether the airlines had properly performed a modification. A \$10.2 million civil penalty imposed by the FAA on Southwest Airlines this month also was unrelated to fuel-saving measures.

Last year, American replaced its silverware on business and first class with another set that was made from a lighter metal.

"Every little bit helps, especially for an airline like American Airlines that flies over 750,000 flights a year," Oberbeck said.

American Airlines burned 2.8 billion gallons in 2007. After the recent weight cuts, the carrier estimates it will consume about 111 million gallons this year.

Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways had similar ideas when it redesigned aircraft interiors following its 2005 combination with American West Airlines.

Sheri Shamblin, US Airways vice president for InFlight Services, said management realized it could save fuel by simply replacing metal carts with ones that weigh 12 pounds less.

"Twelve pounds is significant when you run anywhere from six to 15 carts on an airplane," Shamblin said. The

lighter carts will save the airline \$1.7 million a year in fuel costs, she said.

Management decided last month to continue to lighten its meal service by getting rid of glassware on domestic flights. Its east coast flights already had switched to plastic. But on western flights previously run by America West, first-class passengers were still handed beverages in glass flutes and tumblers, Shamblin said.

"We actually were going to put glassware back on the east in first class until fuel continued to keep rising," she said.

US Airways officials wondered if replacing glass with plastic would bother passengers. But in customer surveys "glassware didn't come up on the list" of what was important on their

flight, Shamblin said.

Still, US Airways will keep glasses for its premium Envoy class service during trans-Atlantic flights.

JetBlue's aircraft are 1,079 pounds lighter after removing extra trash bins, flight kits, supplies and seats — "all the little things that, when combined, make a decent difference," JetBlue spokesman Bryan Baldwin said.

The weight loss will save the carrier roughly \$16,000 for a three-hour flight, he said.

A lot of airlines are also trying to fly differently to be more fuel efficient. They're carrying less water and putting less gas in the tank if the plane doesn't need it to make the trip. They also plug in planes to ground power as soon as the plane lands.

Southwest Airlines cut fuel costs simply by flying more direct routes. The Dallas-based carrier equipped planes with life vests during the past two years, allowing pilots to fly over bodies of water and shave miles off of their flights.

All of these changes have helped airlines boost their fuel efficiency, Heimlich said. But he's not sure how much more fuel conservation airlines can do. As fuel prices continue to rise, he said, carriers are parking many of their planes and cramming customers into the remaining flights.

"The place to cut now is simply the quantity of service. The number of flights, the number of seats," he said. "In other words, the only thing left to cut is the amount of supply itself."

National Doctor's Day

March 30, 2008

March 30th has been designated as National Doctor's Day. A day to take time and thank the doctors who impact our lives. Doctors are a rare group of individuals, always giving of their time to care for others, comforting us in times of need and providing a healing presence in our lives.

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Most sweeping overhaul of Fed since Great Depression being proposed

By Martin Crousinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is trying to confront the credit crisis that has rattled nerves from Wall Street to Main Street by proposing wholesale changes in how Washington oversees the financial system.

A plan set for release Monday would give new powers to the Federal Reserve so that the central bank serves as the system's overarching protector of stability.

The proposal would abolish agencies such as the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, shifting their responsibilities to other federal institutions.

When Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson outlines the ideas in a speech, the changes will represent the most sweeping overhaul of financial regulation since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The Associated Press obtained a 22-page executive summary of the proposal. It seeks to make sense of the mishmash of overlapping oversight in which an alphabet-soup roster of agencies



President Bush, flanked by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, left, and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, poses for cameras after his meeting with the President's Working Group on Financial Markets on March 17 in Washington.

regulates banks, thrifts and credit unions.

Under the current hodge-podge, institutions that take deposits and are federally insured face multiple regulatory bodies. By contrast, hedge funds, private equity firms and investment banks escape substantially less regulation.

The credit crisis that has rocked Wall Street and made credit hard to get on Main Street has highlighted that discrepancy in regulation.

Many financial institutions have declared billions of dollars in losses stemming from soaring mortgage defaults caused by prolonged housing troubles.

In an unprecedented move designed to get credit flowing again, the Fed is allowing investment banks to borrow directly from the Fed, something only commercial banks had the power to do before.

That decision came as part of a rescue effort for Bear Stearns Cos., the nation's fifth

largest investment bank. It nearly failed earlier this month before the Fed rushed in with a \$30 billion line of credit to facilitate the sale of Bear Stearns to JP Morgan Chase & Co.

The Fed's moves have put public money potentially at risk and increased calls for greater regulation of investment banks and other institutions.

The Paulson plan is expected to generate intense debate in Congress, which would have to approve the changes.

Some top Democrats, including Rep. Barney Frank, the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, are pushing competing ideas that would streamline oversight but also impose new controls beyond those in Paulson's plan.

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Bush begins his farewell tour with last NATO summit

By Terence Hurt
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Winding down his presidency, George W. Bush is beginning his farewell tour on the world stage trailed by questions about how much clout he still wields. With fewer than 300 days left in his term, other presidents and prime ministers are looking beyond Bush to see who will occupy his chair a year from now.

It's an open question whether Bush's foreign policy priorities will be embraced by his successor in the Oval Office. Other world leaders have to calculate how far they should step out on the ledge with a president whose days are numbered and whose legacy had been darkened by the long and costly war in Iraq.

Air Force One will roar out of Andrews Air Force Base on Monday to whisk Bush to the first in a long-planned series of global goodbye events. After a brief stop in Ukraine, Bush stops in Romania to attend his last summit with NATO leaders.

A few days later, Bush will land in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi for his probable final meeting with Vladimir Putin as Russian president; his successor takes over in May.

Lawmakers rush to act on housing mess, eye broad changes; White House developing own proposal

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders are racing to push through an array of election-year housing measures that already have stirred up much political wrangling and the White House is examining its own plan to further help homeowners caught in the mortgage meltdown.

With foreclosure signs prevalent and a Wall Street rescue reverberating, majority Democrats want the government to step in and back up to \$400 billion in troubled loans. The goal is to help strapped borrowers and thaw a credit market plagued by uncertainty about the value of subprime mortgages made to people with spotty credit or low incomes.

As lawmakers return from their two-week spring recess, their leaders are moving fast to increase the political heat on the housing issue. Many Republicans, though, are resisting what they characterize as heavy-handed federal intervention that could leave taxpayers on the hook for a mortgage bailout.

Senate Democrats plan a test vote this coming week on a series of housing proposals. One would let bankruptcy judges reduce the amount owed and interest payments on loans held by

distressed borrowers. President Bush and Republicans strongly oppose the idea.

The Senate took up the plan several weeks ago. But the proposal, which also would make grants available to communities with the highest foreclosure rates so they could buy foreclosed properties, fell well short of the 60 votes it would have needed to advance.

Democrats, however, are determined to put Republicans in the position of making tough votes, given the issue's potency for voters.

"Our hope is that when Republican members went back home they said 'Let's do something,'" said Sen. Charles E. Schumer, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee. "We feel the pressure is mounting and we are hopeful that there will be a change of mind in the Republican leadership," said Schumer, D-N.Y.

Bush administration officials have signaled in recent days that they, too, are reviewing a new approach to help homeowners, including people who owe more on their mortgages than their houses are worth. The White House is evaluating the Democratic proposals, but Bush advisers say the administration does not want to reward risky behavior by borrowers, speculators and lenders.

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14 General Surgery	15 Orthopedics Sleep Lab	16 Cardiology Dermatology General Surgery	17 Mobile MRI	18 Mobile MRI
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EDITORIAL

Why can't Republicans just get along?

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, the state Senate and the state House of Representatives are like three cowboys playing Texas hold'em.

At three separate tables. As the least productive legislative session in a generation lurches to a halt, its accomplishments are remarkably meager: No additional funding to repair Idaho's battered roads. No farm and ranch land preservation tax credit. No merit pay system for teachers. No progress on a new prison. No local-option tax authority for most communities. No meaningful day-care regulation. No early childhood education. No ethics-in-government reform that applies to lawmakers and senior state officials.

This despite the fact that there's a Republican governor and that the GOP holds 79 of 105 legislative seats.

What we have here is a failure to communicate.

Otter has an astonishingly hard time finding the same page as the House and Senate GOP leadership. He tends to be blindsided by their decisions, makes poor choices with his vetoes and hasn't been successful putting together coalitions to achieve his goals.

As a consequence, the governor has spent most of the past three months reacting, not setting the agenda.

Part of the problem is style. Otter relishes innovative, unorthodox approaches to policy and informal, cut-to-the-chase decision-making out of the public spotlight. That's not really how any legislature works anymore.

Otter presented a finely detailed budget in January, but lacked a Plan B — critical when times are tight.

For its part, the House is run by ideologues more interested in cutting taxes than tackling problems.

Senate leaders come from a good-government perspective — a throwback to the days of legislative bipartisanship when Democrats and Republican crossed party lines with impunity.

Roughly divided between conservative Republicans and a coalition of GOP and Democratic moderates, the Senate manages to conduct a running dialogue with the governor. But the Senate's differences with the House are often personal and occasionally intractable.

Maybe the impasse will be broken by the May primary and November general elections. New faces and fresh perspectives always help.

But sooner or later, the governor and legislative leaders must have a meeting of the minds. Idaho faces serious issues. This long-running tug-of-war is just making them worse.

Our view: Statehouse power struggles are hurting Idaho.

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

Sierra Club throws a sucker punch at McCain

If you are the Sierra Club, what would you call a senator who: a) voted against oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; b) introduced legislation to cut greenhouse gas emissions; and c) co-authored a 3.5 million-acre statewide wilderness bill?



JOEL CONNELLY

Answer: The enemy. In the past few weeks, the Sierra Club has sent out two news releases and four e-mails to its members attacking Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain. It has urged members to "spread the word" by writing local newspapers.

"Let's place thousands of letters in papers around the country," the club instructed its members. As a longtime admirer of the Sierra Club, and tactical acumen, I am disgusted and disillusioned. When self-interested interest group leaders throw sucker punches, they need to be called on it.

McCain is one of the few Republican politicians who have sailed against the anti-environmental tide in his party.

He has, year after year, sought to cap and cut carbon emissions into the atmosphere.

McCain and Sen. Hillary Clinton led a Senate delegation to Alaska in 2005 that examined impacts of global warming, from beetle infestations killing northern forests to storms scouring Arctic villages.

In a December 1996 op-ed piece for the New York Times, titled "Nature Is Not a Liberal Part," McCain wrote: "We Republicans are responsible for much of the negative perception of our environmental record."

McCain declined to answer questions in Congress for trying to repeal the Clean Air Act, and attempts to pass riders on appropriations bills blocking enforcement of environ-



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mental laws. What's with the Sierra Club? Or its partner in press releases, the League of Conservation Voters, which gave McCain a "0" (out of 100) rating on Senate votes in the past year?

"The Sierra Club appears to have led blind partisanism trump honest advocacy," said David Jenkins, government affairs director for Republicans for Environmental Responsibility.

The group often has made common cause with the Sierra Club, and defended the club and League of Conservation Voters against charges of partisanship.

In a letter that's almost a cry of pain, REP President Dr. Martha Marks wrote last week to Sierra Club boss Carl Pope and League of Conservation Voters chief Gene Karpinski:

"If either the Sierra Club or LCV works hard this year to defeat the greenest Republican nominee in decades — and especially if

your attacks on him begin well in advance of the fall campaign — then it will be difficult to credit that effort to anything other than partisanship."

Since making its first presidential endorsement in 1984, the Sierra Club has increasingly come across as an arm of the Democratic Party.

The club saw its membership nearly double during the tenure of President Reagan's anti-environmental Interior Secretary James Watt. Its robustness today, at more than 800,000 members, has been helped by resistance to the policies of President Bush.

Its leaders hobnobbed with George Soros, and were part of liberals' 2004 nationwide effort to get out the anti-Bush vote. Carl Pope was omnipresent at the Democratic National Convention, peddling an anti-Bush book and appearing on panels with labor chiefs.

What happens, however,

when the side in which you have invested everything sells you down the river? Issues of global warming and new energy technologies went unmentioned by Democrats in the 2004 general election.

McCain wrote an Arizona wilderness bill, in tandem with Democratic Rep. Morris Udall. He along with Barack Obama, has taken the case for increased mileage standards and reduced carbon emissions straight to the Detroit Economic Club.

The Sierra Club can cherry-pick Senate votes, but its anti-McCain campaign deserves a great big raspberry.

Words of the 1996 essay were never more true than today: "We must learn that protecting the environment requires the bipartisan cooperation necessary for progress on all the great issues of our day."

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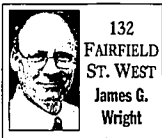
Race yourself for The Comic Massacre of 2008.

As I've warned for some time, we need to trim our comic lineup. In recent years you've become accustomed to a funny page-and-a-half-way Wednesday morning.

The panels and strips aren't cheap — \$1,500 per page for some — and they eat up space we want to use for news. With just one page, we can be more consistent in how the paper is laid out — making things easier for sleepy readers to find in the morning.

So, without further tumult, here's what's coming your way Wednesday morning:

• Say goodbye to "Baldo," "Strange Brew," "Brevity" and "The Born Loser." In cards, letters, phone calls, e-mails and death threats you touted your favorites and voted to give these four the sack. Democracy ruled. We need to accept it and move on.



132 FAIRFIELD ST. WEST James G. Wright

• "Family Circus" will move to the Classified section, taking up residence with Su/do/ku and the crossword puzzle.

• "Doonesbury" and "Mallard Fillmore" will be on the Opinion page, a place better suited to their political content.

• Moving to the A2 Morning Briefing are the horoscope and Today in History.

Cutting comics was relatively easy. Finding a new home for other features that appeared on the right-hand Comics page was not. Dear Abby proved an especially

tough nut to crack. Abby — in reality, it's Jeanne Phillips: Abby went to give advice to the angels some years back — doesn't really fit most of our sections.

And because she often deals with such perversions as dress-dressing, between-incest and speed limits on interstate highways, some parents don't want her lurking next to a page that is a destination for impressionable young children not yet acquainted with late-night cable TV.

Starting Wednesday, Abby will appear on the Weather page. It's not a perfect fit, but meteorologists are seasoned folk who are better able to deal with hostility between occluded weather fronts.

The Comics page will appear inside Monday Image, Country Roads on Wednesday, On Thursday, Friday and Saturday it will be in Sports.

We'll devote space formerly home to comics and that

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saucy Abby person to more wholesome community news — school honor rolls, club news, Eagle Scout awards and such.

Steven Huetting of Hazelton took me to task via email for last Sunday's column about wanting to have a newspaper that is a marketplace for ideas.

"You mention conservative, liberal and libertarian philosophies," Steven wrote. "So just who is the libertarian columnist you currently print? And as long as I'm asking, who's the populist? The environmentalist?"

"Why doesn't that carry over to your paper's political coverage? How many Ron Paul or Dennis Kucinich stories did you print in this pri-

mary season? Will you give any columnists for free. We can on the November ballot with Libertarian, Constitution or Independent next to their name, or will most of your readers meet those candidates for the first time at the polls?

Good questions. When I mentioned various philosophies, I didn't mean to imply that we offer a column from every viewpoint. My point was simply that people should sample broadly before coming to conclusions.

There's really no way we can reflect every possible political philosophy through op-ed columns. We don't have the space, and no good columnist works for free. We can always broaden the chance, but just because we offer a marketplace doesn't mean

we have to pay for all ideas expressed there.

Each year we print about 2,500 letters to the editor and maybe 200 guest opinions, as well as our own editorials and those from other papers. We also pick up columnists from time to time who have different viewpoints than our usual lineup.

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As for political coverage, it's a fact of life that not all candidates are created equal. We don't shut out anyone. But if a candidate consistently has negligible support in credible polls, never wins a primary or a caucus, doesn't have much money for a serious challenge and lacks success in past races, we're not going to waste our limited space and everyone's time pretending that he's on par with those who have a chance at being elected.

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Fate of Burley's airport hangs in the balance

The city of Burley has been actively seeking and planning for new airport close enough to be able to use city equipment for maintenance, upkeep and snow removal. A site has been selected that could contain a much longer runway than the current airport has. However the proposed site landowners are asking that the city of Heyburn annex their property and rezone it commercial. This in effect will make the land acquisition too costly and virtually kill the new airport.

Unfortunately Burley may close the current airport due to the landlocked runway lengths and possible economic expansion, and job growth. This would leave our area without any airport.

Consider the critical services of our local airport.

- Air medical flights are saving many lives each year. Many of these flights cannot be accomplished by helicopter such as during bad weather. A fixed-wing aircraft can fly in snow and icing conditions; a helicopter cannot. There are only a few emergency helicopters avail-

READER COMMENT
Kevin Gebhart

able. Most of the helicopters require additional fuel from the Burley airport before going on to their destinations.

- Search and rescue and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) are currently based at the Burley Airport. Rated as one of the top squadrons in the United States last year, flying many missions from Burley.

- Firefighting equipment and personnel from the airport make rapid response available.

- Air charter and personal transportation are other common activities. A corporate charity called Angel Flight has taken people on in no way could afford air fare to faraway cities for organ transplants and medical procedures. This is made possible by corporate aircraft being able to stop in Burley with minimal delay on the ground or deviation from

their original route.

- Summer agricultural and year-around business traffic are very important variables for this location. Aerial application of seed, fertilizer, and pest control are all possible because of the support of our local airport.

- UPS makes its morning stop in Burley. Air freight, banking ops and emergency freight all utilize our local airport. Burley is used as an alternate airport when weather has closed Twin Falls, Pocatello and Sun Valley.

- Flight operations, repairs and services are all available at the Burley Airport. Our local airport has a support staff of mechanics and fuel personnel that keep all of the above mentioned activities in motion.

Aviation fuel taxes and airline ticket fees pay for most airport construction and improvements. In fact, 95 percent of the costs of air-traffic construction come from this FAA trust fund. Another 2.5 percent from the state of Idaho, and even more from grants.

A local airport is the on/off ramp to America's

airways and major companies weigh heavily the availability of a local airport when they are making future expansion plans. Could you imagine if the closest freeway exit for Burley and Rupert was in Twin Falls? How long does a community last without convenient travel?

The city of Burley has carried the burden of care and maintenance of Minnicassi's only paved public airport. This airport has provided the opportunity for the growth of both Minnicassi and Cassia counties. Many lives have been saved by the airport's close proximity to both hospitals.

Do Minnicassi and Cassia counties need a local airport? You bet they do! There is a reason that nearly every county seat in America has a local airport. The Heyburn City Council will meet April 9 to decide the rezoning of the currently proposed airport site.

If rezoned, it will kill the building of a new airport. This would be a mistake.

Kevin Gebhart is the Burley Airport manager.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Downsides apparent when privatizing public grounds

Proposed fee increases for many southern Idaho Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service campgrounds are on the table. The citizens' Recreation Resource Advisory Committee meets in Twin Falls on Thursday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Labor Building, 450 Falls Ave.

Without positive action, you may arrive at your favorite campground in June and find the fee to be \$10 or \$12 a night instead of the previous \$5 or \$6. A modest fee for developed sites with potable water, toilets, tables and paved parking has always been accepted by the public. However, the land management agencies should not succumb to using wholesale campground fee increases as the "panacea" for maintenance backlogs. Another distasteful trend is the privatization of campground management. Concessionaires are typically interested in maximizing their profit. Public service is secondary. Outsourcing has its downsides.

On the BLM and Boise and Payette Forests, there is a plethora of proposed increases. The Sawtooth only has a couple. My view is that there should be no fee increases whatsoever. The proposed answer to the dilemma of recreation infrastructure maintenance and management is that the American public must demand that Congress redeem its clear responsibility to adequately fund public land recreation.

In backcountry venues such as rivers and trailheads, fees are totally inappropriate. Fee repeal legislation to rectify this has been progressively co-sponsored in the Senate by Montana Sen. Max Baucus and Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo. Please stand up for your precious public lands and contact one of the following federal officials or attend the Recreation Resource Advisory Committee meeting.

- Terry Clark, Sawtooth National Forest, toclarck@fs.fed.us, 7037-3200;
- M.J. Byrne, Boise BLM, mary.j.byrne@blm.gov, (208) 344-3393;
- Heather Tiel-Nelson, BLM public affairs in Twin Falls, 736-2352;
- Layne Bangertner, Sen. Crapo's Boise office, 334-1776, Ext 18.

SCOTT PHILLIPS
Halley

Newspaper story was appreciated

I wish to thank the Times-News for the recent article about the Amachi Mentoring Program titled "Helping kids be kids."

America's most isolated at-risk children are the estimated 7.3 million children who have a parent under some form of state or federal supervision. Without effective intervention, 70 percent of these children likely will follow their parent's footsteps into prison.

The Amachi Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program was developed to provide them with a different path by establishing the consistent presence of loving, caring people in their lives. The Amachi Mentoring Program, a joint venture of the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging and Retired Senior Volunteers Program and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley, is the passionate response to the needs of children in Twin Falls and Jerome counties with a parent in prison. While there are many programs to help those in prison, there are few visible programs to address the specific needs of the "invisible" children.

The local Amachi Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program was established in early 2007 with assistance from St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's Community Health Improvement Fund, Idaho Community Foundation, the Corporation for National and Community Service as well as with a generous donation from the east and west of "Music Comes Alive."

Without support from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley, the Corporation for National and Community Service, CSI Office on Aging's RSVP Program, SHAD Region V Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, Twin Falls Police Department, Idaho Legal Aid Services, Twin Falls School District, local churches and other volunteer mentors who devote a minimum of one hour each week mentoring, this program would not be possible. We always welcome new mentors.

To be a mentor please contact me at 933-2384 or send me an email at esiamachimentoring@yahoo.com.

KENNETH WHITTING
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Kenneth Whitting is an AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer.)

OTHER VIEWS

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

... Idaho's day care shame

Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.

A last-ditch effort to blast a day-care-regulation bill out of an Idaho Senate committee fell short Tuesday, so the issue is dead for the fourth consecutive year. Buttressed by support from working families around the state, sponsors were seeking minimal standards for day care centers with four or more children, including criminal background checks for workers and annual health and fire inspections. Currently, only those centers with more than seven children are regulated by the state.

Senate Health and Welfare Committee Chairwoman Pauli Anne Lodge, R-Huston, said the bill needed more work. For one thing, she said, the fiscal note was inaccurate.

"This bill needs to stay where it is committee for this year, and give the sponsors the opportunity to work on it so that it is what it says is."

It's always something. In the three previous years, the bill was also nipped to death.

Some lawmakers worried it would prevent rural families from dropping kids off at the houses of relatives and friends. Some wanted evidence that smaller day cares had problems before deciding whether they needed regulation. Some worried that there wouldn't be enough money for inspections. And some thought that working mothers should

just stay home. The bill has been continually nipped and tugged, but it's never satisfactory.

