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VIRTUALLY INDEPENDENT



Valley High School senior Mike Dehoney works on his online Spanish class through Idaho Digital Learning, a public extension of Idaho school districts.

Online charter schools are growing, while state drops oversight suggestions

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Idaho state officials are sending millions of dollars to operators of new Internet-based charter schools, but aren't checking how the money is spent, the *Times-News* has learned.

Four online charter schools serving about 1 percent of the state's public school students received about \$10.8 million in public money for the 2007-08 school year.

But the schools combined spent only about 50 percent of the money on administration, instruction and related expenses, according to records from the State Department of Education.

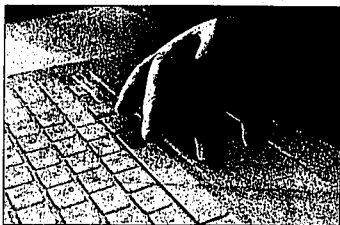
Unlike other schools, virtual charter schools are allowed to keep what they don't spend, which totaled about \$4.56 million — and the State Department of Education isn't following the money trail.

"The state does not track how schools spend the funding if they choose not to spend it on staff," state Department of Education spokeswoman Melissa McGrath told the *Times-News*.

As the number of online charter schools in Idaho expands to five this fall, questions about their financial and academic effectiveness posed by the Office of Performance Evaluations have yet to be addressed by the Legislature.

That's unfortunate, according to at least one member of

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Mike Dehoney pays \$50 for his online Spanish class.

Use it or lose it

Four virtual charter schools are operating right now in Idaho, and are not subject to "use it or lose it" policies for public funds they receive.

Here's a run-down of the schools, their fall enrollment, and how much public money they've received but not expended for administration, instructional and non-certified staff, according to the Idaho State Department of Education.

- Inspire Virtual Charter School: 256 students, \$452,681
- Idaho Distance Education Academy: 916, \$649,226
- Richard McKenna: 403, \$51,337
- Idaho Virtual Academy: 2,366, \$3,473,069



Mormon church president Thomas S. Monson, lower right, and counselor Henry B. Eyring sustain themselves to lead the church at their spring conference Saturday in Salt Lake City. Monson took over The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February after the death of Gordon B. Hinckley.

Membership of Mormon church affirms new leader

By Jennifer Dobner
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Faithful Mormons stood by the thousands with upraised hands Saturday, officially installing the newly appointed head of their first new leader in 13 years.

Thomas S. Monson took over The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February after the death of Gordon B. Hinckley, but the faith traditionally calls for a sustaining vote by members in a ceremony known as the solemn assembly.

Each church organization took its turn — from its top leaders down to youth groups — standing when called to cast votes in the packed conference center, which holds 21,000 people.

The ceremony has been practiced since 1830, when John Taylor was named president of the church. Mormons last held an assembly in

April 1995, when Hinckley was named president. He was remembered Saturday by church apostle Russell M. Nelson, who said all Latter-day Saints felt a deep sense of loss with the 97-year-old Hinckley's Jan. 27 passing.

"However, we have felt our mood shift from grief to gratitude," Nelson said. "We are very grateful for what we have learned from this great prophet of God."

Monson, 80, is the youngest church president since 1973 and the 16th president of the American-born denomination, which claims 13 million members worldwide.

Since the early 20th century, the church has followed a system of apostolic succession in selecting its president. The position passes automatically to the next most-senior member of the church's Quorum of Twelve Apostles, the second-highest leadership circle.

A church elder for more than 40 years, Monson is a familiar face, but many people are wondering what differences he will bring in his new role. He said in February that there would be "no abrupt changes."

Monson has long been a featured speaker at twice-yearly conferences and served as a Salt Lake City emissary at church gatherings around the world.

Church members gather in April and October to hear words of inspiration and guidance from leaders. More than 100,000 will attend the two days of conference sessions, which are also broadcast in more than 80 languages on radio, television, closed-circuit satellite and the Internet.

Monson made his first address as president during a Saturday night gathering that is limited to male members of the church who hold the priesthood. It is expected to speak to the full membership today.

Transportation feud, private jet rides marked 2008 session

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The 2008 Legislature was a tale of two sessions, one before the bad economic news and one after.

Before, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter pitched a \$3.13 billion budget, nearly an 11 percent increase over the previous year, including \$50 million for scholarships for low-income kids and a 5 percent state employee raise. There was enough cash to add six new crime-busting Idaho State Police forensics officers and begin dumping the \$120 million business equipment tax.

Then state economist Mike Ferguson delivered the news that the best of times was over.

At January's end, Idaho tax revenue was about \$36 million behind forecasts. February figures showed the slide



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

How will the 2008 session affect the Magic Valley? Jared S. Hopkins has more in Monday's *Times-News*.

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State Sen. Charles Colver, R-Twin Falls, pauses for a moment on the Senate chamber floor Tuesday afternoon in the closing days of the 2008 legislative session in Boise.

Fine print on ISP contract can be amusing, but leave few rights for subscribers

By Peter Svensson
Associated Press writer

NEWYORK — What's scary, funny and boring at the same time? It could be a bad horror movie. Or it could be the fine print on your Internet service provider's contract.

"Those documents you agree to — usually without reading — ostensibly allow your ISP to watch how you use the Internet, read your e-mail or keep you from visiting sites it deems inappropriate. Some reserve the right to block traffic and, for any reason, cut off a service that many users now find essential."

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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 drawing for 20/20 ski pass, (208) 622-2135.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Twin Falls Antique Show — Hosting 4th annual Appraisal Fair, to benefit Wishing Star Foundation; \$4 appraisal fee per item, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Flr. #1, admission (no cost for children age 12 and under), \$12-24900. Rock and Gem Show 2008, with "how to" demonstrations, rock and educational dealers, grab bags, silent auction, door prizes, displays, food and more, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gooding Recreational Center gymnasium, Campus of the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind, 1450 Main, Gooding, free admission, (208) 365-1653 or 293-4340. Sunday dinner, featuring roast beef, potatoes and date bar dessert, noon to 1:30 p.m., Ageless Senior Citizen Center, 310 Main St., N., Kimberly, suggested donation: \$6 adults and \$3 for children under age 12, take-outs available if call ahead, 423-4338.

EXHIBITS

"For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and National 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. "World Vision Experience: AIDS" traveling exhibit, visitors equipped with personal audio devices to hear story of one of four children of African village (allow 20 minutes per tour), 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., College of Southern Idaho's Student Recreation Center gym, 6 S.I. campus, Twin Falls, free admission, parental caution: some situations may be emotionally disturbing to young children, 732-6293.

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

THREE-DAY PLANNER

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

April 8 — Twentieth Century Club "Spring Into Fashion" Style Show and luncheon, with fashions from Black Rock, Fashion Cents and J.C. Penneys, noon lunch with program to follow, Turf Club, Twin Falls, \$12, proceeds to local charities, 733-2552 for reservations. April 8 — Snake River Weavers' Guild meeting, with hostess Ise Hyton, 1:30 p.m., 734-6258 or 734-5358.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

April 8 — West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District monthly board meeting, routine of annual plan, 11 a.m., N.R.C. office, 1361 E. 16th St., Burley, open to the public, 878-5556. April 8 — Twin Falls Public Library Book Club, discussion of "PS, I Love You" by Cecilia Ahen, 5:30 p.m., 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@lib.tffid.org, to reserve copy of book. April 8 — The American Legion Post 7 & Auxiliary meeting and potluck dinner, meat provided and separate meetings to follow, 5:30 p.m., social hour and 6:30 p.m. dinner, Post Home, 447 Seamount St., Twin Falls; Legion and Auxiliary members, guests and prospective members welcome, 733-0962 or 734-1435. April 8 — Jerome County Democratic Central Committee meeting, all Democrats urged to attend, 7 p.m., E.M.T. building, East Main Street, Jerome, 324-5493 or 330-3302. April 8 — Hagerman Valley Historical Society program, with guest speaker Annette Rousseau on "Unusual Animal Found at the Fossil Beds," 7 p.m., National Park Service building, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, no cost, public invited, refreshments served, 837-6288. April 8 — Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, Mark Lopschire of Positive Connections on depression, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057. April 9 — Ladies Lifetime Fellowship non-denominational luncheon, with theme "Angels Among Us," Joe Moore and his drug dogs, speaker Alice Schenk and music by Linda Croft, noon to 2 p.m., Cannon's Cafe, Heyburn, 438-5376. April 9 — Jerome Gun Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Jerome Gun Clubhouse, 11 miles north of junction of I84 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, 733-6045.

EXHIBITS

April 8 — Dedication of "The Twins" sculpture, created by Couer d'Alene artist David Clemens; the artist, city officials, sponsors and committee members present and second-grade class to sing songs about angels, 2 p.m., Scott Stepping Memorial Overlook (in front of Canyon Park Shopping Center), Twin Falls, open to the community, (208) 732-7877. April 8 — Opening Reception for 2008 Student Show, 7 to 9 p.m., Harrett Center for Arts and Science, Jean B. King Gallery, College of Southern Idaho campus, no cost, 732-6655.

SCHOOLS

April 8 — High school scholarship extended deadline for Minico High School students, 678-1225 ext. 100. April 9 — Kindergarten 2008-2009 Registration, free supplies for registering parents, 2 to 7 p.m., Paul Elementary School, 438-2211.

SUPPORT

April 9 — Resetto Assisted Living monthly Alzheimer's Support Group, 6 to 7 p.m., 1137 Estabrook Ct., Twin Falls, one hour of free adult day care to first-time attendees, limited space, 734-9422 to R.S.V.P.

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



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An electric railroad train car is shown parked in front of the "Light and Power" building at the corner of Main Avenue. L. B. Perrine brought back the idea of an electric railroad from one of his trips east, after he had met with famed inventor Thomas Edison. The railroad car ran completely on one of Edison's new innovations: an electric storage battery. On Oct. 4, 1914, between 400 and 500 people boarded the train car at Sixth Avenue S. and rode out to Shoshone Falls. Cost of the rides was 40 cents. The railroad did not last long, however, due to the prominence of the automobile. The building is now Key Bank on Shoshone and Main Avenue.

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED

Idaho Tally. Rep. Mike Simmsen, R. Rep. Bill Sailer, R. Sen. Mike Cravens, R. Sen. Larry Craig, R.

Table with 2 columns: Issue and Vote. Issues include HIV/AIDS, MALARIA, TB; HIV/AIDS FUNDING CUTS; MORTGAGE COUNSELING; SUPRIME LOANS, BANKRUPTCY; CAPITAL GAINS INDEXING; GULF COAST AID. Votes are marked with N, Y, or X.

Y - Yes N - No X - did not vote

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, April 6, the 97th day of 2008. There are 269 days left in the year. TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT On April 6, 1908, explorers Robert E. Peary, Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole. (The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.) ON THIS DATE In 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, N.Y. In 1858, President Buchanan issued a proclamation declaring Mormons in the Utah Territory to be in a state of rebellion against

the U.S. government. In 1994, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece. In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany. In 1954, after being criticized by Edward R. Murrow on CBS' "See It Now," Sen. Joseph McCarthy delivered a filmed response in which he charged that Murrow had in the past "engaged in propaganda for Communist causes." In 1994, the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were killed in a mysterious plane crash near Rwanda's capital; widespread violence and killings erupted in Rwanda over claims the plane had been shot down. Ten years ago: The Dow

Jones Industrial average closed above 9,000 points for the first time. Energy Secretary Federico Peña announced his resignation. Country singer Tommy Wynette died at her Nashville, Tenn., home at age 55. One year ago: British forces encircled and began flying into Baghdad's international airport. British forces in the south made their deepest push into Iraq's Iraq's second-largest city. One year ago: British sailors and marines newly freed by Iran said they were blindfolded, isolated in cold stone cells and tricked into fearing execution while being coerced into falsely saying they had entered Iranian waters.

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intensifying on account of the housing crunch: Ferguson predicted tax revenue growth for the year starting July 1 would slide to 2.1 percent, from a previously predicted 3.4 percent.

Appointments Finance-Relations Committee budget writers pulled out their red pens and drove Otter's pre-Legislature ambitions fast to the tomb: Sen. John Gaddie, R-Coeur d'Alene, told the panel it was a far better thing to do to cut the governor's Opportunity Scholarship appropriation to just \$10 million, a fifth of its original amount.

The 5 percent pay hikes state workers shivered to 3 percent. Otter's plan for his forensics funding and he began telling anybody who would listen that the window was closing on personal property tax relief.

In a fit of pique, the governor wanted to raise \$202 million annually for roads through registration fees, then chastised lawmakers for an acme case of improbability that left them unable to see the ills that plagued broader Idaho. To the governor's credit, the transportation commissioner, Otter said "You might as well just get out of town."

It didn't help that Otter had to spend a couple of weeks in the hospital and at home after surgery to remove a glumpy bop, a predicament that may have left him distant enough from the Legislature not to realize lawmakers were growing more pessimistic about the economy than even he was.

"Right now, everyone is saying, 'The governor didn't get that.' I think a lot of it is because the economic assumptions changed," said Jasper L'Etal, a professor of business at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, last week. "The Legislature changed more quickly than the governor did."

That's not to say Otter and lawmakers got nothing done. In a year after lawmakers rejected Otter's 2007 plan for relief on taxes Idaho residents pay on food, a deal was reached for each member of a family of four earning less than \$25,000 to get an annual rebate of \$100. Another bill will get \$30, up from \$20 now. That's due to rise by \$10 each year to a maximum of \$100, and \$120 for seniors.

After a veto fight, Otter and lawmakers agreed to nearly double state money for substance abuse treatment and the state plans to bond for a new \$70 million mental-health prison.

Lawmakers also approved the latest \$134 million bonding instrument of the \$1 billion "Connecting Idaho" roads project. Otter got a \$1 million for the Idaho Meth Project, \$3 million in state funding for the 2009 Special Olympics Winter Games and \$20 million for an aquifer modeling project meant to map Idaho's vast but dwindling underground water resources.

What's more, businesses will be exempted from paying taxes on the first \$100,000 worth of their equipment, provided state tax revenue grows 5 percent, according to a deal hashed out on the 2008 session's final day.

Still, marquee wins remained elusive.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's \$60 million plan to give teacher merit pay increases? Dead. More transportation money? Dead. Local-option sales taxes for roads and mass transit? A \$200 million to \$200 million prison? All dead.

Out of Otter's nearly 11 percent budget increase proposal, the fiscal year 2009 budget will rise only about 5 percent.

"It's all a matter of perspective," said Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot. "I don't say we didn't accomplish a lot."

Especially in an election year, especially with the economy tottering, conservative lawmakers couldn't find agreement with their governor on expanding the tax cuts were due to cost residents more money.

Minority Democrats said the complexity of the issues this year, against the backdrop of economic malaise, required Otter to provide the

2008 session highlights

BOISE — The 2008 session that wrapped in Wednesday will go down in legislative lore as the one where the economy flew the coop, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter flew off the handle over transportation funding and 40 Idaho lawmakers just flew — on a private jet to a Republican political event in Idaho Falls. Here are some of the highlights.

BUSINESS RELIEF: A compromise tax-relief plan would let Idaho businesses exempt the first \$100,000 worth of their equipment from the personal property tax — but only after annual state revenue grows by 5 percent.

ROADS FUNDING: Lawmakers approved \$134 million in bonds for the latest installment of the \$1 billion Connecting Idaho roads plan, but couldn't reach agreement with Otter on a plan to help address the state's \$240 million annual transportation funding shortfall. Otter's response to the House's \$68 million proposal? "You might as well just get out of town."

LOCAL OPTION: A coalition of cities, counties and business groups was factored by a plan to anchor the rules for future local option taxes in the Idaho Constitution, including requiring such plans for roads and mass transit funding. It passed the House, but stalled in the Senate.

PRIMARY ELECTION: Lawmakers declined to pass new primary election rules, meaning the Republican Party could sue the state over its refusal to close the GOP primary to all but registered party voters. This is a rift that's split moderate party members who want to keep the existing open primary and conservatives who fear Democrats are crossing the lines and skewing results.

LIQUOR ELECTIONS: Drink up! Lawmakers repealed a Depression-era law forbidding package liquor sales on election day in Idaho, a relic of an era when legislators feared party bosses could ply voters with strong drink.

TEACHER MERIT PAY: Public schools' chief Tom Luna's Idaho State Teacher Advancement and Recognition System merit-pay plan failed in the Senate on opposition from the Idaho Education Association teach-

ers union. But opponents of the plan said that the close 19-14 vote was a fair warning to the union that a merit-pay plan will eventually succeed. "When the IEA comes to the negotiating table, they better come in good faith," said Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: After a veto fight, Otter and lawmakers agreed to spend another \$15 million on drug treatment programs that originally began as part of a three-year, \$21 million federal grant. The move effectively doubles state funding for substance abuse treatment.

GROCERY TAX RELIEF: Each member of a family of four earning less than \$25,000 will get an annual rebate of \$50; everyone else will get \$30, up from \$20 now. That's due to rise by \$10 each year to a maximum of \$100, and \$120 for seniors.

FLIGHT OF FANCY: Ten Idaho GOP lawmakers boarded a pair of corporate jets Feb. 28 to attend a Lincoln Day campaign event in Idaho Falls. The flights came on their campaign trail. Sen. Tom Gannon said the flight was to vote on legislation being pushed by Frank VanderSloot, owner of one of the planes. The legislation passed. The high-flying lawmakers will have to report the flights on their campaign disclosures. "When the round-trip journey will cost. ED BORDO FIASCO: Details of financial miscues at the State Board of Education emerged, including violations of accounting standards by former director Karen McGee and others that left the agency \$1.4 million in the red. The Senate Education Committee sent a letter to Otter advising him to reamp the agency and its board of trustees, including giving the governor power to hire and fire the president.

URANIUM ENRICHMENT: Lawmakers passed a pair of bills providing tax breaks to a French company that's considering building a uranium enrichment plant in Idaho. The measures could help Aeva Inc. save tens of millions on their tax bills each year — providing it comes. Aeva is also considering investing in four other states, but said that Idaho needed to change its tax laws to stay in the running.

"This notion that he was throwing up his hands and having a hissy fit is not true," said Jon Hanft, his spokesman. "One day when he was home recovering from hip surgery, he had 12 conference calls with those guys. Everybody who wanted to see him face to face or talk to him, got to do that. Even when he was going through the height of his recovery, the 24-hour rule was always in play." House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Byrke, R-Blackfoot, declined to blame Otter.

Economic uncertainty, not some insoluble conflict with the governor, made a season of darkness out of the session of fight that inspired Otter's conservative state of the state address in early January, he said.

Rights

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The Associated Press reviewed the "Acceptable Use Policies" and "Terms of Service" of the nation's 10 largest ISPs — in all, 117 pages of contracts that leave few rights for subscribers. "The network is asserting almost complete control of the users' ability to use their network as a gateway to the Internet," said Marvin Amurri, general counsel of Free Press, a Washington-based consumer advocacy group. "They become gatekeepers rather than gateways."

But the provisions are rarely enforced, except against obvious miscreants like spammers. Consumer outrage would have been the result if AT&T had taken advantage of its right to block any activity that causes the company "to be viewed unfavorably by others."

Jonathan Zittrain, professor of Internet governance and regulation at MIT, said this clause was a "piece of bullpup that is passed around the corporate lawyers like a Christmas fruitcake." "The idea that they would ever invoke it and point to it in suits, especially since their terms of service already say they can cut you off for any reason and give you a refund for the balance of the month," Zittrain said.

AT&T removed the "unfavorably by others" wording in February after the Associated Press asked about the reason behind it. Subscribers, however, wouldn't know that it was gone unless they checked the contract word for word. The document still said it was last updated Oct. 4, 2007.

Most companies reserve the right to change the contracts at any time, without any notice except an update on the Web site. Verizon used to say it would notify subscribers of changes by e-mail, but the current contract just leaves that as an option for the company.

This sort of contract, where the subscriber is considered

to agree by signing up for service rather than by active negotiation, is given extra scrutiny by courts. Zittrain said, "Any wiggle room or ambiguity is usually resolved in favor of the consumer rather than the company."

Yet the main purpose of ISP contracts isn't to protect subscribers, but rather to provide legal cover for the company if it cuts off a user who's abusing the system.

"Without the safeguards offered in these policies, customers could suffer from degradation of service and be exposed to a broad variety of malware threats," said David DeLima, spokesman at Cox Communications.

The language does matter in a case involving a student accused of hacking, a federal appeals court held last year that subscribers should have a lower expectation of privacy if their service provider has a stated policy of monitoring traffic.

That these broadly written contracts still don't provide all the legal cover ISPs want, Comcast Corp. is being investigated by the Federal Communications Commission for interfering

with file sharing by its subscribers. The company has promised to its Acceptable Use Policy, which said, in general terms, that the company had the right to manage traffic. Since the investigation began, it has updated the policy to describe its practices in greater detail, and recently said it would stop targeting file-sharing once it puts a new traffic-management system in place late this year.

The Comcast case is a rare example of the government getting into the nitty-gritty of one of these contracts.

If there were more competition, market forces might straighten out the contracts, he said. But most Americans have only two choices for broadband: the cable company or the phone company.

Williams himself knows that it's tough to pay attention to the contracts. He recently had Verizon Communications Inc.'s FiOS broadband and TV service installed in his home. Only after the installation was completed did he get the contract in the mail.

He could have read some of the terms earlier, when placing the order online, but he just clicked the "Accept" button.

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the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee, which oversees the Office of Performance Evaluations.

"I would love to see a more in-depth review done of virtual schools," said Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise. "It's very apparent virtual schools have a piece in the system and provide a valuable service. On the other hand, there are key questions about the use of public money in virtual school settings and how that money is utilized."

At the heart of this concern is the role of for-profit companies that contract with non-profit charter schools nourished by public money.

"If we are expending public funds for virtual education in Idaho, we should have a very good handle on where that money goes," Werk said.

Studies on the back burner

The Office of Performance Evaluations, a non-partisan research service for the Legislature, has twice examined state-supported virtual schools.

In March 2007, the office recommended that lawmakers "conduct a more in-depth review of virtual school funding and expenditures."

That review was never done.

Werk said H.O.C. last fall split along partisan lines about whether to pursue the issue.

All eight members of H.O.C. including Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Boise, were asked by e-mail why they didn't follow the 2007 recommendation for more oversight. Only Werk and Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, responded.

Last month, the office issued a follow-up report showing that only three out of eight recommendations made to the Legislature concerning public virtual schools were implemented.

"During the 2008 Legislative session, the Legislature passed a bill to update the definition of a virtual school," according to the follow-up report. The State Board of Education and the Idaho Public Charter School Commission also made some progress in strengthening oversight, that report shows.

But a recommended study to determine the cost-effectiveness of virtual schools never took off.

Keough, a H.O.C. co-chair, said in an e-mail that other issues "took precedence."

"The virtual schools issue has been studied several times by H.O.C. and the Legislature and the pressing issues of health care and the uninsured and uninsured took precedence at that point in time," Keough said.

"At this last meeting, H.O.C. decided to begin basic evaluation of the K-12 public school formula which has not been looked at since it was established in the mid-90s and the Idaho Transportation Department evaluation assigned by the Legislature."

The Idaho Public Charter School Commission could choose to look into virtual charter school issues, said Keough.

Costly online choices?

Four virtual charter schools are currently a mouse click away for students in Idaho. All are registered non-profit corporations: Inspire Virtual Charter School, Idaho Distance Education Academy, Idaho Virtual High School — also known as Richard McKenna Charter High School — and Idaho Virtual Academy. A fifth virtual charter school, iSucceed based in Boise, goes online this fall.

These charter schools serve students who want to learn on their own time, wherever they want. Some are aimed at home-school student. Others, like iSucceed, offer bilingual amenities for Latinos.

Unlike traditional public schools, the virtual schools have more discretion in how they spend public funds

because they are not subject to "use it or lose it" education funding policies.

McGrath said.

The state's largest virtual charter school, Idaho Virtual Academy — with 2,366 students enrolled in the fall — also got the most from the state for administration, instructional and non-certified staff, about \$5.3 million. According to the Idaho State Department of Education, the school spent about \$2.3 million of this public money and can use the rest at its discretion.

Public money is being handled appropriately, said Cody Claver, head of the school.

"We work extra hard to make sure we do things correctly and according to state law," he said. "We have a clean audit. The money we're given we spend it according to our budget and we spend it wisely."

The use of or loose policies for charter schools shouldn't change, said Claver. He said that traditional public schools also spend public money on things such as bussing and textbooks.

"Compare everything. Don't just look at virtual schools under the microscope," Claver said.

The Idaho Virtual Academy contracts with a for-profit company called K-12, which operates in 23 states including Idaho.

A smaller virtual charter school, Richard McKenna, with 403 students, almost broke even with the spending the state funding for administration, instructional and non-certified staff, with the exception of about \$5,137 surplus.

The Legislature weaved charter schools into law in 1998 for the purpose of providing "innovative and expanded learning opportunities for students in Idaho public schools," according to that legislation.

There's almost four times more students in online charter schools today than there were in the 2002-2003 school year, according to fall enrollment numbers from the Idaho State Department of Education.

It's not immediately clear how the cost of educating a kid through online charter schools compares to a traditional brick and mortar school.

"We do not compare online charter schools to traditional schools or charter schools to traditional schools, etc., because every school is different," McGrath said in an e-mail. "For example, if you compare an online charter school to another online charter school the per per average daily attendance spending could vary greatly."

New virtual ground

Virtual charter schools have been described as locally started and managed in Idaho, but at least some have a strong outside presence.

According to the budget for iSucceed, the school could enroll 500 students this fall, with revenues and expenses projected to balance at about \$3 million.

iSucceed will use Insight Schools as a vendor for its operations. Insight Schools helps operate online, diploma-granting public high schools in seven states including Idaho, according to its Web site.

Insight is owned by Apollo Group Inc., a publicly traded company that includes the online University of Phoenix and Ashford College. It reported \$2.25 billion in net revenue in 2005.

And iSucceed is seeking to establish dual-credit options for students in connection with Axia, said iSucceed CEO Cliff Green. Dual-credit options are also available for students at traditional public schools like Twin Falls High School through the College of Southern Idaho, also a public school.

Green said even with four other virtual charter schools in Idaho, there is still a special niche for iSucceed.

"Online learning is not for everybody, the student has to be motivated and organized and disciplined to sit down and log in and do lessons," he said.

iSucceed was born after a group of citizens got together and decided to start a virtual charter school that focuses on underserved students particularly in the Latino community, he said. Half of the initial six directors for the school have Idaho addresses, the others live addresses in Arizona, according to the iSucceed articles of incorporation.

Students can learn online

Standing near a student taking an online Spanish class through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy, Valley High School Principal Rod Malone said he thinks online learning will be a big influence in the future.

"The main thing is it opens up the opportunity for students to take classes

we can't offer here," said Malone. "It helps teach them to be more self-motivated and self-directed."

The IDLA is a public extension of Idaho school districts, so students who take a class online through it are still part of their home school. The school is funded through a line item in the public schools budget. McGrath said, but it still costs students money to take classes.

Valley High School senior Mike DeHoney said he's paying about \$50 to take an IDLA Spanish class online.

"It's kind of different. It's kind of like teaching yourself a little more," he said. "You have to be more independent. You don't have the teacher right there to ask immediate questions."

Schools that exist only online may not be the best way to educate kids, said Malone. "They're missing out on getting personal associations with teachers and other kids."

But "virtual socialization" will be a part of iSucceed through voice-over Internet class interaction, instant messaging, and even face-to-face regional get-togethers, according to the school's Web site.

An unclear track record

Of the state's four virtual charter schools only the eldest, Richard McKenna, has its graduation rate tracked by the State Department of Education. And the department doesn't track dropout rates by school, only districts. Richard McKenna is the only virtual school that the state has tracked for dropout rates, McGrath said.

It registers at 75 percent, almost 13 percent less than the state's average graduation rate.

Richard McKenna mostly serves at-risk students through its alternative secondary program. McGrath said in an e-mail. "Schools need four years of data for us to calculate a (graduation) rate... The department does not track data on the average time it takes a student to graduate."

About 3,940 students enrolled this school year in the four online charter schools, according to the State Department of Education.

That's almost in line with the number of Idahoans who earned GEDs in 2007, or 3,979, according to the Idaho Division of Professional and Technical Education.

The number of credits required to graduate at online schools such as iSucceed falls within the state's requirements. At iSucceed it's 14 credits, which is the same as Magic Valley Alternative High School in Twin Falls, which serves many students who have dropped out of traditional schools.

Graduation requirements at iSucceed and Magic Valley Alternative School fall about 10 credits short of those at Twin Falls High School.

Adequate Yearly Progress for the four virtual charter schools in Idaho have not been met, and about 66 percent of schools in Idaho made AYP in 2006, according to information from the ISDE and the State Board.

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Authorities remove nearly 200 from Texas compound built by polygamist leader

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

ELDORADO, Texas — Child welfare officials have now removed nearly 200 women and children from a secretive West Texas religious retreat built by polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, authorities said Saturday.

The investigation began after a 16-year-old living there complained of physical abuse.

A search warrant authorized state troopers to enter the retreat run by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and look for evidence of a marriage between the girl and a 50-year-old man.

The warrant said the girl had a baby eight months ago, when she was 15.

State Child Protective Services on Friday removed 52 girls from the compound, Marleigh Meisner, a spokeswoman for the agency, said that another 131 residents were removed overnight and that by Saturday afternoon 137 children and 46 women were being housed and interviewed.

"They seem to be doing fine," Meisner said. Four investigators remained inside the polygamist compound looking for additional children.

The whereabouts of the young mother who sparked the investigation are unknown, Meisner said.

State troopers who raided the religious retreat were looking for the girl, her baby girl and 50-year-old Dale Barlow. Under Texas law, girls younger than 16 cannot marry, even with parental approval.

Barlow had not been found by Friday night, officials said then. They declined to comment Saturday, saying a state judge had issued a gag order. The search warrant

"We're dealing with children that aren't accustomed to the outside world, so we're trying to be very sensitive to their needs."

— Marleigh Meisner, spokeswoman for Texas Child Protective Services

Instructed officers to look for marriage records or other evidence linking the girl to Barlow and the baby. The warrant authorized the seizure of computer drives, CDs, DVDs or photos.

"Those inside the retreat did not respond to requests for comment."

The Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints broke away from the Mormon church after the latter disavowed polygamy more than a century ago.

The law enforcers declined to comment Saturday, saying a judge had issued a gag order, and the local sheriff did not return calls.

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The compound sits down a narrow paved road and behind a hill that shields it almost entirely from view in town.

Only the 80-foot-high gleaming white temple can be seen on the horizon. Authorities blocked access to the gate, keeping onlookers miles away.

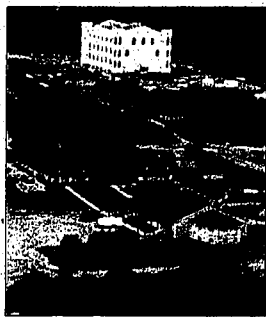
The 1,700-acre property had been an exotic game ranch. It is surrounded by dusty, wind-swept land where sheep are raised and mohair produced.

Eldorado (pronounced el-dor-AY-doh) is a two-stop-light town of fewer than 2,000 people nearly 200 miles northwest of San Antonio. It consists of a cluster of government buildings, a couple of churches and a few blocks of houses.

State officials said they did not know how many people lived at the retreat, although local officials estimated about 150 two years ago.

The group, known by the acronym FLDS, has been led by Jeffs since his father died

in 2002. In November, Jeffs was sentenced to two consecutive sentences of five years to life in prison in Utah for being an accomplice to the rape of a 14-year-old girl who wed her cousin in an arranged marriage in 2001.



This aerial view shows the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints compound under construction near Eldorado, Texas, in March 2005.

Meet Taste of Home culinary specialist KRISTI LARSON



Meet Taste of Home culinary specialist Kristi Larson. Kristi conducts cooking schools throughout Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Idaho. In an average year Kristi can put 40,000 miles on her car traveling to towns like Twin Falls to share her passion of cooking with people just like you!

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The passion continued from there - Kristi received her Associates degree in Culinary Arts from Ricks College. She then attained a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science Education from Brigham Young University, Idaho. Her previous experience includes working as an independent kitchen consultant and as an assistant for a national bakery chain.

When asked what her favorite part of the cooking school experience is, Kristi replied, "I am always excited to come into a community and share my love of cooking with new people. I always have a great time at the show, because the audience makes it fun!"

Kristi resides in Vancouver, Washington. Some of her favorite activities include reading, watching movies, and of course, cooking!

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Rural communities hit hard by foreclosures, too

Farms fall under the auctioneer's hammer

By Evelyn Nieves
Associated Press writer

MERCED, Calif. — The end came in a blink outside the Merced County courthouse. Only six people showed up for the foreclosure auction, Janice Pimentel and her son Nick included. By chance the Pimentels' dairy farm was the first property offered.

The auctioneer, a young man in aviator sunglasses and blue jeans, read their address and paused for bids. When the count hit the 'T' and Janice Pimentel Dairy Farm, 21 years in the life of the family, officially became the property of its main creditor, a local lender.

"Well, Janice Pimentel said, 'That's that.' The Pimentels' farm was once a fixture in California's Central Valley, which is best known as the world's fruit basket and, these days, may have been hit with the highest concentration of foreclosures in the country. Many of the properties lost to foreclosure around here are in rural towns that are changing, perhaps forever, because of the nation's housing meltdown.

While news about the mortgage crisis often focuses on the cities and booming suburbs, rural America has been hit hard, too. Research by the Housing Assistance Council, a Washington-based nonprofit organization that helps struggling families in many of the country, has found that foreclosures are at least as prevalent in small towns as in cities.

"It's happening all over," said Moises Loza, HAC executive director. South-central Idaho, where banks did not cave to the sub-prime lending temptation and unemployment has remained relatively low, has largely dodged the train, said Rick Soughlood, president of Magic Valley Bank.

The foreclosure rate here is "very low," Soughlood said. "Nationally, what you had going on is sub-prime lending," he said. "Our banks really verify information in the income so you don't really see a lot of foreclosures in our market. We're pretty blessed in this market."

John Evans Jr., of D.L. Evans Bank, said his 20 regional banks have seen only two foreclosures in Twin Falls — both related to a building the going bankrupt in mid-construction. "I don't think you have any problems in the whole Magic Valley," he said. "Farmers are getting good prices for their commodities. Boise's had some problems overbuilding."

The foreclosure problems



Joe and Janice Pimentel stand near a barn on their dairy near Atwater, Calif., on March 7. The pair lost the dairy they had owned for 21 years when overwhelming bills forced a foreclosure sale of the property.

in small-town America may be even more widespread than in cities. Mobile and pre-fab homes make up at least 15 percent of the nation's rural housing, and three-quarters of them were financed with individual or personal property loans rather than mortgage loans, according to the IAC. When the owners default, it leads to repossession rather than foreclosure, and these defaults are not included in the foreclosure data, Loza said.

Rural residents often have fewer banking institutions to choose from than city dwellers, and can fall victim to high interest rates and predatory lending practices, but prices in these statistics for rural areas are hard to come by, because while large banks in metropolitan areas are required under federal law to report lending activity, many small, rural financial institutions are not.

Merced is one of three adjoining counties near the top of the latest national foreclosure rankings issued by RealtyTrac, a real estate data firm. Merced County was No. 1, San Joaquin County, which includes the town of Stockton, was No. 2, and Stanislaus County, which includes Modesto, was No. 3. (No. 1 was Cape Coral-Fort Myers, Fla.)

These three California counties in February, foreclosure proceedings were started on more than 3,100 properties and nearly 1,200 houses were repossessed, according to RealtyTrac. Foreclosure filings were made against about 100 in every 100 properties in the three counties compared with one in 557 properties nationwide.

Merced County, population 245,000, underwent a housing boom over the past few years as new developments spring up on what used to be farmland, said Rep. Dennis Cardoza, a Democrat from Merced. Now, in towns like Atwater, housing prices have dropped as much as 50 percent, the congressman said.

"The impact on these small

towns and cities is huge," Cardoza said. "In my district, I believe we are already in a recession."

In Merced County towns, like Planada, no one needs statistics to tell them that the foreclosure crisis has hit hard here.

The landscape is filled with for-sale and foreclosure signs, vacant houses with weedy front lawns, and graffiti on boarded-up windows. The skeletons of houses whose construction halted when the market went bust stand across a development where houses that sold for \$400,000 just three years ago are now going begging at half the price.

Delving around depressed developments ringed by almond orchards, John Pedrozo, a Merced County supervisor who represents Planada, could not contain his distress.

"I've lived here 50 years and I've never seen anything like it," said Pedrozo, who grew up on a dairy farm. "Businesses are closing, people going bankrupt. And the empty houses are vandalized." A common problem, he said, is that on weekends, vacant, foreclosed houses are crashed for wild parties and trash.

In small towns, even one or two foreclosed properties can have a big effect on the community, Pedrozo said. "It's not just that property values go down," he said. "But also that people lose their neighbors and their community."

Janice and Joe Pimentel, who are 50 and 59, respectively, decided to follow their families' dairy farm tradition when they bought their 25-acre property in Atwater two decades ago. Their sons, now 21 and 30, decided not to go into the business, and the Pimentels thought "it didn't get a whole lot easier, but I wasn't quite in the emotional funk that I had been before," Mukasey said.

With only nine months left on the job, Mukasey is not sure what he's going to do after he leaves the Justice Department. He still will be working, and he wants to spend plenty of time with his wife, Susan, and the two grandsons who "make me very happy."

In sum, Mukasey said there was little to prepare him for being attorney general — for either the substance part of the job or the spotlight.

Iraq report details political hurdles and future options

By Robin Wright
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A new assessment of U.S. policy in Iraq by the same experts who advised the original Iraq Study Group concludes that political progress is "so slow, halting and superficial" and political fragmentation "so pronounced" that the United States is no closer to being able to leave Iraq than it was a year ago.

The experts were reassembled by the U.S. Institute of Peace, which convened the congressionally mandated Iraq Study Group, a high-level panel that assessed U.S. policy in Iraq and offered recommendations in 2006. The new report predicts that lasting political development could take five to 10 years of "full, unconditional commitment" to Iraq, but also cautions that future progress may not be worth the "massive" human and financial costs to the United States.

Some recent favorable developments in Iraq came from within, but in outside U.S. control and susceptible to rapid change, the report said, including the cease-fire by Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and the new Sunni Awakening councils made up of former insurgents, and tribal leaders opposed to the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The report, obtained by The Washington Post, is due for release in May. Should the United States opt to remain fully engaged in Iraq, the report argues, a greater emphasis on political and economic development is needed for reconstruction.

The Pimentels doubt their property will ever be a family dairy farm again. Maybe a developer will grab it, Janice said, "for when housing grows again in Merced, someday."

Staff writer Cassidy Friedman contributed to this report.

let those questions linger and instead work on governing capacity building at the provincial and local levels and cultivating new, local leaders," it advises. The rise of local leaders and parties could then create the circumstances for genuine reconciliation, the report says.

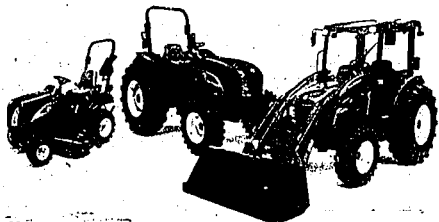
The political, military and intelligence experts, some of whom have served in government, also urge consideration of a "grand bargain" to bring all Iraqi factions together to discuss the core disputes, including the distribution of power, federalism and constitutional revisions.

The report outlines two options Washington seek to reduce its Iraq commitment. The first option would peg U.S. engagement to Iraq's agreement to decentralize power to its provinces, leaving the Baghdad government in charge of national defense and revenue distribution only. If Iraq fails to act, however, Washington should "cut its losses" and work out a withdrawal schedule; if Iraq complies, the United States should maintain a reduced troop presence to train the army and police.

"Reductions in troop levels will likely result in some degree of chaos and violence in the matter what," the report warns. "The decentralized, fragmented political dynamic in Iraq cannot be reversed." Creation of a strong central government that can take on security is unlikely to happen in the time left for the current expanded U.S. military presence.

The second option is unconditional redeployment of all U.S. forces in Iraq, possibly beginning in January and completed by 2011. At the same time, however, Washington would build an "enhanced" military presence in the region and stronger regional alliances, while providing political support for the Baghdad government.

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Mukasey slowly adjusting to new job at helm of scandal-scared Justice Department

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Michael Mukasey says he never has sought the spotlight, instead living by his parents' advice of achieving success by keeping his head down and working hard.

Look where that landed him: at the helm of the Justice Department. Defending against President Bush administration policies and picking the best among bad options for fighting terrorists and crime.

The irony is not lost on Mukasey, who has begun to settle into the job that he undertook five years ago — one he says he never asked or expected for.

Mukasey, 66, came to the Justice Department after 10 years on the bench and a lucrative 21 months as a part-

ner at New York law firm Patterson, Belknap Webb & Tyler, during which he netted almost \$2 million. He is a native New Yorker who grew up in a lower-middle-class Bronx family as the son of a Belarus immigrant.

Along the way, he worked in his father's laundromat, as a messenger boy, as a law clerk and as a summer job at a Utah lumber mill. He was fired from that stint for saving boards in incorrect length. He nearly died shortly afterward in a car accident that forced him to delay law school a year.

Mukasey has good reasons to keep his head down. The job of attorney general is a lightning rod, and Mukasey came in at a critical time. As such, there were not a

lot of bright spots in his first few months in Washington.

Once he realized the job involved fixing problems and choosing the best option among bad solutions, "it didn't get a whole lot easier, but I wasn't quite in the emotional funk that I had been before," Mukasey said.

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Why are gorillas in zoos dying from heart disease?

Scientific sleuths now on the case

By Todd Lewan
Associated Press writer

Mopie looked the picture of a male fitness: His shoulders were broad and imposing, his silver-haired back sculpted and muscular, his biceps bulging as wide as a wrestler's thighs when he scratched his head.

He had a healthy appetite, food put away 7 pounds of (meat daily) and Mopie was no couch potato, he would frequently scale the mesh of his enclosures at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., playfully chase the younger gorillas, and perch himself high in an outdoor maple, as if to show the world he was the king of the Great Ape House.

"The unique thing about Mopie was how extremely handsome he was," says Lisa Stevens, curator of primates and giant pandas at the National Zoo, and she remembers the silverback sat proudly in the exhibit's trees, "it just added to his impressiveness."

Which is why Stevens and the zoo's staff were so stunned when, on the afternoon of July 3, 2006, the prized western lowland gorilla suddenly collapsed after playing with some newly introduced mates. By the time the keepers cleared out the other gorillas and tried CPR on Mopie, the gentle, 430-pound giant was dead — a victim of heart failure at 34.

Like his father, who had died the same way at the zoo in the early 1990s, Mopie had previously been diagnosed with an unexplained form of heart disease known as fibrosing cardiomyopathy, in which healthy heart muscle turns into fibrous bands unable to pump blood. And yet, he had not shown any outward symptoms, and his diet and behavior were normal.

"There was nothing to indicate he was feeling poorly or under the weather," recalls Stevens. "That's what made it even more of a shock."

No less troubling, two days earlier the National Zoo had lost its only other male group leader, a silverback named Kujia. Diagnosed just a month earlier with congestive heart failure related to cardiomyopathy, Kujia (pronounced KOO-yah) died while undergoing surgery to receive an advanced pacemaker. He was 23.

Sadly, Mopie and Kujia were not alone.

Gorillas in zoos around the nation, particularly males and those in their 20s and 30s, have been falling ill — and sometimes dying suddenly — from progressive heart ailments ranging from arteriosclerosis to viral disease to cardiomyopathy.

Just two months before the deaths at the National Zoo, the San Francisco Zoo had lost a lowland gorilla named Pogo to heart disease. A week before that, the Memphis Zoo lost one named Tumbal the same way. And in previous years, there were others: Akbar at the Toledo Zoo in 2005, and in 2000 both Sam at the Knoxville Zoo and Anthony at the Gorilla Foundation in California.

Now zookeepers are scrambling to understand what factors may be causing the illnesses and what might be done to save the 368 lowland gorillas that currently reside in 52 zoos across North America.

A 1994 study of 74 captive gorilla deaths, published by veterinarians Tom Meehan of the Brookfield Zoo in Illinois and Linda Lovejoy of the University of California at Davis, found that 41 percent — and 70 percent of males older than 30 — were from heart disease, mainly fibrosing cardiomyopathy.

"This study was a wake up call," says Meehan, now the vice president for veterinary services at the Chicago Zoological Society. It showed the need to "go to the next

level of evaluating the animals and figuring out how their lifestyle related to their health."

In the mid-1990s, when the study was published, about 100,000 western lowland gorillas roamed freely within vast forests in Cameroon, the Central African Republic, the Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Angola and Nigeria. Far less endangered than their rela-

tives, the mountain gorillas, these apes were officially considered only as "vulnerable."

Since then, however, lowland gorillas in the wild have been dying at an accelerating rate. Poaching, logging, a dramatic expansion in the trade of bushmeat, and outbreaks of Ebola have reduced their numbers to roughly 50,000 — and in September, the species was reclassified as "critically endangered." At their current

rate of decline, the gorillas are projected to disappear from the wild by 2050.

"Soon, these great apes may only exist in captivity," says Haley Murphy, director of veterinary services at Zoo New England, which runs Boston's Franklin Park Zoo and the Stone Zoo in Stoneham, Mass. The zoos are home to seven western lowland gorillas, the only species kept in captivity. In 2000, Murphy, together

with Dr. Ilana Kutinsky, a cardiologist with the Michigan Heart Group, began reviewing cardiac ultrasounds of zoo gorillas in hopes of discovering why the animals were at risk for heart trouble. It was part of a broad, veterinary detective effort to help save what Murphy calls "our closest living relatives, evolutionarily."

Problem was, no one had defined how a normal gorilla

heart operated.

But as ultrasound information was entered into a database and compared to necropsy reports on deceased gorillas, clues began to appear. "We started noticing that some gorilla hearts were grossly abnormal from others," Kutinsky says. "The abnormal ones were mildly enlarged, very thick, and weren't pumping as much blood."

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(AP) — It's no longer a question of recession or not. Now it's how deep and how long. Workers' pink slips stacked ever higher in March as jittery employers slashed 80,000

jobs, the most in five years, and the national unemployment rate climbed to 5.4 percent. Job losses are nearing the staggering level of a quarter-million this year in just three months.

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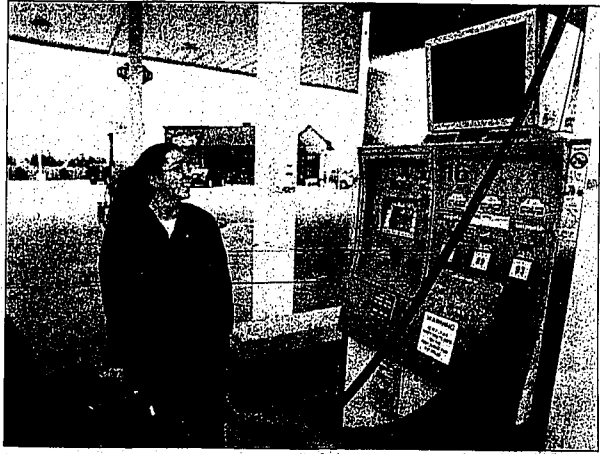
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No profit at the pump?



Christy Ridenour fuels her car while watching the television placed atop a gas pump at the BP Gas Station in Anderson, Ind., March 26. Ridenour noted she enjoys watching the area weather forecast and traffic reports. Ricker Oil Co. President Jay Ricker, operator of this station and 29 others throughout Indiana, is experimenting with the pump-top televisions advertising goodies inside the station's store.

Gasoline profits are at record levels, but local gas stations benefit little

By John Wiles
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Gas prices may be sitting near record levels, but the owners of your local gas station quite likely is struggling.

Profit margins on gasoline sales are razor thin. Indeed, some gas stations are losing money on credit card sales, once they are factored in. How do they stay in business? More and more a gas station's bread and butter is, well, bread and butter — and the coffee and candy bars it sells in its convenience store.

Most of these items generate much higher profits than gas. "Gasoline is a relatively low margin part of what we do," said Jay Ricker, president of Ricker Oil Co. in Anderson, Ind.

Increasingly, a station owner's biggest challenge is convincing drivers to step inside the store after they gas up.

"It's all about trying to sell other things," said Scott Hartman, president and chief executive of Butters' Farm Stores, a York, Pa., company that owns and operates 51 gas stations.

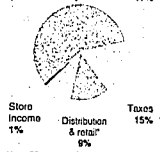
Jeff Lenard, spokesman for the National Association of Convenience Stores, estimates that gasoline accounts for 70 percent of a typical station's revenues, but only 30 percent of its profits. Paul Fiore, executive director of the Service Station Dealers of America, a trade association for auto repair shops, said the mix is about the same for service stations.

Low profit margins are squeezing companies along the length of the gasoline supply chain, from the biggest refiners to the smallest corner

Slim profits

Gas stations receive only 1 percent of what consumers pay to fill up their gas tank.

Distribution of a full tank of gas, average 2007



Note: 20 percent of costs go directly to credit card companies. SOURCE: NACS, Department of Energy

stations. Contrary to popular belief, 95 percent of gas stations in the U.S. are independently owned. Their prices and margins aren't dictated by a major oil company, even if the station licenses that company's name.

With crude oil, gasoline's raw ingredient, soaring to records near \$112 earlier this month, up from about \$60 a year ago, gas prices are actually struggling to keep up. Crack spreads, the difference between what refiners pay for crude and get for the gasoline they make, have gone negative on some days in recent weeks. That means that in those cases, refiners were losing money making and selling gasoline. In comparison, at one point last spring, crack spreads reached as high as \$37 a barrel.

Oil's rise has been driven by investors snapping up crude futures as a hedge against a falling dollar and inflation. But while gas prices have tried to keep pace, demand for refining has fallen, limiting refin-

ers' pricing power.

Top executives of the five biggest U.S. oil companies appearing before a Congressional committee Tuesday deflected any blame for the effect of gas prices on consumers and argued their profits — \$123 billion last year — were in line with other industries.

That pain travels down the chain to retailers, who base the prices they charge consumers on what they expect they'll have to pay for their next shipment of gas. Many make no more than a few cents a gallon selling gas, a margin that evaporates once credit card fees are factored in.

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Competition between stations is becoming increasingly cutthroat as demand for gasoline falls. Energy Department data shows gas consumption has fallen about 1 percent over the last 9 weeks, compared to the same period last year.

"High prices are pressuring consumers to conserve," said Tim Evans, an analyst with Citigroup Inc. in New York. Unlike other industries, which might run a sale or slash prices when demand for their main product is falling, there isn't much gas stations can do to pump up demand.

Most are reluctant to cut prices.

"We don't do that and most don't because you just start a price war," Ricker said. "You really can't reverse a trend if people are driving less," Lenard said. "You have to steal someone else's customers."

"To get a competitive edge, many station owners are investing heavily in other things. Butters' Hartman says he makes more selling a cup of coffee than a gallon of gas, and is operating his stations with that in mind. He's emphasizing convenience, building bigger stations and investing over \$1 million in bathroom upgrades, "more like you would find in an upscale restaurant."

The idea is to build a base of customers who could get gas anywhere, but choose to buy it at Butters' because there's always an open parking lot, restrooms are nice and clean. Ricker, who operates 30 stations throughout Indiana, advertises heavily at the pump. Signs touting fountain drink and sandwich deals are prominent, and Ricker is also experimenting with pump-top televisions advertising goodies inside the store.

Douglas Distributing, a Sherman, Texas-based company which distributes fuel and owns a chain of gas stations, is incorporating post-offers and Subway sandwich shops into its convenience store designs. Owner Bill Douglas also offers a customer loyalty program that gives repeat customers discounts on deals on certain products, much like a grocery store, and heavily promotes the availability at his stations of products such as propane, biodiesel and racing fuel.

Jazzed

Pandora's set to host outside performances

By Damon Hunzeker
Correspondent

Quartet will continue to perform.

Karaoke machines have become a feature of many bars, mainly because they're an inexpensive, one-time cost. But amid the often strained performances produced by non-musicians warbling over pre-recorded music, one thing gets lost — actual musicians performing live.

Bars are expensive, and they have to be paid every time they play. And even if it costs more than a karaoke machine, the association with genuine music can provide bars with an atmospheric brand — one which is what jazz has done for Pandora's. And as soon as the weather permits, owner Kurt Handley will be taking the music outside to the patio, which seats 75 to 100 people.

"We're mostly doing it to have people come out and enjoy it," Handley said. "It's not a great business and he's still trying to make a profit. I'm hoping to increase our business by 30 percent."

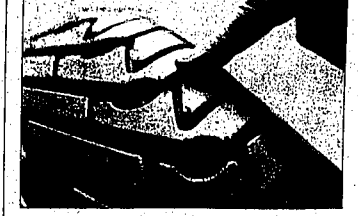
Handley will bring in new acts, but regular performers such as the Blue Note Trio and the Gene Loranger

"These are the big jazz names that come in," he said. "We have jazz and blues every Friday and Saturday, but we may even start doing it on Wednesdays and Thursdays."

David Woodhead is the owner of Woody's, which shares the parking lot with Pandora's. "During the summer, Muggers' the former name of what now is Pandora's had outside music, and I thought it worked quite well," he said. "We're contemplating something on our front deck but nothing concrete yet ... The owners of Pandora's depend on the weather."

Regarding the aforementioned karaoke machines, Woodhead — whose venue offers live music, DJs, and karaoke — said, "The most expensive thing you can do is pay a band, which increases your overhead a lot compared to karaoke, but there's nothing like live music." "If you can't get a band to listen to," he said, "it's hard to pay them less than \$400 or \$500 a night, and if they have to travel, your total cost for a

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Michael O'Brien, founder of Q Tires, is shown painting to studs on a Q Tire Tuesday in Portland, Ore. Q Tires feature retractable studs that emerge when the driver flicks a switch inside the car. When the snow and ice melt, all it takes is another flip of the switch — and voila — the studs hide back under the treads and the lines are transformed again.

Studded tires at the flick of a switch

Firm tests product
By Glenn Adams
Associated Press writer

southern California, and probably never gas much thought to winter tires. But then he married and moved to the Midwest, where he soon grew weary of the ritual of putting the chains on his car and taking them off.

O'Brien hatched the retractable-studded idea and developed a prototype about five years ago. As of March 20, the South Carolina-based company had raised \$8.4 million for its startup costs, much of it from individual wealthy investors, said Scott Chariker, the company's marketing director. The attention-grabbing brand name hints, James Bond gadget master. And the spiked tires that gave Bond's Aston Martin extra traction in the 2002 Michael O'Brien, grew up in

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YOUR BUSINESS

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RESTORE



Habitat for Humanity of Magic Valley Inc. ReStore located at 669 Eastland Ave. S. in Twin Falls recently held a ribbon cutting for the remodeling of their facility and were assisted by the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley has a new office and has doubled the size of the ReStore. The ReStore is open to the public and sells new and used building and home repair items each Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They accept donations on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. They are building three homes this year and are looking for volunteers for the site, office and ReStore. For more information: Linda at 735-1233. Pictured from left, on the ribbon only, Carol Robertson, treasurer; Jessica Myers, president; Rebekah Roach; Anthony Bohm, Home Builder's Blitz 2008 Family; Cody Speas, Postive Connections volunteer; Linda Fleming, executive director HFM-MV; Joe Young, board member/third representative.

INDEPENDENT MEAT



Independent Meat 'Falls Brand' located at 2072 Orchard Dr., Twin Falls, held a ground breaking recently along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber's Ambassadors. They are expanding their services with a new smokehouse for their pork products. It will be located at the Independent Meat plant. They provide smoked pork products including ham, pork chops, and bacon. For more information or to place an order: 733-0980. Pictured from left, Kevin Guthrie, Dan Arlington, Patrick Florence and Rob Stephens.

REINKE SEMINAR ATENDEES



Pictured from left, front row, Russ Rollins, Star Tech Irrigation, Lyman, Wyo.; Russ Shostrom, P Diamond Irrigation, Kersey, Colo.; Kevin Brown, Senkille Farms Inc., Central City, Neb.; Danny Black and Barton Damron, Holdrege Irrigation, Holdrege, Neb.; middle row, Greg Quiring, Plains Power & Equipment, York, Neb.; Sam Budeller and Jason Wiza, Roberts Irrigation Company Inc., Plover, Wis.; Kevan Ridge, Rain For Rent, Paul, Idaho; Eric Streetsira, Roberts Irrigation Company Inc., Plover, Wis.; Randy Willes, Greenfield Irrigation Inc., Imanan, Kan.; back row, Jon Allen, Alton Irrigation Inc., Rock Falls, Ill.; Jonathan Smart, Rain For Rent, Fresno, Calif.; Robert Shostrom, P Diamond Irrigation, Kersey, Colo.; Dirk Rank, Irrigation Services Plus, Harley, SD; Nell Gruhn, Holdrege Irrigation, Holdrege, Neb.; Kerry Stuhmer, Senkille Farms Inc., Central City, Neb.

Irrigation systems, hosted the second Advanced PLUS Service Seminar March 3-5, at Reinke Headquarters in Deshler, Neb. The Advanced PLUS

Service Seminar was open to dealerships that feature employees who have qualified for the prestigious Reinke Platinum PLUS or PLUS Service designation. The prestigious award, which has been received by only a handful of service technicians in the Reinke service network, is one of the most elite designations awarded by Reinke. The seminar was designed to provide an advanced level of irrigation product service training for these professionals.

Participants from the Magic Valley on hand for the second Advanced PLUS Service Seminar included, Kevan Ridge, Rain For Rent, Paul.

D.L. Evans Bank holds shareholder's meeting

D.L. Evans Bank, a community bank since 1904, held its 104th Annual Shareholder's meeting at the Rupert Elks on Feb. 28.

D.L. Evans Bank had over 58 members in attendance from across Idaho and the nation, bringing additional business to Rupert.

They were excited to have the opportunity to host the meeting in Rupert and look forward to a great.

Real estate team gets to President's Circle

The Wooten/Hiddle Real

Estate Team of Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties has been named to the President's Circle for 2007 by Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc., a Prudential Financial, Inc. company. The award recognizes residential sales professionals who exemplified great sales measures in closed residential GCI, commercial GCI or closed 50 residential units for the year.