In justifying his vote on Tuesday to block the bill, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Tupelo, said, "We simply do not have enough time to hear every bill and to vote on every single bill."

But four years is long enough to get to the head of the line, and the Legislature is working on less vital matters.

For instance, the House just passed a bill that would criminalize the act of violently coercing a person into getting an abortion. Sure, it's already illegal to use such force, but the Legislature, at the behest of bill sponsor Rep. Bob Nontini, R-Coeur d'Alene, took time out of its busy schedule to make sure that such coercion is really, really frowned upon when it comes to abortion ...

... It just shows how out of touch lawmakers are when they waste time on a redundant punishment for a perceived problem, when the actual issue of protecting children with basic regulatory standards is kicked down the road year after year.

Idaho has been judged the worst in the nation for day-care oversight. This year's inaction will guarantee that it hangs onto that dubious distinction for another year.

... Otter's pique

Lawiston Tribune

What on earth is Butch Otter thinking? First, Idaho's governor has backhandedly vetoed a measure continuing the state's best alternative to building even more prisons to house drug-addicted offenders. Then after senators of both parties overwhelmingly override that veto, he picks a petty fight with the Legislature.

It sounds as if Otter is added himself, on the drug

known as ego.

As senator after senator argued before voting for the override, the drug courts and treatment programs financed by the \$16.8 million Otter's line item were cited as the best of the state, much more. If the 3,200 people who would be deprived of those alternatives by his veto were sent to out-of-state prisons — the only ones with the needed cell space — construction would pay \$57 million per year.

Otter also says he offered to compromise with legislators over the size of the appropriation. But Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Tupelo and co-chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pointed out that would mean moving in the wrong direction on drug programs.

"Do you want to maintain the effort we started over the last several years?" Cameron asked his colleagues, "or do you want to slide backward?"

Judging from Otter's reaction to the Senate override, that is precisely the direction he wants to go. Thursday, he again used his line-item veto, this time to reject money for laptop computers to be used by legislators themselves.

Such peevishness not only threatens to extend a legislative session that is itself costly to Idaho taxpayers, but Otter is calling greater attention to the fact he is on the wrong side in this dispute ...

... auditing asphalt

Idaho Statesman, Boise

... many House members remain suspicious of the Idaho Transportation Department. For them, Connecting Idaho remains a case study in overpromise and under-delivery.

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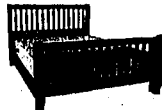
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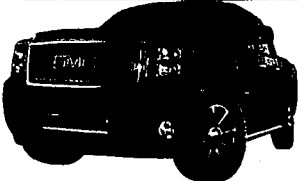
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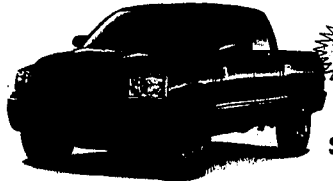


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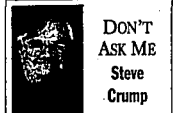
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A fool and his tool belt are soon parted

For several years now, programs about people who buy houses, fix them up and sell them for a big profit have been a staple of cable television. "Flip That House," "Property Ladder," "Designed to Sell" — my wife loves those shows. They just make me mad.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

That's because TV flippers are, by and large, idiots. I say that as one who possesses the home-improvement skills of a walrus. I would no more attempt to tear out a wall than I'd try to pull my own tooth. There's wisdom in knowing your own limitations. There's bankruptcy if you don't. These series originated during the real estate boom — you do remember the real estate boom, don't you? — so the flippers are generally on the hook for a mortgage roughly equivalent to the gross national product of Ecuador. Then they go on vacation. When they get back, their subcontractors have removed all of the plumbing from the house and left a Volkswagen-sized crater in the front yard. "Gee," one flipper says to another. "I didn't expect that."

Duh. Anybody who's ever been through a house remodel knows that contractors disappear for months at a time, leaving gaping holes in the wall covered with torn Visqueen. Most of these TV flips seem to take place in California, where local building codes are tighter than Carrie Underwood's jeans. There are 19 levels of bureaucracy you must go through just to get a permit to change a light bulb. So House Flipper A goes to Building Inspector B, who issues a permit after Flipper A makes \$14,000 worth of changes. After the changes are made, Building Inspector C shows up on the property and tells Flipper A that he or she did it all wrong and must start over from scratch.

After that's finished, a representative from the California Environmental Protection Agency turns up and proclaims that the wiring must be torn out because it was made in a factory in China that had lead paint on the walls. By this time, of course, the project has been delayed for three months and the flipper doesn't have enough cash to meet the next mortgage payment. At which point a house-flipping expert is brought in who coolly informs the flipper that he or she is too stupid to live. These programs are now taking advantage of the collapse of the housing market to showcase people who find astonishing real estate bargains and renovate them. And, almost certainly, sell them for less than they paid. While others put it best, I think "I stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out?"

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T.E. council, staff peer into future to revise strategic plan

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Pretend for a moment, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow said, that the city of Twin Falls is a product. "I'd almost say that we need to think of Twin Falls as a brand name and we need to protect it," Clow told the City Council and staff members assembled for a day-long meeting. How to keep Twin Falls, well, Twin Falls was one of several overarching themes during the Saturday discussion of the city's strategic plan. Heavily revised in 2006, the plan currently lists the city's goals through 2012, including what infrastructure, business and law enforcement priorities should be through that time. The city revises the plan every two years, and while this year's work is considered more of an update than an overhaul, there was much to discuss. To no one's surprise, much of it included finances. Lists of goals are well and good, several officials said. But the city has to be able to pay for its projects, whether they be grandiose or simple. Finance Director Gary Evans said financial predictions for the city are

likely to be tight, with \$800,000 of an expected \$900,000 increase in revenue for the next fiscal year already claimed by a 5 percent pay increase, 10 percent rise in insurance costs and five new employees. "That's if things are good. One month does not make a trend," Evans cautioned.

Discussion of the city's strategic plan is set to continue Monday in the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. For more information: 735-7271.

Sit in

But if vehicle registration fees and other sources of income continue to depress like they did in February, the city could be looking at \$300,000 less than expected, he said. Either way, the consensus seemed to be that tight finances will restrict what city services can be improved for a city of 40,000 that actually handles as much as double that population during the day. When the topic of police priorities came up, Twin Falls Police Chief Jim Munn and others said that department is limited by just those factors.

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Shaving seconds



Maddy Bauman, 9, a student at Bickel Elementary, competes in the WSSA City of Twin Falls Sport Stacking Championships held at Vera C. O'Leary Jr. High School Saturday morning in Twin Falls. Bauman is one of four students from Bickel Elementary that will be attending the upcoming World Championships in Denver on April 5-6.

Idaho kids to compete in world cup-stacking competition

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

It's a role many parents are familiar with. Make time in the week for practices. Cheer loudly at each match. Help their kids make sure they have all their gear. "That's not hard when gear" means 12 plastic cups. "A lot of people think of it as a weird sport," proud parent Shelley Bolan said of cup stacking, in which participants compete to see who can stack cups in predetermined sequences. For Bolan and her son, though, the sport has become as normal as football and basketball. Jonathan Bolan, 9, is one of four Bickel Elementary students who will travel this week to Denver to partici-



On the web

<http://www.worldsportstackingassociation.org/>

part in the World Sport Stacking Association's world championship. On Saturday, Jonathan faced a different challenge, competing with about 20 other kids in the WSSA's first sanctioned Idaho state tournament. Organized by Twin Falls physical education teacher Eric Bauman, students from elementary- to junior-high-age from across southern Idaho faced others in their age groups in a test of speed and coordination. The sport has three stan-

Name	Division	Time
3-3-3 finals		
Ammon Christensen - Nampa	11	2.91
Sabina Fehratovic - Twin Falls	1314	3.12
Sanel Fehratovic - Twin Falls	10	3.25
Alexia Mireles - Twin Falls	12	3.47
Amika Shank - Twin Falls	9	3.50
3-6-3 finals		
Ammon Christensen - Nampa	11	3.52
Sabina Fehratovic - Twin Falls	1314	3.81
Jonathon Bolan - Twin Falls	9	3.96
Sanel Fehratovic - Twin Falls	10	4.09
Alexia Mireles - Twin Falls	12	4.15
Cycle finals		
Alexia Mireles - Twin Falls	12	10.80
Jonathon Bolan - Twin Falls	9	11.33
Ammon Christensen - Nampa	11	11.47
Dalyn Bauman - Twin Falls	10	12.32
Eric Bauman - Twin Falls	2	13.89

standard patterns, all variations of thin pyramids. There's the "3-3-3 stack," or three stacks made of three cups each. The "3-6-3 stack" is two stacks of three and one of six. A "cycle" stack combines a 3-6-3 stack, a 6-6 stack and a 1-10-1 stack.

World records for the patterns currently range from two to eight seconds, and the Vera C. O'Leary gymnasium was a cacophony of clacking Saturday morning. Younger, less-experienced

Rocky roads in the Legislature

BOISE — Those who work in the Capitol Annex during the Legislature — lawmakers, lobbyists, reporters — often opine that decisions made in the morning often transform into things inherently different by nightfall. Transportation can do the trick.



LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK
Jared S. Hopkins

Thursday began one day after the unveiling of a \$68.5 million package to raise transportation revenue that legislators described as a "going home" bill. But by early afternoon, the support system crumbled when Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter cut his approval of it and chastised the Legislature. By evening, lawmakers heading home assumed the whole issue was dead. Transportation — what many called the main issue of the session — often stirs the emotional pot at the Legislature. A few weeks ago, one lawmaker sang a song on the House floor to make his point. "After he canceled appearing at a public event on the second floor of his office building, spokesman Jon Hanlin released a five-sentence terse-yet-written statement to reporters in his office."

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Bodies found at Twin Falls trailer park

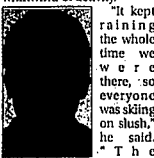
Twin Falls police and the county prosecutor's office are looking into the deaths of two people found Friday afternoon in the Lazy J Trailer Park in Twin Falls. At about 2:30 p.m. that day, Twin Falls police received a call reporting a welfare check at 450 Pole Line Road, #149, located within the trailer park. Officers found two deceased people upon arriving at the address, according to a news release. The cause of death and identities of the deceased are still being determined. Autopsies were scheduled for Saturday. No other details were available Saturday, police said, and all inquiries were directed to the Twin Falls County prosecutor's office, which is not open on weekends. A call to the trailer park's main office was not returned Saturday night.

Seastrom returns from World Scout Games

By John E. Swazy
Times-News correspondent

Late winter weather created less than ideal conditions for competition, but Boy Scout Ryan Seastrom will never forget the experience. Earlier this month, the 18-year-old Twin Falls resident was one of 12 athletes from around the United States who flew to Kandersteg, Switzerland, to participate with eight other countries in the first World Scout Winter Games held Feb. 28 through March 3. He was the only Scout selected to represent Idaho and the Snake River Council at the event. With only two days to actually complete the competition, Seastrom remembers the whole experience

of skiing, bobsledding and ice curling as a constant whirlwind of activity.



"I kept raining the whole time we were there, so everyone was skiing on slush," he said. The Swiss won every curling match and the Sweden team took it all too seriously, because they used skin suits and ran my team off the bobsled track." Scouting began in 1907 when decorated veteran of the Boer War Robert Baden-Powell began using his outdoor woodcraft and survival

skills to help give boys a sense of direction in life. His efforts have grown to a membership of more than 128 million scouts in 156 countries. "Unlike here where you get your Eagle as a teenager, scouting seems to be almost a life-long activity over there," Seastrom said. "I don't know, but some of the Scouts we competed against looked like they might be in their 20s or early 30s." Seastrom joined the scouting program in the third grade, completing his project and achieving Eagle status in 2005. "The winter games drew to a close on March 3 with the mayor of Kandersteg awarding Sweden the gold, Norway the silver and Lichtenstein the bronze

medal. Athletes from the U.S. and other countries were given participation medals. Some of Seastrom's most vivid memories are of meal times or on the train when scouts gathered together and the intensity of competition was replaced by a relaxed atmosphere of friendship. "We started trying to break down communication barriers and talk to each other the second day we were there," he said. "On the train ride to Zurich to catch the plane home, I traded scarves with a scout from the Portugal team and that's pretty cool." John E. Swazy may be reached at 526-7212 or swazy@aol.com.

Lois E. Barrington

Lois E. Barrington of Twin Falls passed away Sunday, March 23, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Lois was born Dec. 31, 1919, in Willard, Mont., the daughter of Elmer and Olga (Roget) Anderson.

During World War II, Lois worked at Convair Aircraft Company as "California the Riveter" in California. Lois married Don Barrington in Fresno, Calif., on May 26, 1957, and for the last 50 years has been a homemaker taking care of her family. She enjoyed all painting, collecting dolls, playing the organ during church services and cooking for her family and friends.

Lois is survived by her husband, Donald Barrington of Twin Falls, Idaho; a daughter,



Linda (Kenneth) Lay of Great Falls, Mont.; sons, Craig (Rebecca) Barrington of Richland, Wash., Daniel (Diane) Gines of Rupert, Idaho, and John Gines of Boise. She has eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jack Anderson of Miles City, Mont.; and two sisters, Darlene Koch of Miles City, Mont., and Edna Wells of San Diego, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Eldon Anderson; and a sister, Evelyn Gier.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Church of the Brethren, 461 Filer Ave. W., in Twin Falls. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

She will be greatly missed. Family and friends are invited to share their thoughts and memories at www.mem.com.

Robert D. Crosland

BURLEY — Robert D. Crosland, age 71, passed away March 18, 2008, at his home away from home in Overton.

He was born Feb. 17, 1937, in Elko, Nev., to Darwin and Sophie Crosland.

Robert grew up in the Burley area and graduated from Burley High School in 1956. He worked for the railroad as a freight Carmen until 1988. At that time, he retired and became a full-time fisherman. Robert was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting, gardening, riding motorcycles and especially spending time with his family and friends.



He was a member of the Southern Idaho Bros and well known as Captain Hook.

After retirement he became a snowbird spending summers in Idaho and winters in Overton Beach, Nev.

Robert is survived by his two daughters, Charity Crosland of Paul, Idaho, and Tammy Roberts of Ketchikan, Ind.; his mother, Joseph Smith of Burley; twin brother, Richard of Albion, and younger brother, Jim (Red) Crosland of Heyburn; sister, Gail Simpson of Burley; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Darwin Crosland, and three brothers, Roy, Darwin (Harold) and Wallace (Wally) Crosland.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at his daughter's home in Paul.

Lula May Young

BURLEY — Lula May Young, age 90, passed away Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Lula May, the daughter of John Thomas and Basbie Jane (Hicks) Peddy, was born Nov. 13, 1917, in Knox City, Texas. She was reared and educated in Texas. On June 3, 1939, she married Kerna Young in Pust, Texas. Together, they raised two sons. Lula may worked as a beautician. She was an outstanding wife, mother and grandmother using her homemaking skills in raising her family. She especially enjoyed cooking for family and friends.

In 1959, Lula May moved with her family to Paul. In 1988, following retirement, she and her husband, Kerna, moved to Coleville, Wash. Four years later, they moved to Bonney Lake, Wash., to be closer to their sons. They



returned to the Burley area in 1999, where she had since resided.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Burley. During her 30 years with the church, she was actively involved in the Women's Missionary Union. For a short time, she and Kerna attended Colonial Baptist Church in Rupert. Most recently, she was a member of the Rupert Baptist Church.

She is survived by her two sons, Elwayne Young of Elba, Wash., and Rick Young of Heyburn; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, who passed away Jan. 9, 2006; two brothers; and two sisters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 3, at the First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave., in Burley. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Venecca Gasaway

PAUL — Venecca Cook Gasaway entered this life on Sept. 7, 1977, in American Fork, Utah. She was called home on Thursday, March 27, 2008, following a fatal car accident.

Venecca married Blair Gasaway on July 17, 1997, in the Mount Timpanogas LDS Temple for time and all eternity. She enjoyed nature, sunsets, and taking long walks with her husband and sons, Garret, Brett, Dustin and Derek. She was the daughter of Marvin E. and Jan Price Cook of Lyman, Wyo., and sister to Matthew (Lindsay) Cook, Martin (Brook) Cook and Amelia (Tim) Johnson.

Venecca had many talents and abilities — music and



singing being dear to her heart. She was a wonderful wife and mother. Her family was the center of her life.

Venecca was active in the LDS Church and held many callings. At the present time, she was working in the Cub Scouts. She will be remembered for her smiles, her laughter and her love. She loved to serve others and worked hard to accomplish personal goals. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

The funeral will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Emerson LDS Church, 27 S. 950 W. of Paul, with Bishop Ted Tareksa officiating. Burial will take place the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Cedar Fort Cemetery, west of Lehi, Utah. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday, March 31, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Theodore Lamont Brower

BURLEY — Theodore Lamont Brower, an 80-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at his home.

He was born June 30, 1927, in Belfry, Mont., the son of Arvel and M I l r e d (Howard) Brower.

He received his education in Ashton. He married Louise Bowles and together, they had four sons and two daughters. They then married Lorna Jones Pitt on Nov. 20, 1955. Joining this union were four stepsons and two stepdaughters.

He was a member of the LDS Church. He liked sightseeing, looking at the countryside and enjoyed horses and cattle. He had worked many places; however, he enjoyed Arig the best. He retired in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Lorna of Burley; four sons, Terry (Kathly) Brower of Pocatello, Randy (Mary Pat) Brower of Redondo Beach, Calif., Steven (Valerie)



Brower of Pocatello and Mike Brower of Medford, Ore.; two daughters, Janet Brower and Leita Rose Brower, both of Boise; one brother, Don (Joan) Brower of Ashton; one sister, Gene (Dale) Davison of St. George, Utah; four stepsons, Gary (Beth) Jones of Rupert, Dean (Michelle) Jones of Burley, Buddy (Danielle) Jones of Rupert and Bill Hilt Brower of Heyburn; two stepdaughters, Debbie (Tom) Mout of Paul and Sharon (Scott) Mocham; three grandchildren; 21 step-grandchildren; and 26 step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Leland, Ben and Demar Brower; three sisters, Barbara Lou Wellman, Shirley Kay Zundell and Ramona Ward; and one grandson, Gregory Brown.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service Tuesday, funeral will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Shirley Povlsen Danner

BURLEY — Shirley Povlsen Danner, our loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister, passed away on March 27, 2008.

Shirley was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Rulon and Louise (Rusty) (Ellsworth) Stoker on Feb. 26, 1927. They moved to Burley when she was 2 months old, growing up on the family farm. She graduated from Burley High School in 1945, and then continued her education at the Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles, Calif., where she studied accounting.

After a year, she returned to Burley and was employed at the Cassia County Treasurer's office as a deputy. She married Walter C. Povlsen in Burley on Nov. 23, 1947. In 1955, she went to work at the ASCS office for three years. She was elected Cassia County treasurer in 1968 and began a 22-year career in that position. Shirley was a member of the Soroptimist Club and was president in 1974 and regional governor from 1984-86. In 1976, she became the first woman president of the Burley Chamber of Commerce and was honored "Lady of the Year" by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She served as president of the State Association of County Treasurers and later as president of the Idaho Association of Counties in 1990. She was honored by the Burley Chamber of Commerce Farmer-Business committee as a business woman in 1990. She was a longtime member of the Cameo Literary Club, and joined the Iris Better Homes Club in 2004. She was active in Community Concert, the Republican committee, and had served



as a board member and treasurer of the Mount Harrison Foundation for several years. Shirley was a member of Idaho Community Foundation Board and was appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to the Serve Idaho State Board.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in several capacities including, in-service and gospel doctrine teacher, Relief Society president and chorister. She was currently serving as a worker in the Logan LDS Temple.

Walt and Shirley both retired in 1990 and enjoyed traveling. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997. In 1998, Shirley came out of retirement and was elected as a Cassia County commissioner and served for four years. Walt passed away in November 1999. In 2001, she married Donald B. Danner of Albion, and their years together brought them great joy. Their union gave them a total of 11 children, 39 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Don Danner; her children, Cathy (Bill) Harwood, Rob (Debbie) Povlsen, John (Cindy) Povlsen, Eric (Beth) Povlsen and Lori (Dawn) Kunz one sister, Ann (Janis) two brothers, Gene (Shirley) Stoker and David (Gwen) Stoker; and her special grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the Burley LDS 2nd Ward Church, 515 E. 16th St. in Burley, with Bishop Brent Lee officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 9:30 until 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

SERVICES

Clyde Eugene Axtell of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with visitation one hour before the service; burial at 4 p.m. Monday at Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home.

Henry Garcia of Rupert, funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Monday at St Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, 802 F St. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Eleanor Elizabeth Kokes of Boise and formerly of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Maxine Anita Keller of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

Phyllis Elaine Lusk Anderson of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. April 1 at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. (Summers Funeral Homes, Utstick Chapel in Meridian).

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Rupert students get hands-on experience

By Trena Tegan
For the Times-News

Technology has become an integral part of everyday life and has become a staple in schools.

Rupert Elementary School held a "Junior Engineering" day Wednesday where students were given the opportunity to learn and experience different kinds of science and technology.

These hands-on learning activities were geared to students in the different grade levels, K-5. Activities included learning about germs and toys in space, transportation, dinosaurs, marble mazes, weather, butterflies, fossils, hurricanes, carhquakes, electricity, rockets and robots.

The displays and activities are provided by Utah State University and funded by Parents Alliance for Children and Teachers. The Junior Engineering day has been held at Rupert Elementary for three years. An open house for parents and members of the community was also held Wednesday evening.

"The students are more willing to learn when they have hands-on activities," said Peggie Price, coordinator of the event. "And I think the teachers have as much fun as the kids with these activities."

At Cassia Regional Technical Center in Burley, older students not only study science and technology, but they put it into action. Daniel Brown's ninth-grade electronics class built "Seekbots" from computer parts donated by Greener Valley Computers. The robots are built using photo resistors, amps, switches, a 9-volt battery and some wire. Students were allowed to create their own designs, and learned that some designs worked better than others.

Jason Konrad tried to rev up the power on



Tiffany Wilkinson places her hands on the Van De Graff generator during Rupert Elementary School's 'Junior Engineering' day Wednesday. The machine produces static electricity, which does not hurt those who touch it, charging Wilkinson's hair and lifting it.

his robot only to have it backfire. "I put two batteries on it and it messed up," he said. "The gears spun too fast and wouldn't grip."

"The fastest of the Seekbots was dubbed 'The Scorpion.'" According to Kevin Sanchez, the Scorpion had the advantage, because it had two motors, while its scorpion-shaped wire body added balance and light sensors were placed on front and back of the machine in case it got turned around.

The Seekbots are a version of "Junkbots" that have become popular with electronics hobbyists and can even be purchased on eBay.