The Wooten/Hiddle Real Estate Team was recognized during special awards ceremonies at Prudential Real Estate's Sales Convention held in New Orleans from March 16-18, 2008.

In addition to receiving this award, the Wooten/Hiddle Real Estate Team also placed 3rd in Residential Units in the state of Idaho.

The Wooten/Hiddle team joined Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties in 2004.

Prior to winning the award, Tawni and Mandi have also won the President's Circle for 2005 and Leading Edge Society for 2006. Tawni Wooten is an Associate Broker, Real Estate Certified and holds the GRI designation. Mandi Hiddle is certified in Relocation and in Interior Design and has her Associates in Computer Graphic Design.

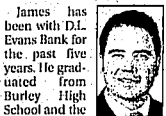
CAREER MOVES

Dick Graves

JEROME — D.L. Evans Bank announced the promotion of Dick Graves to senior vice president and commercial loan officer of D.L. Evans Bank, Jerome Branch, located at 900 S. Lincoln.



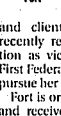
Graves has been with D.L. Evans Bank for the past five years. He attended the University of Idaho and Western Idaho Credit School and is past chairman of the Gooding School Board and past president of the Idaho Bankers Association Agricultural Committee. He also served as a board member for the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame and has been involved in agricultural lending for over thirty five years and was inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame in 2003.



James has been with D.L. Evans Bank for the past five years. He graduated from Burley High School and the College of Southern Idaho with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. He is actively involved in many community organizations including Burley Kiwanis and the Hoytbratt Amphitheater Committee. He is a current participant in the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program and has been in a number of Oakley Valley Ags Council Theater productions.

Mary Fort

Mary Fort has joined Addison Photography Studios in Twin Falls. She will be directing the studio's marketing and advertising efforts, as well as day to day management and client relations. Fort recently resigned her position as vice president with First Federal Bank in order to pursue her career change.



Fort is originally from Filer and received her degree in finance from the College of Southern Idaho. She is a past president of Point Magic, a member of the Twin Falls Lions, a board member of First Federal Foundation, as well as an active member of Valley Christian Church in Twin Falls, CEO, and a graduate of Twin Falls Chamber leadership.

Adam Joslin

MERIDIAN — D.L. Evans Bank announced the promotion of Adam Joslin to the addition of new staff member.



Joslin, originally from the Twin Falls area, joins the firm as an intern architect. He received his Bachelors of Architecture degree from the University of Idaho in 2003, and his Masters of Architecture in 2004. He plans to complete his exams and become a fully licensed architect soon.

Chris James

BURLEY — D.L. Evans Bank announced the promotion of Chris James to commercial loan officer at the D.L. Evans Bank, South Burley Branch, 2281 Overland Ave.

Nathan Lower

Nathan Lower graduated from Meridian 27 from Professional Driving School.



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CONTRIBUTIONS



George Sanders was the grand prize winner of the drawing held at the Home and Garden Show March 7-9 at the Snake River Plaza in Burley. Sanders won two camp chairs and a large cooler, donated by the team at Westerra Real Estate Group, Burley.

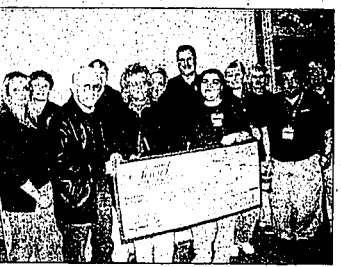
D.L. Evans employees volunteer for public TV

D.L. Evans Bank employees participated in the Idaho Public Television's annual fundraising event helps provide public television to more than one million people in Idaho and surrounding regions.

Wal-Mart employees assist Helping Hands

Thirty-one Wal-Mart associates donated their time to Helping Hands Mission spending time sorting and organizing donations and helping to distribute items to the needy in the area.

A total of 170 hours were spent helping out at the mission as part of the Volunteerism Always Pays program which encourages the store's associates to give back to the community by donating their time to local charities. The associates, including Darin Stoddard who was store manager at the time, donated their time and energy to the non-profit organization which provides food and



Wal-Mart of Burley presented a check for \$3,000 to Cody Thornton of Helping Hands Mission recently. The donation was part of the Volunteerism Always Pays program which encourages the store's associates to give back to the community by donating their time to local charities. From left are Teresa Barlow, Darlene Mai, Cody Thornton, Trina Ward, Debbie Watterson, Nikki Garza, Jeff Hanssen, Christina Hardcastle, Dawna Andrews, Sharon Swinney, Gerry Truscott and Reta Merky.

necessities to needy families in the community year round.

Through the program alone, associates around the country have volunteered more than 4 million hours to assist hundreds of charitable organizations. The program is administered through the Wal-Mart & SAM'S CLUB Foundation.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. is the largest corporate cash contributor to community organizations in the U.S., providing more than \$245 million to more than 100,000 organizations in 2005. More information about Wal-Mart's charitable giving per store and other causes and programs can be found at www.walmart.com. More information about The Wal-Mart & SAM'S CLUB Foundation is available at www.walmartfoundation.org.

Associates who donated their time include: James Pederson, Lora Melina, Katie Kinsey, Margaret Olson, Amy Miller, Judith West, Alice Nevarez, Lovenia Korb, Betty Koopnick, Dorothy Wickel, Russell Hale, Julie Veech, John Rivera, Connie Gage, Dana Parley, Angela Archuleta, Carrie Horsman, Barbara Iottano, Barbara Smith Blau, Marie Adams, Dorothy Goodwin, Teresa Barlow, Darlene Mai, Trina Ward, Debbie Watterson, Nikki Garza, Jeff Hanssen, Christina Hardcastle, Dawna Andrews, Sharon Swinney, Gerry Truscott and Reta Merky.

Jazz

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weekend will easily be \$1,200.

Wilson Roberts, a Boise musician who has been performing regularly for decades and was a mainstay years ago at the Twin Falls Sandpiper, played at the Pandora's front when it was bigger.

"I absolutely love playing outside," he said. "It's more fun, because you have to set up and tear down each night instead of leaving your equipment for the next show. But it all comes down to accessibility. It's like to play live in the crowd, and outside, when it's a wide-open crowd with people moving around, you tend to make more money in tips. Plus, people can hear you from a long way, and that attracts new crowds."

Roberts would like to play in Twin Falls again but isn't sure if the bars can pay him enough to stay for a weekend. "Musicians cut their own deals, though, and I'm a till-towner," he said.

Woodhead expects Pandora's outside music to increase his business. "They're different crowds, but they

kind of overlap. Pandora's tends to have a lot of well-to-do customers who are home at nine and in bed by 10, and we sometimes don't get started until 10," he said. "But anything that can bring people down here's great. We usually have a good night if they have music. We kind of share customers, and we always have something of theirs on tap."

In addition to music on the front deck and possibly putting a deck on the roof, Woodhead recently expanded its week by adding an open-mic night on Wednesdays. "Not everybody likes that, but the performers tend to be more talented than the karaoke singers," Woodhead said. "With us, though, you pay one cover charge, and you have the choice of karaoke, live music, or a DJ."

"We never charge a cover fee," Handley said, which means there's nothing to offset the cost of paying musicians, but he hopes more people will come in on the weekends because of the unique atmosphere of live music outside.

Besides, there's no such thing as karaoke jazz.

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Spreading the magic

Amusement parks playing to foreign audiences

By Kimi Yoshino
Los Angeles Times

For kids — and parents too — it might be the ultimate playland: a 10-square-mile, \$64-billion zone with amusement parks by Six Flags, DreamWorks Animation and Universal Studios, plus museums, shopping and 55 hotels.

At twice the size of Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., this is a place where it's hard to imagine getting bored. But if you do, you'll be able to head to a nearby collection of water attractions situated on an island the shape of a killer whale — all planned by Busch Entertainment, the masterminds behind SeaWorld's theme parks.

For all this American-style entertainment, though, be prepared to travel far: The world's most ambitious theme park project, Dubailand, is being built in the United Arab Emirates.

Twenty-five years after Walt Disney Co. began moving overseas, U.S. companies like Six Flags, Universal Studios and DreamWorks are marching rapidly to the Midwest and Far East seeking new revenue streams and an increasingly global audience.

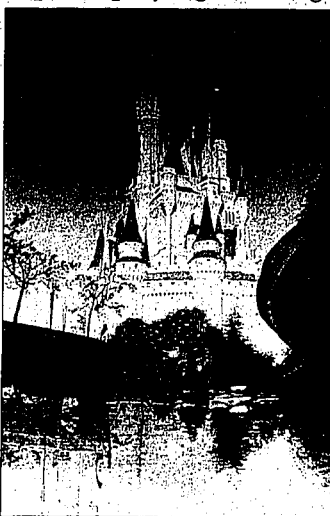
Major U.S. companies have at least 43 parks in the works in South Korea, Singapore, Shanghai, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. In every case, developers are fronting millions of dollars to buy land and build parks, while U.S. businesses reap licensing fees for attractions featuring the likes of Spider-Man and SpongBob SquarePants without financial risk.

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Qwest CEO's compensation valued at \$17.4 million in 2007

DENVER (AP) — Qwest Communications chief executive Edward Mueller, leading the company as it recovers from a 2002 accounting scandal, received compensation in 2007 valued at \$17.4 million, according to a regulatory filing last week.

Former CEO Richard Notebaert, who retired in August, received \$16.8 million in 2007 compensation, including \$8.0 million in severance pay.

Qwest Communications International Inc. reported an 89 percent increase in earnings for 2007's fourth quarter on strong sales of Internet and data products. It also reported a 6 percent drop in operating expenses excluding \$393 million in litigation charges.

In addition to a \$470,769 salary, Mueller received a guaranteed bonus of \$17,000 under his employ-

ment agreement and stock and option awards with an estimated value of \$13.7 million the day they were granted, according to the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mueller received nearly \$2.3 million in other compensation, including \$1.8 million in increased costs when Qwest purchased his California home. Mueller's personal use of a corporate aircraft was valued at \$201,182.

Notebaert's compensation included a \$689,616 salary and \$8.0 million in severance compensation. His total compensation in 2006 was \$22.7 million.

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Tires

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film "Die Another Day." "It's a product which like so many in this country was invented by someone who said, 'By God, there's got to be a better way,'" said Bruce Starr, a company spokesman.

The company plans to have its newvinged tire, dubbed the Q-CeSius, in test markets this summer. To be followed by a broader product rollout by the end of the year.

But before that happens, promoters have been visiting northern states like Maine to make sure their product does not run afoul of state rules and regulations.

The problem is, some northern states have laws that prohibit studded tires between spring and fall. As it's currently written, Maine law would prohibit even tires with retractable studs between the summer months. So a Maine lawmaker, Sen. Bill Diamond, submitted a bill that will amend the law.

Diamond couldn't hide his awe with the new product when he presented his bill to allow retractable studs this year-round on a recent snowy day, describing the tires as "a little bit James Bond-ish."

"It's not the most bizarre bill I've presented," he said, "but it's certainly the most interesting." Diamond's bill quietly rolled through the Legislature and was signed into law Thursday by Gov. John Baldacci.

Laws were passed last year in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Montana, said Starr, who visited Maine's State House to tout Diamond's bill. In New England, neither New Hampshire nor Vermont, which have studded tires on most so they are wary of the company in those states, he said.

Q Tires are designed with two air chambers, one to inflate the tire and a separate one just to apply pressure on the studs when they are deployed.

The tires do lose a small amount of pressure when the studs are retracted, so motorists using the Q-CeSius will have to pay closer attention to tire pressure. But Starr said the motorist can retract the studs 30 times before there's a significant loss of pressure in the tire.

In 2007, about 5 million winter tires were shipped in the U.S., and that was figure was expected to grow in 2008, according to Bob Ulrich from Modern Tire Dealer, a trade magazine.

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Internet providers quietly test expanded tracking of Web use

By Peter Whoriskey
The Washington Post

The online behavior of a small but growing number of computer users in the United States is monitored by their Internet service providers, who have access to every click...and keystroke that comes down the line.

The companies harvest the stream of data for clues to a person's interests, making money from advertisers who use the information to target their online pitches.

The practice represents a significant expansion in the ability to track a household's Web use because it taps into internet connections, and critics liken it to a plumber way of listening in on conversations. But the companies involved say customers' privacy is protected because no personally identifying details are released.

The extent of the practice is difficult to gauge because some service providers involved have declined to discuss their practices. Many Web surfers, moreover, probably have little idea they are being monitored.

But at least 100,000 U.S. customers are tracked this way, and service providers have been testing it with as many as 10 percent of U.S. customers, according to tech companies involved in the data collection.

Although common tracking systems, known as cookies, have counted a consumer's visits to a network of sites, the new monitoring, known as "deep-pocket

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inspection," enables a far wider view — every Web page visited, every e-mail sent and every search entered. Every bit of data is divided into packets — like electronic envelopes — that the system can access and analyze for content.

"You don't want the phone company tapping your phone calls, and in the same way you don't want your ISP tapping your Web traffic," said Ari Schwartz of the Center for Democracy and Technology, an advocacy group. "There's a fear here that a user's ISP is going to betray them and turn their information over to a third party."

In fact, newly proposed Federal Trade Commission guidelines for behavioral advertising have been outpaced by the technology and do not address the practice directly. Privacy advocates are preparing to present to Congress their concerns that the practice is done without consumer consent and that too little is known about whether such systems adequately protect personal information.

Meanwhile, many online publishers say the next big growth in advertising will emerge from efforts to offer ads based not on the content

of a Web page, but on knowing who is looking at it. That, of course, means gathering more information about consumers.

Advocates of deep-pocket inspection see it as a boon for all involved. Advertisers can better target their pitches. Consumers will see more relevant ads. Service providers who hand over consumer data can share in advertising revenues. And Web sites can make more money from online advertising, a \$20 billion industry that is growing rapidly.

With the service provider involved in collecting consumer data, there is access to a broader spectrum of the Web traffic — it's significantly more valuable," said Derek Maxson, chief technology officer of Front Porch, a company that collects such data

from millions of users in Asia and is working with a number of U.S. service providers.

Consider, say the Boston Celtics Web site. Based on its content, it posts ads for products a Celtics fan might be interested in: Adidas, a Boston hotel and so on.

With information about users from deep-pocket inspection, however, advertisers might learn that the person looking at the Celtics Web site is also a potential car customer because he recently visited the Ford site and searched in Google for "best minivans." That means car companies might be interested in sending an ad to that user at the Celtics site, too.

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40 years after his assassination, question remains: What if Martin Luther King Jr. had lived?

By Allen C. Breed
Associated Press writer

The preacher in him would have continued speaking out against injustice, war and maybe even pop culture. He would likely not have run for president. He probably would have endured more harassment from J. Edgar Hoover.

Four decades after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. fell to an assassin's bullet, colleagues and biographers offer many answers to the question: What if he had lived?

For his children, however, the speculation is more personal. They know their lives would have turned out differently had they had their beloved father to guide and reassure them.

Instead, history moves on, remaking the world in myriad ways. The nation has grappled with issues of race and inequity without the benefit of King's evolving wisdom. A generation has come of age celebrating him in a national holiday, like other figures of the frozen past.

But given the trajectory of his life—from his appearance on the national scene during the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott of 1955 to his death on a second-floor balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968—some of those closest to him have a good idea what King might be doing now, and where he might be as a country.

In the months before his death, King was speaking out against the growing U.S. involvement in Vietnam and was working with other civil rights leaders on a Poor People's Campaign, with a march on Washington scheduled for that May. He was in Memphis that spring day to support striking sanitation workers.

King alive today, the disciple of Mahatma Gandhi would most certainly be speaking out against the Iraq War, says King biographer

David J. Garrow. However, citing the famous "Drum Major Instinct" sermon King delivered from the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta just two months before his death, Garrow says people might be surprised to hear echoes of presidential candidate Barack Obama's controversial former pastor.

"God didn't call America to engage in a senseless, unjust war," King said of the fighting in Vietnam. "And we are criminals in that war. We've committed more war crimes almost than any nation in the world, and I'm going to continue to say it."

While King didn't go as far as the Rev. Jeremiah Wright in suggesting that God "damn America," he predicted that the country might "bring this country for 'our pride and our arrogance.'"

"And if you don't stop your reckless course," he imagined the deity admonishing, "I'll rise up and break the back of the mighty now."

Garrow and others feel comfortable saying that King would not have sought elective office.

In 1967, King was being courted by the "New Left" to make a third-party run for president on an anti-war ticket with the renowned pediatrician, Dr. Benjamin Spock. FBI wiretaps reveal that King gave serious thought to running, but ultimately decided his role lay outside the political arena.

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, who co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with King and marched alongside him, doesn't think King would have changed his friends' mind.

"I think Martin was a preacher, and I doubt very much if he would have wanted to subject himself to the need to compromise and play certain games that are requisite to political candidacy," says Lowery. "I think he would have preferred to do what he did best, and that was point

"From my perspective, his light still shines. His voice, his message, we're living every day. We're embracing more and more."

— Martin Luther King III



As close to it as I would like to see us, but we're still living it. We're still moving toward it." So, in that way, he lives.

out to ALL candidates and ALL officials ... "Thus sayeth the Lord."

Had he chosen that path, his enemies chief among them FBI Director Hoover would have laid bare potentially embarrassing details of King's personal life.

Then U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy authorized the tapping of King's home and offices in a campaign to ferret out communists. The secret recording campaign failed to prove that King was a communist, but it did provide evidence of the civil rights leader's extramarital affairs.

William C. Sullivan, head of domestic intelligence under Hoover, told a congressional committee that King was subjected to the same tactics used before the tapping of King's home and offices, and "No holds were barred."

The late Hosea Williams, one of King's chief lieutenants, once told Martin Luther King III that his father was "unstoppable" because he had conquered the two things that made men most vulnerable: the fear of death and the love of wealth.

Some, however, feel King's influence was on the wane and that at the time of his death he had already reached the zenith of his public career. He had "run out of things to do," the late Chammye Eskridge, a King attorney, told Garrow.

"The painful truth is that in his last two months or so before he was killed, King was so exhausted — emotionally, spiritually, physically — that a lot of the people closest to him were really worried about his survival. His survival in the sense of would he have some sort of breakdown," Garrow says. "It would be expressing something truly superhuman, literally superhuman, for King

to have continued the pace of life he had lived over those 12 years for another 12 years, never mind for another 20 or 40 years."

Journalist, author and commentator Juan Williams would have been able to connect in a meaningful way with today's youth.

"Although he was just 39, the 1964 Nobel Peace laureate's insistence on nonviolence was lumping up against the burgeoning black power movement," says Williams, author of "Eyes on the Prize" and more recently "Knights of the Phony Leaders: Dead-End Movements, an Culture of Failure — That Are Undermining Black America— and What We Can Do About It."

"The big issue would be whether or not when he spoke out against the excesses of the rappers, for example, or when he spoke out on the high number of children born out of wedlock, whether or not he would be lumped in with the Bill Cosby's of the world ..."

Williams says. But he has no doubt King would be a force on the international stage.

"I don't think he'd be in the petty fray in the way that we think of some of these civil rights guys who are kind of ambulance chasers," says Williams. Instead, he sees an elder King as a man of "some standing, some stature, that people wait to hear from him ... I think of Nelson Mandela in this way." Lowery says that when King died, part of the nation's conscience died with him. Four young children lost something much more personal.

To Marty Yolunda, Dexter and Derrick, the baby, Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't the ton or the dreamer. He was Daddy.

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Generation gap shaping American church as it awaits first visit from Pope Benedict

By Rachel Zell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In his visit this week to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI will find an American flock wrestling with what it means to be Roman Catholic.

The younger generation considers religion important, but doesn't equate faith with going to church. Many lay people want a greater say in how their parishes operate, yet today's seminarians hope to restore the traditional role and authority of priests.

Catholic colleges and universities are trying to balance their religious identity with free expression, catching grief from liberals and conservatives in the process.

Immigrants are filling the pews, whites are leaving the pews. Nearly one-third of U.S. adult Catholics are now Hispanic, and they worry about being considered a separate, ethnic church.

Despite these divisions, Catholics across the spectrum of belief have been energized by the pope's trip. The man who was once responsible for enforcing adherence to Catholic doctrine isn't likely to do much scolding. Instead, he's expected to recognize the relative vibrance of the American church, while emphasizing core Catholic values: the reality of absolute truth, the relationship between faith and reason, love for the faith.

"I think he's going to come in and try to inspire. As pope, he's really taking the positive track on a lot of issues. I don't think there's any reason he wouldn't continue to do so much," said Dennis Doyle, a theologian at the University of Dayton, a Marianist school in Ohio.

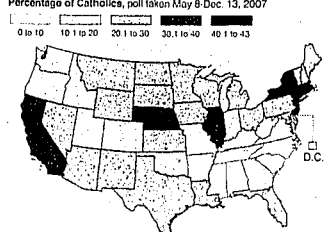
seven other countries since he was elected in 2005, but a papal journey to the U.S. is like no other because of the church's size and influence. In a nation founded by Protestants, Catholics comprise nearly one-quarter of the population. The U.S. also is home to more than 250 Catholic colleges and universities.

There's an added urgency to this visit. While it will be Benedict's first trip to the country, his trip may also be his last. He turns 81 during his April 15-20 visit to Washington and New York, and he has less interest in travel than his globe-trotting predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

High number of Catholics in Northeast

U.S. Catholics comprise nearly one-quarter of the nation's population. The highest number is in the Northeast region, according to a recent poll.

Percentage of Catholics, poll taken May 8-Dec. 13, 2007



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Bush and Putin open farewell talks in Russia

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press writer

SOCIIL Russia — President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin opened suspenseful farewell talks Saturday as the White House abandoned hopes they would resolve differences over U.S. missile defense plans, one of the most contentious issues in a long list of security disputes. They began their meeting with a warm handshake and smiles at Putin's heavily wooded retreat on the Black Sea. Putin took Bush to the second floor of a guesthouse to show off a tabletop display of the 2014 Winter Olympics that will be held here. "This is your yacht," he joked to Bush, pointing at a 3-inch-wide ship on a blue patch representing the water. Bush chuckled.

Later, the two leaders joined each other on stage during entertainment at dinner and took part in a traditional folk dance featuring a Cossack chorus. In a speech in Croatia before arriving, Bush raised a sensitive point by praising the spread of Western-style democracy across Eastern Europe to Russia's border. It is matter of considerable concern to the Kremlin as it watches the rapidly growing NATO military alliance push against its door.

In the twilight of their presidencies, Bush and Putin met in hopes of reversing a yearslong slide in relations and leaving their successors a broad strategy for more cooperation and less confrontation. The list of grievances between the two sides is formidable. Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, had raised hopes Monday of a missile defense deal, saying Sochi presented an opportunity to reach an agreement, but the White House dropped that line Saturday as Bush flew to Russia.

Bush and Putin chatted over a dinner of red caviar and ovel loin. Bush and his wife, Laura, sat next to each other, flanked by Putin and Dmitry Medvedev, who takes over on May 7 as president of Russia. Bush and Putin put off business talks until Sunday when they are scheduled to meet for an hour and announce the results of their discussions at a climactic news conference promising a preview of the future of U.S.-Russia relations. Bush and Medvedev also are to meet.



U.S. President George Bush walks with Russian President Vladimir Putin at his summer residence in Sochi, Russia Saturday.

Official: Abbas, Olmert to resume meetings on peace process

By Laurie Copans
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — Israeli and Palestinian leaders will resume their regular meetings on Monday to review progress in U.S.-backed efforts to work out a peace deal by year's end, a Palestinian negotiator said Saturday.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas had called off his meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert at the beginning of March in response to an Israeli anti-rocket raid on the Gaza Strip that killed 120 people, dozens of them civilians. The leaders had committed to meet every two weeks, but they last met Feb. 19.

Abbas and Olmert will talk in the meeting about how much each side has done to meet its peace obligations, a negotiation South Africa said Saturday.

An Israeli official said he expected the leaders to meet at the beginning of the week.

He said Olmert had wanted to resume the talks earlier, but Abbas had refused. He spoke on condition of anonymity because Olmert's office had not yet issued an official statement.

Under an American-backed peace plan, Israel must remove illegal settlement outposts and ease travel restrictions, while the Palestinians must rein in militants.

China vows to strengthen 'patriotic education' campaign

By Yini Tan
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — China vowed Saturday to ramp up a campaign to strengthen patriotic education for Buddhist monks to denounce the Dalai Lama and declare their loyalty to Beijing.

But resentment over "patriotic education" has ignited protests that have left eight people dead in recent days in a southwestern province and could fuel future unrest despite a massive security presence aimed at quelling the demonstrations.

The Tibet Daily newspaper reported Saturday that the government pledged to "strengthen patriotic education" especially among young monks to help them become patriotic, religion-loving and law-abiding.

"We should strengthen patriotic education so as to guide the masses of monks to continuously display the banner of patriotism," the paper quoted Bao Peng, Tibet's deputy Communist Party chief, as saying.

China has been using the much-reviled practice of enforcing patriotism education for more than a decade in an attempt to exert greater control over religion. The practice requires monks to do ritual denunciations of their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, and accept the Chinese-appointed Panchen Lama, the second-highest ranking Buddhist leader.

The campaign had exacerbated tensions in Tibet in the months before anti-government demonstrations exploded in mid-March in the regions capital, Lhasa, and neighboring provinces.

The protests are the largest and most sustained challenge to China's 57-year rule in the Himalayan region. China's subsequent crackdown has

drawn international scrutiny and criticism in the run-up to this summer's Olympic Games.

Chinese authorities say 22 people died in anti-Beijing riots that broke out March 14 in Lhasa. The Tibetan government-in-exile says up to 140 were killed in the protests and ensuing crackdown.

Beijing has accused Dalai Lama supporters of orchestrating the violence, a charge the spiritual leader has repeatedly denied.

China imposed a military clampdown on a large swath of the western part of the country in an effort to rein in the anti-government demonstrations. But continuing unrest continued, partly ignited by the compulsory patriotic education.

Overseas activists groups say eight people were killed in the latest round of deadly protests in the southwestern

Sichuan province on Thursday. State media reported late Friday that one government official was seriously injured in what it described as a riot.

The incident was sparked when a team of government officials attempted to enforce patriotic education at the Toukar monastery in the Garze Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, according to the London-based Free Tibet Campaign and the International Campaign for Tibet.

But the monks refused to criticize the Dalai Lama, and thousands of paramilitary troops searched the monastery for pictures of the exiled Tibetan leader. Two monks were detained after his pictures were found in their quarters.

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EDITORIAL

Where have you gone, Phil Batt?

As the 59th Legislature lurched to a halt last Wednesday, House Democratic leader Wendy Jaquet of Keetchum mused about what Gov. Butch Otter had done wrong.

"Phil Batt could give him a tutorial," said Jaquet, who has worked with four different governors.

That's not an isolated sentiment among veteran lawmakers. Otter, something of a Batt protege, simply doesn't have the coalition-building skills of his mentor.

True, Otter has faced problems Batt didn't have to deal with. Idaho's economy was humming when the Wilder Republican was in the Statehouse from 1995 to 1999, and Batt worked with a couple of canny, consensus-minded Republicans from Blackfoot — Mike Simpson and Jerry Twigg — as speaker of the House and Senate president, respectively.

Otter, on the other hand, is confronted with a shrinking economy and a House GOP leadership that doesn't particularly care what he wants.

Still, there are big differences between the two men.

Batt, now 81 and retired in Boise, came of political age during the 1930s, when political labels in the Idaho Legislature were less important than horse-trading skills.

The model was Pete Cenarrusa of Carey, speaker of the House when Batt came to the Legislature in 1965 and later Secretary of State for 36 years. Batt tells the story of how, as a freshman, he voted for Cenarrusa's opponent. Instead of retaliating, Cenarrusa gave Batt an important committee assignment because he respected Batt's integrity and ability.

Batt's other life-changing experience was losing to Democrat John Evans in the 1982 governor's race. At the height of the Reagan revolution, it was an election that Batt was expected to win. But he learned from his mistakes, so well that he never lost another election — and led the Idaho Republican Party back on top after the disastrous 1990 election.

Batt is Republican to the core, but he cares more about his state than his politics. After he left the Statehouse he remarked that Idaho would be better off if the Democrats fielded more effective candidates.

In his own political peril, Batt pushed workman's compensation for migrant farmworkers through a skeptical Legislature and he brokered an agreement with the federal government to remove all nuclear waste from the Idaho National Laboratory.

His genius was getting feuding parties to act in their own enlightened self-interest. That's called leadership.

By contrast, Otter has never been in the political minority and never learned the art of coalition building.

A coalition is a temporary alliance; a marriage of convenience that allows people to achieve long-term goals by sacrificing short-term interests.

Batt, a conciliator, knew that instinctively. It's not clear that Otter, whose politics are based on strongly held principles about personal rights and responsibilities, understands that yet.

Otter makes philosophical points with many of the political decisions he makes. Batt didn't feel the need.

Aid like any real leader, Batt learned more from his failures than from his successes.

Maybe the current governor is simply at the beginning of a learning curve and may yet become just as effective — or more so — than Batt.

Idaho would benefit if he does.

Our view:
Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has a lot to learn about the untidy business of give-and-take. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Let a little short of breath the other day, walking up a hill. Uh-oh. A niggert of worry lodged for a moment in my mind. At 50-something, I'm in decent enough shape. I don't smoke. I walk several miles most days, and I can still beat my 40-something friend at tennis. Not exactly a candidate for a heart attack. But still, I've read all those stories about women like me, the ones with no risk factors for cardiac disease who were suddenly hit with an attack.



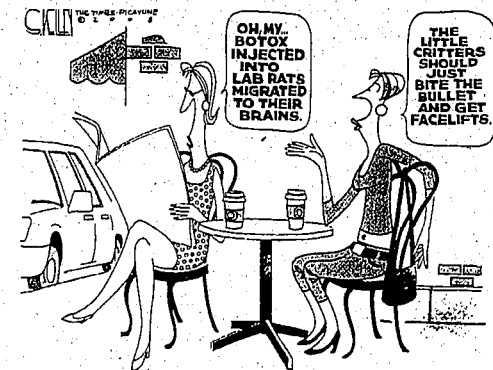
SHANNON BROWNLEE

Maybe you've had the same worries — wondered whether some sharp little twinge was heartburn or a heart attack, whether that nasty headache was caused by tension or a stroke. It's not as though we're actually sick.

In fact, most of my friends and I, like most middle-aged Americans, are a tad healthily loopy. If I asked my friends how long they plan to live, I'd bet they'd answer like the respondents to a recent UPI poll, which found that a majority of Americans believe they'll live well into their 80s and beyond — even though the average U.S. life expectancy is 77. It's not that we fear we're in imminent danger of death, but that we think we have to be hyper-vigilant about disease to put it off as long as possible.

That's what worries me. By constantly reminding us to be on the lookout for illness, doctors and the media have made many Americans feel more anxious. I'm not so sure their warnings have made us any healthier, but they have decidedly eroded our sense of well-being. We worry about every ache and pain; we fret that the least

Sooner or later, something's going to kill you



Stuff to fret about

- Sometimes, new "diseases" aren't really diseases. Just expanded definitions of existing conditions. Here are a few you've probably only recently heard of:
- Restless legs syndrome
 - Pro-diabetes
 - Social anxiety disorder
 - Premenstrual dysphoric disorder
 - Osteopenia
 - Overactive bladder
 - Gastroesophageal reflux disease

little sign of sadness in a teenager is a symptom of clinical depression. But in viewing so many aspects of ordinary human experience as treatable diseases, we may have granted medicine more power than it deserves — or is good for us.

I realize that a contrarian view of medical progress. But think about all the messages we constantly get from the medical world and the media: Watch your weight. Know your cholesterol. Learn the warning signs of stroke. Get more sleep, or you'll have car accidents. That rule on your back? Could be melanoma. Feeling

constipated? Might be ovarian cancer. Take the test. Know your numbers. See your doctor.

In case you've missed the point, there are headlines like this one that appeared in *Forbes* magazine: "Medical Symptoms You Shouldn't Ignore." And a new book: "Body Signs: From Warning Signs to False Alarms ... How to Be Your Own Diagnostic Detective" — a compendium of symptoms ranging from dry skin to excessive hiccupping that could signal serious conditions. The book's mission is to "alert you, warn you, maybe even scare you into going to the doctor."

Scaring people, of course, being the operative idea here. Patient advocacy groups such as the American Cancer Society have long believed that the way to improve the nation's health is to increase "awareness" of this or that disease, and the best way to increase awareness is to frighten people into their doctors' offices. As early as 1936, the American Cancer Society was using slogans like "No one is safe from cancer" in an effort to get women to go in for a breast exam.

Today, patient-advocacy groups routinely sound the alarm about whatever condition they're trying to eradicate, either by inflating the number of people affected or by exaggerating the danger. The National Sleep Foundation, for example, a group dedicated to encouraging Americans to get more rest, recently released a poll claiming that a whopping 75 percent of us are so sleep-deprived that it's interfering with our sex lives. That's one heck of a lot of sleepy, undersexed people, and it's pretty hard to believe, given that the National Institutes of Health find that at most 21 percent of the population has recurrent insomnia. A few years back, at least one breast cancer patient advocacy group was claiming that the National Institutes of Health find that at most 21 percent of the population has recurrent insomnia. A few years back, at least one breast cancer patient advocacy group was claiming that the National Institutes of Health find that at most 21 percent of the population has recurrent insomnia. A few years back, at least one breast cancer patient advocacy group was claiming that the National Institutes of Health find that at most 21 percent of the population has recurrent insomnia.

Shannon Brownlee is the author most recently of "Overbreathed: Why Too Much Medicine Is Making Us Sicker and Poorer." She wrote this commentary for the Las Vegas Times.

Rumors of newspapers' demise exaggerated

It's become fashionable to say that newspapers are going the way of the buggy whip and the service station attendant who wipes your windshield.

Not so fast, folks. We're not dead yet. While it's true that people don't get their news in the same way they did in the past, newspapers are still alive and kicking. We're just adapting to new technology — something we've done many times and likely will do again.

Newspapers have been around since ancient Rome, when official pronouncements and gossip about mentally unstable emperors were carved into stone tablets.

Over the centuries we've survived the introduction of paper, movable type, steam-powered presses, the telegraph, photographs, radio, television, color ink and the Internet. Each new technology drove evolution.

The way we write most news stories, for example, was developed during the Civil War by reporters sending dispatches on that newfangled telegraph. They put the important facts first, rather than writing chronologically, because pesky rebels were always cutting the wires. People liked it, so we still do that way.

The Internet is causing the most profound change ever. This newspaper, for example, runs less international and national news because of it. That disappoints some readers, but it's a measure of how we're adapting.

Thirty-five years ago when I was a kid forking, silage east of Eden, the Magic Valley had three significant news sources: This newspaper, a television station and a news radio station. What they had was all you could have. Today we have access to almost limitless sources of world news. If I want to catch up on events in Algiers, I can call up *Ech Chorouk*. Or in Yumi, I can flip the satellite to China Central TV. But if I want to find out what's happening in south-central Idaho, I turn to



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James G. Wright

this newspaper or our sister ship in Burley, the *South Idaho Press*. No other source matches our depth and range of coverage.

So rather than trying to compete against the whole world, we concentrate on news close to home. That will keep us in business for a long time to come, even as we evolve.

We're becoming a news organization that feeds not only a paper edition but also *MagicValley.com*, which offers everything from the paper plus video reports available only on television.

Most newspapers now do this, and the results are promising. Lee Enterprises, which owns this newspaper, recently researched news consumption in its 10 biggest media markets. From Billings to Tucson to St. Louis researchers found that readership of news on paper is stagnant but the total audience is actually increasing.

About half of survey respondents said they read the print edition, far less than in the olden days when 80 percent said they regularly read the dead tree edition or its digital doppleganger — or both. That means people still want local news, and they want it from their local newspaper. Some just want it delivered to a computer screen instead of their front porch.

The researchers didn't look at our media market, but it's safe to say that our audience is comparable. One day we'll shut down the press and sell it for scrap. But that's not happening any time soon, and by the time it does we'll be up and running with much the same fare as an all-digital newspaper operation.

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That will keep us in business for a long time to come, even as we evolve.

Technology constantly changes. News and newspapers constantly change. The only constants in life are death, taxes and unstable economies.

Say goodbye to Matt Christensen, who leaves today after three years at the *Times-News*.

Matt spent a year on staff as a feature writer then shifted to the environment beat. In a relatively short time he came up to speed on a number of thorny environmental issues — everything from CARs to water rights — and acquitted himself well.

In a week or so Matt will start work as city editor of a sister paper in Winona, Minn., where the only water pollution appears to be extreme humidity. File, wife Melissa and their new baby, Madeline, will be missed.

Reporter Nate Poppino, who has been covering health and social services, will succeed Matt on the environment beat.

You may also notice a new byline: Andrea Jackson — not a new reporter, just a new name for a journalist formerly known as Gates.

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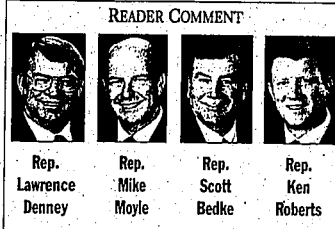
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Business tax exemption will help all Idahoans

The Idaho Legislature has produced a "going home" bill that Idaho business operators, large and small, can appreciate.

With House Republicans taking the lead, the Legislature approved landmark legislation that would allow for business operators to exempt up to \$160,000 from the personal property tax on business equipment. The measure provides almost \$17.4 million in tax relief for businesses and covers about 88 percent of businesses.

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into the hands of employers doesn't just sit idle. It is reinvested into equipment and people. Economic studies clearly show that elimination of this tax not only benefits employers, but will increase the personal income of

Idaho citizens. We congratulate members of a House-Senate Conference committee for a job well done as far as working out the differences between House and Senate bills. We especially appreci-

ate the efforts of Reps. Dennis Lake and Jim Clark, who are widely respected for their knowledge of tax policy, for their negotiations on behalf of the House and helping make a good bill better.

Reps. Lake and Clark insisted on three major elements:

- Raising the exemption to \$160,000, as opposed to the \$75,000 offered in the Senate bill. This allows for more than \$2 million more in tax relief.
- Creating a "trigger" mechanism that would kick in unless Idaho experienced 5 percent in growth. None of us can say for certain what the economic outlook will be in a year. The

trigger mechanism gives protection to the state budget in the event of an economic downturn.

- Establishing limitations on the exemptions. A business with three locations in one county can claim only one exemption and not three.

We find it a bit amusing some of the opposition to the creation of this conference committee. Some said that the House should approve the Senate bill and go home. Others suggested that a conference committee would "muddy it up... In ways that may lead to its demise." One editorial agreed with that assessment, saying it would cause a "bad outcome" for businesses in Idaho.

None of those dire predictions came true. On the House side, we had some technical issues to address — and they were addressed. We had some constructive changes to offer — and the changes were made without fuss.

The end result was something that serves Idaho well, which is what the legislative process should be all about.

Rep. Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives; Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star, is the House majority leader; Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Kelley, is the Assistant majority leader; Rep. Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, is the Republican Caucus chairman. Together, they make up the House GOP leadership.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GDP deserves same scorn shown to '60s Democrats

I remember the late '60s when the Democratic Party unraveled. Leading the charge were people overly impressed with the certainty of their arguments. Most of them were Democrats and belonged to the same party pursuing the war. While I was working very hard trying to kill the other guy in Vietnam — and the other guy was working equally hard to kill me — it seemed like half my fellow countrymen were rooting for the other guy. It was an experience that convinced me never to be a Democrat.

Last, I am now 49 years. The same thing is happening to the Republican Party. Leading today's charge are people equally impressed with themselves — self-anointed patriots, typified by radio and television news anchors. And the Democratic Party did with the "hippies," the Republican Party got in bed with them. Once again, young Americans fight and die for a divided nation. War is no playground for stupid people. The cost of being wrong is simply too great.

Rush Limbaugh's specificity, and talk radio generally, attacks on Gen. Eric Shinseki's name files for standing pat on troop numbers required to "liberate" Iraq sound like excuses. If Limbaugh and his ilk had questioned these numbers as vigorously as they do John McCain's conservative credentials, America would not have more than 4,000 troops in action. Instead, while Republican leaders remained silent, talk radio "experts" like Limbaugh attacked Shinseki and anyone else who dared question Republican policy as blasphemy. Consequently, the U.S. Republican Party deserves the same scorn heaped upon the '60s Democrats. Both parties succumbed to the lowest common denominator for their spokespersons. With the surge as evidence, the entire conservative talk show industry should publicly apologize to Shinseki, today's soldiers and their families for being so grotesquely wrong. Otherwise, Iraq may be an experience that convinces young people not to become Republicans.

CARY ELLER
Twin Falls

Approve bond to address overcrowding, other items

Filer School Bond: do we really need it? The answer to this question is simple: Yes! At the Filer elementary, middle school and high school, we are hustling at the seams. For the past year, I have been a part of the Long Range Planning Committee for the school district. We have gathered information on the projected growth, growth in the past and other pertinent information that added in the decision of the committee proposing a new building to be built. This building will be located just north of the existing elementary. It will house fourth through sixth-grade students. There will also be classrooms at the high school and improvements made at the Filer Elementary and Middle schools and Hollister Elementary. The bond also covers a sports complex project that includes a public rest-

room-storage-locker room-concession building

One of the concerns I have heard from the community is about the Hollister School being closed if the bond passes. This will not happen. At this time, Hollister School is a great asset to our district.

Another concern would be the maintenance of the schools. "If we can't take care of what we've got, why should we get more?" Yes, I believe a few things could be improved upon and done differently. But that doesn't change the fact that we are out of classroom space and improvements still need to be made.

Not everyone will agree, but I encourage parents and patrons in the district to come down to any of the schools for a tour and see the needs of our district. Also, everyone is welcome at our planning meetings and any questions you have, we can answer there. The district office can also answer any question you might have.

JULIE KOVLE Filer

Vote yes for Filer School District bond

The Filer School District has proposed a school bond for this coming spring. I would like to encourage all the members of the Filer area to vote for this bond.

There is an opportunity before the Filer School District members to step forward and take care of the immediate needs of the community. It is true that this bond will not prepare for some future growth but, most importantly, we also need to consider the immediate needs of the school district.

The elementary school is very much in need of renovation and remodeling. In addition, there has been a large growth through this portion of our community. An intermediate school is badly needed and will provide the most flexibility for meeting the needs of this portion of the people. The renovation and remodeling of the middle school will also provide the maximum use of this facility. It seems to me to be a very good option and the best use of a resource.

The high school is also in need of more room. I fully support the proposed additions to the high school as they also will allow the school to meet the needs and obligations of education in our area. There have been false rumors of the Hollister Elementary School closing. This is indeed a false rumor. The Long Range Planning Committee has done an outstanding job of trying to develop a plan that meets the needs of our school district and closing the Hollister Elementary School is not part of that plan.

This is the time for those of us who live in the Filer area to recognize our current obligations as well as have the vision to plan for the future. Economically, this bond makes sense. Logistically, the expansion and remodeling of current schools makes sense. In my opinion, the only thing that would not make sense is voting no on this bond.

Be sure and get out and vote yes on the Filer School bond in May!

JEFF ACKERMAN
Filer

OTHER VIEWS

How did the Legislature do?

Idaho Statesman, Boise

The shaky economy overshadowed almost every big decision facing the 2008 Legislature — including Wednesday's final vote on a tax break for businesses.

But this time, lawmakers did something they too often failed to do this session. They cooperated and got results.

Without a single dissenting vote, they passed a sound, affordable bill providing all businesses a break on a cumbersome property tax that they now pay on supplies, furnishings and equipment. For all of this session's failings — including a woeful lack of progress on transportation issues — the Legislature managed to end a long and often unproductive 67-day session on a positive note.

Not a bad 67th day's work, considering where the House and Senate were in the district. The House — which had passed a budget-busting plan to phase in a \$110 million to \$120 million repeal, mostly benefiting big business — had rejected a responsible \$1.5 million Senate counteroffer.

A House-Senate conference committee bridged the \$100 million gap within two hours.

In the battle over the bond, Senate negotiators Brent Hill, R-Redmond, Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, and David Langhorst, D-Boise, won big time. They agreed only to a modest increase. The package will now cover \$100,000 of a company's



property up from the \$75,000 cap the Senate approved a week ago. The bill will now remove personal property tax for 88 percent of Idaho businesses, yet still come in at a reasonable \$17.4 million. The House bowed before the Senate and did fiscal reality.

In return, House negotiators Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, Jim Clark, R-Lagden Lake, and Bill Killam, D-Boise, secured one concession that improves the bill: The tax break now will go into effect only if state revenues increase by 5 percent the preceding year. This means the state can't be on the hook to reimburse the \$17.4 million in local property tax collections during a down economy.

So businesses get tax relief. The state's taxpayers won't have to pay on the \$120 million in tax breaks. The only loser may be the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, the business lobby that pushed for a complete repeal of this tax, despite

signals of economic slowdown.

But nobody got everything they wanted this session. Not just IACI, traditionally one of the state's most powerful lobbies. Gov. Butch Otter started the session pushing for an additional \$210 million for highway repairs he got nothing. Otter also wanted \$50 million for a college scholarship endowment and will have to settle for \$10 million. Many of his other ambitious plans for surplus dollars dissipated over the session — much like the surplus itself.

Throughout this session, tax collections consistently fell short of projections. Every request for spending and tax relief was viewed in the context of a shaky economy. Ultimately, the House made the smart call in following the Senate's lead. The House abandoned the fully phased-in repeal — but the House didn't punish businesses by letting modest but meaningful tax relief fall prey to legislative infighting.

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signals of economic slowdown.

The personal property tax debate is not over. Surely, in future years, lawmakers will debate increasing this break — or eliminating the tax entirely, freeing businesses from the paperwork of maintaining an inventory of supplies and equipment. I think we'll be revisiting this," Stegner said during Wednesday's conference committee meeting.

Let's hope the next round of negotiations are as constructive as Wednesday's talks. And let's hope this spirit of cooperation extends to the other unfinished business awaiting the 2008 Legislature — starting with Idaho's highway construction crisis.

On eBay, everything resembles money

Y ou know you are in the wrong line of work when someone sells a cornflake on ebay for \$1,350.

Two Virginia sisters got someone to buy the cornflake because it vaguely resembles the outline of the state of Illinois. The 15-year-old sister said she was stuffing dry Frosted Flakes into her mouth between classes when she abruptly stopped because she noticed one of the flakes was in the shape of Illinois.

I find this story highly questionable given the geography skills of the average American high-schooler. Many students are unable to recognize the outline of the United States, let alone a state in which they do not live.

Also — and I in no way mean to insult the people who live there — the state of Illinois does not have what you call a distinctive shape. It's kind of bulbous and resembles the profile of a portly man — Altered Hitecreek comes immediately to mind — munching a fistful of Frosted Flakes.

It is not like some other states — and I in no way mean to congratulate the people who live there — like Florida, which has a highly distinctive shape, though one that is in desperate need of Viagra.

Stories like this make me mad, not because I question their authenticity



DAVID GRIMES

but because I wonder what riches might await me on ebay, assuming I knew how to auction anything on eBay, which I do not.

For example, as I scratch my head while writing this column, I notice that I have a dandruff flake that is in the shape of the Dandelion. This must certainly be worth more than a cornflake in the shape of a deceased movie director, especially since Hitecreek, for all his talent, did not have to fend off the Chinese army.

Also, I do not see why inanimate objects have to resemble something else to be valuable. I am not a distinguished art collector per se, but it seems to me that a thing that represents nothing more than itself should attract bidders, too.

For example, there is a hard-boiled egg in my refrigerator that is a perfect representation of a hard-boiled egg. Smooth, white shell. No cracks or dents. Neutral aroma. If I were a hard-boiled egg, I would ask to marry me.

I am not a greedy person, so I will start the bidding for my hard-boiled egg at \$500. Just to spice up the pot,

Stories like this make me mad, not because I question their authenticity but because I wonder what riches might await me on eBay, assuming I knew how to auction anything on eBay, which I do not.

the winning bidder will also receive a half-full jar of mustard.

The brown kind, of course.

The Virginia sisters may think I am being overly generous in making this offer, but that's just the way I operate. Also, notice that your receipt is in the shape of Richard Nixon's nose.

Now that's value.

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Some schools labeling kids as sexual harassers

By Bridget Schultz
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In his seven years, Randy Castro has been an aspiring soccer player, an accomplished Lego architect and a Royal Ranger at his Pentecostal church. He also, according to his elementary school record, sexually harassed a first-grade classmate.

During recess at his Woodbridge, Va., school one day in November, when he was 6, he said, he smacked the classmate's bottom. The girl told the teacher. The teacher took Randy to the principal, who told him such behavior was inappropriate. School officials wrote an incident report calling it "sexual Touching Against Student." Offensiveness will remain on his student record permanently.

Then, as Randy sat in the principal's office, they called the police.

I thought they were going to take me to prison," Randy said recently. "I was scared."

Prince William County school officials would not comment on Randy's case, citing student confidentiality. They said the call to police was the result of a misunderstanding.

Randy is only one of many children to be dealt with harshly as schools across the country grapple with enforcing new zero-tolerance sexual harassment policies and the fear of litigation.

The Virginia Department of Education reported that 255 elementary students were suspended last year for offensive sexual touching, or "inappropriate physical contact against a student."

In 2006, a kindergarten in Hagerstown, Md., was accused of sexual harassment after pinching a female classmate's buttocks. A 4-year-old in Texas was given an in-school suspension after a teacher's aide accused him of sexual

harassment for pressing his face into her breasts when he hugged her.

they see on TV." Randy sat on the lower bunk in his bedroom recently and explained what happened Nov. 26 on the playground at Potomac View Elementary School. Katherine DeLeon, a classmate who regularly came over to play, was kneeling on a bench, talking to friends. He said he saw another boy race over to the girl, which whirled her on the bottom and run away, giggling and pretending he hadn't done it. He did it twice more, Randy said.

Randy said he thought it looked like fun, so he joined in, hitting her and running away twice. "Every time he hit her, she laughed," Randy said. "When I hit her, she told the teacher."

she said. "He didn't mean anything by it. I'm upset with the school."

make a police report on a 6-year-old. But the principal told me that they were making reports to the police every single day."

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The vast Anglo-Australian accent conspiracy

In the Oscar-winning movie "No Country for Old Men," actress Kelly Macdonald plays a mousy trailer-dweller with a drawl bigger than West Texas.

It's funny, Macdonald is from Glasgow and in real life speaks with an almost impenetrable Scottish burr.

And she has lots of company. Half of the American accents you hear on TV or in films are being faked by foreigners.

Forget about the insidious threat of Al-Qaida: America is being infiltrated by Brits and Aussies who, through the miracle of dialect coaching, sound exactly like us.

Take Hugh Laurie, star of the hit Fox medical drama "House."

Laurie had already been cast as the cantankerous Dr. Gregory House before he admitted to the show's executive producer, Bryan Singer, that he was English.

And Anthony LaPaglia, who plays an FBI agent with a New York accent on the NBC crime drama "Without a Trace" — a show's executive producer, Bryan Singer, that he was English.

LaPaglia's first gig on American television was a drunken Cockney ne'er-do-well on the comedy "Frazier."

LaPaglia claims he's completely lost his Aussie accent. So how do you know that anybody who sounds American actually is? You don't.

Cate Blanchett, Toni Collette, Hugh Jackman, Geoffrey Rush, Naomi Watts, Tom Wilkinson, Daniel Day-Lewis, Geoffrey Rush, Christian Bale, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Keira Knightley and Kate Beckinsale all sound like anybody you'd meet at the checkout line at Fred Meyer.

How hard are Americans to mislead? You'll flatten your "s's," change the "r" sound in words to the letters that follow them ("so to say" is "soda say," "printer" becomes "priner"), and drop the "l" off the end of words ("what" becomes "wha"). You're halfhearted there.

It does take a little concentration, Laurie likens carrying on a TV dialogue with real American actors to playing tennis with a trout when everybody else is using a racket.

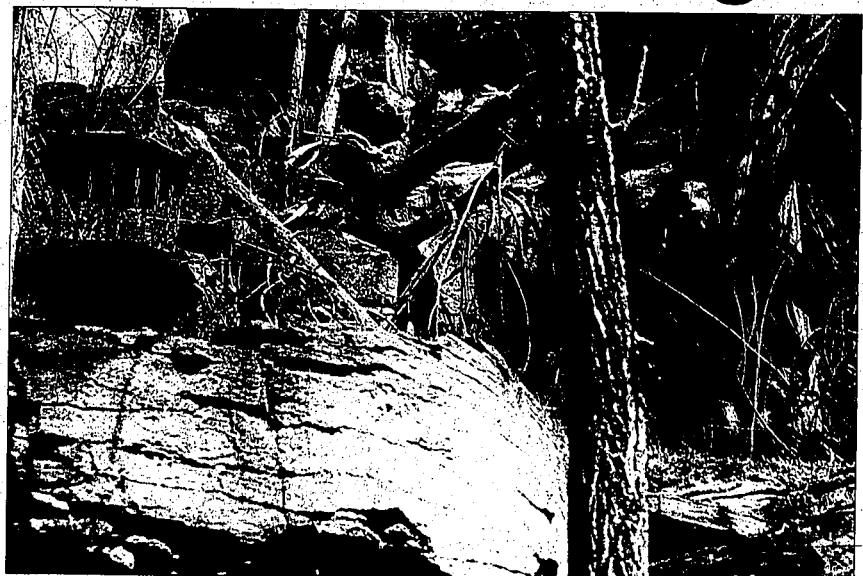
But Laurie bails from Oxford, the absolute epicenter of the perfect queen's English. If he can dumb down to Yank-speak, anybody can.

So it follows logically that we Americans talk funny. Worse, we don't know it. And I suspect that after Laurie, Macdonald and LaPaglia finish a long day's work sounding like Americans, they go back to their dressing rooms and laugh at us hysterically.

So I'm on my guard these days for anybody who sounds too American, present company included. Seems to me you say "ahnt-a-gonna" way too much.

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The other kind of golf



Disc golfer Charlie Laub watches as his disc makes it into a mobile basket that can become a permanent hole in a disc golf course in Rock Creek Park. About two-dozen disc golfers gathered Saturday at the Twin Falls park to meet with county officials to tour proposed plans for a course. Members of the South Idaho Chuckers, a local disc golf club, were also gathering comments and suggestions from people who were using the park for other reasons.

Disc golf event draws dozens to Rock Creek Park

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

With a slight bend of the knee, Kemp Gallegos, 28, clutched the blue disc and drew back his arm for the wind up.

Then he let go and watched the disc sail through the air, clearing trees before nailing a spot, landing a hundred yards out.

"That's a great shot," said his friend, Jake Salinas, 27, watching nearby. "That's right where you want to be."

The two friends were among the dozens who participated in a day of disc golf hosted by the Southern Idaho Chuckers at a temporary course at Rock Creek Park. The event was to justify to Twin Falls County that the course would see enough

use to be made permanent — but not be a distraction to other park users.

The sport is a hybrid of Frisbee and golf and often called, "throw." Players throw discs — they vary according to the type of throw — toward metal baskets, which serve as "holes." It shares many traits with golf, including scoring nicknames like "birdie" and "bogey." The modern version, created in the 1970s, is played on courses similar to those used by golfers and overseen by the Professional Disc Golf Association.

Gallegos and Salinas were joined by a group of friends as they attacked the winding 18 holes that line the trail on the north end of the park, away from the gazebos and RV Park.

Shane Black, 33, the group's organizer, said the game is good for exercise and hanging with friends. But with more people signing on — Black said he plays at least once a week — a permanent course would be beneficial.

Last month, a popular disc golf course at Thomsen Park

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Dietrich man sent to hospital after motorcycle crash

Staff report

A 62-year-old man from Dietrich is in the hospital after crashing his motorcycle Friday evening.

The accident occurred at about 6:50 p.m. on state Highway 24 near mile marker 63 in Lincoln County.

Stephen Southwick was driving his Honda motorcycle eastbound on Highway 24 when he veered off the left side of the road. He then lost control, struck a barbed-wire fence and was thrown from the motorcycle, according to a news release issued Saturday by the Idaho State Police.

Police say it is unknown what caused him to veer off the roadway.

Southwick was transported by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. He was listed in critical condition Saturday evening.

ISP is still investigating the incident.

Senate, House sing different songs in finale

BOISE — In the final hours of the 2008 Legislature last Wednesday, as adjournment neared and lawmakers mullied the previous 87 days, the Senate and House did so in two very different — yet traditional — ways.

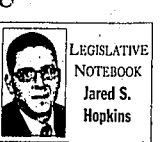
In the House, four lawmakers gave farewell speeches. They lasted a combined 10 minutes. The gavel came down around 4:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, in the Senate, as is custom, the speeches took two hours and 13 lawmakers spoke. The Senate finished officially at 6:13 p.m. Hugs and handshakes followed.

The ceremonial speeches are typical in the 35-member Senate. Leaders from both parties thank their colleagues, legislative staff, judges, security personnel — pretty much everyone who makes the Capitol machine work. Retiring senators also speak, often reminiscing about their services.

Each year, as veteran legislative staffers will testify, emotions run high.

So do the hands. In 2007, a handful of senators cried prior to adjournment as they spoke of sur-



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living nasty political fights that had become personal. The speeches are always followed by applause, a standing ovation if it was from someone special. This year, the longest ones came from those leaving the chamber. Sens. David Langhorst, D-Boise, who is running for county commissioner, and Mel Richardson, R-Idaho Falls, and Mike Burkett, D-Boise, who are retiring.

They shared stories from their political career, offered lessons that they've learned and, as was often the case, told their colleagues what exactly it is the Legislature does.

"What we're doing here is real," said the 80-year-old Richardson, who served eight terms. "Often times we can't make a difference in the lives of people and

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Twin Falls Public Library prepares new room for teen readers

By Damon Hunziker
Correspondent

"Teenagers prefer to have a room of their own, and they're about to get one at the Twin Falls Public Library."

Currently, the books and periodicals directed toward teens can be found amid literature for younger kids, near the dinosaur sign that reads "Be a Readsaurus!" — not exactly the kind of thing that appeals to 17-year-olds working on Mark Twain book reports.

Within the next five months, the library will open "Escapes—an acronym devised by the teen advisory board that stands for 'youth — super colossal absolutely positively electrifying spaces.'"

Annie-Laurie Burton, the

"Everything for teens used to be next to the preschool section, which wasn't good for teens or preschoolers."