The next project the students will work on will be pocket-sized amplifiers followed by electronic cars.

Brandon Chesley said even though his Seekbot turned out to be "a failure completely," the project was fun and exciting.

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Seconds

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stackers had the occasional fumble. But more experienced students showed off their talents with a misreading ease.

Parents dotted the gym bleachers and captured the action on camcorders and cameras. And, of course, they cheered their respective offspring.

"Yeah, buddy!" Bolan cried out as her son was called up. Parents and cup stackers both said the sport has more benefits than just the fun. Sanel Fehratovic, 10, said cup-stacking has helped improve his hand-eye coordination. He first learned of the sport from Bauman, he said.

"And I got hooked!" he added, just before being called up to compete.

The parents seemed to get as much of a kick out of the sport as the kids. While waiting for his daughter, Alexia, to compete, Roney Miretes shared how the sport went from a niche thing he'd never heard of to a common presence in his home — at least when his daughter practices.

"You can hear her in the next room, just 'cluck-cluck-cluck,'" Miretes said. "This will be the fourth year attending the world championship for Bauman, who came to Idaho from Arizona two years ago. This year's students, all ages 9 to 10, had to stack the 3-6-3 pattern in less

than 7 seconds to qualify, he said.

Eight students traveled to Denver the previous year, one of whom placed ninth or 10th in his age group, Bauman said. And he'll keep taking kids as long as he can

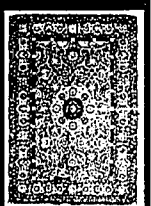
—after all, he said, it's a good thing for Idaho. "We want to make a name for ourselves."

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Proposed police objectives included expanding the fight against internet crime, traffic and drug enforcement, and gang prevention efforts.

"I think we see ourselves in a reaction mode with the police department, writing tickets and going on the streets after the fact," Councilman Trip Craig said. Maintaining residents' quality of life prompted another discussion, largely

over what that means.

"It's something that we perhaps can measure, but can't easily identify," Courtney said.

The meeting is set to continue on Monday, and officials seemed more than happy to devote the extra time to getting things right. New councilmen Will Kezede and Leo Helder seemed especially interested to participate in such planning for the first time.

"One of my favorite sayings

is, 'When there is no plan, the people perish,'" Helder said.

"If the city's going to grow in an orderly manner, we have to remember the city has a plan and we have to stick with it."

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DEATH NOTICES

Danny R. Garrett

WENDELL — Danny Ray Garrett, 56, of Wendell, died Saturday, March 22, 2008, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at his home, 1899 E. 2900 S. in Wendell (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Josephine Murphy

BURLEY — Josephine Murphy, 92, of Burley, died Friday, March 28, 2008, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 4, at Park Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main in Burley, with visitation one hour before the funeral; burial at 3:30 p.m. Friday at West End Cemetery in Buhl.

George O. Taylor

GLENN'S FERRY — George "Buster" Oscar Taylor, 87, of Glenn's Ferry, died Friday, March 28, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Wanda D. Lightner

BURLEY — Wanda Darl Lightner, 97, of Burley, died Saturday, March 29, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Jennie Harvison

BURLEY — Jennie Harvison, 81, of Burley, died Saturday, March 29, 2008, at her daughter's home in Paul. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Donald Ihm

Donald Ihm, 74, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 29, 2008, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly. Arrangements will be announced by Burke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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Lift chair — An elderly lady who is wheelchair-bound is in need of a lift chair. Information: Edith, 736-4764.

Donations — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Program is in need of bicycles in good repair for transportation to work. Bring donated items to the office, 1526 Highland Ave. R., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.), Monday through Friday. Information: Shannon, 736-2166; sepstowe@spro.net.

Want to help?

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

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is inviting caring people to be a part of the hospice team by making a difference for caregivers and for those facing end-of-life issues. Information: Heidi, 734-0064 or stop by the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Volunteers — Hospice

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

Drivers — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs volunteers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Information: Karen, 734-5044.

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

Kitty, 677-4872, ext. 2.

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

Volunteers — The Twin Falls County Historical Museum is in need of volunteers to help with archival preservation, cataloging, research and greeting the public. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Information: Darleen at 736-4675.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CSI student named to academic award

LeeAnn Snow, a sophomore at the College of Southern Idaho, is Idaho's 2008 New Century Scholar, an award presented to one community college student in each state based on academic achievement, intellectual rigor in their course of study, leadership and civic growth, and extending their community college education to better themselves and their communities.

The competition is sponsored by USA Today, The American Association of Community Colleges, and Phi Theta Kappa

International Honors Society. Snow will receive \$2,000 from the Coca-Cola Foundation and will be featured with the representatives from other states in a future USA Today salute to the winners.

Snow is an elementary education major. After receiving her Associate of Arts degree this spring, she will enroll in Idaho State University's Elementary Education program located on the CSI campus and complete her teaching degree in Twin Falls. She has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average and has been a member of the CSI Honors program since enrolling as a freshman. She will attend the

AACC national convention in Philadelphia in April, where she will be honored with the representatives from all the other states.

This is the third year in a row that Idaho's New Century Scholar has been from the College of Southern Idaho. Winners in 2006 and 2007 were Art Laycock of Shoshone and Angela Esma of Twin Falls.

Tolane earns award

BURLEY — Jolene Tolane of Burley has been awarded the Rural Educators Scholarship from Western Governors University.

Western Governors University (www.wgu.edu) is a fully-accredited, non-profit, online university that was created by 19 western

states governors to give access to education for adult learners. WGU, which is competency based, offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in information technology, business, teacher education and health care.

McComas makes dean's list

MISSOULA, Mont. — Devin Patrick Gunn McComas of Twin Falls has been listed on the autumn semester dean's list at The University of Montana.

Students must earn at least a 3.5 grade-point average and receive grades A or B in at least nine credits to be eligible.

Rocky

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"Simply put, there is a shortage of vision and political will within the Legislature to do what needs to be done this year," part of it read.

Otter wanted a package worth \$200 million and felt the Legislature had rejected his leadership. Earlier in the session, Otter proposed raising registration fees to \$150, which legislators dismissed over outcry from voters.

When reporters asked how to interpret the statement — for example, was Otter going up next year? — Hart said, "You're going to have to ask him that yourself. I think the statement speaks for itself."

But both Hanan and Mark Warbis, his communications director, said they didn't know when Oter was meeting with Staff said he was trying to "pressing legislative business." Actually, he was nearby in his office, and he refused to speak to reporters.

Surprise at the governor's behavior continued Friday. "I don't understand what the governor's doing," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, and a former Idaho Transportation Board chairman. "It baffles me because we need highway funding."

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and co-chairman of the state budgeting committee, said the latest bill seemed more palatable to Idahoans than lifting registration to \$150.

"Now all of a sudden it's his baby, and he's grieving its death," she said. "I thought he kicked something out to give us cover so we could come up with something for people to understand. I didn't even know there was seriousness about that." Minutes after the bill was introduced, which increased car and truck fees and the fuel tax, House leadership conceded they were unsure of its passage. The fee

increases would accompany a sluggish economy in an election year.

But Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, one of the supporters of the plan, said the roads need fixing.

"We'll have to raise taxes. But it's a matter of where we can do it," he said. "There's no easy way to raise taxes."

Patrick voted in favor of the \$134 million for GARVEE — most of which will benefit the Treasure Valley.

Because, he said, he thought there'd be agreement on road money, some of which would be filtered for the Magic Valley projects. "Mostly I'm disappointed in transportation (funding)," he said. "I give that an F."

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 420-8371 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

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Giving names back to the dead

Volunteers use computers to give names to 'John Doe,' 'Jane Doe' bodies

By Helen O'Neill
Associated Press writer

LIVINGSTON, Tenn. — Four days a week, Todd Matthews earns \$11.50 an hour working for an automotive parts supplier. After work he drives half a mile to his little beige house on a hill where he spends the next seven hours immersed in a very different world.

The faces seem to float from his computer — morgue photographs, artist sketches, forensic reconstructions — thousands of dead eyes staring out for recognition. John and Jane and Baby "Dones" whose bodies have never been identified.

His wife, Lori, complains that Matthews, 37, spends more time with the dead than he does with the living. You need a hobby, she says, or a goal.

I have a goal, he replies, though he describes it as "calling".

He wants to give "Dones" back their names.

His obsession began two decades ago, when Lori told him about the unidentified young woman wrapped in canvas whose body Lori's father had stumbled on in Georgetown, Ky., in 1968. She had reddish brown hair and a gap-toothed smile. Locals named her "Toni Girl".

Toni Girl haunted Matthews. Who were her siblings? What was her name?

Matthews began searching library records and police reports, not even sure what he was seeking. He scraped together the money to buy a computer. He started scouring message boards on the nascent Internet.

In the process, Matthews discovered something extraordinary. All over the country, people just like him were gingerly tapping into the new technology, creating a movement — a network of amateur sleuths as curious and impassioned as Matthews.

Today the Doe Network has volunteers and chapters in every state. Bank managers and waitresses, factory workers and farmers, computer technicians and grandmothers, all believing that with enough time and effort, modern technology can solve the mysteries of the missing dead.

Increasingly, they are succeeding.

The unnamed dead are everywhere — buried in unmarked graves, tagged in county morgues, dumped in rivers and under bridges. There are more than 40,000 unnamed bodies in the U.S., according to national law enforcement reports, and about 100,000 people formally listed as missing.

The premise of the Doe Network is simple. If the correct information — dental records, DNA, police reports, photographs — is properly entered into the right databases, many of the unidentified can be matched with the missing. Law enforcement agencies and medical examiners' offices simply don't have the time or manpower. Using the Internet and other tools, volunteers can do the job.

And so, in the suburbs of Chicago, bank executive Barbara Lamacki spends her nights searching for clues that might identify toddler Johnny "Dwayne" Doe, whose body was wrapped in a blue laundry bag and dumped in the woods of rural Dupage County, Ill., in 2005.

In Kettering, Ohio, Rocky Wells, a 47-year-old manager of a package delivery company, scans his teenage daughters from the living room computer and scours the Internet for anything that might crack the case of the red-haired Jane Doe found strangled near Route 55 in 1931.

And in Penn Hills, Pa., Nancy Monahan, 54, who creates floor displays for a discount chain, says her "real job" begins in the evening when she returns to her house, turns on her computer and starts sleuthing.

Monahan's cases include that of "Beth Doe," a young pregnant woman strangled,



Todd Matthews spruces up around the grave marker of 'Toni Girl' is shown in the Georgetown Cemetery in Georgetown, Ky., Feb. 15.

shot and dismembered, her remains stuffed into three suitcases and flung off a bridge along Interstate 80 near White Haven in December 1976. And "Homestead Doc," whose mummified body was found in an abandoned railroad tunnel in Pittsburgh in 2000. Her toenails were painted silver.

"It's like they become family," Monahan says. "You feel a responsibility to bring them home."

The stories of Doe Network members are as individual as the cases they are trying to solve. Tracye Sherwood of Richmond, Mo., joined when her adoptive mother died and she went on line searching for her birth mother, Daphne Owings, a 45-year-old mother of two in Mount Pleasant, S.C., needed something to take her mind off the war when her husband was sent to Iraq. Carol Cellini of Whitehall, Pa., was searching for her ex-husband.

And Laura Allen Hood of Fort Smith, Ark., was searching for her brother.

For years, Hood refused to speak about Tony, who vanished without a trace in 1978 while visiting friends in Oklahoma. He was 16, two years older than his sister.

Hood describes years of false sightings and false hope — stalking someone in a car because he looked like Tony, picking up hitchhikers who bore a resemblance, her mother wrapping a Christmas present year after year for the son who never came home.

It wasn't until 2004, when Hood's own son became a

teenager that she decided to find her brother once and for all. Trolling the Internet she discovered the Doe Network. Sifting through its vast indexes, she found new reason to hope.

Hood e-mailed Matthews in Tennessee: "Can you help me find my brother?"

Matthews responded with a series of questions. Was the case filed as missing with the National Crime Information Center, an FBI clearinghouse? Did she have dental records or relevant medical information? Had the family submitted DNA to law enforcement?

Finally, Matthews asked for a photograph of Hood's brother, which he forwarded to one of the professional forensic artists who donate time to the network.

Nothing prepared Hood for the black-and-white image that filled her computer screen a few weeks later — the artist's depiction of a middle-aged Tony. Was he alive? Dead? Did she really want to know?

Four years later, Tony Allen has still not been found.

But Hood says she feels a new sense of certainty that someday, someone will click on a mouse and find a connection.

Matches can be triggered by a single detail — a tattoo, a piece of clothing, a broken

"It's like they become family. You feel a responsibility to bring them home."

— Nancy Monahan

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Iraqi army now open-ended as Basra fight rages

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press writer

Iraq's new army is "developing steadily," with "strong Iraqi leaders out front," the chief U.S. trainer assured the American people.

That was three-plus years ago, the U.S. Army general was David H. Petraeus, and some of those Iraqi officials at the time were busy embellishing more than \$1 billion allotted for the new army's weapons, according to investigators.

The 2004-05 Defense Ministry scandal was just one in an unending series of setbacks in the five-year struggle to "stand up" an Iraqi military and allow hard-pressed U.S. forces to "stand down" from Iraq.

The latest discouraging episode was unfolding this weekend in bloody Basra, the southern city where Iraqi government forces — in their toughest test yet — were still struggling to gain the upper hand in a five-day-old battle with Shiite Muslim militias.

Year by year, the goal of deploying a capable, free-standing Iraqi army has seemed always to slip further into the future. In the latest shift, with Petraeus now U.S. commander in Iraq, the Pentagon's new quarterly status report quietly drops any prediction of when home-grown units will take over security responsibility nationwide, after last year's reports had forecast a transition in 2008.

Earlier, in January last year, President Bush said Iraqi forces would take charge in all 18 Iraqi provinces by November 2007. Four months past that deadline, they control only half the 18.

Responsibility for these ever-unfulfilled goals lies in Washington, contends retired Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton, who preceded Petraeus as chief trainer in Iraq.

"We continue to fail to



The first group of soldiers in the new Iraqi army march at their graduation ceremony at Kir Kosh, Iraq, in October 2003. The 700 recruits who graduated make up the first of 26 battalions planned over the next year. The recruits, who completed two months of training, will be paid at least \$60 per month.

properly resource and build the very force that will enable a responsible drawdown of our forces," Eaton told The Associated Press.

Retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, a West Point professor and frequent Iraq visitor, also sees insufficient "energy" in the U.S. effort. "Even now, there is no Iraqi force; there's no national military medical system; there's no maintenance system," he told a New York audience on March 13.

The current chief trainer counters that his Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, known as MNSTC-I, has made "huge progress in many areas, quality and quantity."

"But we're not free of difficulties," Lt. Gen. James Dubik told reporters on March 4. A look back by the AP as the Iraq conflict enters its sixth year, finds the \$22 billion training effort has been a story of uncertain steps and policy reversals, corruption, questionable numbers and distrust, ending with an Iraqi military with narrow capabilities and years more "standing up" ahead.

The first reversal came even before the 2003 U.S. invasion,

when the Pentagon discarded prowar plans that called for restructuring the 400,000-man Saddam Hussein-era army into a postwar force of 150,000 to 200,000.

Instead, U.S. occupation chief L. Paul Bremer ordered the old army disbanded, and the Bush administration opted for a token military force to guard Iraq's borders — an "afterthought," said Eaton.

"President Bush declared 'mission accomplished' on 1 May, and on 9 May I get a phone call, 'Get thee to Iraq and rebuild the Iraqi army. I looked at my wife and she said, 'A little late for that.' You would have expected this to be an ongoing program," Eaton recalled.

The makeshift plan envisioned putting one 700-man battalion at a time through a nine-week training course — a rate that would have produced a mere 8,000 troops over two years.

Eaton persuaded Defense Department officials to raise that target to 40,000 troops by late 2004, but even that was a "patently inadequate force," says Ali Al-taiwi, later Iraq's defense minister.

"Deep suspicions began to

"We continue to fail to properly resource and build the very force that will enable a responsible drawdown of our forces."

— Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton, formerly chief trainer in Iraq

be harbored as to the true intentions" of the Americans, Al-taiwi writes in his memoir, "The Occupation of Iraq."

As 2003 wore on, Vinnell Corp., the U.S. military contractor hired to do the training, proved unequal to the task. The first Iraqi battalion, graduating in October, quickly fell apart because of desertions, and the second battalion refused to fight against insurgents in Fallujah in April 2004.

As of June 2004, when Bremer's occupation authority gave way to a sovereign Iraqi government, the military still numbered only 7,000 men, as the focus shifted to fielding Iraqi police. Paul Wolfowitz, deputy defense secretary, predicted — incorrectly — the Iraqis could soon "take local control of the cities."

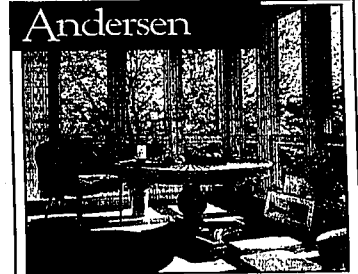
The evolving training program, now a mixed U.S.-Iraq effort, was plagued with problems. Petraeus' new MNSTC-I was slow to be staffed. Meanwhile, top Defense Ministry officials, including the minister, Hazem Shaalan, were methodically looting the procurement budget of at least \$1.3 billion, Iraqi investigators allege. Shaalan, who denies the accusations, and most of the others left the country by mid-2005.

By then the Pentagon was reporting 60,000 "trained and equipped" Iraqi troops available, a number achieved only by integrating lightly armed national guard units into the army. American commanders "do not report reliable data" on training and equipping Iraqi forces, U.S. government auditors complained. By late 2005, the U.S. command had to acknowledge that only one of 86 Iraqi army battalions was ready to fight on its own.



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Al-Sadr tells followers to defy Iraqi government; U.S. bombs more targets

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Anti-American Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his followers Saturday to defy government orders to surrender their weapons, as U.S. jets struck Shiite extremists near Basra to bolster a faltering Iraqi offensive against the group in the city.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki acknowledged he may have miscalculated by failing to foresee the strong backlash that his offensive, which began Tuesday, provoked in areas of Baghdad and other cities where Shiite militias wield power.

Government television said the round-the-clock air force imposed two days ago on the capital and due to expire Sunday would be extended indefinitely.

The U.S. Embassy tightened its security measures, ordering all staff to use armored vehicles for all travel in the Green Zone and to sleep in reinforced buildings

until further notice after six days of rocket and mortar attacks which left two Americans dead.

Despite the mounting crisis, al-Maliki, himself a Shiite, vowed to remain in Basra until government forces wrest control from militias including al-Sadr's Mahdi Army. He called the fight for control of Basra "a decisive and final battle."

British ground troops, who

controlled the city until handing it over to the Iraqis last December, also joined the battle for Basra, firing artillery Saturday for the first time in support of Iraqi forces.

Iraqi authorities have given Basra extremists until April 8 to surrender heavy and medium weapons after an initial 72-hour ultimatum to hand them over was widely ignored.

But a defiant al-Sadr called on his followers Saturday to ignore the order, saying that his Mahdi Army would turn in its weapons only to a government that can "get the occupier out of Iraq," referring to the Americans.

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More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/

Source Water Assessment

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) amendments of 1996, all states are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess every source of public drinking water for its relative sensitivity to contaminants regulated by the SDWA. These assessments are completed by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) and are based on a land use inventory of the designated assessment areas and the sensitivity factors associated with the wells and aquifer characteristics. The assessments provided our community data to guide our continuing efforts to develop protection strategies for our drinking water supply systems. Pollution prevention activities are generally more time and cost effective to implement than treatment of a public water supply system once it has been contaminated. IDEQ encourages communities to balance resource protection with economic growth and development. The City of Twin Falls has developed and continues implementing a Wellhead Protection Plan and a Drinking Water Protection Plan. We are addressing the primary goal of the source water assessment process by pursuing drinking water protection. Source Water Assessment Reports for the South, Southeast and Blue Lakes Wells are available by calling the City of Twin Falls Water Department at (208) 736-2275.

Continuing Our Commitment

We respectfully present our annual water quality report. We hope this edition helps inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you everyday. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. To that end, we remain vigilant in meeting the challenges of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while continuing to serve the needs of all of our water users. We currently have a City of Twin Falls Wellhead Protection Plan, Drinking Water Protection Plan and Source Water Assessment Plans for our South, Southeast and Blue Lakes Wells, and we have received the Twin Falls County Groundwater Quality Management Plan. These are available at the City of Twin Falls Water Department by calling: (208) 736-2275. Thank you for allowing us to continue providing our family with clean, quality water this year. To maintain a safe and dependable water supply that will benefit all of our customers, we need to make continual improvements to your water system. These improvements may affect your water bill. Your understanding is appreciated.

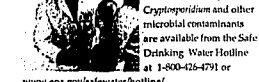


Community Participation

We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water, and we want you to be informed about your water utility. If you have any questions about this report or the City of Twin Falls water utility, please contact Mike Schneider, Water Superintendent, at (208) 736-4540. City council meetings are opportunities for public participation and input. City of Twin Falls Council meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Building Council Chambers at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. You are invited to participate.

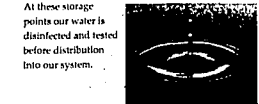
Important Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA's Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate measures to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/.



Where Does My Water Come From?

Our water source is groundwater from 10 wells out of the Snake River Plain aquifer. Water supplies for 2007 were drawn from the Blue Lakes Well Field, the South Wells and reservoir system and the Southeast Wells and reservoir system. The Blue Lakes Well Field consists of four wells that supply the Harrison Station's five million gallon storage reservoir; the South Wells and reservoir system consists of four wells that supply two storage reservoirs, which are also five million gallons each; and the Southeast Wells and reservoir system consists of two wells that supply a two million gallon storage reservoir. At these storage points our water is disinfected and tested before distribution into our system.



Water Conservation Tips

Water is a valuable natural resource—one that we are all learning does not come in unlimited supplies. The City of Twin Falls has recognized this by adopting a water conservation ordinance that requires our water customers to comply with restricted landscape irrigation and usage practices. This plan is in effect all year and remains the same from year to year. Remember that Twin Falls residents use substantially more water per person than most of the nation (31 gallons/day per person vs. 147 gallons/day per person). We can do more than we are to conserve water.

We urge you to follow these guidelines.

- Vehicles will be washed only on your scheduled irrigation day.
- Landscape irrigation is restricted to the following schedule:
 - Even Numbered Addresses Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
 - Odd Numbered Addresses Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
- Watering will only be allowed on appropriate irrigation days before 10:00 am or after 5:00 pm.
- Outdoor landscape watering with a dip irrigation system or hand held container is allowed at any time.

The city also encourages our citizens to continue to learn about conservation methods and use available information to decrease our use of this valuable natural resource. The following list of community resources can provide more information:

- City of Twin Falls web site: www.tfd.org
- Your city water bill includes individual conservation information
- City Water Conservation Committee (208) 735-7228
- Your local nurseries and garden centers



What are Cross-Connections?

Cross-connections that contaminate drinking water distribution lines are a major concern. A cross-connection is formed at any point where a drinking water line connects to equipment (systems) systems containing chemicals (air conditioning systems, fire sprinkler systems, irrigation systems) or water sources of questionable quality. Cross-connection contamination can occur when the pressure in the equipment or system is greater than the pressure inside the drinking water line (backpressure). Contamination can also occur when the pressure in the drinking water line drops due to faulty inline occurrences (fire hydrant use, main breaks, heavy water demand), causing contaminants to be sucked out from the equipment and into the drinking water line (back-siphonage). Community water supplies are continuously jeopardized by cross-connections unless appropriate valves, known as backflow prevention devices, are installed and maintained. For more information, review the Cross-Connection Control Manual from the EPA's website at www.epa.gov/groundwater/crossconnection.html. You can also call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.



Nitrate in Drinking Water

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.



Sampling Results

The City of Twin Falls municipal water system takes hundreds of water samples in order to determine the presence of any radioactive, biological, inorganic, volatile organic or synthetic organic contaminants. Actually, our water system consistently tests more samples than required by state and federal laws. We have found through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. We believe it is important that you know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in the water. With the exception of arsenic, the contaminants are under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The IDEQ has determined that your water is safe at these levels. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect. The state requires us to monitor for certain substances less than once per year because the concentrations of these substances do not change frequently. In these cases, the most recent sample data are included along with the year in which the sample was taken.

REGULATED SUBSTANCES									
Contaminant	Year	Sample	Units	MCL	Health Risk	Notes			
Alpha Emitters (Ci/L)	2005	15	0.0	42.125	No	Erosion of natural deposits			
Arsenic (ppb)	2007	10	0	1.416	Yes	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from herbicide runoff from gas and electronic production wastes			
Beta Phos (Ci/L)	2002	50	0	42.116	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits			
Chlorine (ppm)	2007	4.0	4.0	0.05-0.50	No	Water additive used to control microbes			
Fluoride (ppm)	2007	4	4	0.40-0.92	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive to promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories			
Nitrate (ppm)	2007	10	10	0.97-2.04	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage erosion of natural deposits			
Total Coliforms (of positive samples)	2007	1 sample positive per 1000 of 10 samples	0	ND-3	No	Naturally present in the environment			
THMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	2007	ND	NA	0.000-0.103	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection			

38 Tap water samples were collected from sample sites throughout the community

Copper (ppm)	2007	1.3	1.3	0.31	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb)	2007	0.015	0.015	<0.005	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

The MCL for lead particles is two years. The EPA requires 90% MCL for the level of lead over two years period. The 90% period lead and copper levels shall be computed by placing the results of all 90 lead and copper samples during a monitoring period in ascending order from the sample with lowest concentration to the sample with the highest concentration, then each sample result shall be assigned an ascending number starting with number 1 for the sample with the lowest concentration level. The number assigned to the sample with the highest concentration level will be equal to the total number of sample taken. The number of samples taken during the monitoring period shall be multiplied by 9. The 90th percentile lead and copper level at the concentration of the number assigned to the 90th percentile.

Table Definition

Act (Action) Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is no known or expected health risk from addition of disinfectants.



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CSI baseball hammered by Coyotes

Eagles' offense nearly goes scoreless in losses

Times-News

The temperament of youth shone through Saturday afternoon at Morse Stadium in Henderson, Nev.

A frustrated, pressing College of Southern Idaho baseball squad dropped two games to host Southern Nevada, falling 1-0 and 8-2 to wrap up the first half of the Golden Eagles' Scenic West Athletic Conference schedule.

Baffled at times by the Coyotes' pitching, a 19-17 (10-10 SWAC) CSI squad went scoreless for 13 straight innings before scraping across two runs in its final inning of the day against the 25-10 (14-6 SWAC) Coyotes.

"We really, really showed our inexperience this weekend, and really showed frustration," CSI head coach Boomer Walker told 1270 AM KTLI. "Once we got frustrated, I tell you what, we didn't have good at bats."

Sam Armstrong (3-6) had one of his best outings of the year on the mound for CSI, but was saddled with the Game 1 loss despite allowing only one earned run on five scattered hits. Kyle Bostick's RBI single in the bottom of the third brought in Joel Reese as the Coyotes plated the only run of the game.

Senior Nevada starter Taylor Cole (7-2) used his mid-90s fastball to strike out seven batters while allowing only three hits in the complete-game victory.

CSI's Travis Reynolds covered the Golden Eagles' only true scoring opportunity

Please see **BASEBALL**, Page D2

NIC sweeps CSI softball

Times-News

For the No. 11 CSI softball squad, Saturday was just one more day of the Golden Eagles aren't accustomed to.

Host North Idaho College swept CSI 6-0 and 6-3 at Airport Park in Lewiston to complete a weekend that saw the Cardinals take three of four from the previously conference-leading Golden Eagles.

CSI head coach Nick Baumer said Saturday was a typical case of the bouncers not going his team's way, as two diving catches by Cardinals defenders in the second game helped limit CSI to three hits.

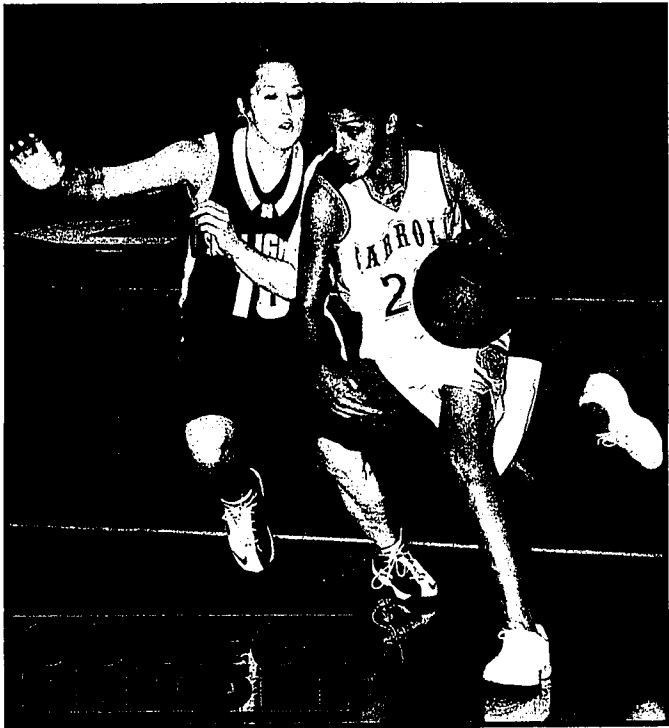
"When you go into a season, you know you're going to have a weekend when things don't go your way," Baumer said. "Hopefully this is that weekend."

Stephanie Holmes (7-3) and Beth Thomson (5-2) were saddled with Saturday losses, though neither gave up more than seven hits. Anna Sorrell hit a Game 2 home run for CSI, while Katelynn Warren collected her 11th double of the season in the first contest.

The 30-13 Golden Eagles will likely fall into second place in the SWAC standings at 16-6, as No. 7 Salt Lake Community College took two games from Snow College Friday. Saturday results from Ephraim weren't available Saturday night, but the Bruins need only one win to overtake CSI for the SWAC lead.

Saturday marked the first time since the season's opening day that CSI suffered two losses on the same day, and is only the fourth time in two years CSI has lost back-to-back SWAC contests on the same day.

Please see **SOFTBALL**, Page D2



Carroll College's Danielle Malone, right, dribbles past a defender this season. The former Twin Falls star helped the Fighting Saints reach the quarterfinals of the NAIA Division I women's basketball national championship along with fellow Bruin alum Hannah Heidenreich.

Former Twin Falls duo helps Fighting Saints to historic run

By David Bashore Times-News writer

College report

Regardless of whether Carroll College (Mont.) won the NAIA Division I women's basketball national championship, senior guard Danielle Malone's career was going to end with an emotional farewell.

The Fighting Saints lost in the national quarterfinals to eventual champion Vanguard (Calif.), but they did so at a level to which they had never advanced before this season.

It's a progress due in no small part to two former area prep standouts, including the senior Malone, who was the team's second leading scorer.

"Those last few minutes of the Vanguard game, it was just us seniors playing it out so it was pretty emotional," Malone said. "But I wouldn't really have it any other way. I wish we could have gone farther, but it's really awesome that I could finish my career making a little history."

The winter college report features former area high school athletes competing in winter sports at the collegiate level. A report on spring sports athletes will appear in the Times-News this summer.

A Twin Falls alum arriving at Carroll by way of Sheridan (Wyo.) College, Malone finished the regular season averaging 10.4 points per game, including eight 15-plus point performances and a season-high 29 against Great Falls on Jan. 4 — coming off the heels of a back injury — despite coming off the bench in each and every one of her 24 appearances.

Of course, that earned her the start in all six postseason games, in which she topped her final season average to an even 11 points per game. Her big moment of the postseason came in the NAIA Division I second round against Harris-Stowe State University

(Mo.), when she scored 19 points to lead the Fighting Saints (27-6 final record) into the quarterfinals — uncharted territory for Carroll's women's basketball program.

"We didn't win our conference championship so I don't think a lot of people gave us very much credit," Malone said. "The people around town were saying they hoped we won one game (at the national tournament), but we knew we were a good team. I think we proved we could play with anyone in the country."

Fellow Twin Falls alum Hannah Heidenreich, a sophomore forward, averaged 7.1 points per game in 33 appearances for Carroll, including 30 starts. Her top scoring performance came in the second game of the season, when she netted 16 points against the University of Lethbridge (Canada), but Heidenreich was called upon more for her rebounding

Please see **COLLEGE**, Page D2

MLB PREVIEW

Stain of steroids dampens optimism

By Ronald Blum Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — Every player is a suspect.

From the home run hitters to the power pitchers, suspicions trail every major leaguer like 8 a.m. shadows cast behind silhouettes on a back field at spring training.

"If Ryan Howard goes out and hits the home runs in April and three in May, everybody's going to go: 'Uh, oh, what happened here?'" Hall of Famer George Brett said, raising the pitch of his voice for emphasis. "And if he goes out and hits 10 home runs in April and 15 in May, they're going to go, 'Well, he must have been clean.' And it's going to be like that with everybody."

For the record, Howard wasn't mentioned in it, but that's what the Mitchell Report hath wrought by implicating seven MVPs, 31 All-Stars and more than 80 players in the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Who got smaller? Whose bat suddenly lost its pop? Those are the batting-cage questions these days.

We've reached the point where a multimillioner game or a few fifties nights prompts calls for a drug test.

In a world of talk radio and the Internet, you're going to get speculation that ranges from reasonable and informed to completely insane, broadcaster Bob Costas said. "I don't think anybody is ever 100 percent certain about anybody anymore."

Opening day 2008 is as much about those won't-go-away suspicions as it is about the annual new start. Alongside the perpetual optimism of spring training and projections by management that MLB will top \$8 billion fans for the first time, there was worry that more drug news may be ahead.

Please see **MLB**, Page D7

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

UCLA rocks Xavier to reach another Final Four

By Andrew Bagnato Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — After reaching the Final Four for the third straight time, UCLA coach Ben Howland called these Bruins "by far the best" of the three.

The other two didn't have freshman Kevin Love, who had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the top-seeded Bruins blitzed Xavier 76-57 Saturday to earn their record 18th overall trip to the Final Four.

Love was picked as the most outstanding player of the West Regional. "Obviously, it's unbelievable," Howland said after taking the last few snips of the net. "That's really a credit to how good the players are and how well we performed under pressure the last three years."



UCLA head coach Ben Howland celebrates after cutting down the net after defeating Xavier 76-57 in the NCAA West Regional final Saturday in Phoenix.

a school record for victories. The Bruins (35-3) lost in the Final Four the last two years. But they go to San Antonio with Love, who has

given them a formidable inside presence and has raised his game in this tournament.

INSIDE: UCLA plays today's Memphis-Texas winner in the national semifinal in San Antonio on April 5. "We're getting spoiled with Kevin," Howland said.

Love made 7-of-11 shots from the floor, including 2-of-4 from beyond the arc. Half of his rebounds came at the offensive end and he added four assists for good measure.

"He looks like he's 25 years old when he's playing," Xavier coach Sean Miller said of Love, who is 19. The Musketeers (30-7) had no answer for Love on a day they shot 35.2 percent from the floor — a credit to UCLA's relentless man-to-man defense.

"We can play better than we did today," Miller said. "I couldn't be more proud and really at ease right now because I really felt we went

about as far as we could and lost to a great team. They're unique. I'm really pulling for them. I hope we lost to the national champion."

The knock on UCLA is that it often coasts with a big lead. Not this time. Leading by nine at halftime, the Bruins snuffed out third-seeded Xavier's comeback hopes with a 14-0 run early in the second half.

"It all started with defense," Love said. "That's what really won the game for us."

The rest of the game was one long advertisement for the powder blue and gold, with a partisan crowd rocking U.S. Airways Center with chants of "U-C-L-A!"

After the game, the same fans serenaded Love with chants of "one more year" as he gave an interview along press row.

This wasn't the time for Love, projected as a high NBA pick, to address his future.

"It feels great but we've got business to take care of next week and I'm not even thinking about the next level right now," Love said. "I'm living in the now, living in the present."

The now is pretty cool if you're a Bruin.

SCOREBOARD

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GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

FOX - NASCAR, Sprint Cup Series, 7 p.m.
ESPN - NHRA, Spring Nationals, final eliminations, at BayTown, Texas (same-day tape)
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BETTING

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NBA BASKETBALL
ABC - Houston at San Antonio
NHL HOCKEY
NBA - NY Rangers at Pittsburgh

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A new era. Dixon wins first race of unified open-wheel series

HEMESTADE, Fla. — Scott Dixon took the lead after Tony Kanaan crashed Saturday night and went on to win the first race of the new era of American open-wheel racing.

Dixon, who lost the IRL IndyCar Series championship when he ran out of fuel on the last lap of the 2007 season, got off to a great start with a victory in the Ganusso Indy 300 at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Kanaan came out of the last round of green flag pit stops in the lead and appeared to roll on a victory until Ernesto Viso, a rookie driver for one of the former Champ Car World Series teams that just joined the IRL, spun on the 193rd of 200 laps.

As Viso slid broadside across the track, Kanaan tried to duck around him but hit with the right front of his Dallara Honda, knocking him the track.

Kanaan stayed out front for several laps behind the pace car, but ducked into the pits as the green flag waved on lap 197, giving up the lead to Dixon, who won for the second time on Homestead's 1.5-mile oval.

"We were catching (Kanaan) quick and that was the best part about it," Dixon said. "It would have been close at the end."

hoping his penchant for 20-win seasons with the Golden State franchise to the marionette

Horvath's former Christian was introduced during a news conference at TCU on Saturday afternoon.

Christian was 138-58 in six years at Kent State, winning at least 20 games each season. The Golden Flashies were 28-7 this year, losing to UNLV in the NCAA tournament.

Neil Dougherty was fired by TCU on March 16, three days after a 14-win season ended.

Nevada's McGee to sign with agent

RENO, Nev. — Nevada sophomore Javale McGee, the top shot-blocker in the Western Athletic Conference this season, has decided to sign an agent and enter the NBA draft this year.

The 7-foot McGee averaged 2.8 blocks per game, along with 14 points and 7 rebounds per game. Rhonda Lundin, director of media services for Nevada's athletic department, said a formal announcement of McGee's plans would be made at a Monday news conference.

Sports Shorts

Castelford sports sign-ups near

CASTLEFORD — The Castelford Parks and Recreation District is holding registration for its summer youth baseball and softball programs. Forms were handed out at school and should be returned to the school office between March 31 and April 4.

Bliss hosts 3 hoops tourney

BLISS — The Bliss High School varsity basketball team will hold a 3-on-3 basketball tournament with host from 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 2 at Bliss High School.

JRD offers Girls Fast Pitch signups

JEROME — Registration for the Jerome Recreation District's Girls Fast Pitch softball will be offered March 31 through April 30. The league is for girls ages 15-16 and the cost is \$30 for those within the district and \$35 outside of district.

Eagles hold cheerleading tryouts

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Eagles will hold tryouts for 2008-09 season April 7-10 at Radio Redwood in Twin Falls. Practices for ages 6-11 will be from 4-5 p.m. April 7-9, while ages 12-17 practices from 5-6 p.m. and ages 15-18 from 6-7 p.m.

Shoshone hosts donkey basketball

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone FFA Chapter hold a donkey basketball tournament at 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Old Shoshone High School Gym. Advanced ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Prices at the gate will be \$7 and \$4. See any Shoshone FFA member for tickets. There will be a dessert auction at halftime. Proceeds support the Shoshone FFA chapter.

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COLLEGE HOOPS

Christian leaves Kent State for TCU

FORT WORTH, Texas — TCU hired Jim Christian away from Kent State on Saturday

MAGIC VALLEY

Harr sinks hole-in-one

Buhl golfer Troy Harr made a hole-in-one Feb. 23 at the Oasis Golf Club in Mesquite, Nev. The ace came on the 145-yard No. 18 hole of the Canyon Course using a 9-iron and was

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JEROME — Registration for the Jerome Recreation District's Girls Fast Pitch softball will be offered March 31 through April 30. The league is for girls ages 15-16 and the cost is \$30 for those within the district and \$35 outside of district.

Memphis, Texas aim for Final 4

HOUSTON (AP) — This is it, Memphis. Your big chance. — To prove you're not an upset waiting to happen. To make up for losses in the regional final the last two years.

To declare Derrick Rose the best point guard on the land.

To show Memphis vs. Memphis for getting into pick-up games at the YMCA, not winning NCAA tournament games.

All the top-seeded Tigers have to do is beat second-seeded Texas in the South Regional final today and they'll be off to the Final Four, forcing everyone to acknowledge that John Calipari's one-loss team is as good as they keep saying they are.

And if they don't? "There's nothing that would lead me to tell them I'm disappointed," Calipari said Saturday. "Not even a bad game."

History won't be as compassionate. Memphis has a whopping 102 wins over the last three years. The only team to do better was Kentucky, circa 1996-98 — and those Wildcats had two titles and a runner-up finish to show for it.

In a tournament famous for Cinderellas, the Tigers are hoping to wind up more like the Little Engine that Could — going and going, then finally making perseverance pay off.

"The previous two years, we weren't ready," said Chris Dolezal-Roberts, the team's leading scorer. "We didn't know what the NCAA the game was like, the intensity level, everything. But now we're more experienced. We know how you have to start a game and we know how you need to start a half. ... Any team with experience is always a better team."

Memphis' experiences include missing 14 straight 3-pointers in a regional final against UCLA two years ago and missing a first shot late in the second half against Ohio State last year.

No wonder when legacy talk comes up, Calipari changes the conversation, bragging about having graduated 15 of 17 seniors and telling stories about the collection of "For Sale" signs plucked from his front yard after rough losses in his early days of building this program.

Still, even he knows the importance of getting over the hump now, with the guys who've gotten over it the hard way, such as big man Joey Dorsey, a senior, and Douglas-Roberts, who is likely to offer his services to the NBA.

Rose arrived only this season, but no one expects him back for another season; the only question about his future is whether he'll be drafted first, second or third.

Tar Heels topple Louisville

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — This time, North Carolina got to celebrate instead of heading to the locker room to wait for next year. Tyler Hansbrough and his top-seeded Tar Heels just wouldn't be denied a trip to the Final Four again.

Hansbrough had 20 points and 13 rebounds Saturday night to help the Tar Heels hold off Louisville 83-73 in the East Regional final. Playing in front of a partisan home-state crowd, they reached the national semifinals for the first time since winning the championship in 2005.

The Tar Heels (36-2) advanced to play the Kansas Davidson winner next Saturday at San Antonio.

Ty Lawson added 11 points — including a key 3-pointer with about 5 minutes left — for North Carolina. The Tar Heels blew a 12-point halftime lead, then broke away from a tie at 59 to earn their 17th trip to the Final Four.

It was a reversal of last year's regional final in which the Tar Heels fell apart down the stretch, wasted a double-digit lead in the second half and lost to Georgetown in overtime.

Last year, nobody could hit a shot when the Tar Heels needed one most against the Hoyas in a loss that had stayed with them all season. But this time, Hansbrough and Lawson came through with the three biggest shots of the season to maintain North Carolina's tenuous second-half lead.

The Tar Heels have won all four of their games in this tournament by double digits. All four victories came in their home state, too.

Battling against David Padgett in physical contact inside, Hansbrough finished 12-of-17 from the floor in 30 minutes and was named regional MVP. Meanwhile, Lawson had nine assists while operating as a one-man press break against the third-seeded Cardinals (27-9) and their full-court defense all night.

Carly Smith scored 17 points to lead Louisville, which shot 53 percent and gave the Tar Heels all they could handle in front of a "blue-clad crowd." But ultimately, North Carolina proved it had learned the lessons from last year.



North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough (50) dunks over Louisville's David Padgett, left, during the second half of the NCAA East Regional final Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.

First, with the Tar Heels clinging to a 68-64 lead, Lawson came around the baseline and knocked down a 3 from the corner in front of his bench that pushed the margin to seven. Then, after a basket from Earl Clark inside, Hansbrough knocked down a straightaway jumper over the 6-foot-11 Padgett to make it 73-66 with 2:27 to play.

Hansbrough essentially closed the door on Louisville on the next possession. The 6-9 junior got the ball on the left wing with the shot clock winding down, then pump-faked to get Clark up in the air and step in for another jumper over Padgett. The ball swished cleanly through while Hansbrough was knocked to the ground, pushing the lead to 75-66 with 1:33 left.

The Tar Heels went 8-for-8 at the foul line to seal it in the final minute.

Stoudemire, Suns back on top

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Amare Stoudemire had 33 points and 15 rebounds and the Phoenix Suns moved into a first-place tie with the Los Angeles Lakers in the Pacific Division with a 110-104 win over the New Jersey Nets on Saturday.

Leandro Barbosa added 21 points, Shaquille O'Neal had 17 points and seven rebounds and Steve Nash chipped in with 10 points and 11 assists as the Suns won their second game in two nights and their ninth in 11 games.

Vince Carter had 30 points to lead the Nets, who lost for the second straight night to all two games behind Atlanta in the race for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. New Jersey has eight games left, two less than the Hawks.

PISTONS 85, CAVALIERS 71
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton returned to the lineup and scored 14 points, leading Detroit.