— Annie-Laurie Burton, Twin Falls Public Library's youth-services supervisor

library's assistant director and youth-services supervisor, said, "Everything for teens used to be next to the preschool section, which wasn't good for teens or preschoolers."

The room will be divided into several areas — an Internet section and a place to play games among them. It will also have a "quiet room," but it's part of one large room separated by bookshelves, so the silence is more of a recommendation than a guarantee.

"It isn't visually divided, but it is by function," Burton said.

In these digital days, libraries seem less relevant than in the past, but Burton provided a different perspective. "You'd think that would be the case," she said, "but in reality, it doesn't seem to be true at all. We've seen an increase recently, and one reason is that young people today tend to be socially motivated. They

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"What we're doing here is real. Often times we can't make a difference in the lives of people and we're able to do that in the Senate."

— Mel Richardson, R-Idaho Falls

Anita Lea Monson Heward

BURLEY — Anita Lea Monson Heward, age 55, passed away Friday, April 4, 2008, at a Mintoka Memorial Hospital.

Anita was the daughter of Allyn Lester and Louise Helliwell Monson. She was born Dec. 21, 1952, in



Burley. She spent her early childhood in the Declo area, but was raised primarily in the Star Area. Anita was active in the 4-H and won many state and national awards. In her later life, Anita's hobbies included sewing, crafting, quilting and gardening. She also had a great love for music and enjoyed playing the piano and was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

She graduated from Burley High School in 1971 and went on to Ricks College, where she received her associate's degree in administration. While at Ricks College, she met her eternal companion, Gerald Lynn Heward. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on Sept. 27, 1973. Lynn and Anita lived and farmed in the Utah area and were married for 34 years.

Anita was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She fulfilled many church callings throughout her life, from Primary to Stake Relief Society president. While serving in these callings, Anita had a dramatic impact on numerous lives in the Burley area.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a grandchild. She is survived by her husband and his parents, Gerald and Doris Heward, and their children and their six children, Leanne (Evans) Oveson of

Parowan, Utah; Joe (Kam) Heward of Rupert, Blair (Kristen) Heward of Burley, Wendell (Peter) Wells of Pocatello; Lacey (Bret) Gillis of Blackfoot; and McKay Heward of Burley. She is also survived by her two sisters, Ronnie (Owen) McBride and Carma (LeGrand) Bedford. Anita had 12 grandchildren who will miss her dearly. She is also survived by many other nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles of her extended family members.

Anita was greatly loved and appreciated by her family and friends. Her hard working and compassionate nature will leave a legacy for everyone who knew her to follow.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Unity 2nd Ward LDS Church building, 275 S. 250 N. of Burley. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Unity church and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Services will conclude with burial in the View Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Arnold Lee Carter

BURLEY — Arnold Lee Carter, a 78-year-old resident of Burley, passed away at his home on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008.

Arnold was born Dec. 18, 1929, in Deer, Ala., the son of John and Nora-Etta Davis Carter. At the age of 12, he and his brother had passed away and he and his brother and sisters were raised by his grandparents. He moved to California as a teen to live with his aunt and uncle and later enlisted in the United States Army and served as a sergeant in Germany. On Jan. 29, 1955, he married his sweetheart, Alice Anderson, and they began their lives together in California.

He worked for Boise Cascade and was offered to transfer to Burley in 1964. He was the production manager there until his retirement in 1993.

He raised and trained hunting dogs and was especially proud of his English Pointer, Dixie, with whom he won many field trials.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, especially with his grandchildren. At the time of Arnold's death, he was survived by his wife, Alice, who passed away April 1, 2008. He is survived by two children, Ronald Carter and Barbara (Tom) Griswold; his grandchildren, Kelle (Michael) Velterson, Ryan Ortlund, Cody Carter, and Cassie and their great-granddaughter, Lexie Velterson; his brother, Kenneth (Janie) Carter; and his sisters, Lonna (Devon) O'Neal and Immy Casey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Jean.

Arnold's family would like to thank Kathy, Melissa, Janet, Maria, Jolene and Julie from Idaho Home Health and Hospice for their loving care and concern.

As per Arnold's wishes, cremation has taken place under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.



Alice Mae Carter

BURLEY — Alice Mae Carter, a 74-year-old resident of Burley, passed away at her home on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, shortly after her husband's passing.

Alice was born Oct. 14, 1933, in Little Elbow Lake, Mahanomen County, Minn., the seventh of 12 children born to Peter and Olav (Westgaard) Anderson. She spent her childhood in Minnesota, where she enjoyed roller skating and ice skating. When she was in her late teens, she moved to California to live with her sister, Marie. She worked for Sears in the Catalog Department and then for the telephone company as an operator, both of which she loved working at.

It was at this time she met her husband, Arnold, at a dance where he knew she was the one for him. They were married in Reno, Nev., on Jan. 29, 1955. Alice became a stay-at-home mom and took great pride in keeping a clean house and cooking wonderful meals. The family moved to Burley in 1984, where they've since resided. Alice had great times on her bowling leagues and made the rounds visiting with the elderly neighbors with whom she had great relationships.

Alice is survived by her children, Ronald Carter of Pocatello and Barbara (Tom) Griswold of Rupert; her grandchildren, Kelle (Michael) Velterson of Rupert, Ryan Ortlund of Las Vegas, Nev., Cody Carter of Utah, and Cassie and Celine Carter of Pocatello; great-granddaughter, Lexie Velterson; her sister, Jean Carret; and brother, Victor Anderson of Federal Way, Wash.; her brothers, Richard, Raymond, Robert and Marvin Anderson of Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold, on Feb. 28, 2008; her parents; sisters, Marie Wehrum, Ann Anderson and Grace Verne; and brothers, Floyd and Ernie Anderson.

We would like to express our thanks to all of the wonderful nurses and aides from Idaho Home Health & Hospice that were there with professional and loving care during the illness of both Alice and Arnold.

As per Alice's wishes, there will be no service held. Cremation has taken place under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Oleva Marian Borgogno

Oleva Marian Borgogno, 90, died April 3, 2008, at her home with her family around her.

She was born Jan. 5, 1918, in Muren, Ind., to Mary and Marion Russ. She was married to her husband, Walter, in Inlay, Nev., and they married Oct. 16, 1937, in Ogden, Utah. They



enjoyed 62 years together. They had two children, Linda and Larry. She and her husband moved to Tagerman, Idaho, in 1965 from Fiko, Nev., and then in 2005 they moved to Inlay, Idaho.

Oleva enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. She loved to read and play games with family and friends. As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, she truly enjoyed talking about her hope for the future with others.

Oleva is survived by her daughter, Linda Stee (Ted) Dodge; sister, Charabell (Kit) Staples; grandchildren, Belinda and Bill Mann of Twin Falls, Idaho, Rose Marie Gunderson of Moscow, Idaho, and Glen Niemeyer of California; great-grandchildren, Desiree and Bob Harshtarger, Constance and Shae Mayner, Jeremy and Bridget Smith, Travis and Shane Gunderson, Devon Utah, Rebecca and Dussy Wood; along with seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter; son, Larry; grandson, Wade Douglas Smith; and sister, Geri Sloan.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 N. Bliss in Wendell, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Sheldon Roy Yanke

BOISE — Sheldon Roy Yanke, of Bellevue, Idaho, and Jackpot, Nev., died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at his Y3 Ranch in the Jackpot area at the age of 74. He had fought a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer the past six months.



Sheldon was born Sept. 15, 1933, in Watson, Wis., the son of Carl and Margaret (Gleick) Yanke. He came to the Boise Valley when he was 3 years old, with his parents and his brother, Ronald, who was 1 year older at the time. They came in a Model-A Ford and 550 in Carl Yanke's pickup. His father worked for Lubritz Machine Shop and later his own business, Yanke Machine Shop. Sheldon went to Garfield Elementary and graduated from Boise High School in 1952. He went to college at school, he joined the Army. Returning home, he attended Boise Junior College and played football under the supervision of Coach Lytle Smith.

Sheldon started the Y3 Ranch, when he was 16 years old. The Y3 stands for Carl Yanke, Sheldon Yanke and Ronald Yanke. The Y3 brand has been on the State Brand Department for over 57 years. He was still manager

of the Y3 Ranch in Bellevue, Idaho, Y3 Ranch in Jackpot, Nev., and vice president of Yanke Machine Shop in Boise at the time of his death.

Sheldon met his wife of over 52 years, Karen Wahlquist at the Celar in McCall, Idaho, on July 4, 1956. They were married three months later, Oct. 13, 1956, in Boise, Idaho.

Sheldon enjoyed all sports, fishing, hunting, and "Gambing" in Las Vegas. He also enjoyed restoring antique cars and trucks with his son, Mark.

Sheldon is survived by his wife, Karen Yanke; his son, Mark Yanke and his wife, Pamela Yanke; and his granddaughter, Abigail Yanke. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Margaret Yanke; his brother, Ronald Yanke; son, Stanley David Yanke; and daughter, Tracy Lynn Yanke.

There will be a viewing for Sheldon from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1205 W. Bannock Street in Burley. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 7, also at the Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley. Burial will follow at Dry Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Sheldon's name are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 2676 S. Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705, or your favorite charity.

Tad Abo

HEYBURN — Tadashi Abo, a 33-year-old resident of Heyburn, passed away at his home on Friday, April 4, 2008.

He was born March 13, 1975, in O'roville, Calif., the son of Salvatore and Yoshi Kobayashi Abo. He was a graduate of Rupert High School. He married Tsuyu Kawai on Nov. 21, 1991, in Twin Falls.

Tad was a lifelong farmer and livestock producer. He was active in our community, where he served as a member on various boards of directors including the FFA, Paul Labor Camp, Minidoka Irrigation District, ASCS, Minidoka County Lamb and Wood Pool, and the Idaho and National Cattlemen's Associations. He enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing, gardening and traveling.

Tad was a member of the Paul United Methodist Church. Survivors include his children, Carole (Gary)

Kawamura of Pocatello, Betty (Catherine) Reed of West Valley City, Utah, Sharon (Ray) Bryan of Twin Falls and Scott Abo of Heyburn; son-in-law, Loren Hlonsted of Caldwell; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Yanke (Kirk) and Bud Yanke (Sumi) Abo of Heyburn, Isamu Abo of Aracata, Colo., George (Shiz) Abo and Roy Abo, all of Paul.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Tsuyu Abo; his daughter, Lois Hlonsted; and two sisters of Japan.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with the Rev. Elaine Steele officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Paul United Methodist Church Stained-Glass Window Fund in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

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Joseph Lavern Hoffman

KIMBERLY — Joseph Lavern Hoffman, 73, passed away April 4, 2008, with his loving family by his side.

He was born Oct. 11, 1934, in Royal, Neb., to Joseph Hoffman and Mary Buxton. He went to school in Venus, Neb., and Murtaugh. He joined the Army in 1951, enlisted in the Medical Corp on Dec. 5, 1951, and was stationed in Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver, Colo. He took his basic at Camp Pickett, Va. He later enlisted as a medical paratrooper, where he made 120 jumps. Joseph served two tours overseas while serving in the Korean Conflict.

He loved to hunt, fish and be outside and look at the mountains. His favorite thing to do was to fish and hunt with his sons and grandkids. Most of all, he loved being with his family. Surviving are his long life companion, Elizabeth Hoffman of Kimberly; four

daughters, Debbie Pickett (Steve Pickett) of Murtaugh, Sharon (Robert) of Kimberly; Tom Harper (Bob Harper) of Twin Falls and Diane Waltz (Bill Waltz) of Boise, Idaho; two sons, Joe Hoffman (Lora Hoffman) of Kimberly and John Hoffman of Kimberly; along with 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandkids. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Steven John Pickett.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. We were very blessed to have had this time on earth with him. Our loving father, husband, grandfather and best friend, rest well daddy and grandpa, you will be greatly missed.

A graveside service for Joseph will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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we're able to do that in the Senate.

"In this year, in between the talk of retirement and good government — and the accompanying tears — was a personal aspect as two legislators — both from south-central Idaho — battle serious illnesses.

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, is undergoing chemotherapy to address brain cancer, and Sen. Tom Cannon, R-Butte, a prostate cancer survivor, is fighting stomach problems and asked his wife, Jeanne, to finish his session.

Both were referenced by most senators who spoke. Stennett, who took just a little time off during the session, listened to them all.

"I had to be here everyday we can get up, strap our pants on and move forward in spite of whatever difficulties that face us, and we can put a smile on our face regardless of the obstacles," said Sen.

Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. "What a great example that is to us."

Stennett, the last senator to speak, said the entire session — from the senators to debating bills — has helped him.

"So I want to thank you all for your thoughts and your prayers and cards. It means a great deal to me, and I think it's wonderful," Stennett said, fighting back tears. "I think that it's working."

The other Magic Valley legislators spoke, too. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, offered praise for spouses. Cameron emphasized how the budget office adjusted when state revenue went askew. Denton Darrington, D-Deerlodge, the longest-serving senator, shared a story on Lt. Gov. Jim Risch from 1982.

"I had a great candidate for U.S. Senate, even jumped in — for 10 minutes — in case he goes to Washington, D.C."

"There's no person and there's no political party that has a monopoly on what is

right and what is wrong. Every single one of us brings something to this process and that's as it should be and really strengthens this process," Risch said.

Risch, who closed out his 28th session, brought company. His wife, Vicki, sat in the back of the room, his son, Jason, was also there. And a staffer from his office in the back videotaped his speech.

But his advice on civility might best explain why the Senate — where Republicans outnumber Democrats 28 to 7 — can put aside the previous three months of bickering at the end of the session.

"It is important that we set the bar, and it is really important that we show other Idahoans that even though we have deep, deep disagreements sometimes on issues that we can be civil with each other, we can be frank, we can treat each other with respect," he said.

Golf

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had to be taken down after neighbors complained. Local enthusiasts are trying to find a new permanent course, and the county allowed the group to temporarily use Rock Creek Park.

A meeting is scheduled Monday with the Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board. Ultimately, any decision must be approved by the three county commissioners.

James Gose-Iells, director of Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways, was at Saturday's event, and said the county is trying to find an agreement with the disc golfers. The course would not only provide another chance for recreation, but also helpfully to improve a park — sometimes known for its "undesirables," including the homeless — that has struggled with its image, he said.

"One of our missions is to

provide recreational opportunities to people if they're coming down here," Gose-Iells said. "This is just something getting more and more popular in our area."

Some branches and dead trees were already cleared by Black and his friends. The county could do more tidying

up if the course is made permanent.

But for some, the hanging branches and thorny bushes were worthwhile for the disc golfers on Saturday.

Shea Gallegos, 27, enjoyed a par — three disc throws — as he compared the course to "Thomson Park."

"You never get old of this," he said.

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Library

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often gather around one computer at the library, whereas if they have a computer at home, it's much more of an insular environment."

She added: "We want to provide a safe place for youth to hang out, to enjoy their friends — and make new friends, and, of course, to expose them to great literature."

Librarian Anna Turpin provided a practical perspective on the addition. "The biggest benefit, as far as I see it, will

be that they'll actually have furniture and a comfortable place to sit and read," she said.

The room, which has been a work-in-progress for about three years, is bare and under construction, but Burton expects it to be completed by the time school begins again in the fall.

"I think you'll see some really creative programming in the months and years to come," she said.

Danun Hanzeker may be reached at 208-420-4697.

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Volunteers — South Central Public Health District is in need of volunteers to lead the Fit and Fall Proof Exercise classes in the Burley and Albion areas. Volunteers will be trained. Information: 737-5988.

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

Drivers — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Information: Karen, 734-5084.

Respite — Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in Twin Falls for two to four hours, once a week. Information: Edith, 736-4764.

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, 734-4064 or stop by the office at 426 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 — Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is in need of volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, in the Nimitz-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,

188-4072, 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; kwilting@oaa.csi.edu.

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California salmon collapse could lead to Pacific fishing ban

By Terence Chea
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The stunning collapse of one of the West Coast's biggest wild salmon runs has prompted even cash-strapped fishermen to call for an unprecedented shutdown of salmon fishing off the coasts of California and Oregon.

"There's likely no fish, so what are you going to be fishing for?" said Duncan MacLean, a fisherman from Half Moon Bay. "I have no problem sitting out to rebuild this resource if that's what's necessary."

The Pacific Fishery Management Council meets in Seattle this coming week and will likely vote to impose the most severe restrictions ever on West Coast salmon fishing to protect California's dwindling chinook stocks.

The Sacramento River chinook run is usually one of the Central Valley's best. The Pacific Coast, providing the bulk of the salmon caught by sport and commercial trollers off California and Oregon.

But only about 90,000 adult chinook returned to the Central Valley last year, the second lowest number on record and well below what's needed to maintain a healthy fishery. That number is projected to fall to a record low of 50,000 this year. By contrast, 775,000 adults were counted in the Sacramento River and its tributaries as recently as 2002.

"This stock got off-the-charts had very suddenly," said Donald McLesnie, the council's executive director. "It's a very, very severe situation."

The council, which regulates Pacific Coast fisheries, will choose between three management options: a total ban on salmon fishing off the coast of California and Oregon; extremely limited fishing in select areas; or catch-and-release fishing for scientific research.

The council is also expected to set strict limits on salmon fishing off the coast of Washington to protect that state's declining chinook and coho stocks.

The council's final decision

"There's likely no fish, so what are you going to be fishing for?"

— Duncan MacLean, Fisherman

is expected April 10. The National Marine Fisheries Service will then decide whether to implement the regulations by May 1.

The Central Valley collapse is a blow to fishermen, tackle shops, charter boat operators and other businesses that depend on commercial and recreational salmon fishing.

For consumers, it will be hard to find any chinook, also known as king salmon, which is prized by anglers, seafood connoisseurs and upscale restaurants. There should still be abundant supplies of farm-raised salmon and wild sockeye from Alaska, but prices could be higher.

"It's going to be devastating to the marketplace to have no California king salmon at all," said David Goldberg, CEO of the California Salmon Council. "For people who want high-quality salmon, they're not going to have that choice."

Biologists and others are trying to figure out what caused the salmon collapse so they can make sure California's chinook populations rebound.

There are many potential factors because wild salmon are born in streams and rivers, migrate to the ocean when they're juveniles and spend two to four years there before returning to spawn in the areas where they were born.

Between them have to navigate the often treacherous waters of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay.

The council has asked state and federal scientists to research 46 possible causes, including water diversions, habitat destruction, dam operations, agricultural pollution, marine predators and ocean conditions.

Many scientists point to unusual weather patterns that disrupted the marine food chain along the Pacific Coast in 2005, when thousands of seabirds washed up dead or starving because they couldn't find enough to eat.

Researchers believe those

poor ocean conditions also devastated the juvenile salmon that would have returned to the Central Valley last year. Young chinook couldn't find the tiny shrimp and fish they depend on to survive.

"The fish went to the ocean in 2005 and found nothing to eat when they got there. They either starved to death or got so weak from not eating enough that they got eaten by predators," said Bill Peterson, an oceanographer with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Peterson said ocean conditions have improved since then, which could help revive West Coast salmon populations.

Many fishermen and environmentalists believe the main problem lies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which juvenile salmon must swim through to get to the ocean. They say too much water is being diverted to farms and water districts in the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California.

They want the state and federal government to limit pumping from the delta, which disorients migrating salmon and kills young fish that get sucked into the powerful pumps. They're also calling for a reduction in agricultural runoff and the restoration of salmon habitat in the rivers.

"We did have some poor ocean conditions, but that doesn't explain why the Central Valley stocks took such a severe hit," said Zeke Grader, who heads the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations. "Young salmon need a place they can safely migrate through. This is a critical stage when they need to gain weight and strength so they can survive in the ocean."

But state water officials believe the ocean is the chief culprit. The water pumps continue to meet stringent operating standards, and while more water has been diverted in recent years, there's also been more water available to export,

said Jerry Johns, deputy director of the California Department of Water Resources.

"Ocean conditions are the most likely cause here," Johns said. "The requirements that we have to abide by to protect these fish haven't changed in the last several years."

Most scientists agree that a combination of factors caused the Central Valley crash, and the fishery can be revived under the right conditions.

"They do have an amazing capacity to bounce back," said Peter Moyle, a fisheries biologist at the University of California, Davis. "If you do have good ocean conditions and you fix a lot of problems in freshwater, there's no reason in the near future we can't have good runs."

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White House hopefuls will use Petraeus' Senate appearance to press Iraq positions

By Liz Skóbi
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — When Army Gen. David Petraeus delivers his assessment of the Iraq war next week, the next commander in chief will weigh in as well.

Republican Sen. John McCain will get a chance to argue that last year's U.S. troop buildup has been a success and withdrawal would be a mistake. Democratic Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama will have an opportunity to ask why the United States is still fighting more than five years after the invasion.

All three presidential contenders serve on Senate panels that will hear and question the top U.S. military commander in Iraq when he testifies Tuesday. McCain and Clinton serve on the Armed Services Committee; Obama is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

The backdrop to the Petraeus hearings includes the stark difference on the war between Republicans and Democrats... an increase in fighting in Iraq's southern region and a deeply disappointing public. Petraeus' status report not only will shape the administration's policy for the next several months, but also how the war will figure in the general election campaign.

With the presidential election just seven months off, President Bush's successor is certain to inherit the war that has cost more than 4,000 U.S. military lives and nearly \$500 billion over five years.

"Overall, it's a remarkable success — overall with significant challenges ahead," McCain told The Associated Press recently as he predicted what Petraeus will say about the troop-increase strategy and what he believes himself — even though the year of the buildup was the bloodiest yet for U.S. troops.

"It is time to end this war as quickly and responsibly as possible," Clinton, a New York senator, said last month and argued that the current strategy has not accomplished its goals because Iraqis have not reached a political reconciliation.

Obama, an Illinois senator, also wants a quick end to the war and said Friday: "We still don't have a good answer to the question posed by Sen. (John) Warner the last time Gen. Petraeus appeared: How has this effort in Iraq made us safer and how do we expect it will make us safer in the long run?"

AROUND THE NATION

WISCONSIN

House fire near campus kills 3 students

MEMONONIE — A smoky house fire near a University of Wisconsin campus killed three students early Saturday, even though neighbors said they heard alarms going off.

Rescuers found two women and a man in second-floor bedrooms near the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and they were pronounced dead at a hospital, authorities said. The smoke detectors were working, and neighbors called police when they heard the alarms, said Menomonie Police Chief Dennis Beety. Police don't know why the three victims didn't wake up and leave.

"There was a bottle of alcohol and the top was off it," Beety said. "But that's no indication they were drinking at the time." The university identified the victims as April C. England, 21, of West St. Paul, Minn.; Amanda Jean Bief, 20, of Chaska, Minn.; and Scott A. Huns, 23, of Hayward. All three appeared to have died of smoke inhalation, said authorities, who do not suspect foul play.

"It's a tragedy that no campus prepares for," Chancellor Charles Sorenson said. "We'll grieve in this together."

WASHINGTON

Microsoft sets a 3-week deadline for Yahoo to respond to buyout offer

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. sent a letter to the Yahoo Board of Directors Saturday setting a three-week deadline for moving forward on its more than \$40 billion buyout offer.

The letter signed by Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer said Microsoft will take its case directly to Yahoo shareholders and seek to elect a new slate of directors, if the bid doesn't respond by the deadline by April 26.

The bid to buy Yahoo was made in January and announced Feb. 1. At the time, Microsoft offered \$41.6 billion, or 62 percent above Yahoo's market value. The deal is currently valued at about \$41 billion, based on Friday's closing share prices.

Yahoo's board formally rejected Microsoft Corp.'s bid, saying it undervalues the company, always basketball, baseball, football.

NEW YORK

NYC introduces cricket league in its schools

With a loud crack, the ball soared toward the fence and fielders ran to get their hands on it. On the sidelines, the cheerleaders whooped with excitement as four runs were added to their tally.

This however is not baseball — it's a high school cricket game. Schools in New York City, home of the Yankees and the Mets, have launched a cricket league, apparently the first school system in the country to offer the sport. The response has been overwhelming, a reflection of the city's growing number of immigrants from the Caribbean and South Asia, where cricket is the most popular sport.

The season opened Wednesday with squads from Richmond Hill and Aviation high schools facing off in a city park.

"This is big," said Wesley Henry, a teacher at Aviation who coaches the cricket team. "I came here from Guyana. I never thought I would see cricket being played here. It's

only four or five schools were expected to show any interest," said Eric Goldstein, chief executive officer of school support services for the Department of Education. Instead, there are 14, divided into two leagues, with about 600 students involved. Each school will play 12 matches, with a championship scheduled for the end of May, Goldstein said.

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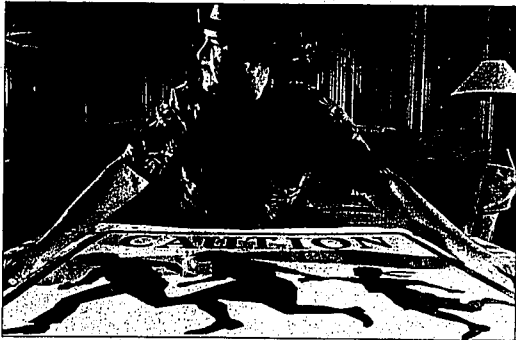
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The artist behind an iconic immigration image

By Scott Coll
Los Angeles Times



John Hood, a graphic artist for the California Department of Transportation, with the silhouette he designed of an immigrant family running. The Vietnam veteran, a Navajo, does not fit tidily on either side of the immigration battle and discusses it grudgingly.

There is a father, leading the way with a clear sense of urgency, bent at the waist. A mother, running behind him, despite the pain, hugs her knees. A little girl, holding her mother's hand, unable to keep pace, her feet barely touching the ground, her pigtail — everyone knows the pigtail — flowing behind her.

In 1990, the image would be projected onto black vinyl, traced with a knife blade, glued onto yellow signs, topped with one word — CAUTION — and placed on the shoulders of freeways, mostly along Interstate 5 north of the Mexican border.

The sign served as a warning that drivers could encounter people racing across the interstate — most of them trying to get from Mexico into the United States, it would become one of the most iconic and enduring images associated with the nation's war over illegal immigration. And it would leave John Hood, now 55 years old and a retired engineer, conflicted and ambivalent about his strange legacy.

"What does it mean," he asked the other day, "to live a meaningful life?"

Hood was always an artist, always an observer.

A Navajo, he grew up in the northwest corner of New Mexico on a reservation where fewer than 3,000 people live. 7,000 feet above sea level, amid junipers and cedars, mountain lions and coyotes, 115 parents were illi-

california. He was sure the war had left him with no enduring wounds, but he was wrong. He began having nightmares that a man was chasing him, a man he was helpless against. He went AWOL and got caught. He started drinking. His marriage fell apart.

Through the G.I. Bill, he started taking classes in fine arts at San Diego State. He was a particularly fine graphic artist, with an eye for delicate detail, for the interface of light and shadow. Shortly before he married a second time, he was hired as a graphic artist at Caltrans, the state transportation department.

His portfolio would soon start filling up with routine projects: the cover of the department's phone directory, photo manipulations showing what freeways would look like with new carpool lanes. Then, in the 1980s, pedestrians started getting killed on California interstates with alarming regularity.

"The state declared two 'danger zones' along Interstate 5.

The section was in the San Ysidro area, just north of the border. There, in just a few years, 100 people had been struck by cars and killed as they attempted to race into the United States.

The second was an eight-mile stretch between Oceanside and San Clemente, near the immigration checkpoint. There, coyotes — human traffickers — would order migrants to spill out of cars and trucks and run into the surrounding hills, a route

that often took them across lanes of traffic. Another 30 people had been killed.

The dead were typically the last ones across the road: the very young and the very old. The state hurriedly assembled a task force, which included several agencies. Drivers, the state decided, needed to be alerted to the possibility of migrants running across traffic lanes. There were just a few graphic artists in the San Diego office; the task fell to Hood. "It was just part of the job," he says, though he knows it's more complicated than that.

There were several versions, some stuffed in the envelopes of residential electric bills, other posted at rest stops. In some, the characters had eyes and other features; officials felt those would be too detailed for motorists to discern at high speed. In another, the mother juggled a baby and a sweater, but that too was deemed overly complicated for the freeway.

"People are going fast," Hood said. "It had to be simple."

In the end, he thought about family.

"When you think about a little girl, you are more sensitive to something horrific," he said. Plus, he said, he could give the girl pigtail — a visual cue to demonstrate the idea of motion, of running. The signs, which went up in 1990, have been stolen, vandalized and — increasingly obsolete as immigration routes have shifted to Arizona and Texas — taken down.

"When you think about a little girl, you are more sensitive to something horrific."
— John Hood

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By DeeDee Cornell
Los Angeles Times

DENVER — Hundreds of drivers here are testing that guinea pig in a test that's part sociology experiment, part environmental advocacy and part Drivers Ed 101.

It poses the question: When motorists see how their own aggressive driving burns gasoline, will they stop the tailgating, hard braking and speeding that increase their fuel consumption and contribute to greenhouse gas emissions?

Sponsored by EnCana Oil & Gas Co., the pilot program aims to quantify the relationship between bad driving and gas emissions, as well as to convince drivers to change. Denver is the first test site.

"People will modify their behavior," said Larry Goldenbers, president and chief executive officer of Bannock, a California-based company that developed the software technology for the program.

Frankly, the prospect of having this thing in my car has already modified my behavior," he said.