The Cavs did, however, clinch a spot in the playoffs because the New Jersey Nets lost to the Phoenix Suns. LeBron James had a lackluster night with 13 points on 4-of-17 shooting with five



Phoenix Suns center Shaquille O'Neal dunks the ball during the third quarter against the New Jersey Nets Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J.

assists and five turnovers. Ben Wallace, in his first game at The Palace since joining the Cavs, was back on the court after missing two-plus games with back spasms. But he didn't last long, needing help to go to the locker room after his back injury flared up.

Chauncey Billups and reserve Jason Maxwell each scored 13 while Tayshaun Prince and Antonio McDyeess had 12 points

apiece for the Pistons, who have won three of four. Hamilton had missed three games with a sore hip.

BULLS 114, BUCKS 111
CHICAGO — Rookie Joakim Noah scored a season-high 18 points and had 15 rebounds to help Chicago hold on after nearly squandering a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Larry Hughes scored 19 points and Luol Deng added 16 to help the Bulls win for just the fourth time in 12 games. Chicago pulled 3½ games behind eighth-place Atlanta for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Michael Redd scored 33 points to lead the Bucks, who lost for the 12 time in 14 games in March.

NUGGETS 119, WARRIORS 112
DENVER — Kenyon Martin scored a season-high 30 points and Denver surged past Golden State.

Martin also pulled down 11 rebounds, and J.R. Smith added 20 points off the bench, helping the Nuggets stave off a furious rally by the Warriors in the closing minutes.

— The Associated Press

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

UNC women earn third straight Final Four trip

NEW ORLEANS — An early onslaught by Louisville star Angel McCoughtry was not enough to derail North Carolina's bid for a third-straight trip to the Final Four.

Lafaya Pringle had 27 points and 11 rebounds, and the top-seeded Tar Heels climbed out of an 18-point hole in a 78-74 victory over the fourth-seeded Cardinals on Saturday.

The victory extended the Tar Heels' winning streak to 16 and placed them in the regional final on Monday night, when they'll play LSU, which beat Oklahoma State 67-52.

McCoughtry finished with 35 points in 13 rebounds, but was unable to dominate in the second half as she had in the first, when she scored 21 of her points.

Cetera DeGraffenreid scored 13 for North Carolina (33-2), Rashanda McCants added 12 points and Jessica Breland 11.

Candace Bingham had 17 points and 20 rebounds for Louisville (26-10), Chantise Wright scored 13 for the Cardinals.

LSU 67, OKLAHOMA STATE 52
NEW ORLEANS — Erica White scored 18 points to lead four LSU players in double figures, and the second-seeded LadyTigers cruised to a victory over the third-seeded Cowboys in the regional semifinals.

Rashonda LeBlanc had 11 of her 13 points in the second half for LSU (30-5), while Sylvia Fowles had 12 points and Qianna Chaney 10 for the Lady Tigers, seeking to advance to a fifth straight Final Four.

Andrea Riley scored 26 points for Oklahoma State (27-8), but when she finally began to get some help from her teammates, it was too late.

LSU will face North Carolina in the regional finals

on Monday night.

Spokane Regional

MARYLAND 80, VANDERBILT 66
SPOKANE, Wash. — Crystal Langhorne scored 28 points and Maryland's defense swarmed Vanderbilt in a convincing win.

Two years removed from their national title, the Terrapins are one win away from a return to the Final Four. Maryland will face either Stanford or Pittsburgh in Monday night's regional

final. It will be the sixth regional championship game for the Terrapins.

The Terrapins (33-3) were inspired in the first half, holding Vanderbilt to just 34.5 percent shooting and forcing nine turnovers that Maryland converted into 10 easy points, quickly getting the pace to its liking. Vanderbilt's leading scorer, Christian Wirth, was held scoreless for the first 15½ minutes. Wirth finished with 13 points and Jessica Mooney added 11.

— The Associated Press

Kansas knows Wildcats have more than Curry

DETROIT (AP) — OK, so the entire country now knows every last little detail about Stephen Curry, the sweet-shooting guard who's got double-digit Davidson one game away from the Final Four.

But Curry didn't get the Wildcats this far all by himself. There's also Jason Richards, the sub-line point guard who 3:05 p.m., CBS can shoot

as well as he sets it up. There's Andrew Lueddie, a big guy with a feathery touch. There's Max Paullus Gosselin, who actually thrives on setting screens. And on and on.

Lose track of any of them, and Kansas is in for a long day today, followed by an equally uncomfortable off-season.

"There's a lot of things that concern us," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said, shaking his head as he ran down the list. "They're a physical team. They do a great job of setting very physical, legal screens. They do a great job defensively of not letting you go where you want to go, riding off cuts, things like that ..."

He was just getting started.

"They've got," Self said, "a lot of pieces."

On paper, Kansas (34-3) should win Sunday's game easily. The Jayhawks are the power in a power conference, so stocked with talent they're bringing guys off the bench who would start at most schools. They have

four players averaging in double figures and another just short, and two guys who are averaging more than six boards a game. They can play big or small and do it at a grinding halt or a playground pace.

"They're walloping opponents by almost 20 points a game — best in the nation — and their three losses were by a combined 13 points."

"We're just doing what people expect us to do, and that's go to the Final Four," said Brandon Rush, who leads Kansas with 13 points. "We don't see it as pressure. We see it as people expecting things of us. Big things."

But Davidson (29-6) didn't just stumble into its first regional final since 1969. The Wildcats have the nation's longest winning streak at 25 and counting, and they beat three very good teams to get here including Georgetown, a Final Four team last year, and Wisconsin, the Big Ten champs with the best defense in the country.

The Badgers were holding opponents to a nation-best 53.9 points a game and hadn't allowed a single 3-pointer in the second round against Kansas State. Davidson dropped 73 on them, including 12 3s.

Granted, Rush has had a lot to do with the Wildcats' run. The son of former NBA sharpshooter Dell Curry is averaging 34.3 points in the tournament, best since Bo Kimble of Loyola Marymount averaged 35.8 over four games in 1990.

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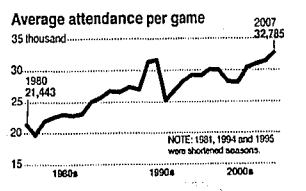
Power rankings Based on a scale of one to five, with five being the best ranking

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- 17 Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz are back to supply the power in a tough lineup.
- 16 New York is looking for their 27th World Series title and first since 2000.
- 14 Team has enough talent to make the playoff race in the AL East.
- 8 Ruben Sierra for a team that has a franchise-record 10 straight losing seasons.
- 8 Enough talent to have reasonable expectations of escaping the division cellar.
- 16 If they fall too far behind Detroit in July, C.C. Sabathia might be traded for the future.
- 14 If they don't make the playoffs, the season will be a failure for fans and the team.
- 11 The loss of Johan Santana to the Mets, leaves a huge hole in a rotation.
- 9 Question: Was last season (72-90) an aberration or an indication?
- 9 Purchases lineup was last in the league by far with a dismal 102 home runs.
- 15 It's playoffs or bust for the first time in seven years and a payroll above \$115 million.
- 14 A rash of injuries like last year could make it difficult to hold off Seattle.
- 8 Entering a season without a realistic chance to compete for a playoff bid.
- 9 Starters must stay healthy — and pitch better, to have a chance.

The game goes on

Steroids has cast a large shadow on Major League Baseball. The Mitchell Report last December implicated seven MVPs, 31 All-Stars and more than 80 players for using performance-enhancing drugs. The residual effect on an upcoming season: performance - good or bad - will be viewed with skepticism. But the grass also is green with optimism.



Increasing range of field

The league has become more diverse as the game has become increasingly popular around the world.

Last year for Yankee Stadium

History gives way to modernization. After 85 years, one of baseball's shrines closes its gates.

- May 5, 1922 Construction begins
- April 16, 1923 Stadium opens; Babe Ruth hits the stadium's first home run
- Sept. 30, 1927 Ruth breaks his own season record, hitting his 60th home run
- July 4, 1939 Lou Gehrig Appreciation Day; number retired — an MLB first
- May 28, 1946 First night game played
- June 13, 1947 Ruth's uniform number is retired
- Oct. 8, 1956 Don Larsen throws the only perfect World Series game in history
- Oct. 1, 1961 Roger Maris hits his 61st home run
- April 15, 1976 Reopens after renovations
- July 4, 1982 Dave Flaherty pitches first no-hitter since 1951
- May 17, 1997 David Wells hits 14th perfect game in history
- April 25, 1998 Joe DiMaggio monument unveiled in Monument Park
- Oct. 26, 2000 Yankees win 26th title in first 'Subway Series' since 1956
- March 31, 2008 Home opener in stadium's last season

Seasonal changes

Often cited as a game of inches, baseball also is a game of incessant change. A number of rookies hope to build on successful call-ups late last year. While five managers hope to instill their philosophies in new clubs.

Players

- Ubaldo Jimenez, RHP, Colorado: Hoping postseason success last year is start of something big
- Evan Longoria, 3B, Tampa Bay: Among the Grapefruit League leaders in RBIs
- Joba Chamberlain, RHP, New York Yankees: Solidified the bullpen late last season
- Geovany Soto, C, Chicago Cubs: Hugo Triple-A Year last season and hit .389 in 18 games with Cubs

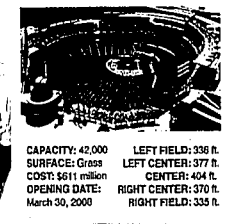
Managers

- John Russell Pirates: Promising a turnaround, but difficult to see it occurring so soon
- Dusty Baker Reds: Hired to pull team out of their worst stretch in about a half-century
- Joe Girardi Yankees: Managing the \$200 million Yankees is a long way from the Florida Marlins
- Trey Hillman Royals: Only manager in the majors who didn't play or coach in the league himself

Joe Torre • Dodgers Should help quell team friction between youngsters and vets

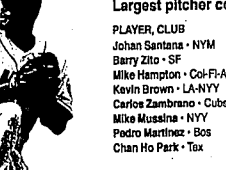
A greener field

Washington's new Nationals Park, is the first major U.S. stadium to be environmentally certified.



Pitching for top dollar

New York Mets' lefty Johan Santana has been Major League Baseball's best pitcher in the past five years. **SANTANA'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**
 ■ AL Cy Young Award (2004 and 2006, both unanimous selections)
 ■ AL Gold Glove Award (2007)
 ■ Led AL in winning percentage in 2003, finishing season 12-3 (.800)
 ■ Won Triple Crown in 2006; wins (19), strikeouts (245) and ERA (2.77)



Largest pitcher contract packages

PLAYER, CLUB	YEARS	TOTAL in millions
Johan Santana • NYM	2006-13	\$137.5
Barry Zito • SF	2007-13	128.0
Mike Hampton • Col-Ft-Alt	2001-08	121.0
Kevin Brown • LA-NYY	1999-05	105.0
Carlos Zambrano • Cubs	2008-12	91.5
Mike Mussina • NYY	2001-06	88.6
Pedro Martinez • Bos	1998-03	75.0
Chan Ho Park • Tex	2002-06	75.0

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16 NL favorites thanks to the trade for two-time Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana.
 14 Getting to playoffs won't be enough this year in a city starved for a championship.
 13 Picked to challenge for another NL East title after missing the playoffs the past two seasons.
 9 More talent and more depth, but not much in the way of significant upgrades.
 8 Home of the league's lowest payroll, the smallest crowds and worst starting pitching.
 15 Chicago looks like they'll be holding the pack of the world's NL Central division.
 12 A group of potent sluggers including NL home-run leader Prince Fielder.
 11 Behind Roy Oswalt, rotation suspect Miguel Tejada was a key acquisition.
 10 Dusty Baker hired to pull team out of a seventh-straight losing season.
 9 Will the patchwork rotation be enough to win before the big arms return?
 9 New management is promising a turnaround from a poor 68-94 finish.
 17 Hoping to show that last season's incredible run to the World Series wasn't a fluke.
 14 Will one of the most formidable rotations in the game; bullpen also looks deep.
 14 One of the best pitching staffs in the majors, but big question will be their offense.
 14 Play in one of baseball's toughest divisions, and health concerns will be their biggest obstacle.
 10 Without Barry Bonds, the void in the lineup will be more glaring once the season starts.

Duckworth, Eyre make opening-day MLB rosters

Times-News

Former College of Southern Idaho baseball players Brandon Duckworth and Scott Eyre again have homes in the majors at the start of the 2008 MLB season.

Duckworth will return to the Kansas City Royals for a third season after splitting time with the Royals and Triple-A Omaha Royals in 2007. The 6-foot-11 right-handed pitcher has a 20-31 career record and 5.35 ERA in seven years of MLB service, and finished 5-3 with a 4.63 ERA last season. Duckworth made five relief appearances this spring, posting an 8.10 ERA with seven strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings pitched through Friday.

His younger cousin, Eric Diamond of Drexel, Utah, will play softball at CSI next season as a left-handed pitcher. Eyre is entering his 13th MLB season and third overall with the Chicago Cubs. The 6-foot-11 left-handed relief pitcher has a career 21-29 record with a 4.37 ERA. He made 55 appearances last season, finishing 2-1 with a 4.13 ERA. Eyre struggled a bit during spring training, posting a 0-1 record and 9.45 ERA in seven relief appearances through Friday.

Former CSI slugger Christian Colond will begin the season back in the minors after starting spring as a non-roster invitee of the defending National League champion Colorado Rockies. Colond made six spring appearances, going 2-0 for 8 at the plate with two RBIs. The 2007 Topps Double-A All-Star hit .309 with 17 home runs and 84 RBIs last year with the Double-A Tulsa (Okla.) Drillers.

Other players with area ties who will be back in the minors this year include former CSI players Andy Kirkland, Jordan Latham, Sean Van Elderen and Nick Carr, along with former area high school stars Keli Thibault, Hymc Reynoso and Zach Simons.

Thibault, a former Jergens High star, will play in the Northwest Arkansas Naturals' inaugural season after getting the call up to Double-A after playing for the Class A Advanced Wilmington (N.C.) Blue Rocks. Both teams are affiliates of the Royals.

The rest of the Magic Valley crop is expected to return to where each ended last season. Kirkland is slated to play for the Double-A Erie (Pa.) Seawolves while Reynoso will report to the Class A Advanced Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Pelicans. Latham, Van Elderen and Carr will play for the Class A Short Season to begin in June.

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And even if there is, it's not clear it will even matter to those season-ticket holders.

"I think there's almost no carry-over when you take about 100 fans forcing and rooting for their own team," Costas said. "If you're a fan in Cincinnati, I guarantee you're more upset that Joe Nuxhall didn't get into the broadcasters' wing of the Hall of Fame than more excited to see him. The business has been hired as the manager and more interested in whether Ken Griffey can play 140 games than you are in the Mitchell Report."

Indeed, baseball is running on parallel tracks: the shiny on-the-field, which has never been better, and the slummy-off-the-field, which has rarely been worse.

When Boston's Daisuke Matsuzaka threw the first pitch of the season against Oakland at the Tokyo Dome on Tuesday, many seemed to be in business as usual. This was the third time baseball started its season in the land of the rising sun, just as the sun is rising for many fans back home.

Following that two-game split in Japan, the Washington Nationals opened their new ballpark against Atlanta on Sunday night. President Bush, the former Texas Rangers owner, is scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Other teams get under way the following day, when Yankee Stadium hosts its final opener, the start of a season-long goodbye to a baseball shrine.

But the stretch of steroids is never far away, with federal prosecutors aiming at seven-time MVP Barry Bonds and seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens. The yin and yang of the Steroids

is absent from the field but not forgotten.

In an age of designer drugs and undetectable human growth hormone, players are sometimes presumed guilty until they prove themselves innocent.

"That shouldn't be the case. Baseball has done a lot in the last few years to clean up the sport," Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

Commissioner Bud Selig and union head Donald Fehr maintain baseball has the strongest drug-testing program in U.S. pro sports. However, the World Anti-Doping Agency, accustomed to Olympic events without unionized athletes, regularly harpoons MLB's rules as weak.

"All of athletics — amateur, Olympic and professional sports — are under a cloud," former baseball commissioner Fay Vincent said. "Imagine a woman who breaks the 100-meter dash record at the Olympics! I don't think there's any question that would be a suspect record, even if you and I were absolutely certain she never took anything, just because of what happened to Marion Jones. And I think that's true of baseball. The next tape-measure home run is going to be tainted. I think it's a sad byproduct of this whole performance-enhancement era."

Baseball's streaky nature lends itself to slumps and surges — and to supposition.

Alex Rodriguez led the majors with 54 home runs last year, yet went 55 at-bats without a homer from Sept. 9-25, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Prince of Wales, 3-25, was homerless in 67 at-bats from July 13-31.

From now on, every slump could lead to whispers, and players say that's not fair. "It's like the stock market.

Ochoa's 68 earns one-shot advantage

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. — Lorena Ochoa moved into position for her second straight Safeway International victory and second win in three starts this year, shooting a 4-under 68 on Saturday to take the third-round lead.

After outdueling close friend Angela Stanford on Saturday, Ochoa will be paired with Jee Young Lee on Sunday at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club. "It'll be a fun day," said Ochoa, a stroke ahead of Stanford and Lee. "She (Lee) hits the ball very far. She jokes to me she beats me with the driver. (Sunday) will be a good laugh to see who his farther."

Stanford followed bogeys on 13 and 14 with two finishing birdies for a 70. Lee fired her third consecutive 67.

At 16-under 200, Ochoa matched the best 54-hole total since the tournament moved to Superstition Mountain five years ago. Annika Sorenstam also was 16 under in 2004 on her way to a course record 18-under 270 total, matched last year by Ochoa.

Ochoa, the HSBC Champions winner this year in Singapore, is seeking her 16th victory in her last 40 starts since 2006 and 19th overall LPGA Tour win.

The six players within six shots of her have a combined four LPGA Tour victories. The closest rival with similar experience was Sorenstam, seven strokes back after a 71.

But Ochoa dismissed talk that the tournament was over. "It's going to be a tough day (Sunday)," she said.

Nobuko, however, owns Sundays like Ochoa does these days. "It's all about experience," she said. "It's the way



Lorena Ochoa pumps her fist after making a birdie on the No. 1 hole during the third round of the LPGA Safeway International at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club Saturday in Superstition Mountain, Ariz.

you feel on Sunday. You like to be under pressure."

Ochoa birdied four of the first five holes to steal the lead from Stanford.

"It was a good day," Ochoa said.

Four share Zurich lead

AVONDALE, La. — Woody Austin, Nicholas Thompson, Peter Lonard and Briny Baird topped the Zurich Classic leaderboard at 8 holes under Saturday when rain, lightning and thunder forced the suspension of third-round play.

Play was stopped at 1:40 p.m., then called off for the day at 5:35

p.m. The thirty-five players unable to finish will try to complete the round Sunday morning.

Austin had seven holes to play, Thompson eight, Lonard 14 and Baird 15.

John Senden was the leader in the clubhouse at 7 under after a 66. Andrus Romero, Tim Petrovic, Steve Elkington and John Merrick also were 7 under.

Langer two up at Ginn

PALM COAST, Fla. — German star Bernhard Langer birdied his first two holes at the Ocean Hammock Golf Club, then avoided the mistakes that plagued his closest rivals in the Champions Tour's Ginn Championship.

The two-time Masters champion, a two-time winner in 10 career Champions Tour starts, shot a bogey-free 6-under 68 on the windy OceanSide course to reach 11 under 183 and move two strokes ahead of Lonnie Nielsen (69).

Fred Funk (69), tied with Langer with three holes to play, made a bogey at No. 16 and a double bogey at No. 17 to fall into third at 8 under.

Westwood first at Andalucia

PUERTO BANUS, Spain — Defending champion Lee Westwood shot a 6-under 66 Saturday to take a one-shot lead in the Andalucia Open.

Westwood birdied the first five holes and finished at 14 under 204. David Lynn (69) and 19-year-old Oliver Fisher (67) were tied for second with France's Thomas Leviet (68).

— The Associated Press

Roddick wins 3-set thriller

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Andy Roddick hit a shot not found in any how-to manual Saturday, and it came at a critical time to help him survive a scare in his opening match at the Sony Ericsson Open.

The sixth-seeded Roddick beat qualifier Viktor Troicki 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. With Troicki serving at 4-5 in the final game, Roddick's creativity helped him win the first point. A fly forced him to the sideline near the net, and when Troicki sliced a volley to the other side, Roddick chased down the ball as it bounced away from him, then spun to yank a backhand crosscourt past the Serbian.

The ball landed on the sideline, but Roddick wasn't sure the shot was good until the crowd erupted with a standing ovation.

Five points later Troicki pushed a backhand wide, and Roddick had his victory.

Top-ranked Roger Federer won with less drama. Still seeking his first title this year, he erased all seven break points he faced and beat Gael Monfils 6-3, 6-4.

Seven seeded men lost, including No. 13 Andy Murray and No. 21 Lleyton Hewitt. Murray, a semifinalist last year, lost to Mario Ancic 6-2, 2-6, 7-6. Hewitt was beaten by Jose Acasuso 3-2, 7-6 (10).

On the women's side, Lindsay Davenport played at Key Biscayne for the first time in five years and needed only an hour to eliminate Camille Pin 6-2, 6-1. Second-seeded Ana Ivanovic beat Emelie Lot 6-1, 6-2 and advanced to a third-round match today against Davenport.

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Nats ready to win in new home

The Associated Press

New stadium, new Nationals. That's the way Ryan Zimmerman sees it.

On a day for finishing touches to the ballpark and the lineup, Washington beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-0 Saturday night in an exhibition game that also served as a dress rehearsal.

Before the game, workers moved the infield and outfield grass at Nationals Park, getting that curly "W" in center field just right. There were wires being tucked away, pillars near an entrance being painted blue and other last-minute fixes before a crowd of about 25,000 filed in for the Nationals' first game in the place.

And, in the distance beyond left field, there was the view of the Capitol Building, none, no adjustments necessary.

"It's new feel. It makes us a little bit more excited to come here every day, and it gives us a sense of pride," said Zimmerman, none too upset to leave behind rocky, leaky RFK Stadium.

"It's going to be tough to be used to this new home tonight, when they host the Atlanta Braves.

Odalis Perez will pitch for Washington against Atlanta's Tim Lincecum (4-0 with a 0.60 ERA against the Nationals in 2007).

The game culminated two days of festivities recognizing a significant time in the country's social history and baseball's role in it that change. Martin Luther King III threw out the ceremonial first pitch, while Hall of Famer Hank Aaron was featured in a video tribute.

Both teams toured the National Civil Rights Museum.

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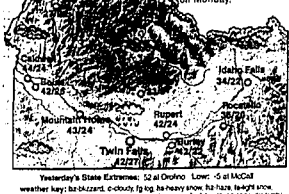
Today: Mostly cloudy with light winds and a slim chance of a shower. Highs in the low 40s. Tonight: Scattered snow showers possible. Breezy southwest winds. Lows in the upper 20s. Tomorrow: Decreasing clouds and a bit warmer. Light southwest winds. Highs in the middle 40s.