Four hundred people — 200 in the city fleet and 200 volunteers — will have accelerometers installed in their vehicles that record every time they slam on their brakes, accelerate or take a corner too quickly.

ating vehicle by 20 percent. Once the devices are installed, participants can log onto a Web site and track how they're doing. In addition, monitors will be installed on the cars so drivers can get real-time feedback, said David Armitage, chief executive officer of Denver-based Carista Inc., which manufactured the accelerators.

Rapid acceleration wastes fuel because it floods the engine with extra gas, causing

the car to burn excess fuel. And, when a driver rides the brake unnecessarily, the energy that was used to get the car up to speed has been lost.

"The slower we stop the car, the less energy we're throwing away," Armitage said. Losing less energy to starts and stops is one reason cars tend to get better mileage in highway driving than in town driving.

"You can't change what you

can't measure," Armitage said.

If drivers don't see the connection between their actions and the consequences, he said, "we're not going to make a change."

When he started tracking his own driving, Armitage noticed he braked suddenly more often than he realized. That's because he tended to glance at his BlackBerry while he drove a habit he's since cut out, he said.

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Zimbabwe opposition leader says party reluctant to take part in a presidential runoff

By Angus Shaw
Associated Press writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai called Saturday on President Robert Mugabe to step down and accused the country's longtime ruler of plotting a campaign of violence to bolster his chances of winning an expected runoff.

Amid increasing signs of a government crackdown, armed police barred opposition officials from filing a suit demanding the publication of the results from the March 29 presidential election. The opposition promised to try again Sunday.

"Mugabe must accept that the country needs to move forward. He cannot hold the country to ransom. He is the problem not the solution," said Tsvangirai, head of the

Movement for Democratic Change.

He accused the ruling ZANU-PF party of "preparing a war against the people," and said a runoff was unnecessary because he had won the presidential election outright.

"In the runoff, violence will be the weapon. It is therefore unfair and unreasonable for President Mugabe to call a runoff," he said, accusing Mugabe of mobilizing armed militias.

Tsvangirai's party claims he won 50.3 percent of the vote, but independent projections have shown that he won the most votes but not the 50 percent plus one needed for an outright victory.

Deputy Information Minister Bright Matanga dismissed the fears of violence as "a lot of nonsense." "Zimbabwe held a very peaceful election. There was no violence, nobody was killed," he told Sky Television.

On Friday, feared war veterans — used in the past to beat up opponents — marched through the capital. Opposition party offices also have been raided and armed police in full riot gear have detained foreign journalists.

Mugabe, 84, has ruled here since his guerrilla army helped overthrow white minority rule in 1980. His popularity has been battered by an economic collapse following the often-violent seizures of white-owned commercial farms since 2000. A third of the population has fled the country and 80 percent are jobless. Inflation is raging at more than 100,000 percent.

Official results for parliamentary elections held alongside the presidential race showed Mugabe's ZANU-PF losing its majority in the 210-seat parliament for the first time in the country's history. Final results for the largely ceremonial 60-member senate gave the ruling party and the opposition 30 seats each.

There is mounting international pressure on Zimbabwe to announce the presidential results. But South African President Thabo Mbeki, who was appointed mediator in Zimbabwe last year, urged patience.

"It's time to wait," Mbeki said as he arrived for a meeting near London of government leaders hosted by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. "Let's see the outcome of the election results," said Mbeki, who advocates quiet diplomacy rather than public criticism.

The law requires a runoff within 21 days of the initial election, but diplomats in Harare and at the United Nations said Mugabe was planning to declare a 90-day delay to give security forces time to clamp down.

Tsvangirai appealed to African leaders and the United Nations to intervene to "prevent chaos and dislocation," and urged Zimbabweans not to be cowed.

AROUND THE WORLD

RUSSIA

St. Petersburg stages Olympic torch relay

ST. PETERSBURG — Olympic figure skater Evgeni Plushenko helped carry the torch past festive crowds through St. Petersburg on Saturday, with the possibility of protests looming the next days in London and Paris.

The torch went past St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Petropavlovsk Fortress along the 12-mile route before ending at Palace Square outside the State Hermitage Museum.

About 100 people carried the torch, beginning with Galina Zybina, who won the Olympic shot put in 1952, the first year the Soviet Union took part in the games.

St. Petersburg Mayor Valentina Matviyenko said the city plans to bid for the 2020 Olympics.

The next two legs of the 81,500-mile global torch relay are London on Sunday and Paris on Monday.

In London, the 2012 Olympic host, the torch will be carried by dignitaries, athletes and celebrities — and likely will be greeted by demonstrations regarding China's human rights record and crackdown in Tibet.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has said he will greet the torch outside his 10 Downing Street home during its 31-mile journey from Wembley Stadium to Greenwich.

IRAQ

Assyrian Orthodox priest shot to death

BAGHDAD — An Assyrian Orthodox priest was shot to death Saturday by gunmen using silencers as the Christian cleric and his wife returned home after a trip to the market in Baghdad.

The latest attack against Iraq's Christian minority drew a new plea from Pope Benedict XVI for Iraqis to "find the way of peace to build a just and tolerant society."

Father Youssef Adel, 47, had tried to escape the sectarian violence, fleeing the predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Dora at a time

when insurgents were burning down churches and uprooting Christians from their homes on threat of death.

He moved with his wife, Inaam, to a relative safe area in the mostly Shiite central district of Karradah and presided over services at the nearby St. Peter and Paul church, according to an assistant who spoke on condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

But in a tragic example of the dangers that continue to face Iraqis despite a sharp drop in violence, Adel was shot to death by gunmen near the gate of his house, another priest in the same church said, also declining to be identified for fear of becoming a target himself.

FRANCE

France hopes yacht crew captured can be freed without force

PARIS — France's military is keeping close tabs on a French luxury yacht seized by pirates off Somalia's coast, and officials hope to avoid using force to free the 30 crew members, the prime minister said Saturday.

Attackers stormed the 288-foot Le Ponton on Friday as it returned without passengers from the Seychelles, in the Indian Ocean, toward the Mediterranean Sea, officials with French maritime transport company CMA-CGM said.

The crew included 22 French citizens, including six women, French Defense Minister Hervé Morin said. Other members included Ukrainians, military spokesmen said. Cmdr. Christophe Pruzek said.

French Prime Minister Francois Fillon said officials were "following the hostage situation minute by minute."

"We are in constant contact with the ship owner, and our priority is to protect the lives of the people on board," Fillon said. "All channels of discussion are open to try to resolve this case by trying not to use force."

About 10 attackers continue to sail the boat south along Somalia's eastern coast, Pruzek said.

A French frigate, Le Commandant Bouan, was temporarily diverted from

NATO duties and was tracking the yacht. An airplane dispatched from a French base in Djibouti flew over the yacht and all was calm aboard, Pruzek said.

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CSI softball suffers home split

**By Eric Larsen
Staff writer**

The problem with striving for perfection is that achieving anything less is a disappointment.

The slouching shoulders and hanging heads of the College of Southern Idaho softball players after Saturday's home doubleheader against the College of Southern Nevada demonstrated that point. The 13th-ranked Golden Eagles split with the 21-16 Coyotes, winning 7-1 before falling 7-6 in eight innings as Southern Nevada salvaged only one win in four attempts against the

35-14 Golden Eagles.

"One thing I told the kids is, 'Don't let what happened in Game 4 dictate the way you feel about what happened all weekend,'" CSI head coach Nick Baumen said. "You could never tell by the reaction of the two teams that we had won three and they won one this weekend."

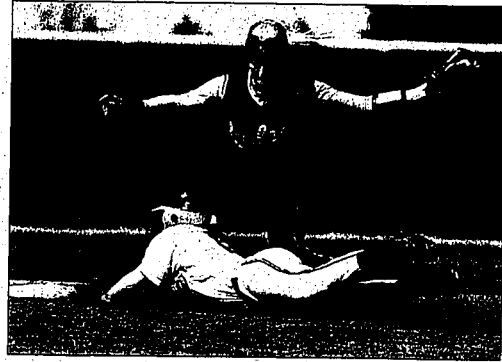
A boisterous Coyotes squad celebrated loudly after Stephanie Holmes' ground-out to Coyotes relief pitcher put an end to Game 2 with Rochelle Noren and Anna Sorrell stranded on base. The extra-inning finish marked the conclusion of a five-run rally that saw the Coyotes claw

out of a 6-2 deficit at the beginning of the sixth inning. Allison Barr's two-out, three-run home run to center field in the top of the sixth cut the CSI lead to 6-5 before Priscilla Arango's seventh-inning smash skipped past a Rocky Kroll dive at third, allowing Alejandra Voge to knot the game up at 6-6.

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College of Southern Idaho's Rachel Evans (6) tags out Southern Nevada's Amy Aicher at second base Saturday in Twin Falls.

Staff photographer MICHAEL THOMPSON



MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Two to tango

Rose blooms as Memphis whips UCLA



Memphis forward Chris Douglas-Roberts, right, dunks over UCLA's Kevin Love, left, during the second half of this semifinal game at the college basketball Final Four, Saturday in San Antonio. Memphis won 78-63.

**By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer**

SAN ANTONIO — As hard as it is to imagine, Memphis keeps getting better just when it matters the most.

The Tigers claimed their piece of history Saturday, beating UCLA 78-63 in the NCAA men's semifinals to become a 38-1 the winningest team ever in a single season. Now they have a chance to do what the other 37-win teams — Duke, Illinois and UNLV — couldn't do: cap it off with a national championship.

With Derrick Rose and Chris Douglas-Roberts taking turns at basketball acrobatics, it's certainly imaginable. And the Bruins certainly wouldn't doubt it.

"Going into the game, we knew that we was going to win. And too much to say," Rose said. "We're just a great team. With the team that we have, it's hard beating us."

Coach John Calipari claimed his Tigers weren't aware they had set a record for most wins in major college basketball.

"My team's like, 'Is it? That's the most wins?'" Calipari said. "And then I told them, 'No, no. You've got to get to 39 to have the most wins.' Hopefully we'll have one more in us."

The Tigers will get their chance Monday night against the North Carolina-Kansas winner.

All season, this team from lightly regarded Conference USA played along with Calipari's us-against-the-world theme. Now, the Tigers

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CSI baseball falls flat against SLCC

**By Eric Larsen
Staff writer**

The excitement fostered by Friday's doubleheader sweep of rival Salt Lake Community College was replaced by an increasingly familiar feeling of uncertainty in the College of Southern Idaho baseball team's clubhouse at Skip Walker Field Saturday afternoon.

One day after the 21-19 Golden Eagles put together arguably their best two games of the season, the Seaside West Athletic Conference-leading Bruins charged back to win 3-2 and 6-1 to salvage a weekend split with the fourth-place Golden Eagles.

The losses effectively take CSI out of contention for the regular-season SWAC title, as the Golden Eagles enter the final four weeks of conference play at 12-12 and seven games behind the 27-20 (19-5 SWAC) Bruins.

That's little consolation for a CSI team prepared to enter postseason play on the road. What was really troubling to Golden Eagles head coach Bommer Walker Saturday was his team's

inability to capitalize on the momentum garnered in Friday's wins with consistent Saturday play. The Golden Eagles will need to put together at least four solid games to advance out of the approaching Region 10 Tournament, which is an increasing cause for concern for this squad.

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"That's the scary thing. I kind of, is I don't know if we've put three games together," Walker said. "I don't know if we're going to. We're 40 games into this thing and we haven't played consistently even three games."

While Bruin pitcher Adam Gunn stifled CSI's offense in the first game, the Golden Eagles' defense was more complicated in the Game 2 loss. The Bruins broke open a scoreless game with six runs in the sixth inning, though only one was earned. Sophomore catcher Jed Hanson had an uncharacteristically bad inning behind the plate, dropping a third strike that allowed Ryan Bernier to reach base with one out before committing a

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College of Southern Idaho pitcher Justin Smith is congratulated in the dugout after striking a batter out in Game 2 of the Golden Eagles' doubleheader against Salt Lake Community College Saturday in Twin Falls.

Jayhawks dominate Tar Heels

**By Eddie Fells
Associated Press writer**

SAN ANTONIO — What Roy Williams needed was a comeback for the ages. What he got was a disappointing dose of payback — a chance to see what it feels like when Kansas breaks his heart.

The Jayhawks left their old coach in the dust Saturday night, getting 25 points and seven rebounds from Brandon Rush to stave off a ferocious comeback by North Carolina for an 84-66 victory in the national semifinals.

Trailing 40-12 late in the first half, Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington and the Tar Heels made a valiant rally, getting to within five points with nine minutes left, but ran out of steam in their effort to pull off the biggest Final Four comeback ever.

"I've never been so embarrassed in my life," said Tar Heel guard Marcus Gray.

Now, the Jayhawks will play Memphis, an earlier 78-63 winner over UCLA, in Monday's title game.

national championship since 1988, the year before Williams began his storied 15-year tenure in Lawrence — one that ended when he filled Kansas for his alma mater.

Hansbrough had 17 points and nine rebounds for North Carolina (36-3) — a typically gutsy effort — but his next move will be to decide whether to come back for his senior season.

Kansas has more pressing things to deal with.

"We know we've got another step to take Monday night," Sherron Collins said. "It's going to be a great matchup. They play fast. We play fast."

Collins had two assists, a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws during the decisive stretch that saw the Jayhawks (36-3) pad that five-point lead back to 15 and send the Tar Heels into true desperation mode.

Williams stood stoically as the clock ticked down, arms folded, nothing much he could do. Tears usually come pretty quickly after the final buzzer of the season for him, and this

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Kansas players Darrell Arthur (00) and Sasha Kana (24) wave to the stands near the end of their NCAA Tournament semifinal game against North Carolina Saturday in San Antonio.

District VI rodeo competes in Buhl

**By Diane Philbin
Staff writer**

BUIH. — The Friday night rodeo in Buhl began as all rodeos do, with the Stars and Stripes being carried into the arena. That honor belonged to reigning District VI queen Hall Stutzman, a senior at Kimberly High School.

This rodeo queen isn't all about smiles and waves as is the general conception about rodeo.

"That's something I'm trying to get away from," said Stutzman. "Being the queen and competing can be a little nerve-wracking at times. My mom helps the worst up my heels, but mostly, I do everything myself."

For Stutzman, the beauty

and glamour side of rodeo doesn't appear to be her only objective. She also competes in five events and frequently places.

After the season-opening rodeo at the College of Southern Idaho two weeks ago, Stutzman sat seventh place in the all-around standings. Friday night, Stutzman finished second in barrel racing and fifth in pole bending.

"The biggest thing I can do as queen is get attention out to the public of the good name of rodeo," said Stutzman.

Stutzman and Kystal Kenney, a past District VI queen from Hansen, recently

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Up-and-down day for Minico results in split with Preston

By Zach Kyle Staff writer

It was opposite day for the Minico Spartans who split a doubleheader with the Preston Indians in the opener, holding the Indians to three hits and striking out 10 batters to earn the win. However, between games Dessel reminded his team that big wins against Wood River and Burley this past week doesn't mean the Spartans can coast and expect to win.

"We weren't playing like we were the last two games," Spartans catcher Jena

were focused in the field or in the batter's box at all."

Allie Thinn pitched well in the opener, holding the Indians to three hits and striking out 10 batters to earn the win. However, between games Dessel reminded his team that big wins against Wood River and Burley this past week doesn't mean the Spartans can coast and expect to win.

"We weren't playing like we were the last two games," Spartans catcher Jena

Bingham said. "I think we got it in our heads that we were doing well, and we just didn't pay as much attention today."

Minico - pitcher Rachel Wyfong would have been his first varsity start in the second game had Preston not taken advantage of errors to score three runs in the sixth inning. The Spartans led a three-run lead and the game slip away, but Dessel was much happier with his team's play in the loss than he was in Game 1.

"They came out focused in the second game and played a much better game, though we didn't win," Dessel said. "We had a few errors letting down. A sixth-inning meltdow. The six errors let them put the game in extra innings, and we lost."

Catcher Jena Bingham batted 3-for-7 in the two games, and centerfielder Jordy Sanford hit a double and a triple in the Game 2.

"Some games, some girls struggle and other batters will back them up," Dessel said.

"If we can all hit as a team, we can put together 10, 11 runs. If all is niching well, we can be hard to beat."

Wyfong struck out two batters and walked one in eight innings of work.

"They hit off her, but our defense backed her up through the first six innings," Dessel said. "She's steadily improving every day. She knows she has to work hard to prepare for next year, and that's what she's doing in these doubleheaders."

Minico (3-5, 2-0) will travel to Century on Tuesday for a pair of games.

Game 1
Minico 6, Preston 3
Preston: 002 023 1-0-1
Minico: 002 022 0-0-4
Pitcher: Rachel Wyfong (2-0) vs. Allie Thinn (1-0)
Batter: Jena Bingham vs. Thinn (1-0)
Outfield: Jena Bingham vs. Thinn (1-0)
Infield: Jena Bingham vs. Thinn (1-0)
Pitcher: Rachel Wyfong (2-0) vs. Allie Thinn (1-0)
Batter: Jena Bingham vs. Thinn (1-0)
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BUHL MIDSEASON CLASSIC

Kimberly tops Buhl for third place

Staff report

The Kimberly Bulldogs jumped all over the Buhl Indians in the third-place game of the Buhl Midseason Classic for a 2-1 win in five innings.

The Bulldogs pitching duo of Nick Wright and Al Schroeder limited the Buhl offense to only four hits, while Blake Lawson's two doubles helped spark a Bulldogs offense that scored 21 runs on 15 hits and five Buhl errors.

The championship at the two-day tournament was won by Bear Lake. Full results from Saturday's games were unavailable at press time.

The 5-7 Indians will look to rebound from Saturday's off day during Tuesday's road trip to play the Twin Falls junior varsity.

Note: Buhl's J.D. Leckenby was incorrectly identified in Saturday's Times-Tribune. He was the winner pitcher in Buhl's win over Teton.

BEAR LAKE 22, BUHL 4, FIVE INNINGS
J.D. Leckenby's double was one of few highlights for the Indians in their morning loss to Bear Lake. The Bears jumped out with 10 first-inning runs and never looked back in the five-inning victory. Gaige Owen (0-3) took the loss on the mound for the Tribe.

SOUTH FREMONT 12, KIMBERLY 10
A nine-run top of the third helped South Fremont edge Kimberly in a 12-10 offensive explosion.

"We got down 9-0 and came back and showed a lot of heart to make it a close game," said Kimberly coach Darin Gonzales.

Kimberly's Anthony Melie belted a double to provide Kimberly's lone extra-base hit, though the Bulldogs managed 12 hits on the day.

The Bulldogs are back in action on Tuesday, hosting American Falls.

Buhl Midseason Classic games
Kimberly 21, Buhl 4, five innings
Kimberly: 002 022 0-0-4
Buhl: 002 022 0-0-4
Pitcher: Mark Archer (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton vs. Archer (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton vs. Archer (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton vs. Archer (1)
Pitcher: Mark Archer (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton vs. Archer (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton vs. Archer (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton vs. Archer (1)

South Fremont 12, Kimberly 10
South Fremont: 002 022 0-0-4
Kimberly: 002 022 0-0-4
Pitcher: Anthony Melie (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton vs. Melie (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton vs. Melie (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton vs. Melie (1)
Pitcher: Anthony Melie (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton vs. Melie (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton vs. Melie (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton vs. Melie (1)

Bear Lake 22, Buhl 4, five Innings
Bear Lake: 002 022 0-0-4
Buhl: 002 022 0-0-4
Pitcher: Gaige Owen (0-3) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton vs. Owen (0-3)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton vs. Owen (0-3)
Infield: Jack Hamilton vs. Owen (0-3)
Pitcher: Gaige Owen (0-3) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton vs. Owen (0-3)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton vs. Owen (0-3)
Infield: Jack Hamilton vs. Owen (0-3)

Lady Dawg Spring Classic
Saturday's scores
Kimberly 13, Bear Lake 0, five innings
Teton 12, Spring Creek 2
Buhl 14, South Fremont 0
Middleton 13, Shelley 7
Bear Lake 7, Teton 6
Spring Creek 5, Buhl 1
Kimberly 19, Shelley 2
Middleton 17, South Fremont 6

Bruin baseball sweeps rival Highland

Staff reports

The Twin Falls baseball team dominated Highland, outscoring the Blans 7-1 in Saturday's first game in six at the second 11-1 in six innings.

"We kind of broke the second game open in the fourth inning," said Twin Falls coach Mike Federick. "Bremen box was the catalyst for the Bruins offense, while Jacob Coats and Nick Yergensen both threw complete games."

Twin Falls and Zeb Snead each smashed in triples during the second game while Box stayed consistent with doubles in each game for the Bruins. The Bruins collected seven extra-base hits in the Game 2 win.

"Twin Falls hosts Madison on Thursday."

Anderson hit a second home run for Hlghland.

Game 1
Bruin 7, Highland 1
Bruin: 002 021 0-1-3
Highland: 002 021 0-0-1
Pitcher: Nick Yergensen (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Batter: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)
Outfield: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)
Infield: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)

to a 10-0, 5-0 sweep over Glenns Ferry. The Pilots were held hitless on the day.

Bremen played strong in the first game, but we made a couple mental errors and they are quick on the bases," said Glenns Ferry coach Kelli McInone. "We were down by one run in the second game up until the sixth inning but our offense just wasn't good."

Jacydryn Perry pitched 10 strikeouts for Glenns Ferry but it still wasn't enough.

Glenns Ferry plays Kimberly's IV game Friday.

Game 2
Wood River 54, Century 10
Wood River: 002 020 0-10-13
Century: 002 020 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Game 1
Ripley 6, Buley 0
Ripley: 002 021 0-0-1
Buley: 002 021 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Lady Dawg Spring Classic boxes
Kimberly 13, Bear Lake 0
Bear Lake: 002 021 0-0-0
Kimberly: 002 021 0-0-1
Pitcher: Nick Yergensen (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Batter: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)
Outfield: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)
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Outfield: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)
Infield: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)

Game 2
Twin Falls 7, Highland 1
Twin Falls: 002 021 0-1-3
Highland: 002 021 0-0-1
Pitcher: Nick Yergensen (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Batter: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)
Outfield: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)
Infield: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Nick Yergensen (1)

BURLEY SWEEP BY RIBBY
The Burley baseball team suffered 5-0 and 13-7 losses at Ribby on Saturday.

Knee Bledner picked up the loss in the opener for Burley. It was enough as Ribby hit 12 hits and jumped to an 8-0 lead after one inning.

Game 1
Burley 5, Ribby 0
Burley: 002 021 0-0-0
Ribby: 002 021 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Game 2
Burley 13, Ribby 7
Burley: 002 021 0-0-0
Ribby: 002 021 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Game 1
Burley 5, Ribby 0
Burley: 002 021 0-0-0
Ribby: 002 021 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Game 2
Burley 13, Ribby 7
Burley: 002 021 0-0-0
Ribby: 002 021 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
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Burley 5, Ribby 0
Burley: 002 021 0-0-0
Ribby: 002 021 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
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Softball
MELBA SWEEPS GLENN'S FERRY
Melba struck out 22 Glenns Ferry batters en route

to a 10-0, 5-0 sweep over Glenns Ferry. The Pilots were held hitless on the day.

Bremen played strong in the first game, but we made a couple mental errors and they are quick on the bases," said Glenns Ferry coach Kelli McInone. "We were down by one run in the second game up until the sixth inning but our offense just wasn't good."

Jacydryn Perry pitched 10 strikeouts for Glenns Ferry but it still wasn't enough.

Glenns Ferry plays Kimberly's IV game Friday.

Game 1
Century 18, Wood River 14
Century: 002 021 0-14-19
Wood River: 002 021 0-14-19
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Game 2
Century 18, Wood River 14
Century: 002 021 0-14-19
Wood River: 002 021 0-14-19
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

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Century 18, Wood River 14
Century: 002 021 0-14-19
Wood River: 002 021 0-14-19
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Game 2
Century 18, Wood River 14
Century: 002 021 0-14-19
Wood River: 002 021 0-14-19
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
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CSI pitcher Jody Zillner struggled with her control in the top of the eighth, issuing two walks before Michelle Balston's RBI single put the Coyotes up to go. Zillner (1-5) walked six batters, including the first Coyote batters in the first, fourth, and eighth innings. Two more came with two outs, which is something Baunert said the Golden Eagles focus on trying to avoid.

"It's a lot of pressure," Kroll said of the extra base runners. "We do what we can, but sometimes you can't always have it go the way you want it to go."

Kroll came up with a game-changing triple in the first game, as her sixth-

inning shot down the left field line allowed Rachel Bains, Katelynn Warren and Lacey Baunert to score three important two-out runs. That blow was part of a six-run inning that broke CSI out of a 1-1 tie.

"It was good to see her get that hit in that spot," Baunert said of Kroll.

Anna Sorrell did the most damage for the Golden Eagles in the second game, as her fourth-inning three-run home run put the Coyotes pay for a two-out throwing error by starting pitcher Christina Jones. Sorrell also drew four walks in the game, while Rochelle Noren finished 2-for-3 in the double play.

The Golden Eagles improved to 19-7 in Scenic West Athletic Conference

play on the weekend, but couldn't gain any momentum at conference-leading Salt Lake Community College, as the No. 7 Bruins swept the fourth-place North Idaho College at home over the weekend. Southern Nevada (11-1) still remains first in the conference standings.

The Golden Eagles will take on Snow College this Friday and Saturday in Ephraim, Utah, one week before taking on the Bruins again in a game that will be a 1-1 split in contention for the SWAC regular-season title. The Golden Eagles will look to finish the last three weeks of conference play with a surge that could land them hosting rights to the Region 10 tournament.

"We just have to work hard, stay real focused, play

as a team and execute when we need it," Kroll said.

Game 1
CSI 10, SCS 1
CSI: 002 021 0-1-1
SCS: 002 021 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Game 2
CSI 10, SCS 1
CSI: 002 021 0-1-1
SCS: 002 021 0-0-0
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Game 1
SCS 0, CSI 2
SCS: 002 021 0-0-0
CSI: 002 021 0-0-2
Pitcher: Ryan Bolen (1) vs. Jack Hamilton (1)
Batter: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Outfield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)
Infield: Jack Hamilton (1) vs. Ryan Bolen (1)

Celtics win without Big Three

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Even without the Big Three, the Boston Celtics had enough firepower to make history. Leon Powe had 22 points and nine rebounds, leading a makeshift lineup of Celtics who were never threatened in a 101-78 win over the Charlotte Bobcats on Saturday that not only clinched home-court advantage throughout the playoffs, but set the NBA record for biggest single-season turnaround.

Boston's trio of stars, Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, didn't play, but it didn't matter. Celtics improved to 61-15, 37 more wins than last season's 24-50 disaster.

The previous best turnaround was San Antonio going from 20-62 to 56-26 in 1997-98, the year they got Tim Duncan with the No. 1 overall pick in the draft.



Boston Celtics guard Tony Allen (42) grabs a loose ball as Charlotte Bobcats forward Jemaro Davidson, right, reaches in during the first half in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday.

MAGIC 101, CAVALIERS 86
CLEVELAND — Hedo Turkoglu scored 23 points, Rashard Lewis added 21 and Orlando locked up the Eastern Conference's No. 3 playoff seed.

The Magic, who have sat behind Boston and Detroit in terms of wins for much of the season, won despite getting only 4 points on 1-of-8 shooting from All-Star center Dwight Howard — 17 below his average. Orlando's defense, though, was the difference.

The Magic held Cleveland to 14 points in the fourth quarter and didn't let Cavaliers superstar LeBron James get his first points of the period until there was 1:48 left.

NETS 99, RAPTORS 90
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Carter scored 21 of his 32 points in the second half and snipped a four-game losing streak and kept his faint playoff hopes alive.

Despite the win, the Nets' magic number for being eliminated from postseason contention for the first time in seven years was reduced to 11 after Atlanta beat Philadelphia earlier Saturday.

Richard Jefferson added 20 points and Devin Harris had 12 points and seven assists as the Nets won for only the fourth time in 11 games.

Hasko Nesterovic had 22 points and

14 rebounds to lead the playoff-bound Raptors.

HAWKES 92, TIGERS 85
PHILADELPHIA — Joe Johnson scored 22 points, Josh Smith added 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Atlanta built a big lead and held off Boston.

Marvin Williams contributed 18 points. All Iorford had 10 points and 12 rebounds, and Mike Bibby had 10 points for the Hawks (36-41), who responded after losing to the Sixers 109-104 on Friday in Atlanta.

Andre Igoudala scored 25 points for Philadelphia, which had clinched a playoff berth for the first time in three years with Friday's win.

WIZARDS 99, BULLS 87
CHICAGO — Brendan Haywood scored a career-high 25 points, Caron Butler added 10 and short-handed Washington beat Chicago.

Antawn Jamison missed his second straight game with a sprained right shoulder and Gilbert Arenas rested his surgically repaired left knee for precautionary reasons, but Haywood and Butler picked up the slack.

And Washington all but wiped out the Bulls after clinching its fourth straight playoff berth with a win over Miami the previous night.

One more Chicago loss, or win by Atlanta, and the Bulls can officially start hoping for some lottery luck.

KINGS 118, NUGGETS 115
DENVER — Kevin Martin scored 36 points despite missing Sacramento's shootaround with the stomach flu, and the Kings dealt a blow to Denver's playoff plans.