Weather forecast table for Twin Falls Live Day Forecast with icons for sun, clouds, and snow.

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Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: "I succeeded, we must first believe we can." - Michael Jordan

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Canadian forecast table for various cities including Toronto and Vancouver.

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Waltrip says Roush's 'intellectual espionage' was simply a mistake

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Michael Waltrip gave a less sensational version Saturday of how his team came to be in possession of a part belonging to one of Jack Roush's teams, saying that what Roush asserted was "intellectual espionage" was merely a mistake. "We didn't know anything about having it until January when they called and said, 'You have our swaybar,' and we said, 'We do?'" Waltrip said. "They told us they had it since 11:30 a.m., FOX found it and gave it back to them and that's what we did," Waltrip said before practice Saturday. "The comments came a day after Roush painted a far more sinister picture of the incident, saying the part was stolen, the team that stole it tried to have parts made to fit onto it and that he feared letting on that he knew they even had the part because he figured 'it would wind up in the diner' rather than be given back. Roush said he considered getting a search warrant to take to the shop and find the part, but one of his employees called the team without his knowledge and the part was returned. Roush described the exchange as a "clandestine meeting" between team members at 6 a.m., but Waltrip and others have made the situation out to be less like a best-selling spy novel and more a simple case of a part ending up with the wrong team by accident. "We wound up with a swaybar there somehow," Waltrip said. "I promise you no one went to their tool box and swiped it. This is not intellectual espionage." Roush claimed the swaybar had a paint job that identified it as belonging to Roush Fenway Racing, and that the part had been mislabeled and put in a storage bin. "I don't have knowledge of any of that," Waltrip said. "I heard it was painted blue and when we figured out that it wasn't ours, then it was set off to the side." The swaybar was retrieved from a storage room when Roush asked for it back. Waltrip said, and the team was not threatened with the legal action Roush has said he might pursue to prevent the team from using any information gained from the part. "There were no threats. There was no need to threaten," Waltrip said. Waltrip jokingly referred additional questions to Jeff Gordon, who joked about the matter Friday, calling the stu-

ation "hilarious" and saying the FBI should investigate.

Gordon said: "I really hope Jack's not taking it that serious."

Waltrip began his remarks by saying, "I hope that we don't dignify this with a whole lot of time or effort," but

added that he has high regard for his fellow owner.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Who succeeds Paul Soloway as the living American with the most masterpoints?
Beau Courier, Bay City, Mich.

ANSWER: Mike Passell of Texas is coming up close behind Paul. I expect him to overtake some time around 2009, if all goes well.

Dear Mr. Wolff: With ♠ 2, ♥ A-Q-7-5-3, ♦ A-9-6, ♣ Q-10-6-5, I opened one heart and rebid one no-trump over my partner's one-spade response. My partner corrected to two spades with only five, and told me later that the right call with my hand was two clubs. What do you think?
Allen Matter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

ANSWER: I like your choice — the bare ace is closer to a double-trump trump than a singleton. And I hate to introduce honorless suits when I have a practical alternative. Move the spade ace into the clubs and give me a small singleton spade, and there would be no contest: two clubs would be the right call.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What is the right approach when you have a five-card major and eight points facing a strong no-trump opening bid? Should you transfer and pass the response, or should you invite to game at your second turn with a club no-trump?
Goin' Postal, Memphis, Tenn.

ANSWER: The critical factor for me is the quality of the five-card major and the intermediates. I use a simple rule: When I hear partner open one no-trump, I add on a point for any five-card suit headed by a top honor and at least the jack or 10. So, with Q-10-9-4-2 in my long suit, I'd add on a point and invite. Change the 10 into the eight and 10 into the six.

Dear Mr. Wolff: With ♠ 2, ♥ A-2, ♦ Q-J-9-6-4-3, ♣ Q-10-6-5, I opened two diamonds and rebid three clubs over my partner's response of two spades. My partner now bid three diamonds, which I construed to be nonforcing but constructive. What should I do now?
Healy Irigode, Liverdale, Calif.

ANSWER: This is a real teaser. You have extras and a stopper in the unbid suits, decent intermediates, but you must be worried that you won't be able to reach your diamonds in three no-trump if the opponents lead hearts. I think I would bid on, but I'd temporarily prize with three hearts as the fourth suit, planning to bid three no-trump over a three-spade call.

Dear Mr. Wolff: If declarer drops a card on the table, is it a played card?
Buck Dreyer, Orlando, Fla.

ANSWER: In general the answer is that a dropped (as opposed to a played) card by declarer carries no penalty. The point is that it gives no unauthorized information to anyone, since dummy is not actively involved. The situation is more complex for the defenders; I'll cover that question in answering another letter.

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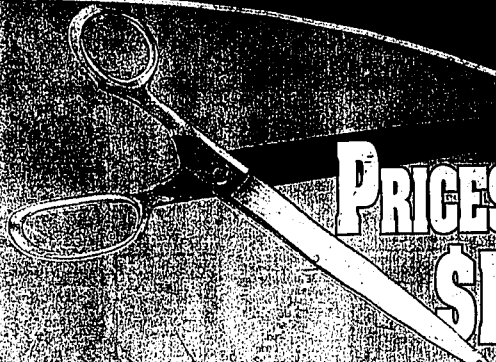
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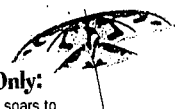
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OH BABY, BABY, BABY

Twin Falls family prepares for triplets

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Baby, baby, baby

Times-News reporter Melissa Davlin will follow the Olson family of Twin Falls through the birth of the triplets and the first few months of their lives. Look for upcoming stories on Sundays in Family Life.

"I honestly don't know what we're going to do."

— Marcus Olson

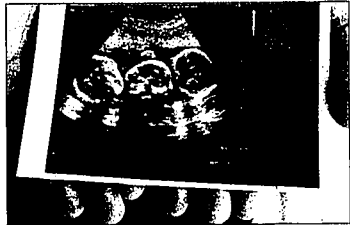


Photo by ASHLEY ENYTH/Times-News
ABOVE: An ultrasound of the identical triplets Madalynn, Makenzie and Melya Olson.

LEFT: Marcus Olson of Twin Falls puts the finishing touches to the first of three cribs he built for his identical triplet daughters, expected to be born in May. Olson's wife, Crystal, is at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center on bed rest.

Wake up. Shuttle kids to school. Go to work. Come home. Fix dinner, wash dishes, help with homework. Do the laundry. Get the kids to bed.

Repeat it all the next day. The routine isn't one Marcus Olson is used to, but it's one he's had to embrace because his wife, Crystal, is bedridden in a Boise hospital, 30 weeks pregnant with triplets.

Makenzie, Melya and Madalynn Olson are due June 5, but will most likely arrive in early May, Marcus says. The identical triplets were conceived without fertility treatments. Odds of naturally conceived identical triplets are between one in 2 million and one in 200 million births, depending on the source.

Those are odds the Olsons weren't trying to beat.

"I honestly don't know what we're going to do," Marcus says. It's just taken him an hour to put together a crib with the help of his mother-in-law, and it's one of the only things prepared for the triplets' arrival. Because Crystal is hospitalized, they haven't done much nursery shopping.

"We have three car seats, three cribs and I don't even know what you call those little things," he says, looking at bumper seats sitting on the kitchen table.

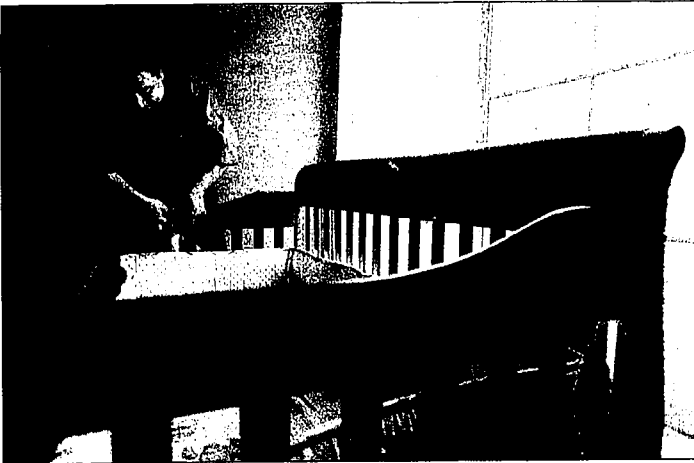
It's a situation he can laugh at, though. Morale is high at his Twin Falls home after the crib-building party. His mother and mother-in-law have been helping with the children and around the house, and the family is more excited than nervous.

The positive attitude is reflected in Crystal's children, Ethan and Emily Lewis, who did what they could to help at the crib-building party.

"They have their names on them. 'Lookit!' 5-year-old Emily says, showing off her unborn sisters' pink-and-brown car seats.

"That one says 'Makenzie,'" she says, pointing to the seat labeled "Melya."

Emily isn't quite old



Inside

More than one baby calls for more household planning, flexibility.

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enough to understand the phenomenal odds of her sisters' conception, but the weight of it all hasn't been lost on the adults in the family.

"We thought maybe twins, but never in our lives did we dream triplets," says Celia Schmitt, Crystal's mother.

In some ways, though, Crystal's pregnancy is normal — like her cravings. One snack of summer sausage, red peppers and mustard was so good, it brought Crystal to tears.



Five-year-old Emily Lewis walks past her three unborn sisters' rockers at the family's home in Twin Falls.

"She started crying because it was the most wonderful thing she had had," Marcus says.

But now she's stuck with hospital food. Because of the potential for complications, Crystal is spending the rest of her pregnancy at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center.

She's been there for three weeks already and isn't going anywhere until the babies are born and ready to

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come home. The separation has already taken its toll on Marcus and the children.

"She's at Boise," Emily says when asked about her mother. "That's far away."

It sure is, and no one realizes that more than Marcus, who cares for the two kids during the week.

"They're very full of energy," he says while he watches Ethan, 6, throw himself against the couch.

Between caring for them, visiting Crystal in Boise on Wednesdays and weekends and working full time at his

new job at Assisted Living Concepts, Marcus also has to prepare mentally for his daughters' arrival. He says he's ready for the lack of sleep, but is nervous about the "terrible twos."

"And the next thing that really scares me is when they hit 15, 16 and boys discover them," he says.

But for now, all Marcus has to worry about is preparing the house for girls. After building the cribs, he has Ethan help him store the car seats in the baby bed.

Only two of them fit. "Holy cow," he says, looking at the car seats and shaking his head. "That's a lot of babies."

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Unplugged: Part 1 Twin Falls family gives up television, computer for one week

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Jerricca and Mikayla Morgan are two of the most animated girls in Twin Falls.

At home, the sisters dance on the couch and bounce on visitors. They talk excitedly about school, playing outside and their little sisters, Eliza, 3, and Skyla, 1. It seems nothing can slow them down.

It turns out, though, that all it takes is a cartoon. As soon as the television flips on, they sit completely still, mouths slightly open. Jerricca, 6, goes nearly half a minute without blinking.

Even if the television is the only thing that calms them down, it's something their mother, Julie Morgan, is ready to give up, even if only for a week.

The Morgans are unplugging their television and computer for seven days. The Times-News will follow them throughout the week to see if they can make it without cartoons, e-mail and computer games.



Eliza Morgan, 3, moves the mouse around as she plays a computer game Tuesday afternoon at her home. "They're not bobbies," she says, referring to the brightly colored circles that obscure Mr. Horse. "They're candy." Eliza's parents have agreed the Twin Falls family will go unplugged for an entire week — no computer, no TV or video games, no text messaging.

"I don't think they've realized yet just how hard it's going to be."

— Julie Morgan of her daughters and their challenge to be unplugged for seven days

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Empathy gets her in trouble again

I felt bad for trusting the unplugged challenge on some poor family while enjoying my electronic luxuries. So like the dummy I am, I jumped on board.

Like the Morgans, I'll spend the next week unplugged from the television, computer and other electronic entertainment. No e-mail, no Nintendo, no mindless Web surfing. I'm allowed to use the computer for work, and that's it. I wasn't worried at first, but I soon realized how much I depend on being wired. My wedding plans, budget and guest list all live on my laptop. I get recipes and knitting patterns online. And yes, I'm completely addicted to "American Idol."

So this will be a challenge, but it's for the best. Like Julie Morgan, I plan to get my garden started and focus on housecleaning. I'll head to the library and get a few real cookbooks. Maybe I'll actually finish a knitting project or two.

Oh, and my fiance is joining me on this endeavor, too. Whether he likes it or not.



— Melissa Davlin

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center
530 Shoshone St. W, Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bar-gain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Stew
Wednesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Soup and sandwiches
Friday: Franks and kraut

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. Eiks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1:30 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Burli. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$4.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Potato soup and sandwiches
Tuesday: Pork chops
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Oven-fired chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Salisbury steak dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Blood pressure check
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center
508 Center Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Cheese hamburger
Tuesday: Liver and onions
Wednesday: Cheesy crab muffins

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.

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-service 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: Oven-fired fish
Wednesday: Fried chicken
Friday: Meatloaf
Sunday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. AA meeting, 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; everyone over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: AA meeting, 7 p.m. Friday: Nu-2U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:30 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Gem State Fiddlers

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors: \$2.50, under 12: 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:
Monday: Pork chops
Wednesday: Pork roast
Friday: Baked chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood crawls, 8:30 to 10:30 a.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 shows. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday: Orange chicken
ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Music with June Koonce, 11:30 a.m. Afternoon movie Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2, under 12: 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:
Monday: Pork chops
Wednesday: Pork roast
Friday: Baked chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Blood crawls, 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: \$2.50, under 12: 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:
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Monday: Blood crawls, 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: \$2.50, under 12: 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Barbecue ribs
Wednesday: Sweet-and-sour pork
Thursday: Mailbox chicken
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 a.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m. Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, 7 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Saturday: Pinochle and bridge tournament

Silver and Gold Senior Center
210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5, non-seniors: \$2.50, under 12: 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Hamburger gravy and mashed potatoes

ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors: \$5.50, under 60: Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Meatballs and gravy
Wednesday: Reuben sandwich
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$4, under 60: \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV shows. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 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 shows. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

MENUS:
Tuesday: Soup and salad bar or roast beef sandwich
Wednesday: Quiche
Friday: Sweet-and-sour chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Tuesday: Caregivers meeting, 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m. Exercise class, 1:30 a.m. Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m. Thursday: Zenery class, 11 a.m. Bingo, 6 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.

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

MENUS:
Thursday: Turkey sandwich

ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Turkey sandwich

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St. Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors: \$6, non-seniors: \$3, under 12: \$4.50, home delivery. Gift shop: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Pork chops
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: Chicken, fish or meatloaf

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m. Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walking, 9 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m. Cardio, 1 p.m.

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

MENUS:
Monday: Fried chicken
Thursday: Hamburgers

SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwideman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 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: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Sandwich and chips
Wednesday: Swiss steak
Thursday: Spanish rice
Friday: Meatballs

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise Tax help by appointment
Tuesday: Pool Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Radio show, 9:06 a.m. Exercise
Wednesday: Pool Pinochle, 1 p.m. Exercise
Thursday: Pinochle or Kitty Andrews, 1 p.m. Exercise
Friday: Movie, 9:30 a.m. Community pinocchle, 6 p.m. Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool Exercise Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors: \$5, under 60: \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m. Cardio, 1 p.m.

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

MENUS:
Monday: Fried chicken
Thursday: Hamburgers

Less time for grandparents

By Abigail Trafford
Special to The Washington Post

He has gray hair, a wrinkled Clint Eastwood grin and an artificial knee, and he's wheeling a stroller to the park. Not grumpy, but an elderly, 60-plus father of young children — the New Nurturer on the block who says he's a better dad his second time around. His resume is fleshed out. He's more secure financially. With waning testosterone levels, he may even be kinder, gentler. Mainly, he has time to focus on children in a way he never could in his younger days.

This is the Hallmark greeting-card image of the father family finally knows best what matters most in life. And there are advantages in having some maturity when confronted with a howling 3-year-old.

But there may be a hidden cost to the grandfather-grandchild relationship. Most older dads have children from a previous marriage. Starting a second family late in life interrupts the natural evolution toward grandparenthood. As long as you are raising children at home, how can you get really involved in your grandchildren's lives?

And getting involved with grandchildren is the new challenge for the best generation. Grandparents are more numerous and healthier than in previous generations. Thanks to those gains, they can exert a much larger influence on their families. Some provide hands-on care for grandchildren; others help out their adult children financially.

Most 50- to 60-year-olds

are discovering the liberated joy of being a grandparent. But if you're worried about your kid needing braces and learning geometry, when do you have time to go fishing with your grandson? A friend in this situation explains: "I'm as long as he's caught up in seeing his young son into adulthood, there just isn't much emotional room left for his grandchild."

How sad this is. My three grandchildren are visiting this week, camping through the rooms, going on treasure hunts, playing make-believe. How wondrous it is to have a stake in yet another generation. But for older dads, when their youngest child finally grows up, the grandchildren from an earlier marriage have already grown up, too. Gone is the critical period when the grandchild-grandparent relationship is forged. A first loss for the grandchildren who could benefit from the wise, dotting presence of a grandfather, and for older dads.

Complicated marital histories lead to complications in grandparenthood. In some instances, the wife of an older dad is the same age as the "first" children, and the children in the second family may be the same age as the grandchildren. Two toddlers in the sandbox. One is the uncle, the other the niece. But chronologically and emotionally, they are more like cousins. And who is likely to benefit most from the old man's softening ways? The dependent one, first in line. The grandchild gets what is left over.

Adam Davey, a developmental psychologist at Temple University, calls this

family situation a demographic perfect storm. "A lot of factors have to come together at just the right time for this to happen," he says.

But older dads make headlines, with a celebrity Methusalem-like TV personality, Larry King, whose daughter from an earlier marriage was past 30 when his two youngest sons were born. "Having youngsters is the ultimate joy," declared King at age 73.

But that's what grandparents get about grandchildren! Many factors affect the grandparent-grandchild bond: geography and frequency of contact; the relationship with the adult child in the middle, the personalities of all involved and past history.

Divorce and remarriage have a lasting impact on family relationships. "Marital transitions that occur when children are adults tend to reduce support from parents to children," concludes a recent report by Davey and his colleagues at Temple.

And that reduction in support is likely to extend to grandchildren.

The reverse is also true. The report found that divorce may reduce the likelihood that adult children will support older parents. Because men are more likely to remarry and move away, "the odds are stacked against the paternal grandfather," Davey says. "These decisions that are made

within a generation have effects that cascade across generations."

Yet families are resilient; they adapt. Much depends on "what the relationship was before the new kid came along — and a good relationship with the stepmother," says David Carnoy of New York.

He and his father, Martin Carnoy, a professor of education and economics at Stanford University, wrote "Fathers of a Certain Age: The Joys and Problems of Middle-Aged Fatherhood." (Faber and Faber, 1995) from the viewpoint of both the older dad and the first son.

After a divorce, Martin Carnoy remarried, and when David and his brother were in their late 20s, he and his second wife adopted a daughter.

Today the girl is a teenager, and David is married with a 4-year-old and a 2-year-old.

"You've got an incredible panoply of relationships," says Martin Carnoy, who is also looking after his mother as he cares for his wife and daughter, all the while keeping in touch with his adult sons and grandchildren who live 3,000 miles away. "There's enormous competition for time."

"My father would like to spend more time with us," says David Carnoy, executive editor of the technology Web site CNET. But between conflicting school schedules and competing family responsibilities, it's much harder to coordinate.

Nevertheless, they all make the effort. That's the first rule of grandparenting: making the effort. Older dads aren't exempt.

Last call for seniors?

By Sandra G. Boardman
The Washington Post

Although alcohol abuse is most often regarded as a problem affecting young people, a large federally funded study has now found that nearly one in 10 Americans older than 65 drinks too much. Researchers led by Elizabeth Merrick, a senior scientist at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management, used data from a survey of more than 12,000 Medicare recipients to determine the prevalence of unhealthy drinking among the elderly.

Merrick's team found that 9 percent of those older than 65 engaged in unhealthy drinking, consuming four or more drinks in a single day or more than 30 per month. Overall, two-thirds of those surveyed said they did not drink at all.

The recommended limit for older people is lower than for younger people, researchers note, because those older than 65 metabolize alcohol differently and may be more sensitive to its effects, especially if they are taking certain medications.

Health officials say that consuming more than seven drinks per week or more than three during one day raises the risk of medical problems, including falls that can lead to hip fracture.

Merrick and her colleagues found that heavy alcohol users were more likely to be white males, and to have higher levels of income and education. They were also more likely to smoke, to be single and to be younger and healthier than those who drank less or not at all.

Unlike in previous studies, people who said they were depressed did not have a higher rate of problem drinking than others, the authors said.

"It may be that widely publicized messages regarding the benefits of moderate drinking are obscuring more nuanced realities," the authors write, noting that some older adults believe heavy drinking is greater than the guidelines suggest.

The study was funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and appears in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

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"We'll have to see if we can make it that long," Julie says. According to market researcher A.C. Nielsen Co., the average American watches about four hours of television a day.

That adds up to being glued to the TV for two months a year.

While the Morgan children don't spend that much time in front of the tube, Julie acknowledges that seven days without will be difficult. As a stay-at-home mother, she uses the television to distract the girls in the afternoons so she can clean and make dinner.

Although she knows it won't be easy, Julie and her husband, veterinarian Dr. Jared Morgan, are looking forward to freedom from their electronics. She's a fre-

"We both feel the same thing, that it's kind of a waste of time."

— Julie Morgan, of her and her husband's electronic time

quent e-mail checker, and both rely on a movie hour to unwind before bed.

"We both feel the same thing, that it's kind of a waste of time," she says. They hope to use their new free time to clean the garage, straighten up the storage shed and start their garden.

"I'll tell you what I want to do," Julie says. "I want to get some scrapbooking done."

The girls also have their week planned out. "I love to read," Mikayla, 7, says. "We're gonna jump rope and read, read, read!" "I want to go to the circus!" Jericca says. Mikayla

gets excited and starts jumping on the couch.

When Julie tells them the circus comes only in the summer, they're not disappointed.

They keep throwing out ideas — picnics, roller skating, craft projects, museum trips, hopscotch.

The prospect of ditching their cartoons doesn't daunt them, but Julie isn't so sure. "I don't think they're re-

alized yet just how hard it's going to be," she says.

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Julie Morgan tries to contain 3-year-old Eliza as she wiggles around in Julie's arms. Behind them a large screen is framed on the wall. The family recently remodeled the basement, adding a home theater that is not completely ready to use — and it's a good thing. The family won't be tempted to watch movies on the theater system during their week without television and computers.