The Kings, out of playoff contention and missing Ron Artest (thumb) and Brad Miller (leg), won their fourth straight game and snapped Denver's nine-game home winning streak. They took advantage of sloppy play and silly mistakes by the Nuggets, who got 47 points from Carmelo Anthony, two shy of his career high.

Instead of heading into a seventh-place tie with Dallas, Denver, which filtered away an early 12-point lead and trailed from the middle of the second quarter on, fell into a tie with the Golden State for the eighth and final playoff spot in the wild Western Conference.

— The Associated Press

WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT Vols' Parker rehabbing and ready to go vs. LSU

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Many people already have Tennessee and Candace Parker in the title game, but Parker in the title game, bum shoulder and all.

LSU coach Van Chancellor doesn't like it one bit. The winner will play Hall of Famer in title. LSU vs. Connecticut or at the lack of regard for Tennessee. ESPN beat Tennessee getting even though it 7 p.m. ESPN championship.

LSU (31-5) has been a Final Four staple the last five seasons, reaching the national semifinals each time. But the Lady Tigers have yet to make it to the championship game. LSU is only the second team to play in five straight Final Fours, matching the feat accomplished by Connecticut from 2000-04.

Tennessee's Pat Summitt can't wait to see LSU's Final Four plight. "We went to seven Final Fours and seven national championship games before we won one, I know how they feel," Summitt said. "Are we going to get there? But I think if you wait there enough times, eventually you're going to be able to get a break or make your own breaks."

Dominant UConn faces hot Wiggins, Stanford

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — With five Final Four appearances on his resume, Connecticut's Geno Auriemma knows a thing or two about peaking at the right time.

His Huskies (36-1) have been the dominant team in women's college basketball all season and enter Sunday's national semifinals against Stanford (34-3) with a 15-game winning streak that includes four double-digit victories in the NCAA tournament.

Pretty impressive until you take a close look at the Cardinal, who have the tournament's hottest player in Candace Parker and a 22-game winning streak that's the biggest testament to how far they've come since a 12-point loss to UConn on Nov. 22.

"Connecticut in November, to me, was a miracle. They played at an incredible level. They were way ahead of us," said Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer, who retold her offense following the loss and has won 31 of 33 heading into

Parker, Auriemma win AP postseason awards

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Candace Parker has earned all sorts of honors — All-American, national champion, Torino Olympian.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt offers another distinction to the top player in the history of women's basketball. "I went into the season thinking she's one of the best ever," Summitt said. "Now that we're approaching the end of her career — I've coached Cheryl Miller, Chamique (Holdsclaw) Lybette Woodard, Nancy (Lynchert), Anne Donovan — Parker is the best."

Parker, a junior, averaged 21.6 points and 4.3 rebounds to lead the Lady Tigers this season. The All-American on Saturday was voted player of the year in women's college basketball by The Associated Press. Geno Auriemma of Connecticut was the coach of the year, the fifth time he won the award.

"It doesn't matter how many of these you get, it's always special because it means you're doing a great job," Auriemma said. Parker received 40 votes from 50 national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. Maya Moore of Connecticut was second with five votes. Sylvia Fowles of LSU and Candace Wiggins of Stanford had two each and Crystal Langhorne of

Rodeo

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onds, Crist roped her calf almost a second better than second-place Tyler Jessen. Jack of Filer with a 3:59 to win the breakaway. Crist finished second to Wilson in goals, seventh in barrels and was second in poles behind Filer and Katie Vierstra.

Junior and her horse Boscon had a time of 21:26 seconds to win the poles in their second weekend of competing together.

"We are figuring it out," said Vierstra. "But we still have a lot of work to do." Filer and her horse Oakley and Tyler Wardsworth of Kimberly (13-24) won the team roping followed by Scott Perkins of Castleford, and Jarret VanZee of Filer (15-39).

On the boys side, there were only two successful times registered in steer wrestling and two eight-second rides in bull riding. There were no qualified rides in bareback or saddle bronc.

Junior Tyler Hayslett of Minico was one of two cow-

boys bucked off in bareback. "This is really a physical event and it takes lots of time to learn," said Hayslett. "It's a big head game — some days you ride good and still get bucked off hard."

VanZee finished first in steer wrestling at 9:55 seconds and Tyler Wardsworth was second (10:29). Brady Osterhout of DeLo scored 75 points on Deco, 44 to beat the 71 points he picked up Colton Bedke of Oakley in bull riding.

"I love it," said Osterhout. "It was good bull that I had been on before but he hasn't ever been this good. I live for this."

Senior Kris Helmer of Twin Falls was making only his fifth bull ride on Friday. Helmer was bucked out halfway through the ride but his excitement was like that of someone that had gone the full eight seconds and scored 90 points.

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Pettitte ineffective in first start after tough offseason

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Pettitte heard the cheers when he jogged out to the mound to warm up for his first start after a rocky offseason. He tried to give the Yankee Stadium crowd another solid performance.

"The rest of the day just didn't go as planned."

Jonny Gomes homered and drove in four runs against Pettitte to avenge four thunders, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the New York Yankees 6-3 on Saturday.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say that it was great and I'm much appreciative," Pettitte said of the welcome he got from the crowd of 52,247. "I wish I could've given them a better performance than that."

Pettitte was on a shorter-than-normal pitch count after he opened the season on the disabled list with back spasms. He lasted just five innings and

was outpitched by Edwin Jackson, who held the powerful Yankees lineup in check.

"He had a really good slider today, mixed in the changeup," Rays manager Joe Maddon said of Jackson. "His one of those guys, once he gets in the flow of the game he can be very tough."

It was Pettitte's first regular-season start since he admitted using human growth hormone and accused buddy and former teammate Roger Clemens of also using HGH.

New York was again without Joe Girardi, who missed his second straight game with an upper respiratory infection. The first-year Yankees manager was at the ballpark and bench coach Bob Thomson said about 2 1/2 hours before the game that he thought Girardi would be back in the dugout.

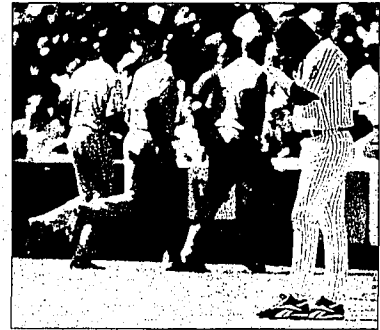
But the club announced right before

the first pitch that Thomson would manage the team for the second straight day.

"Yesterday I had a 103 (degree) temperature," Girardi said. "I think I'll be all right tomorrow."

Yankees slugger Jason Giambi also was day to day after departing in the fifth inning with a sore left groin.

Jackson (1-0) allowed one run and five hits in six innings and Willie Aybar homered for the Rays, who have won the first two of the four-game series.



New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte reacts after giving up a three-run home run to Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Jonny Gomes, second from right, during the fifth inning Saturday at Yankee Stadium in New York. B.J. Upton, left, and Carlos Pena, center, scored on the homer.

Parra pitches Brewers past Giants

MILWAUKEE — Manny Parra carried his first major league victory, delivering a breakout performance in the Milwaukee Brewers' 5-4 win over the San Francisco Giants on Saturday.

The 25-year-old left-hander held the Giants hitless through five innings before giving up a pair of runs in the sixth and leaving the game with a 3-2 lead. The Giants scored another two runs off the Brewers' bullpen in the final three innings, but late-inning homers from Ryan Braun and Gabby Kaplan helped Milwaukee beat the lead.

New Milwaukee closer Eric CGine pitched a perfect ninth for his first save.



Milwaukee Brewers shortstop Craig Counsell can't come up with the ball as San Francisco Giants first baseman Daniel Ornelas steals second during the fifth inning of the baseball game, Saturday in Milwaukee.

win. Chad Durbin (0-1) walked Adam Dunn and Edwin Encarnacion to start the inning. Ryan Fred pitched-run to Dunn, and both runners moved up on pinch-batter Nels Poffenberger's sacrifice. The Phillies then brought in their bullpen and outfielder and left-hander twisting hummer that shortstop Jimmy Rollins backhanded, but couldn't get out of his glove in time to throw out Poffenberger.

PADRES 4, DODGERS 1 — San Diego's Cy Young Award winner Mike Peavy continues to dominate Los Angeles, throwing a two-hitter for the first complete game in the big leagues this year, striking out eight to lead San Diego to the win.

Peavy (2-0) improved to 10-1 in 19 career starts against the Padres' biggest rival. Dodgers ace Brad Penny (1-1)

went the other way, dropping to 0-7 against San Diego in 14 career starts.

While Peavy allowed four runs and six hits in the first inning, a determined Peavy struck out the side in the first inning and retired in the first nine Dodgers batters on 37 pitches.

CARDINALS 5, NATIONALS 4 — St. Louis — Adam Wainwright completed a dominating first time around for the Cardinals' injury-depleted rotation, working eight strong innings in a victory over Washington.

Yadier Molina had two hits and two RBIs and Wainwright (1-0) also drove in a run. The Cardinals' 4-1 start is their best since 2004, when they also won four of their first five.

Nick Johnson was 3-for-4 with his first home run and two RBIs for Washington, which has lost three in a row

after winning its first three games of the year.

CUBS 9, ASTROS 7 — Chicago — Kosuke Fukudome hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the seventh inning and Derek Lee was 4-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs to lead the Cubs.

Carlos Lee went 3-for-4 with a home run and two doubles, and Astros ace Roy Oswalt lost his second game of the season.

Cubs reliever Kevin Hart (1-0) pitched 1-2-3 scoreless innings for the win and Kerry Wood worked a scoreless ninth for his second save.

MARLINS 7, PIRATES 3 — Miami — Mike Jacobs hit his first career grand slam to lead Florida over Pittsburgh.

Jacobs' 417-foot blast to right-center off starter Paul Maholm gave the Marlins a 5-1 lead in the fifth. Jacobs' walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth beat the Pirates on Friday.

Hanley Ramirez also homered for the Marlins.

DIAMONDBACKS 7, ROCKIES 2 — Denver — Arizona spoiled the unveiling of Colorado's NL championship banner Saturday night as Chris Young hit two homers and Brandon Webb allowed his first seven innings.

Webb (2-0) struck Colorado, giving up just one earned run. He walked one and struck out five in a very efficient 108-pitch outing.

— The Associated Press

BRVES 11, METS 5 — Atlanta — Kelly Johnson's pinch-hit grand slam broke open a close game and Atlanta roughed up John Maine in a win over New York.

Johnson, the regular season's first baseman, didn't start in the third straight game due to his sore right knee. With two outs in the seventh and the Braves leading 5-3, Johnson pulled a 3-2 pitch from Jorge Sosa into the right-field seats for his second career grand slam.

REDS 4, PHILLIES 3 — Cincinnati — Paul Bako hit a run-scoring infield single with one out in the ninth inning to lift the Reds to a

Mariners fall short against Scott, Orioles

BALTIMORE — Luke Sewer went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and the Baltimore Orioles received solid contributions from several other newcomers in a 6-5 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Saturday.

Matt Albers (1-0) pitched 12 1/3 innings of one-hit relief and George Sherrill worked the ninth for his third save in three tries. Albers and Scott were both obtained from Houston in the December trade that sent Miguel Tejada to the Astros, and Sherrill came from the Mariners in the February swap for Erik Bedard.

Adam Jones, also part of the Bedard trade, hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh to give Baltimore a 6-4 lead.

Baltimore took the lead with a three-run fifth inning against Miguel Batista (0-1).



Seattle Mariners pitcher Sean Green reacts after being charged with a balk with two men on during the seventh inning against the Baltimore Orioles Saturday in Baltimore.

three-run first inning and Mark Ellis added a solo homer against Salathia (0-1), a native of nearby Vallejo who fell to 1-4 with a 7.12 ERA in eight career starts in Oakland.

Salathia, the reigning AL Cy Young winner, gave up four runs, six hits, and four walks in 5 1/3 innings and has a 7.59 ERA after two starts this season. He allowed three runs in the opening inning

as Cleveland lost for the 14th time in its last 24 games in Oakland.

BLUE JAYS 10, RED SOX 2 — Toronto — Frank Thomas hit a two-run homer. David Eckstein had three RBIs and the Toronto Blue Jays used a six-run eighth inning to beat Boston for the sixth straight time.

Blue Jays right-hander Jesse Litsch (1-0) allowed two runs on five hits over five innings for the win. He walked three — one intentional — and struck out two.

TWINS 6, ROYALS 4 — Minneapolis — Justin Morneau hit his first home run of the season and drove in four runs, and Livan Hernandez won his second straight start for the Twins.

Hernandez (2-0) pitched seven solid innings as the Twins won their second consecutive game against the Royals, who started the season 3-0. Hernandez allowed four runs and seven hits. He did not walk a batter and struck out two.

ANGELS 2, RANGERS 1 — Anaheim, Calif. — Jared Weaver pitched seven scoreless innings. Torii Hunter and Howie Kendrick had run-scoring hits and Los Angeles beat Texas.

Weaver (1-1) allowed three hits, walked none and struck out six after losing at Minnesota in the first opening-day assignment of his career.

Weaver threw 93 pitches. Darren Oliver relieved and gave up a leadoff homer in the eighth to David Murphy.

— The Associated Press

WHITE SOX 5, TIGERS 3 — Detroit — Justin Smith hit an RBI double in the sixth inning for the White Sox's only hit off Donteletto-Willis, and Chicago beat Detroit, the only winless team in the major leagues.

Detroit lost 5-5 for the first time since the Tigers dropped their first nine games in 2003 en route to an AL second-round bye.

White Sox wild in his debut with the Tigers, walking seven in five-plus innings. He gave up three runs in the White Sox's four-run sixth.

ATHLETICS 6, INDIANS 1 — Oakland, Calif. — Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia got roughed up in another day, appointing homecoming and Dana Eveland allowed one run in seven innings to win in his Oakland debut.

Jack Cust hit a two-run double in a

Major League Baseball

	All times EDT									
	American League East Division					National League East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Sfr	Home	Away	Intr	
Baltimore	3	1	.750	-.31	W3	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Tampa Bay	3	1	.750	-.31	W2	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.0	
Toronto	2	2	.500	1.0	W2	2.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	
Boston	3	3	.500	1.0	L2	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	
New York	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Central Division					West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Sfr	Home	Away	Intr	
Chicago	3	2	.600	-.32	W3	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	
Kansas City	3	2	.600	1.0	L2	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	
Minnesota	3	3	.500	1.0	L2	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Cleveland	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	2.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	
Detroit	0	5	.000	3.0	L5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	West Division					National League West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Sfr	Home	Away	Intr	
Los Angeles	4	2	.667	-.42	W3	1.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	
Oakland	3	2	.600	1.0	L2	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Texas	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	
Seattle	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	2.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	
	National League East Division					Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Sfr	Home	Away	Intr	
Florida	3	2	.600	-.32	W2	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Washington	3	3	.500	1.0	L2	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	
New York	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	
Atlanta	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Central Division					West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Sfr	Home	Away	Intr	
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	-.41	W2	2.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	
St. Louis	4	1	.800	-.41	W4	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Cincinnati	3	2	.600	1.0	L2	3.1	3.2	0.0	0.0	
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	2.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	
Chicago	2	3	.400	1.3	L2	1.1	2.3	0.0	0.0	
Houston	2	4	.333	2.0	L4	1.1	0.0	2.4	0.0	
	West Division					National League West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Sfr	Home	Away	Intr	
San Diego	4	2	.667	-.42	W1	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Arizona	3	2	.600	1.0	L2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	1.0	L1	2.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	
San Francisco	1	4	.200	2.0	L4	1.2	0.0	1.4	0.0	
Colorado	1	4	.200	2.0	L4	1.4	0.0	1.2	0.0	

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
Friday's Games									
Chicago White Sox @ Detroit 5	Minnesota 4, Kansas City 3								
Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Yankees 4	Oakland 6, Cleveland 3								
Baltimore 7, Seattle 4	Texas 11, L.A. Angels 6								
Toronto 6, Boston 3									
Saturday's Games									
Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Yankees 3	Oakland 6, Cleveland 1								
Toronto 10, Boston 2	L.A. Angels 2, Texas 1								
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 4	Baltimore 6, Seattle 4								
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3									
Sunday's Games									
Tampa Bay (Sheets 1.0) @ N.Y. Yankees (Wang 1.0), 1:05 p.m.									
Boston (Beckett 0.0) @ Toronto (Halladay 0.1), 1:07 p.m.									
Seattle (Lohr 0.0) @ Baltimore (Guthrie 0.1), 1:35 p.m.									
Kansas City (Lincecum 0.0) @ Minnesota (Borner 0.1), 2:10 p.m.									
Texas (Pulhite 0.0) @ L.A. Angels (Gauford 1.0), 3:35 p.m.									
Cleveland (Lee 0.0) @ Oakland (Blanton 0.1), 4:05 p.m.									
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 0.0) @ Detroit (Vanderhook 0.0), 8:05 p.m.									
Monday's Games									
Seattle @ Baltimore, 3:05 p.m.									
Minnesota @ Chicago White Sox, 4:05 p.m.									
Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.									
Cleveland @ L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.									
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
Friday's Games									
Milwaukee 13, San Francisco 4	Philadelphia 8, Cincinnati 4								
Houston 4, Chicago Cubs 3	N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, p.p.d., 8 p.m.								
Arizona 8, Colorado 1	St. Louis 5, Washington 4								
Florida 5, Pittsburgh 4	L.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 1								
Saturday's Games									
Chicago Cubs 9, Houston 7	Atlanta 11, N.Y. Mets 5								
Milwaukee 5, San Francisco 4	San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 1								
St. Louis 5, Washington 4	Arizona 7, Colorado 2								
Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3	Florida 7, Pittsburgh 3								
Sunday's Games									
Pittsburgh (Sleifer 0.0) @ Florida (Vanderhook 0.0), 1:10 p.m.									
Philadelphia (Volters 0.0) @ Cincinnati (Volquez 0.0), 1:15 p.m.									
N.Y. Mets (Santana 1.0) @ Atlanta (Smoltz 0.0), 1:35 p.m.									
San Francisco (Zito 0.1) @ Milwaukee (Sheets 0.0), 2:05 p.m.									
Washington (Riding 1.0) @ St. Louis (Lincecum 0.0), 2:25 p.m.									
Houston (Bucke 0.1) @ Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 0.0), 2:30 p.m.									
Arizona (Gonzalez 0.0) @ Colorado (Morales 0.0), 3:05 p.m.									
L.A. Dodgers (Iwueke 0.0) @ San Diego (Young 1.0), 4:05 p.m.									
Monday's Games									
Philadelphia @ Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.									
Chicago Cubs @ Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.									
San Diego @ San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.									
St. Louis @ Houston, 7:05 p.m.									
Florida @ Washington, 7:30 p.m.									
Atlanta @ Colorado, 8:35 p.m.									
L.A. Dodgers @ Arizona, 9:40 p.m.									



Skilled with the sword

Twin Falls Intermountain Martial Arts recently conducted a testing for level one Boken (wooden sword) proficiency. Students demonstrated the basics with the Boken and a Boken Kat and created three practical self-defense techniques. Pictured, from left, front row: Shannon Milligan, Ryan Chatter, Steve Tanguy, David Henning; back row: David Hornbacher, Patrick Ricca, instructor David Scott, John Stachowicz, Darren Sparks and Gary Henning.

Earning new belts

AT LEFT: Twin Falls Intermountain Martial Arts recently conducted a testing for belt advancement in Tae Kwon Do. Students demonstrated proficiency in techniques associated with their belt level including taek, sparring and board breaking. Pictured, from left, front row: David Henning (high yellow belt), Gage King (low green belt), Bethany McAfee (high yellow belt), Brook Pennington (high green belt), Hannah McAfee (high yellow belt), Emma Huber (high green belt), Jake Pennington (low blue belt); back row: instructor David Scott, (junior instructor Darin Haddox, Gary Henning (high yellow belt) John Stachowicz (high yellow belt) Hilary Biggers (high yellow belt) and Master Don Rider.



February top family

Intermountain Martial Arts family of the month for February is the Chandler/Thomas family. Sebastian Chandler is a high blue belt and is a member of the Twin Falls Demo Team. Shiloh and Shelton Thomas are low yellow belts preparing to test for their high yellow belts this month.

March top family

Intermountain Martial Arts March family of the month is the Tangy family. Steve, Shawn and Kelley Tangy started together and are currently white belts preparing to test for their low yellow belts.

Courtesy photos



Declo senior Paige Vore was recently named a co-captain on the Wrangler All-Star Rodeo Team.

Two area cowgirls named captains

Staff report

Declo High School senior Paige Vore and Tiller High senior Bailey Tubbs have both been named co-captains of the Wrangler High School All-Star Rodeo Team. The two were selected by a vote from their fellow all-star team members. The National High School Rodeo Association and Wrangler created the Wrangler High School All-Star team in 1998. The team recognizes more than 1,300 high school student-athletes across the United States and Canada for their leadership qualities, academic performance and athletic achievement. From the team, a select few are chosen as co-captains to serve in a team leadership capacity.

Rapids take on Sawtooth

Staff report

The Twin Falls Rapids soccer club faced Sawtooth United of Ketchum and Hailey in a soccer exchange March 28. Below are scores.

Table with 2 columns: Rapids vs Sawtooth, Rapids vs Hailey. Rows show scores for various games.

BOWLING

MAGIC BOWL, TWIN FALLS SUNDAY ROLLERS MEN'S SERIES: Ed Adams 644, Keith Kelly 601, Stan Vesser 594, Vance Mason 549. MEN'S GAMES: RD Adema 248, Keith Kelly 210, Robbie Watkins 208, Stan Vesser 202. LADIES SERIES: Amanda Adema 522, Ida Courtney 520, Cindy Courtney 492, Sandy Kelly 440. LADIES GAMES: Amanda Adema 190, Ida Courtney 176, Cindy Courtney 168, Sandy Kelly 165. COMMERCIAL SERIES: Bob Ooster 690, Robert Watkins 685, Tad Capuro 645, Rick Fredrickson 644. GAMES: Robert Watkins 267, Rick Fredrickson 257, Bob Leazer 254, Abe Straub 246.

MASON SERIES: Jean Stokesberry 559, Don Van Hook 519, Gloria Harder 493, Virginia Mulkey 475. GAMES: Jean Stokesberry 215, Don Van Hook 204, Gloria Harder 192, Virginia Mulkey 183. VALLEY SERIES: Mike Tackett 736, Cory Maeor 692, Robbie Maxwell 659, Ron Klumms 651. GAMES: Mike Tackett 300, Jeff Hansen 235, Cory Maeor 247, Steve Hart 241. FIFTY PLUS MEN'S SERIES: Tom Draper 646, Blaine Ross 589, Tom Glass 580, Jack Boyd 577. MEN'S GAMES: Tom Draper 255, Jack Boyd 215, Ed Duly 212, John McCandless 210. LADIES SERIES: Barbara Smith 533, Margie Howard 516, Virginia Mulkey 479, Bekka Cowal 472. MEN'S GAMES: Barbara Smith 201, Virginia Mulkey 178, Margie Howard 178, Bekka Cowal 171. THURS. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Ed Duly 706, Charles Leves 603, Jeff Bryant 628, Todd Dickenson 617. MEN'S GAMES: Jim Drawley 256, Jeff Bryant 246, Charles Lewis 226, Todd Dickenson 224. LADIES SERIES: Cheryl Kerr 532, Kathy McClure 500, Shan Wick 495, Lynn Ashimack 482. LADIES GAMES: Shan Wick 216, Lynn Ashimack 209, Cheryl Kerr 197, Kathy McClure 194. FRI. EARLY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Blake Thompson 652, Tad Capuro 620, Robbie Watkins 602, Jay McClure 586. MEN'S GAMES: Tad Capuro 236, Blayne Thompson 236, Roy McIsaac 236, Tom Haman 230. LADIES SERIES: Bobbie Thompson 628, Julie Capuro 534, Melissa Straub 518, Kathy McClure 508. LADIES GAMES: Bobbie Thompson 247, Kathy McClure 230, Melissa Straub 191, Ludona McIsaac 188. SAT. VARS BOYS' SERIES: Kyle Mason 598, Zack Black 596, Trevor Wakley 595, Kevin Wakley 545. BOYS' GAMES: Zack Black 236, Kyle Mason 223, Kevin Wakley 2304, Trevor Wakley 194. GIRLS' SERIES: Kaitlyn Simpson 578, Ryan Simpson 535, Stevie Rowley 520, Jessica Jarvis 466. GIRLS' GAMES: Kaitlyn Simpson 214, Ryan Simpson 213, Stevie Rowley 181, Jessica Jarvis 166. SUNSET BOWL, BUHL LUCKY STRIKERS SERIES: Mandi Olson 540, Camra Sobolova 494, Cheryl Russell 472.

Claudene Stricklan 465, Ladies: Mandi Olson 191, Lois Tomlinson 178, Corina Sobolova 176, Cheryl Russell 174. PINBUSTERS SERIES: Al Koolman 639, Alex Wagner 632, Chuck Hicks 624, Jordan Hicks 556. GAMES: Al Koolman 247, Roger Shaddy 246, Chuck Hicks 241, Tim Brock 229. STARTLITE MEN'S SERIES: Dustin McCallister 636, Dirk McCallister 600, Matt Olson 589, Chuck Hicks 577. MEN'S GAMES: Dustin McCallister 243, Kenny Moon 235, Matt Olson 225, Ed Hanna 224. LADIES SERIES: Mandi Olson 583, Candy Short 507, Jeanna Hicks 464, Diana Gilman 454. LADIES GAMES: Mandi Olson 277, Candy Short 189, Diana Gilman 185, Darla McCallister 182. MASON TROPHY SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 507, Verma Kedesh 500, Nancy Blirph 461, Diane Davis 458. GAMES: Diane Davis 205, Verma Kedesh 195, Lois Tomlinson 186, Nancy Blirph 174. SPARE PAIRS MEN'S SERIES: Dirk McCallister 611, Jordan Hicks 609, Pat Russell 585, Dave Reiter 581. MEN'S GAMES: Dirk McCallister 234, Pat Russell 230, Jordan Hicks 217, Cliff Redker 221. LADIES SERIES: Jeanne Hicks 543, Claudene Stricklan 521, Carolyn Romero 512, Lois Tomlinson 507. LADIES GAMES: Jay Miller 213, Claudene Stricklan 197, Jeanna Hicks 191, Carolyn Romero 189. SUNSET SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Welman Caldwell 575, Tom Kinnert 553, Ed Davis 542, Ed Hanna 517, Dale Black 509. MEN'S GAMES: Don Hull 201, Welman Caldwell 198, Tom Kinnert 195, Ed Hanna 194. LADIES SERIES: Lois Tomlinson 516, Phyllis Callan 454, Verma Kedesh 431, Dixie Schroeder 410. PHYLIS CALLAN MEN'S SERIES: Phyllis Callan 180, Lois Tomlinson 178, Verma Kedesh 167, Dixie Schroeder 160. BOWLAND, TWIN FALLS SUN. EARLY MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Ed Duly 712, Kyle Mason 546, Tyler Black 663, Neil Welch 613. MEN'S GAMES: Bob Leazer 279, Byron A. Hager 267, Kade Parsons 627, Dale Black 246. GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Human 619, Kim Leazer 563, Ann Shepherd 530, Leanna Hage 533. LADIES GAMES: Nicole Tump 241, Kim Leazer 230, Ann Shepherd 222, Suzi Leon 205. MONDAY MAJORS BOYS' SERIES: Zach Black 653, Kyle Mason 546, Tyler Black 514, Jay Campbell 465. BOYS' GAMES: Zach Black 257, Kyle Mason 207, Nicholas Parsons 194, Tyler Black 190. GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Human 510, Ashlee Nowak 354, Melody Sims 349, Tamii Camp 340. GIRLS' GAMES: Danielle Human 193, Tamii Camp 174, Ashlee Nowak 127, Melody Sims 124. MON. MIXED FOLLIES MEN'S SERIES: Duke Stimpson 614, Tony Brass 598, John Bonnett 586, Rick Morley 585. MEN'S GAMES: Tony Brass 236, John Bonnett 236, Duke Stimpson 230, Kelsey McLimans 229. LADIES SERIES: Ann Brewer 554, Stacy Hodges 545, Angie Hillman 542, Tiffany Cornelison 521. LADIES GAMES: Barbara Hodges 208, Tiffany Cornelison 203, Ann Brewer 201, Kay Puschel 199. SH-ROOM MEN'S SERIES: Darrell Reynolds 658, Dale Black 611, Corey Pitman 625, Dale Rhyne 609. MEN'S GAMES: Dale Rhyne 254, Darrell Reynolds 243, Dale Black 238, Corey Pitman 236. LADIES SERIES: Barbara Reynolds 551, Stacy Pitman 523, Julie Shull 522, Shannon Knodrick 491. LADIES GAMES: Barbara Reynolds 214, Stacy Pitman 190, Carrie Fredrickson 187, Julie Shull 186. MID MORN. MIXED MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 688, Myron Schroeder 659, Klary Miller 625, Chelsea Egger 576. MEN'S GAMES: Myron Schroeder 246, Klary Miller 246, Tom Smith 238, Tom Morgan 233. LADIES SERIES: Gail Coulerlund 564, Dawn Kuhn 541, Margie Howard 498, Pat Glass 497. TUES. A.M. TRIOS SERIES: Billie Mason 487, Cindy Scher 480, Don Hill 470. Barbara Hill 463, Jesse Diggerstaff 463. MEN'S GAMES: Cindy Scher 185, Mary Ann Bruno 179, Blaine Mason 177, Jackie Bressette 177. C.S.I. TEES. MEN'S SERIES: Chris Irwin 473, Josh Hannah 465, Shawn Goshong 421, Jeff Klumms 396. MEN'S GAMES: Shawn Goshong 195, Chris Irwin 189, Josh Hannah 173, Dallas Gann 167. LADIES SERIES: Beckey Stenmetz 425, Tiffany McKeye 424, Mindy Sobornist 374, Katerina Soto 369. LADIES GAMES: Tiffany McKeye 166, Beckey Stenmetz 149, Aubrie Vanbuskirk 146, Deann Larkin 146, Erin 189, Josh Hannah 189. LATECOMERS SERIES: Kristy Rodriguez 633, Barb Aslett 533, Betty Warkoff 502, Gail McCallister 489. GAMES: Kristy Rodriguez 248, Barb Aslett 201, Gail McCallister 192, Betty Warkoff 181. CONSOLIDATED SERIES: Cobey Magee 704, Paul Danat 87, Gerry Matt Olson 669. DAVE WILSON SERIES: John Bonnett 256, Rick Fredrickson 256, Rocky Bennett 253, Dave Wilson 247, Tony Everts 247. M.V. SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Ed Duly 572, Victor Hagood 562, Doug Sutherland 548, Myron Schroeder 548. MEN'S GAMES: Bill Freeman 212, Victor Hagood 209, Wayne Ting 209, Myron Schroeder 209. LADIES SERIES: Linda Cline 515, Bekka Cowal 508, Dee Hall 494. Shirley Kunsman 496. LADIES GAMES: Dee Hall 203, Shirley Kunsman 183, Ann Brewer 179, Linda Cline 176. LADIES CLASSIC SERIES: Michelle Baughman 590, Carrie Fredrickson 586, Michele Seckel 558, Kay Puschel 553. GAMES: Michele Baughman 252, Michele Seckel 213, Carrie Fredrickson 208, Kena Kohns 200. SUNSET SERIES: Julie Shull 584, Kim