If it's all about you, you're going to have trouble

By Dan Zak
The Washington Post

Broad pronouncement of the week: We are entitled brats.

For immediate proof, turn on the television and locate a reality show. The "Real Housewives of Orange County" and their real children are in a marathon of placating and whining. "The Hills" and "Newport Harbor" are stocked with people who expect a disproportionate amount of respect, lest they erupt in a raging meltdown.

We watch these shows in horror, with a judgmental eye, but how different are we? In real life, we want what we want and we want it now. No delay. No aggravation. No hassle, pain-free, our way, right away. We're a highly technical society in a land of plenty. We place a premium on efficiency and convenience. Tiny annoyances and inconveniences foul our moods and affect our behaviors. Why? And how can we get past these trivialities?

Consider this paradox: Things are becoming more instantaneous in an era where delays are rampant and increasing. There are faster flights and cars but more people in airplanes and on the roads.

What has happened, even though companies are improving service, is that customer expectations are rising. As Roger Numley, managing director of the Customer Care Institute in Atlanta, this can be attributed to "consumers doing business online, where they get instant gratification and quick turnaround. They're quickly becoming the standard expectation."

Change in expectations is a generational thing, experts say. People who grew up during the Depression were happy to have a job and stuck with one for a lifetime. Many parents of generations X and Y were raised in a different light. They expect a buffet of opportunities and are peeved when they don't materialize.

Narcissism and entitlement among college students have increased steadily since 1979, according to a study to be published this year in the Journal of Personality. Between that year and 2006, 16,000 college students were asked to pick between such paired statements as "I expect a great deal from other people" and "I like to do things for other people," and "I will never be satisfied until I get all that I deserve" and "I will take my satisfactions as they come."

The data are clear: The ascent of narcissism and entitlement is dramatic. "What we really have is a culture that has increasingly emphasized feeling good about yourself and being the individual over the group," says the study's co-author, Jean Twenge, a psychology professor at San Diego State University.

"And that has happened across the board, culturally, and it's showing no signs of

Oh, behave: Taming tips

Pauline Wallin identifies steps toward wrangling entitled behavior in "Taming Your Inner Brat: A Guide for Transforming Self-Defeating Behavior."

1. Picture your inner brat. Assigning a visual to your unsavory traits allows you to view them with some perspective, make objective decisions and separate bad behavior from the real you.
2. Calm it down. Entitled or bratty thoughts are irrational, so it's no use arguing with yourself. Telling yourself "Stop acting so stupid!" or "Quit being so childish!" only fuels negative emotion and the cycle of self-defeating behavior.
3. Listen to what your inner brat is implying. Bratty behavior operates on impulse, so the only way to effectively understand and undercut it is to pay attention and identify what it wants.
4. Take charge. Minimize conditions under which the inner brat thrives. If you feel entitled to buy something whenever you walk into a store, leave your credit cards at home and carry only the cash you intend to spend. These steps require focus and consistency, but one simple way to start quelling this behavior is to confront situations with "as is." As in, "I missed the highway exit, but at least I have a car and am not walking in the rain." It also helps take your attention away from yourself. "If you're self-focused, you're not going to be happy even if you get your way," Wallin says. "You're just going to be looking for the next thing to be upset about."

slowing down."

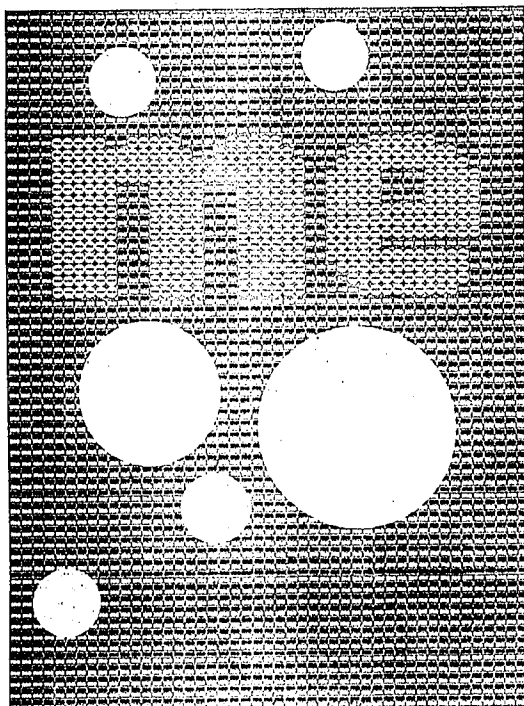
To complement her research, Twenge offers evidence from the field: "I have a 14-month-old daughter, and the clothing available to her has 'little princess,' or 'I'm the boss,' or 'spiced rotten' written on it. This is what we're dressing our babies in."

Schools have programs designed to boost self-esteem. We're inundated with the notions of "feeling special," "believing in yourself" and "be anything you want to be." Twenge ponders all these messages in her book "Generation Me: Why Today's Young Adults Are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled — and More Miserable Than Ever Before" (Free Press, 2006). Twenge also coins the term "iGeneration" ("I" as in both iPod and "me, me, me"), which includes those born from roughly 1981 to 1999.

This goes beyond social conditioning and technology, though. Entitlement is part of human narcissism. When something goes wrong for others, it's their fault. When something goes wrong for us, we blame external forces.

This "projection" often antagonizes a situation. Feeling entitled to something you aren't getting leads to frustration, which leads to bratty behavior and confrontation. Nearly 80 percent of Americans say rudeness — particularly behind the wheel, on cellphones and in customer service — should be regarded as a serious national problem, according to a study by the opinion research firm Public Agenda.

An airport is a petri dish for rude behavior. "You have people screaming at customer representatives at airports because it's snowing out — as though they're entitled to have a sunny day," says professor Keith Campbell, who specializes in the study of narcissism at the University of Georgia. "Yeah, there are certain times where we're entitled and other times we're not. The problem is when we have that meter wrong."



— when you're under stress you tend to react rather than respond," says Nathan, who specializes in stress. "Look at what you're telling yourself about your world and how you are interpreting it. We sometimes interpret the world as a set of 'shoulds,' 'oughts,' 'have tos,' 'musts,' 'deserves.' These are exaggerations. It's a very competitive world we live in, so we easily get frustrated."

Nathan has trademarked a technique for stress relief that has a time-release formula (www.mindandstress.com). It involves setting some kind of unobtrusive alarm — the vibrate function on your cell phone, for example — to remind you to take several minutes to do some deep

belly breathing and loosen your muscles and limbs, reframing of the mind that can become automatic.

Another good habit is being grateful. "On the drive home from work, it's a matter of turning the radio off and thinking about how wonderful your job is or, if your job sucks, how wonderful your family is or, if your family's in shambles, how good your health is," says psychology professor Mike McCullough, who studies gratitude at the University of Miami. He helped conduct one experiment wherein one group kept a journal of their daily hassles for a period of time while another recorded the times they were grateful. The outcome may be obvious

but no less instructive: People who concentrated on hassles were generally miserable; the others were pleased and satisfied.

It comes down to perspective and expectations. Do you want empty highways, no lines, a pram and an instantaneous conveyance to your birthday party? Fine. But don't expect them. Focus on your reliable car, your good health, your job stability or the fact that you're in a position to celebrate a birthday at all. "When you're feeling this sense of deprivation or entitlement, try to take the longer view," McCullough says. "Ask yourself, 'Is it really true — empirically true — that you are entitled to something?' In most cases, people say no."

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Multiple babies calls for more household planning, flexibility

By Terri Sapenza
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An organizer by nature and profession, Rachel Rosenthal Strisk's impulse toward order hit full throttle when she learned she was pregnant with twins.

Right away she sought out a local support group and started networking with mothers who had twins or triplets. At her suburban Bethesda, Md., home, she created folders for medical bills and parenting articles. She set up areas upstairs and down to diaper and dress the babies. She baked and froze lasagnas and chicken casseroles for those days when she was sure to be too hurried for cooking.

Her operating theory: "You need to bring order to the chaos before it happens."

For most parents, hearing that they are having multiples is "joy mixed with terror mixed with moments of calm," says Patricia Malstrom, co-author of "The Art of Parenting Twins" and director of Twin Services Consulting, a support Web site for parents with multiples. After absorbing the news, Malstrom says, many parents — by first instinct — "scrambling to find balance in the midst of a very unstable feeling."

Much of that scrambling centers on how to keep a household running smoothly — or just running — with two, three or more babies crying at once.

Multiple births are increasingly common in this country. Between 1980 and 2005, the rate of twin births almost doubled, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Triplet and higher-order multiple births more than quadrupled. Experts say the jump can be attributed to more women delaying child-birth: After age 35, women have an increased chance of conceiving multiples, especially if they are undergoing fertility therapies.

This trend complicates matters on the home front: Women expecting multiples are often confined to bed during pregnancy and have a longer recovery afterward, which can add to a general unraveling of housekeeping.

Rosenthal Strisk, 30, runs Rosey's Urban Style, a personal organizing and shopping service, so she's quite skilled at planning. And since a pair of identical twins Ellie and Marin in January — the first children for Rosenthal Strisk and her husband, Marshall Strisk

Voices of experience

- **Contact your health insurance company.** Let them know you're expecting multiples to avoid confusion after the births.
- **Get a second freezer.** Stock it with pre-made frozen meals.
- **Stock up on burp cloths.** Many multiples have acid reflux. Cloth diapers work well.
- **If breast-feeding.** Invest in a hospital-grade, hands-free pump. It will enable you to multi-task.
- **If using formula,** have a good blender on hand. That will make it much faster and easier when preparing several batches at once.
- **Use zipper plastic storage bags.** They can be handy for keeping each child's items (pacifiers, medicine, a change of clothes) separate inside a diaper bag. Color-coded bags make things even easier.
- **Set up sleeping and changing stations in rooms where you'll be spending a lot of time.** At least set up one on each floor. Keep all necessary supplies within arm's reach.
- **Visit a family that has multiple infants.** It will give you some idea of what to expect.

Make friends with parents of multiples. Talking to someone who is or has been in the same situation can be very comforting.

Line up help. You're going to need it. If people offer help, "get them signed up on a schedule before the babies are born," says Jane Herschelman, mother of triplets. "Don't say you'll call them when the babies are born, because you don't have time to think, to call or the memory of what they said they'd do."

• **Get a larger-than-normal laundry basket.**

Get your systems in place as early as possible, says Strisk, at home with some of her twins' paraphernalia. But know that the babies will change your system. Things are constantly changing.



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Help out with the triplets

Do you know someone with multiples? Here are things you can do to help them:

- **Instead of buying a traditional baby gift,** an offer to help organize the nursery before the babies arrive is much appreciated.
- **Before the babies arrive,** stop by with a frozen dinner or a pack of diapers and wipes in-hand. The more practical the gift, the better.
- **If you know another family with multiples,** introduce them and exchange contact information.
- **Organize a family/neighborhood/offices meal schedule** for a few weeks so meals are one less thing for the exhausted new parents to worry about.
- **When the time is right,** an offer to babysit for a few hours could be more welcome than anything.

Schattner — she says she has also learned to be flexible. Because her girls are different weights and require different amounts of food, she started labeling bottles with their initials. She keeps Ellie on the left and Marin on the right during feedings, naps and playtime so friends and relatives can tell who's who.

"Get your systems in place as early as possible," she says, "but know that the babies will change your system. Things are constantly changing."

Annie Elliott, 37, is a Washington designer and first-time mother of 3-year-

old twin girls. When she learned she was expecting, she put up plenty of open shelving in the nursery and hung a clear plastic sheeting holder on the wall next to the changing table so onesies and wipes were nearby and visible. "You have to have everything at your fingertips," she says. "Wrestling a baby in and out of clothing is not a clear task because you have another baby crying."

She deviated an entire shelf — not just a charming little basket — to diapers. "I really stock up. You won't believe how fast you go through things." And she color-

coded the girls' clothing to help others tell them apart: red for Ruthie, green for Georgie.

Ricky DeStefanis, 34, and his Spirtas, 33, parents of 2-year-old triplets, have some counterintuitive advice for couples expecting multiples: Resist the impulse to move to a bigger house right away. DeStefanis and Spirtas, who live in a small suburban Cape Cod, say it's easier to monitor children in a smaller space, where there are fewer places for them to get hurt in. "And when things get lost, there are only a few rooms where they can be," DeStefanis says.

When the triplets were newborns, the couple put a mini-fridge and crockpot filled with water in the upstairs nursery so they could easily warm bottles in the middle of the night. They created a chart to track when each baby was changed, and when and how much they ate. "It's easy to forget who's doing what when," DeStefanis says.

To contain daytime activities to the first floor, the cou-



Rachel Rosenthal Strisk, of Bethesda, Md., sought out a support group and started networking with other mothers of multiples before the arrival of twins Marin, left, and Ellie in January. "You need to bring order to the chaos before it happens," she says.

Multiple resources

- National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs:
www.nomotc.org
TwinsList: www.twinslist.org
Twinsight: www.twinsight.com
Mothers of SuperTwins: www.mostonline.org
Triplet Connection: www.tripletconnection.org
Center for the Study of Multiple Birth: www.multiplebirth.com
Twin Services Consulting: www.twinservices.com
Twins Magazine: www.twinsmagazine.com
1-800-DIAPERS: www.storknet.com/cubbies/freebies/twins.htm
Online freebies: www.storknet.com/cubbies/freebies/twins.htm

ple turned the den into a nap room when Ben, Ella and Marie were infants. A little-used end of the kitchen became a changing and dressing area, and the dining room became a playroom, complete with bright-colored rubber floor mats to cushion untidy toddlers.

They also put clear plastic shoe holder to clever use: She hung one on a kitchen door to store bottles and, eventually, sippy cups. "Everything is about ease of use, seeing what you need and getting to things quickly," Spirtas says. "Especially in the beginning, because you're asleap all the time."

Parker Rea, 33, and her husband, James, 37, are expecting twin boys in June. They plan to stay in their Washington townhouse for the time being. Though space will be tighter, they've decided to rearrange things rather than move.

"Right now we're looking at our space and thinking about how to make it more efficient," Parker says. Bulky antiques will be put in storage and replaced with smaller, less precious storage pieces, and the boys will share a room with their single cribs. "I think it's about

getting creative about how you're going to make it work."

Another good piece of advice: Avoid buying too much baby gear. Kate Hood, 35, a suburban mother of 1-year-old twins and a 3-year-old, says it's a mistake to think that a home with multiples needs multiple swings and multiple bouncy seats.

"Two babies does not automatically mean two of everything," she wrote in an e-mail. "And the gear will take over your house regardless, so try to keep it as minimal as possible."

Try borrowing baby gear before purchasing it, several parents advised. Some babies are lulled by motorized swings, and some aren't; some delight in doorway jumpers, and some don't. If possible, try before buying one, two or three of anything.

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So who is going to guide the parents?

One small cheese pizza and one medium with mushrooms and green peppers, with pepperoni on half. It's movie night. Just Mom and Dad and our usually do this once a week.

The pizza order arrives, but is only vaguely correct. I'm taking the pepperoni off the small and putting it on half the medium, while the girls come in with movie. Says 7, comes storming into the kitchen, followed by her sister, Anna, who is about to turn 9.

"Mom, that guy just said a bad word," she announces. Anna is nodding, indicating that two of them have discussed this and decided it was best to report it.

"Um, which word?" I ask.

"S-H," Sasha says.

Really? That the heck movie did we pick? "Blades of Glory" is a silly Will Ferrell comedy. Someone gave it to us, and we never got around to watching until now. The girls requested it when they saw it was about ice skating, because they love ice skating. It has the word "skate" in the title. "Are you girls sure?" I ask. "Mom," Anna reports, "he just turned to the guy



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

and said, 'Oh, shut up.'"

"Oh," that bad word. My goodness, my girls are sheltered.

"True, we don't say 'Shut up' in our house, but it's not a really, really bad word, and maybe it's consistent with the guy's character? Why are they reporting this mild infraction? I wonder if it's because this is a parent-sanctioned movie and therefore I'm somehow responsible for the content. I have a vague suspicion that I'm heading into uncharted territory.

I summon my husband, and we sit on the couch with our respective plates of pizza. Will Ferrell's skating is hilarious but not half as funny as Jon Heder's girly hair and peacock outfit. My girls don't know what to make of the peacock outfit. Sasha says it's pretty but looks stupid on a boy. Anna says the boy looks like a girl, anyway. I'm wondering how to explain

the joke. The two skaters look at each other, and Anna hinks at me when she hears "hate."

Another forbidden word in our house. The skaters get into a fistfight, and one of them says, "Shut up" again. Because of the fight, the guys get banned from the skating world, and Jon Heder's father disowns him, kicking him out of the house. I turn to look at Anna, and she has her hands over her ears and her eyes squeezed shut.

"Sweetie," I say "Are you OK? It's just a movie."

"It's not about the movie," she says. "It's just my ears hurt, and my eyes hurt a little."

"You have earaches?" my husband asks. "Honey, are you sick?"

"Sometimes my ears and my eyes hurt," she says, faking a smile.

I pause the movie, go over to her. My husband looks at the container the movie came in. "Did we know this was rated PG-13?" he asks. "No, it's just my ears hurt, and my eyes hurt a little."

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do wonder how much parental influence goes into shaping a person's aesthetic.

All you have to see is your kid holding her ears and turning away from a movie — and feeling too embarrassed to admit to her own family that this is what she is doing — to know when too rough is too rough, even if it seems tame.

"Oh," I say to my husband, "this is a teenager movie. Well, that's not going to be fun for us."

"Nah," he says, and he hits eject, and we settle up on yet another screening of "Mary Poppins."

My girls are really sheltered. I swear I didn't plan this. But they can't take "Shut up." They can't take "Hate." Is this a tragedy?

Parents, plan a night out without the kids

Parents may take advantage of a bargain on fun, safe, certified child-free activities at the College of Southern Idaho's Early Childhood Education program at the same time.

The next "Date Night" fundraiser will be from 6 to 10 p.m. April 18 at the CSI Preschool Lab, across from the college at 246 Falls Ave.

Children up to age 12 are welcome.

The fundraiser is staffed by early childhood lab instructors and students, all of whom are certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Cost is \$10 per child. Snacks and activities will be provided.

Organizers encourage parents to make reservations. Reservations: Jennifer Patterson, 732-6884 or jpatterson@csi.edu.

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Kitemaker soars to magical heights

By Brenna Maloney
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Stability, agility, strength, color — all qualities that make for a winning kite, says master kite-builder Jon Burkhardt. He should know — he has been making and flying kites for nearly 30 years. Burkhardt shared some of his secrets with us.

Burkhardt's Potomac, Md., workshop is an explosion of color. Kites of every size and shape hang from the ceiling and on the walls.

The room is crowded and well-stocked with interesting things used to produce his magical kites: rolls of sailcloth in lots of colors, a wood-burning tool to seal cloth edges when cut, hand-carved kite-winders made from wood found in his yard, hobbins of thread and a homemade glass-topped desk with a light underneath to help him view a kite's colors. In the corner is a sewing machine with a

kite in progress on it. Burkhardt's passion for kites was fueled long ago by an Indiana man named Ansel Toney who lived near Burkhardt's parents. Toney had become a legend in the kite world, having taken up the craft when he was older.

"He began seriously making kites when he was 89," Burkhardt says. "He was turning out a dozen 12-foot Delta kites a week on a treadle (foot-powered) sewing machine, cutting his own spars out of Indiana basswood. I don't think I had ever seen anyone so much alive," he said. "Hey, this guy has found the secret of youth."

After spending time with Toney, Burkhardt was hooked.

How many kites has he made? "Not as many as I'd like," he says with enthusiasm. "I've gotten such pleasure from kites. No matter who you are, there

is something in kite-flying that appeals to everyone." Icarus was the kite that started it all for Burkhardt in 1979.

"I was in Wisconsin," Burkhardt says, "and I went to a kite shop and bought a kite that was a representation of the story of Icarus. It's got a lot of neat colors. It was \$50. And every woman in my life gave me (a hassle) for spending \$50 on a kite."

In Greek mythology, Icarus and his father, Daedalus, were imprisoned by King Minos. To escape, Daedalus made wings for himself and his son, using feathers and wax. He warned Icarus not to fly too close to the sun, as the wax would melt; or too close to the sea, as the feathers would get wet. Overcome by the joy of flying, Icarus soared too close to the sun, melting his wings. He fell into the sea and was never seen again.



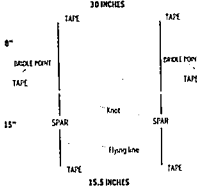
Stability, agility, strength, color are qualities that make for a winning kite, says Jon Burkhardt, who has been building and flying kites for nearly 30 years. Above, two kites by Burkhardt. At top left, a 4-Line Kite (also known as a stunt kite), a maneuverable and versatile flyer; and top right, the White Bird Kite, which has an open and tapered keel, and curved wings created by using fishing rods, which makes it a "little dicey" to fly, he admits.



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How to Make a Sled Kite

- SUPPLIES NEEDED**
- 1 Kitchen trash bag, preferably white. (Brown wrapping paper, craft paper or Tyvek also can be used.)
 - 2 wooden dowels
 - About 100 feet of kite string
 - Packaging tape and scissors
 - Colorful permanent markers



- 1: Using dimensions at lower left, cut the kite face from the trash bag and decorate with markers.
- 2: Lay the kite face-down on a table, with the top farthest from you. Attach four 2-inch strips of tape to the kite face, as shown. About half of each strip should hang over the edge.
- 3: Lay one stick on each side, with the tips touching the corners. Fold over the tape to hold the stick ends to the kite back.
- 4: Create a bridle, using a piece of string about eight feet long. Lay two to three inches of each end of the string on the two bridle points and tape to the back. Find the center of the bridle, tie a knot and attach your flying line. Let's fly!

Know the Basics

Bridle and flying line: Help control the kite. Where and how the bridle is attached determines whether a kite will fly. A good flying line needs to be strong so the wind doesn't break it, but light enough for the kite to fly.



Frame: Made of sticks or poles called spars, it keeps the kite stiff.

Tail: Provides stability by keeping the kite properly positioned in the wind.

BOOK REVIEW

Nick's history is as good as goo

The Washington Post

"Not Just Cartoons: Nicktoons!" Text and interviews by Jerry Beck

You can judge a book by its cover. At least, you can if the cover is squishy, filled with green slime and shows dozens of the best cartoon characters of the past 15 years.

This hefty collection — five pounds and nearly 300 over-size pages — is a treasure

trove of Nickelodeon's original cartoon series. The history lesson begins on Aug. 11, 1991, with the premiere of the first three Nicktoons: gross-out cat-and-dog pair "Ren & Stimpy," sensitive and caring "Doug," and the wise, large-headed baby "Rugrats."

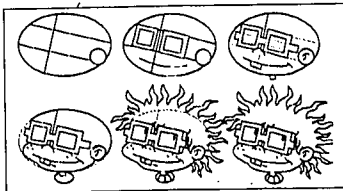
Among the book's many highlights:

- An original storyboard from "Ren & Stimpy."
- Hints about how to draw Chuckie of "Rugrats" and Reggie Rocket of "Rocket Power."

- A history of "Oh Yeah, Cartoons!" The series' 120 shorts included the first appearances of future hits "Chalk Zone," "Fairly OddParents" and "My Life as a Teenage Robot."
- The evolution of "SpongeBob SquarePants." At one time the lovable character was called "Spongeboy." "Bob the sponge" also appeared in a 1989 comic strip.

- Cool facts about the look of characters. Creators of "The Wild Thornberrys" fought off suggestions to make Eliza more appealing. So, she kept the awkward braces and eyeglasses. Meanwhile, characters on "As Told by Ginger" wear different clothes every day. That's unusual in cartoons — think about SpongeBob's brown pants, white shirt and red tie; Angelica, Pickles' purple dress; and the red shirt usually worn by Jimmy Neutron.
- Title pages of the first five years of "Fairly OddParents."
- Early drawings of Johnny Quesada, who became Jimmy Neutron.
- A look at how animators study kung-fu moves before drawing fight scenes for "Avatar: The Last Airbender."

Most kids (and adults) will spend hours poring over this colorful and weighty history. It sells for \$40, but anyone who loves cartoons likely will consider it money well-spent.



"Not Just Cartoons: Nicktoons!" includes hints about how to draw Chuckie of "Rugrats," above, and cool facts about the look of characters. Creators of "The Wild Thornberrys" fought off suggestions to make Eliza, below, more appealing, keeping the awkward braces and eyeglasses.

About you and video-gaming:

The Washington Post

—On average, 8- to 12-year-olds play 13 hours of video games each week. For boys, the average is 16 hours; for girls, 10 hours. Kids were asked what, if any, rules their parents' have about video-gaming. Percent responding yes:

- Limit the kinds of games you can play: 71 percent
- Limit how long you can play them at home: 54 percent
- Limit what times you can play them at home: 54 percent

Source: Harris Interactive



College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center, Blaine County Campus Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old gym in Buhl; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center; Gym, no cost, 732-6475 or 732-6488.

"For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horseshoes," exploring the history and evolution of the horse and its shoes, hosted by Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Visitor Center, Hagerman, no cost, (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.
 Silversneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for human-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Choices for Recovery, a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, issues and addictions, 4 to 5:30 p.m., west conference room, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431-3741 or 431-9527.

Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing." Includes Divorce Care, Grief Share, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery) and Financial Peace (getting out and staying out of debt), 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings. Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

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Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

Silversneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for human-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Magie Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, visitors welcome to attend and observe, 316-8534.

Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.

Adult Children Anonymous (A.C.A.) meeting, for individuals recovering from alcoholic or dysfunctional family environment, 6 p.m., Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, 228 Shoup Ave. W. (west entrance), Twin Falls, no cost, 308-5656.

Mini-Casita Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, 436-0987.

Faulkner Planetarium "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 8:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557.

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Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, various speakers on topics important to the community, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 312-8057.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., BridgeView Great Room (north entrance, third floor), BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

Candlelight Tales, 30-minute, "end of day" presentation for preschoolers and early elementary-age children (may wear pajamas), 7 to 7:30 p.m., in the Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 ext. 110.

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.

Rhyme Time, toddlers are invited for songs, rhymes, and finger plays, 10:30 a.m., Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, no cost, 733-2964 ext. 110.

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Silversneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for human-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

Pinocchio Club, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.

Overwater's Anonymous, 6 p.m., 109 Seventh Ave. E. (red log building with cannon), Jerome, 324-5019.

American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 324-7237.

A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

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Traditional Storytime, stories and songs for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m., Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 ext. 110.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 11 to 11:45 a.m., Oakley Fire Station, 315 E. Main St., Oakley, no cost, 737-5988.

Celebrate Recovery, based on the 12 steps and eight biblical principles, 6 p.m., Cafe Agape, LightHouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, 737-4667.

Faulkner Planetarium "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather," at 7 p.m. and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1," at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

"Youth Options" activities (open gym, pool tables, air hockey, video games and more) for young people ages 13-19 only, 7 to 10 p.m., The Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, \$2, 733-8720.

Al-Anon/Alateen family groups, to help friends and families of alcoholics, hot-line: 1-866-592-3198.

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Faulkner Planetarium "Mystery of the Missing Seasons" at 2 p.m.; "Icy Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour" at 4 p.m.; "Blown Away: The Wild World of Weather" at 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: The Wall" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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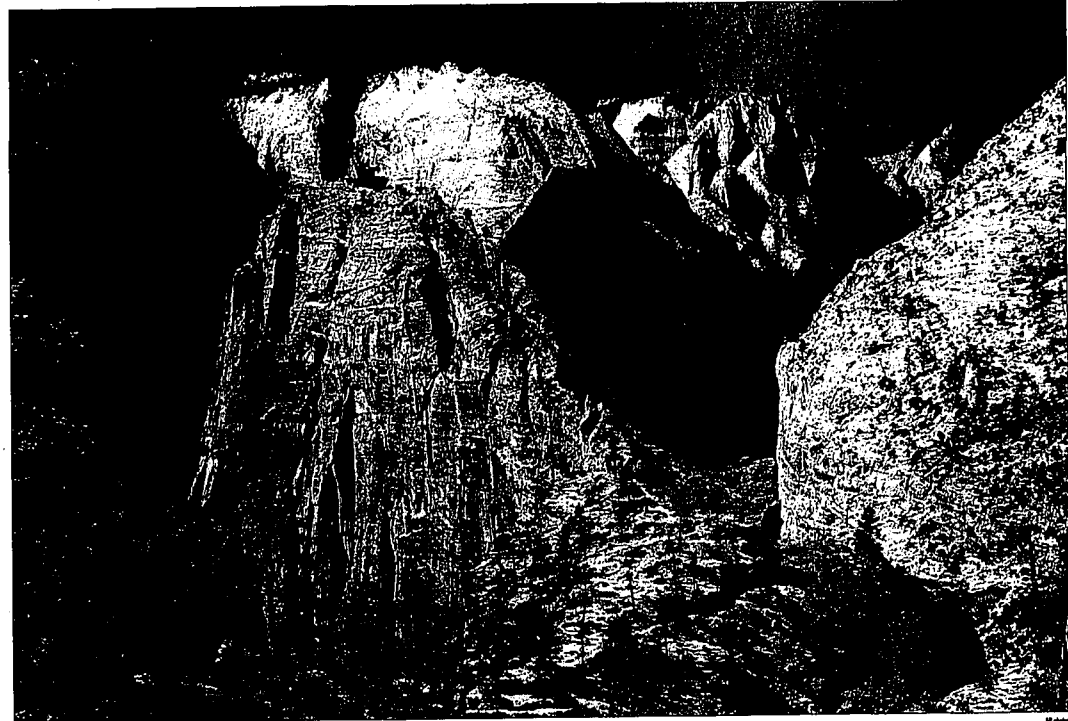
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TOWERING CLIFFS, Utah's Zion National Park offers an early end to winter

DEEP CANYONS



Angels Landing is one of the classic trails at Zion National Park in Utah. If you're looking for a spring getaway, there's no place better.

By William Kronholm • For The Associated Press

ZION NATIONAL PARK, Utah — Late each winter, when the snow gets sloppy and the streams get muddy, the same thought begins creeping ever more insistently into my mind: I need green. I need warm. I need spring.

That feeling often demands beaches. But when it hit last winter, a different vision commanded — desert, slickrock cliffs and sheer monoliths. That meant southern Utah. And in southern Utah, there is no place better for a spring getaway than Zion National Park.

Zion is located in Utah's southwest corner, the part of the state that Utahns call Dixie, where the early leaders of the Mormon church kept their winter homes. It is here that spring arrives first. The grass was still brown when we left our home in Montana in early April, headed south on Interstate 15. But as we descended the last stretch toward Zion, dropping from mountains into valleys, canyon walls soaring beside us until we reached the Virgin River, we could feel spring engulfing us.

Cottonwoods lined the river bank, flaunting fresh green leaves that swayed in the breeze over acres of brilliant green grass.

Wildflowers were in riotous bloom under the warm desert sun. Kids on spring break splashed in the still-frigid river. Desert this may be, but after a long winter it was a welcoming oasis.

Established in 1919, Zion was Utah's first national park. The state hosts some of the nation's most spectacular parks — Arches Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon — but Zion bows to none of them in its magnificence.

The park is part of the Grand Staircase, a huge geological formation on the Colorado Plateau. Layers of sedimentary rock have been lifted, tilted and eroded. Its colorful cliffs stretch from Bryce Canyon to the Grand Canyon. The scale of the staircase is enormous: The sedimentary rock layers



People walk along Walters Wiggles near Angels Landing in Zion National Park.

were 10,000 feet thick before erosion began carving. The bottom layer of rock at Bryce Canyon is the top layer at Zion, and the bottom layer at Zion is the top layer at the Grand Canyon. (The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a separate park in

Utah, is part of the formation.) As the thousands of feet of sedimentary rock were lifted over the millennia, swift streams cut downward, forming the region's famous canyons. The main canyon in Zion,

IF YOU GO ...

GETTING THERE: Zion National Park is located in the southwest corner of Utah, about 4 1/2 hours from Salt Lake City and 8 hours from Twin Falls. From Twin Falls, take Interstate 84 east to Interstate 15. Follow that south to State Route 17, then travel east on State Route 9 to Springdale, the park's main entrance. The entrance fee is \$25 per vehicle for seven days.

ACCOMMODATIONS: The Zion Lodge, midway in Zion Canyon, is the only hotel in the park and offers cabins, motel rooms and suites beginning at about \$150 per night; reservations at Zionlodge.com or (888) 297-2757. The Watchman and South campgrounds are just inside the park entrance; Watchman campsites can be reserved by calling (877) 444-6777 or on the Web at Recreation.gov. South campsites are first come, first served. Motel and bed and breakfast accommodations, as well as full-hookup campsites for RVs, are available in Springdale and other nearby towns.

INFORMATION: Visit Nps.gov/zion or (435) 772-3256 or Zionpark.com



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Zion

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center of park activity and the focus of our visit, was cut by the North Fork of the Virgin River.

It is narrow, less than a quarter-mile wide. But it is deep, flanked by towering sandstone palisades 2,000 to 3,000 feet high that draw rock climbers who savor big walls. Climbers can often be spotted camped in mid-ascent, their sleeping platforms suspended from filons.

The six-mile canyon drive ends at a formation known as Temple of Sinawava, where the canyon begins narrowing to a slot only 30 to 40 feet wide.

The canyon used to be overwhelmed by traffic during the spring and summer, bringing noise, pollution and endless frustration for visitors who could find nowhere to park. The National Park Service responded by beginning a mandatory shuttle bus system in the year 2000. During the summer months—April through October—the heart of the Zion Canyon is closed to private vehicles. Visitors board free propane-powered shuttle buses near the entrance station to complete their journey into the park.

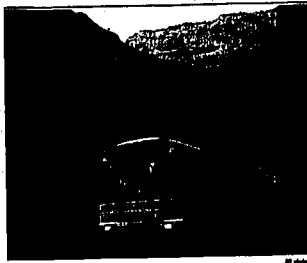
While shuttle buses may rattle some who like the freedom of coming and going at will, the Zion system has proved a success. The buses run every six minutes during the day, stopping at all popular trailheads in the canyon, so people spend far less time waiting for buses than they did in the often-hopeless search for a parking space in the days before the buses. The buses also restored quiet to the inner canyon.

A separate shuttle bus route runs through the town of Springdale, at the park's main gate. Visitors dropped at the entrance by a city shuttle need only cross a foot bridge over the Virgin River into the park, show or buy their park pass, then re-board a park shuttle at the adjacent visitors center.

Two campgrounds are just inside the park entrance, and a grocery store is on the city side of the foot bridge. That means it's possible to spend a week or more at Zion—hiking all the major trails inside the park and using all the amenities in town—and



Zion Narrows and the Zion National Park shuttle.



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Our stay was limited to only a few days, so we could not hit all of Zion's trails. But one we could not resist was one of its classics—Angels Landing.

Angels Landing is only a five-mile hike, but guides recommend allowing at least five hours because of the terrain the trail covers—a 1,500-foot climb through a slot canyon and out to a 5,785-foot peak perched at the end of a narrow rock fin. The name came from an early Zion explorer who looked up at the precipice from the canyon floor and declared "only an angel could land on it!"

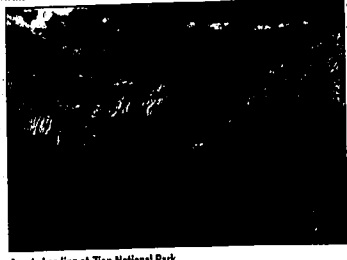
This is not a hike for those afraid of heights. After a two-mile gradual approach, then climbing through a cool side canyon, the trail ascends Walter's Wiggles, a series of 21 switchbacks that steeply ascend a cliff wall, topping out at a broad sandy area known as Scout Lookout.

From there, hikers work their way across a rocky ridge that steadily narrows. It finally becomes a rock fin only a few feet wide, with thousand-foot drops on each side. Fixed chains set into the rock allow a safety grip on exposed sites for those traversing the edge of the fin, but it can be a terrifying ordeal for those who fear heights. It also is not a hike recommended for young children.

Despite that, it is a crowded trail, with frequent waits at narrow spots for hikers coming the opposite direction. The reward for those who travel the entire rock fin is an unequalled view of the

mer, requiring dry suits to avoid hypothermia. Good walking boots are essential. All the specialized gear is available for rent from outfitters in Springdale, who also brief first-time hikers on the peculiar hazards of hiking slot canyons. The reward is a unique hike through canyons of unforgettable beauty.

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Compression socks for cramped flights

By Cindy Loose
The Washington Post

An occasional look at products the travel industry insists we need.

WHAT: Unless compression socks said to help stimulate blood flow and help reduce swelling, particularly on cramped flights.

AIMED AT: People with poor circulation, including pregnant women, and anyone seeking the comfort of improved circulation.

HOW MUCH: At \$29.95 a pair they don't seem pricey, but not when compared with drugstore support hose that aren't nearly as attractive



or comfortable. BUT DO THEY WORK? It's kind of weird to get excited about socks; a friend and I still laugh about the woman we heard at a country club years ago praising and showing off her anklets.

But at the risk of attracting scornful mirth, I like TravelSox.

Knee-high, they more or less cuddle your feet and legs, providing support without feeling tight. Compression stockings are often recommended by doctors to improve blood flow for people with circulation problems. Most look like extra-extra-thick socks, but look like dress socks and come in various colors and patterns.

They're made of Coolmax, a patented fabric of dacron polyester fibers supposedly woven in such a way as to make air circulate and wick away moisture.

While I have no known circulation problems, when I tested TravelSox on a recent long-haul flight, my feet didn't swell as usual and my legs didn't feel as cramped or tired.

WHERE? TravelSox are available at Travel Smith, National Geographic online, Hammacher Schlemmer stores and TravelSox.com, or by calling (866) 387-6762.

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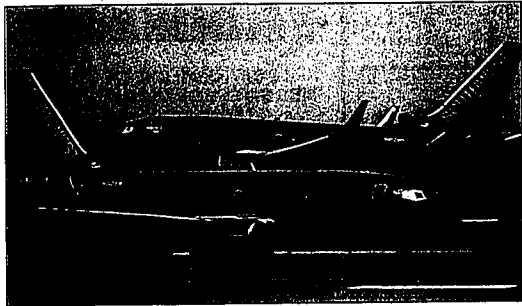
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Simultaneous Earth Day events planned for eight cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight simultaneous Earth Day festivals are being planned across the country for April 20 with the flagship event on the National Mall in Washington. Organizers plan to stage free outdoor concerts in New York, Chicago, Dallas,

Denver, Los Angeles, Miami and San Francisco. Producers of the Green Apple Festival, which began three years ago in New York, and organizers of the first Earth Day in 1970 are staging the events in landmark parks. The D.C. event will feature

political leaders, scientists, celebrities and bands. Producer Peter Shapiro says more than a dozen music venues in each city will be enlisted to help carry the environmental message throughout the weekend. Details at Greenapplemusicfestival.com.



A Southwest Airlines plane takes off while another taxis on the runway at Los Angeles International Airport on March 12. Southwest Airlines Co. canceled flights that week and temporarily grounded 43 planes to examine if they were sound enough to carry passengers, the latest twist in the low-cost carrier's saga of missed safety inspections and civil penalties.

Is Southwest safe?

By Cindy Loose
The Washington Post

Should you worry about flying Southwest Airlines, given recent revelations that the carrier failed to perform certain mandatory inspections?

No, say the experts. Southwest's actions were a serious breach of protocol, but so many layers of safety features are built into the system that the lapse in this case wasn't critical. "Should passengers, regulators and Congress be concerned? Sure. But does it mean the system is less safe? I don't think you can say that," says Robert Francis, a former vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board who investigated the ValuJet crash in the Florida Everglades and the explosion of a TWA plane over Long Island, both in 1996.

The breach, he says, perhaps made flying the Southwest planes involved "very, very, very marginally less safe, but safety redundancies are enormous." The possibility that Southwest's lapse would lead to a crash is "very, very, very out there on the probability scale."

Whistle-blowers told Congress that some Federal Aviation Administration regulators knew Southwest was out of compliance but did nothing. Whether that indicates a broader problem within the FAA remains to be seen, says Thomas Anthony, director of the Aviation Safety and Security Program at the University of Southern California.

Southwest, which started

operations in 1971, has a fleet of 523 B-737s and has never had a fatal crash. You can check the crash record of nearly any airline in the world at Airsafe.com, which links to an FAA page that shows the crash record of every type of aircraft. A check of the Boeing 737 shows that the plane has been involved in 44 fatal crashes since 1972, excluding fatalities due to terrorism. However, the site also provides details showing that nearly every incident involved a 737 operated by an airline in the developing world, and most crashes clearly involved pilot error. "Francis says not to worry about the type or age of aircraft being flown by an airline based in the United States or other developed countries. In those cases, the older the plane, the more vigorous the maintenance schedule. But do check airline crash records and type of aircraft being used when flying airlines based in the developing world."

Bottom line: From a consumer's point of view, Francis says, "there is no reason you shouldn't get on a plane with Southwest or any other (U.S.) airline tomorrow."

Delta to enforce carry-on restrictions

Delta Air Lines' recent announcement that it is beginning serious enforcement of carry-on baggage restrictions on international flights won rave reviews from readers of The Washington Post's blog [Travel Log](http://TravelLog) (Blog.washingtonpost.com/travellog).

Delta's rules for international flights are fairly standard: In addition to a personal item, you can carry on a bag that weighs no more than 40 pounds and whose three dimensions, when added together, do not exceed 45 inches. The difference: Delta is strictly enforcing the rules and puts a red tag on bags that meet the standards. No red tag, the bag is checked.

We expected howls of protest, but from our admittedly unscientific study, travelers approve. In fact, some want to know: Why can't Delta include domestic flights? A related note, to people who stash their stuff in bins at the front of the plane before walking to assigned seats in the middle or back: Your fellow passengers despise you.

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White Sands monument turns 75

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, N.M. (AP) — White Sands National Monument — the world's largest gypsum dune field — has turned 75.

President Herbert Hoover signed the papers on Jan. 18, 1933, that turned the dunes over to the National Park Service. The monument preserves part of the dunes that have engulfed 275 square miles of desert and the plants and animals that have adapted to the unique environment.

The monument celebrated its anniversary Jan. 19 with a day full of events, including the kickoff of the children's

photo contest, the cutting of a birthday cake at 1 p.m. and showings of the 1938 promotional film for the monument.

"It's kind of corny, which gives it a lot of humor," said the monument's superintendent, Cliff Spencer.

Interest in saving the area in south-central New Mexico grew throughout the 1920s. Eventually, the National Park Service determined that while the dunes did not meet the criteria for national park status, which requires a variety of resources, the area was ideal as a national monument.

The monument's establish-

ment coincided with economic recovery programs promoted by the Roosevelt administration during the Great Depression.

Work Project Administration funds were used to build the monument's pueblo revival-style visitors' center, which was completed in 1936 and is still in use. In 1998, the center and seven adjacent structures built

between 1936 and 1940 were designated the White Sands National Monument Historic District.

In its first year, the monument attracted 12,000 people. By 1965, more than 500,000 people annually were visiting the Tularosa Basin park southwest of Alamogordo.

Details at White Sands National Monument: Nps.gov/whsa/index.htm.

Billionaire donates \$5 million to Crazy Horse Memorial

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota billionaire banker has pledged a \$5 million matching grant to the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, the largest ever in the monument's nearly 60 year history.

T. Denny Sanford of Sioux Falls, a longtime supporter of the project that honors American Indians, initially wanted to remain anonymous but allowed his name to be released if it would help the fundraising effort, said Ruth Ziolkowski, president and CEO.

Her husband, the late Korczak Ziolkowski, started the project in 1948 and she has led the project since his death in 1982.

The previous largest gift was \$1.7 million from Illinois businessman Gerald Forsythe.

The Sanford money will match other donations dollar-for-dollar. The first \$1 million has been raised and

there is a deadline of Oct. 1, 2011 to raise the remaining \$4 million, according to Crazy Horse officials.

Sanford, 71, is the chief executive of United National, a holding company that's the parent of First Premier Bank and Premier Bankcard.

He is No. 17 in Business Week magazine's latest annual list of "most generous givers" and one of 16 of the top 50 philanthropists who have given or pledged more than \$100 million between 2003 and 2007, according to the magazine.

Mason City, Iowa, to restore Frank Lloyd Wright buildings

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa has awarded \$9 million to renovate a Mason City hotel built by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Lt. Gov. Patty Judge announced the Vision Iowa grant on March 12, saying the Park Inn Hotel is the last hotel in the world that was designed by the famed architect.

"It's very clear that people in Mason City understand the importance of this building and have tried tirelessly over many many years to save it from the wrecking hand we call us the architectural treasure that it is," Judge said at a press conference in Des Moines. "Today, all of those efforts are paying off and I'm very proud to say we are going to see this building restored to its original glory."

Jim Fitzpatrick of the Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce said the goal is for the 100-year-old building to once again function as a hotel and boost tourism in the area.

"It's in a kind of state of disrepair," he said. "It's not been used as a hotel for many many years."

He said a local nonprofit group will own the hotel, which officials hope to open by September 2010.

Officials said the renovation is part of a \$34 million project that also includes restoring the City National Bank that was designed by Wright, creating new trails, renovating the public library, and building a new performing arts pavilion. They said local groups have already raised \$21 million.

Judge said the city must raise another \$5 million in 180 days to ensure they get the grant.

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