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Leazer 545, Kristy Rodriguez 538, Barb Aslett 532. GAMES: Julie Shull 235, Kaiti Jarome 204, Leanna Magee 200, Dee Giebor 199. FRI. P.M. SENIORS MEN'S SERIES: Dawn McCallister 600, Eddie Chappell 543, Jerry Seabolt 537, Cy Byler 535. MEN'S GAMES: Blaine McCallister 245, Doug Sutherland 225, Jerry Seabolt 215, James Shepard 201, Dave Wilson 201. LADIES SERIES: Dawn Kuhn 509, Sondra Hill 500, Gloria Rudolph 481, Jean McQuine 479. MEN'S GAMES: Dawn Kuhn 213, Sondra Hill 203, Gloria Rudolph 199, Barbara Frith 190. C.S.I. FRIDAY MEN'S SERIES: Patrick Harris 626, Kyle Mason 597, Krug Blamires 538, Chris Bear 414. MEN'S GAMES: Patrick Harris 226, Kyle Mason 213, Krug Blamires 196, Chris Bear 158. LADIES SERIES: Halle Blamires 476, Whitney Ordover 375. LADIES GAMES: Halle Blamires 173, Whitney Ordover 136, Angie Hegman 132, Whitney Card 129. MOOSE SERIES: Ed Hamon 770, Bob Leazer 706, Ron Salsar 670, Cobey Magee 650. MEN'S GAMES: Ed Hamon 275, Cobey Magee 257, Bob Leazer 246, Ron Salsar 244. MOONSHINERS MEN'S SERIES: Danielle Human 527, Deanna Hill 511, Flame Kuntz 496, Beth Mason 475. GAMES: Danielle Human 195, Deanna Hill 192, Flame Kuntz 170, Becky Chalmers 157. GIANTS BOYS' SERIES: Mike Campbell 442, Tom Upchurch 433, Dylan Meek 348, Alvo Brower 329. MEN'S GAMES: Mike Campbell 177, Tom Upchurch 173, Kyle Lobeck 137, Dylan Meek 128, Alvo Brower 93. GIRLS' SERIES: Kati Jo Moses 491, Chylene Uker 409. MEN'S GAMES: Kati Jo Moses 189, Chylene Uker 176, Brooke Newman 171, Collin Boat 149. L.I. GIANTS BOYS' SERIES: Michael Teitel 442, Braden Lowe 318, Simon Halsett 311, Michael Haldrith 184. BOYS' GAMES: Michael Teitel 175, Braden Lowe 173, Simon Halsett 112. GIRLS' SERIES: Elyse Matlock 314, Myomi Aspetia 302, Marena Aspetia 292, Samantha Beverly 285. SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY PINHEADS SERIES: Fred Fowle 521, Andrew Ingram 510, Mason Simpson 261, Courtney Yoshida 456, Abenna Blount 257, Nichole Williams 351. GAMES: Andrew Morgan 202, Fred Fowle 194, Courtney Yoshida 111, Courtney Yoshida 105, Nichole Williams 148, Abenna Blount 140. TUESDAY NITE KIDS SERIES: Kara Heib 404, Dackotha Heib 280. GAMES: Kara Heib 142, Dackotha Heib 105. TUESDAY TEENS SERIES: Jared Studer 607, Andrew Morgan 507, Brody Albertson 485, Amanda Studer 504, Bridget

Albertson 434, Jessica Gode 378. GAMES: Jared Studer 252, Brody Albertson 187, Andrew Morgan 182, Amanda Studer 179, Bridget Albertson 176, Jessica Gode 1236. TUESDAY MIXED SERIES: Bob Bywater 746, Rick Heib 706, Jordan Parish 682, Tiffany Hager 738, Stacy Heib 566, Theresa Knowlton 505. GAMES: Bob Bywater 277, Rick Heib 268, Shane Herwig 257, Tiffany Hager 216, Stacy Heib 224, Theresa Knowlton 183. WED. MIXED SERIES: Jordan Parish 702, Tyson Hirsch 679, Galen Rogers 650, Annette Hirsch 552, George Schultze 486, Christy Gonzales 445. GAMES: Tyson Hirsch 289, Jordan Parish 278, Galen Rogers 236, Annette Hirsch 201, George Schultze 172, Christy Gonzales 161. MAJOR SERIES: Bob Bywater 735, Rick Heib 707, Justin Studer 697, Tyson Hirsch 685. GAMES: Bob Bywater 289, Rick Heib 268, George Sanders 257, Tyson Hirsch 255. MENS CLASSIC TRIOS (4 GAME SERIES) SERIES: Brad Helm 1024, Dan Rorris 910, Bob Bywater 891, Darr Smith 889. GAMES: Brad Helm 209, Blair Smith 264, George Sanders 259, Bob Bywater 257. EARLY BIRDS SERIES: Shannon Carter 635, Troy Christensen 611, Dee Maier 592, Nita Miller 615, Cois Millspaugh 457, George Schultze 428. GAMES: Dee Maier 227, Shannon Carter 217, Troy Christensen 211, Nita Miller 207, Becky Smith 167, Nance Carter 166. N.W. PA. BOYS' SERIES: Bob Despan 533, Randy Ross 497, Brent Olsen 491, Kris Rodriguez 473, Kay Poole 415, Mikayla Bannister 404, Gabe Despan 193, Bob Despan 192, Randy Ross 179, Kris Rodriguez 191, Lynn Despan 171, Kay Poole 155. CLAVIS LEASE 257. SERIES: Lisa Hutchison 551, Janet Grant 522, Kim Son 521, Deon Fassett 519. GAMES: Lisa Hutchison 200, Janet Grant 184, Theresa Knowlton 192, Sharon Hissung 191. LADIES CLASSIC TRIOS SERIES: Tiffany Hager 649, Amy Ingram 484, Glenda Mcham 462, Terri Abert 465. GAMES: Camille Marshall 100, Debe Ingram 485, Jachelle Lowe 180, Donna Beyer 179, Janet Grant 179, Theresa Knowlton 192, Sharon Hissung 191. MONDAY MARAUDERS SERIES: Lori Parish 533, Branda Schenk 521, Derry Smith 489, Kristie Johnston 469. GAMES: Derry Smith 186, Lori Parish 183, Branda Schenk 178, Kristie Johnston 165.

Serena Williams wins Key Biscayne title for fifth time



Serena Williams celebrates after her 6-7, 6-3 win against Jelena Jankovic in the women's singles final at the Sony Ericsson Open in Key Biscayne, Fla., Saturday.

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) — Serena Williams sat in her chair wearing a weary grin as tournament workers prepared the court for the postmatch ceremony.

"A word of warning," someone told Williams. "The trophies are really hot because they've been sitting in the sun."

"I took a long time on a hot day for Williams to claim her fifth Key Biscayne title. She blew a big lead, battled fitters, threw a tantrum and finally finished off Jelena Jankovic 6-1, 5-7, 6-3 to win the Sony Ericsson Open.

The elusive victory tested Williams' temper in the 95-degree sunshine. She broke her racket and screamed at herself before putting away an overhead slam on her eighth championship point.

"I thought I had like 15 match points. I'm glad to know it wasn't," Williams said. "I got tight. I guess

you can classify that as nervous. ... It's me just feeling like, 'I'm almost there. I would hate to lose this match after being up so much.'"

Men's title

Rafael Nadal vs. Nikolay Davydenko 11 a.m., CBS

She arrived at Key Biscayne, thanks to a recent rigorous training regimen, and needed to be in peak condition in the 2½-hour final. Both players held up well in the heat, and some of their best rallies — one lasting 26 shots — came in the final few games.

But Williams also battled a bad case of butterflies down the stretch.

"Serena really had trouble closing out the match," Jankovic said. "She looked so nervous out there, I could never believe that a girl who has won so many Grand Slams, so many tournaments, could be that nervous closing out the match. It felt like it

was her first time to win that tournament."

Instead, Williams won for the second year in a row and matched Steffi Graf's record of five women's titles at Key Biscayne.

"The Serena and Steffi Open," said Williams, who lives in nearby Palm Beach Gardens. "I love Steffi Graf. She's a great champion and was my role model. To even be compared to her is awesome."

Graf's husband, Andre Agassi, holds the men's record with six titles. Bidding for the men's championship Sunday will be Rafael Nadal and Nikolay Davydenko.

Despite Williams' success at Key Biscayne and elsewhere, she has long been criticized for devoting too much time and energy to such interests as acting and fashion design. But tennis is now the No. 1 priority, she said.

"I wasn't making as much money,

so I've got to go back to the bread and butter," she said with a laugh. "I feel like all I want to do is play tennis."

She's 14-1 this year, with her only loss to Jankovic in the quarterfinals at the Australian Open.

At first it appeared the rematch might not last an hour. Jankovic, battling a cold, was outplayed for a set and a half and was three points from defeat before she began to find her form.

Williams started to spray nervous shots, lost her serve at love for 5-all, then double-faulted to lose set point and force a third set.

"I was thinking, 'Maybe she's going to be nice to me,'" Jankovic said.

Even the pro-Williams crowd applauded the dogged comeback by Jankovic, who had rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the third set to win her opening match.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Ochoa's lead shrinks with bogeys

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — The only consolation for Lorena Ochoa was a one-shot lead in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

Just when it looked as though Ochoa would seize control of the first major of the year, she three-putted for bogey on two of the final four holes and settled for a 1-under 71 on Saturday, with only one shot separating her from Heo-Won Han.

The Mexican star must know by now that this major won't come easily.

Despite opening the back nine with three straight birdies to build a two-shot lead and loads of momentum, Ochoa gave it away with an aggressive three-putt on the 15th, and by chopping her way up the 18th in the rough and the sand.

Han had a 70 and will play in the final group of a major for the first time.

"It was an up and down day," Ochoa said. "Today was difficult golf. It was hard from tee to green."

U.S. Women's Open champion Cristie Kerr was all but forgotten until finishing a 66 before the leaders made the turn, leaving her in the group only two shots behind.

Annika Sorenstam suffered stomach cramps so severe that she nearly walked off the course after 10 holes, but tried to put it out and is glad she did. Sorenstam had four birdies on the back nine for a 73, and was only four shots behind.

Going into the final round, where the pressure and desert heat is rising, 14 players were separated by five shots.

Seven of these players are recent champions.

Ochoa looked disgusted as she stood on the edge of the 10th green, staring up at the blazing sky with her hands on hips. She has twice felt pilled at Mission Hills, blowing a three-shot lead in the final round in 2006, and squander-



Lorena Ochoa, of Mexico, watches her drive into the right rough on the 13th hole during the third round of the LPGA's Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Saturday.

ing another good chance last year when she whiffed a chip shot and wrote a quadruple bogey on the 17th hole of the third round.

There was no meltdown Saturday, just a slow retreat, to a suddenly packed leaderboard.

"I'm OK," she said. "I'm in the last group and I have a chance to win a major."

Kerr was joined at 212 by Seon Hwa Lee (68) and Maria Jhorj, who bogeyed the 18th hole for a 72. Another shot back was a group that included Swedish pioneer Liselotte Neumann (71) and Heather Young, who was tied with Ochoa to start the third round and was in the lead by herself at the turn until she stumbled on 74.

Sorenstam turned in the most inspiring round.

She seemingly took herself out of the tournament with a 40 on the back nine, and was sick enough to quit. She told her caddy, Terry McNamara, that she did not want to walk

off the course, but she felt that was her only option. Even after a birdie on No. 10, she laid on her back, feeling nausea.

Wagner keeps lead at Houston Open

HUMBLE, Texas — Johnson Wagner shot a 3-under 69 to take a one-shot lead over Chad Campbell after the third round of the Houston Open.

The 28-year-old Wagner, without a birdie on 20 career starts, had a 15-under 201 total.

Campbell, playing one group ahead of Wagner, birdied five of his first nine holes for a 65. Charley Hoffman and Bob Estes were three behind at 12 under. Estes shot a 64, the best round of the day. Hoffman had a 69. Geoff Ogilvy shot a 66 to reach 10 under, and Matthew Goggin was another shot back after a 72.

Defending champion Adam Scott, who shared the

first-round lead with Wagner, withdrew Saturday morning because of stomach trouble.

Wiebe up 3 at Cap Cana Championship

PUNTA CANA, Dominican Republic — Mark Wiebe shot a 4-under 68 to take a three-stroke lead over Scott Hoch in the Champions Tour's Cap Cana Championship.

Wiebe's bogey-free round, highlighted by an eagle-birdie run, pushed him to 8-under 135. After starting his round by making seven-straight pars, Wiebe holed out a wedge shot from 45 yards for an eagle on the par-8 eighth hole. Wiebe, the SAS Championship winner last year, then birdied the par-7 ninth.

Hoch, a two-time winner on the Champions Tour already this year, shot a 67. Jay Haas (69) and Eduardo Romero (68) were four strokes behind Wiebe.

— The Associated Press

Busch finally leads the last lap, gets Texas win

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — After all the laps Kyle Busch has led in the NASCAR Nationwide Series this season, he finally led only one that ever really mattered.

Busch won at Texas Motor Speedway in dominating fashion Saturday, leading 126 of the 200 laps and finishing more than a second ahead of left brother, Clint Bowyer, with an average speed of 151.70 mph. It was fastest Nationwide race at the 1½-mile high-banked track.

"I never won here, and I proved that, I don't know where Victory Lane is," the Busch said. "I got lost get-

ting here."

The caution flag came out with 10 laps left after Kyle Krisloff crashed on the backstretch. Instead of piling on new tires, Busch kept his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota on the track.

On the restart with seven laps to go, Busch stayed out front and stretched his gap ahead of Burton's Chevrolet. Clint Bowyer, the series points leader, had two fresh tires and gained two spots in the closing laps to finish third in another Chevrolet.

"He was just rolling," Bowyer said of Busch. "The best car was today."

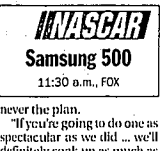
Michael McWho? NASCAR driver skyrockets to stardom after spectacular crash in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Michael McDowell came to Texas Motor Speedway on a mission to win the Sprint Cup by infuriating Jeff Burdett during his Sprint Cup debut.

Then the kid known as "McDizzle" barrel-rolled his car around the track in the most spectacular crash in recent history.

Now he's an overnight sensation, booked solid on national TV shows to discuss the wreck he lived to talk about. It's created mixed feelings for McDowell, who didn't quite want to become famous this way.

"I have two feelings about it — one is that I want to be in the media spotlight for the right reason, and that's for being a good race car driver and running well," McDowell said Saturday. "The second part of it is that you'll take it whenever you can get it. Especially with the way this sport is right now. We don't want to go out there, that's



to race at NASCAR's top level. Although he's turned hundreds of laps testing a Cup car for Michael Waltrip Racing, his only previous NASCAR experience was four Nationwide races and one Truck Series event.

Asked Friday if he maybe wasn't over his head, even McDowell acknowledged his rise into the No. 00 Toyota wasn't conventional. Despite his limited seat time, McDowell was promoted when team officials had to fill the hole created following Dale Jarrett's retirement.

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The team doesn't yet have the resources to field Nationwide cars or trucks for McDowell, so moving him up was the only option.

"The seat that was available at Michael Waltrip Racing was for the Sprint Cup Series. I didn't walk in there and say, 'Hey, I'm a Sprint Cup driver. I deserve it. I want to be in it,'" he said. "For sure, it will be a tough year and I'm going to have to learn. It's tough to learn at this level. Do I belong? No. I don't belong, but I'm going to work hard to get to the point where I do."

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 Tomorrow: Breezy and cloudy periods expected. Highs near 50.

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 53 Low 33	Low 33	50/30	50/32	49/31	54/33

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	48	31	Trace
Idaho Falls	44	27	0.00"
Meridian	43	27	0.00"
Payette	42	26	0.00"
Shoshone	41	25	0.00"
Timberline	38	23	0.00"
Wendover	35	20	0.00"
Yellowstone	33	17	0.00"

BURIE YARBURGH FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, continued unsettled enough to produce a shower. Highs 50s.
 Tonight: Pleasant cloud cover, little to no precipitation likely. Lows near 30.
 Tomorrow: Breezy and cloudy periods expected, light showers in the area. Highs 40s.

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 48 Yesterday's Low: 30 Normal High/Low: 58/32 Record High/Low: 77 in 2000 Record Low: 25 in 1982	Yesterday's Total: 0.00" Normal Month to Date: 0.16" Year to Date: 0.28" Normal Year to Date: 0.71"	Yesterday's Maximum: 57% Yesterday's Minimum: 27% Today's Maximum: 57% Today's Minimum: 30% 10-day average maximum: Oct. 1 to 10: 61%	Today: 30.2 Monday: 30.2 Tuesday: 30.2 Wednesday: 30.2 Thursday: 30.2 Friday: 30.2	Today: 6:57 AM - 7:57 PM Monday: 6:57 AM - 7:57 PM Tuesday: 6:57 AM - 7:57 PM Wednesday: 6:57 AM - 7:57 PM Thursday: 6:57 AM - 7:57 PM Friday: 6:57 AM - 7:57 PM

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Today Highs 24 to 28 - Tonight's Lows 14 to 21.

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Today Highs/Lows 59 to 55/32 to 37

NORTHERN UTAH

Unsettled and potentially showery weather will take the roost for many days to come.

Today Highs/Lows 59 to 55/32 to 37

MOON PHASES

Phase	Day	Time
New Moon	Apr 1	11:00 AM
First Qr	Apr 7	11:00 AM
Full Moon	Apr 13	11:00 AM
Last Qr	Apr 20	11:00 AM

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	7:07 AM	10:27 PM
Monday	7:17 AM	10:49 PM
Tuesday	7:27 AM	11:11 PM
Wednesday	7:37 AM	11:33 PM
Thursday	7:47 AM	11:55 PM
Friday	7:57 AM	12:17 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	53-34	50-33
Idaho Falls	52-33	49-32
Meridian	51-32	48-31
Payette	50-31	47-30
Shoshone	49-30	46-29
Timberline	48-29	45-28
Yellowstone	47-28	44-27

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	78-51	75-50
Baltimore	52-41	49-40
Chicago	51-41	48-40
Denver	50-40	47-39
Houston	61-40	58-39
Los Angeles	63-53	60-52
Miami	82-68	80-67
New York	55-45	52-44
San Francisco	62-52	59-51
Seattle	52-42	49-41
Washington	50-40	47-39

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can't get a choice how you're going to die. You can only decide how you're going to live."

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	37-12	34-11
Edmonton	36-11	33-10
Halifax	40-28	37-27
Montreal	45-33	42-32
Ottawa	44-32	41-31
Regina	43-31	40-30
Saskatoon	42-30	39-29
Vancouver	48-36	45-35

IOC chief says health not a danger in Beijing

SINGAPORE (AP) — IOC President Jacques Rogge said pollution in Beijing will not endanger the health of athletes, although poor performance might suffer.

"The health of the athletes is absolutely not in any danger," Rogge said Saturday. "It might be that some will have a little bit of a slight reduction in performance, but nothing will harm the health of the athletes. The IOC will take care of that."

Speaking on a visit to Singapore, Rogge said he saw no momentum toward boycotts of the Olympics over political issues, and was unhappy with protests during the torch relay but accepted people's right to demonstrate.

Rogge was asked to comment on the decision by Inge Grønblass, the world's greatest distance runner, not to run the men's marathon in Beijing because of worries over pollution.

"Inge Grønblass is arguably the best long-distance runner of the present generation," Rogge said, adding however, the runner is "slightly asthmatic."

Rogge was not ruling out the possibility that Grønblass could change his mind nearer to the date.

"He decided so far — I'm saying so far because we don't know how things will evolve — not to participate in the marathon," he said. "I would say wait and see ... when he sees the data that we're getting on Beijing."

Rogge had previous said outdoor events in August's games could be delayed if the air quality was too poor.

Pollution — in addition to the violence in Tibet and human rights issues — had been a major concern for China and the International Olympic Committee in the leadup to the Aug. 8-24 Olympics. Some athletes are reportedly considering wearing masks to ward off the bad air in Beijing, while many in the Olympic village in China's capital will be in the most polluted area.

The Tibet protests and other human rights issues had led activists to call for boycotts of the Beijing Olympics, and some high-ranking political leaders — including President Nicolas Sarkozy — had said they may boycott the opening ceremony.

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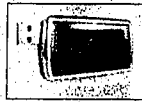
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'Distinctive destinations'

West Coast towns honored for standing out in a crowd

By Cheryl Wittenauer
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS — Twelve towns — from a French colonial village in Missouri to a town on the Florida Panhandle — have been honored this year by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for their commitment to historic preservation and community revitalization.

The list of a "Dozen Distinctive Destinations" has been issued annually since 2000 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

This year's honorees are Ste. Genevieve, Mo.; Aiken, S.C.; Apalachicola, Fla.; Columbus, Miss.; Crested Butte, Colo.; Fort Davis, Texas; Friday Harbor, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Portsmouth, N.H.; Red Wing, Minn.; San Juan Bautista, Calif.; and Wilmington, N.C.

Ste. Genevieve was recognized as having "the most significant collection of French colonial architecture in the U.S.," according to the preservation group. The town of 4,400 people was settled by the French in the early 1700s, making it one of Missouri's oldest settlements and the only French colonial village left in the U.S. Ste. Genevieve is located on the Mississippi River, 64 miles south of St. Louis.

Ownership of the territory was alternately French, Spanish and American, but the French traditions and architecture persisted no matter who was in charge.

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, recalled the heroic efforts to save the French colonial structures during the Great Flood of 1993.

The buildings, he said, are "just outstanding. I'll never forget the vertical log structures that you don't see anywhere else. It's really a memorable experience to go there."

"It's a little bit off the track. That's why we want to draw attention to it."

The town boasts more than 150 structures built before 1825, including the 1785 Bolduc House, the 1792 Amoureux House, the 1818 Felix Valle State Historic Site and the 1806 Guibourd-Valle House, with its Norman-style trusses. Visitors can also tour the Historic Memorial Cemetery, where many of Ste. Genevieve's distinguished early inhabitants are buried.

Ste. Genevieve is surrounded by a state park, wildlife refuge and national forest. Throughout the year, the town celebrates French heritage balls and festivals. Accommodations include a motel and variety of bed-and-breakfast inns, restaurants and wineries. Its unique architecture, winding streets and bucolic setting make it a great getaway. Details at ste.genevievevictourism.org or 800-373-7007.

Here are the other 11 places chosen by the National Trust for Historic Preservation — nationaltrust.org — as this year's "Distinctive Destinations."

- Portland, Ore., a big city with a scenic, small-town feel, from the enormous yet funky Powell's Books to the famed rose garden in Washington Park; travelportland.com or 800-962-3700.

- Friday Harbor, Wash., a small, well-preserved community in the San Juan Island chain that is ideal for outdoor adventurers, wildlife enthusiasts and history buffs; historicfridayharbor.org or 888-468-3701.



Wranglers take a break for lunch while overlooking the Slate River Valley in Crested Butte, Colo., while gathering their cattle from the U.S. National Forest lands on Oct. 5, 2007.



Sheila Perfume roses bloom in the west hills above Portland, Ore., at the International Rose Test Garden on June 4, 2002.

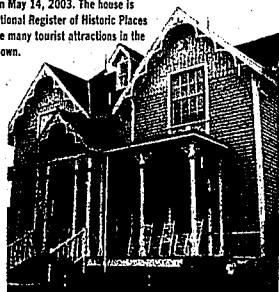
Shrimp boats, unable to go out into the Gulf and fish, are tied to the docks on Sept. 14, 2004, in Apalachicola, Fla.



The Bequette Ribault House in Ste. Genevieve, Mo., is shown on May 14, 2003. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the many tourist attractions in the small Missouri town.



This undated photo released by the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center shows the first home of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tennessee Williams in Columbus, Miss.



Travel gadgets: Jack in

By Daniel Greenberg
Special to
The Washington Post

An occasional look at products the travel industry insists we need.

What: A phone jack for your computer that lets you plug in a standard phone and make low-cost calls.

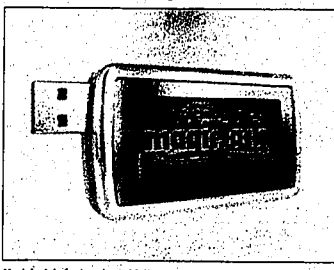
Aimed at: Travelers with laptops who want to make cheap calls from the road.

How much: \$20 for the jack, plus \$20 a year for service.

But does it work? Between pricey penalties for exceeding mobile phone minutes to absurd hotel telephone charges, calling from the road costs too much. Travelers with laptops and broadband can make Internet calls, but those pay-per-minute rates add up.

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MagieJack is for travelers with laptops who want to make cheap calls from the road.

use a headset).

Setup is simple. You don't need to insert a CD; just plug the small device into the USB port and the software loads automatically. We were making calls less than five minutes after plugging in the device. Voice quality was indistinguishable from a wired phone line.

We tested MagieJack with a variety of Internet broadband connections and PCs. The quality did not suffer, and the device did not slow down other programs, even on an older, slower PC.

The phone service comes with a free local phone number, voice mail, call waiting,

call forwarding, three-way calling and free (commercial-supported) directory assistance. International calls are extra, though competitively priced: Calls to France, for example, are 2 cents a minute (18 cents a minute for French mobile phones).

MagieJack compares favorably to Skype, which recently added flat-rate pricing to its per-minute pricing (\$36 a year for unlimited calling to phones in the United States and Canada). Skype charges extra for such things as an incoming phone number and devices that let you plug in standard phones.

Cons: Although the device

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New Gettysburg museum to open doors soon

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — The public is going to be allowed into the new museum and visitor center at Gettysburg National Military Park starting April 14.

The facility is part of a \$125 million project that will also preserve the park's artifacts, archives and battlefield and create an endowment for future needs.

The cyclorama, an 1884 oil painting designed to place viewers in the middle of the climactic battle, is still in the process of being restored. It

is scheduled to be open to the public in late September. The massive painting was created in 14 sections comprising a 360-degree canvas that depicted Pickett's Charge, the dramatic Union Army stand against Confederate troops on July 3, 1863.

A three-day reenactment of the battle is slated for July 4-6. Tickets are available at Gettysburgreenactment.com or by calling (717) 336-1525.

The Gettysburg Foundation has raised more than \$105 million for the

visitor center and restoration. Details at Gettysburgfoundation.org. National park information is available at Nps.gov/gett.

Epcot flower fest at Disney

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — An odds concert series is part of the annual Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival at Walt Disney World Resort, March 19-June 1.

The Flower Power concert series includes performances by The Guess Who, Petula Clark, Paul Borevere and the Raiders, Jay Black, Herman's Hermits, Arlo Guthrie, Davy Jones, Jose Feliciano and

Tony Orlando. Also on the schedule for the festival is a May 11 Mother's Day Brunch. Exhibits include Disney Topiary, millions of blooms and Garden Town, where you can get gardening tips and take part in demonstrations led by horticulturalists.

Details at Disneyworld.com/flower or 407-824-4321.

Nickelodeon theme park opening at Mall of America

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — An indoor Nickelodeon theme park is opening in the Mall of America.

Nickelodeon Universe, the network's first theme park, was scheduled to open March 15. The seven-acre amusement park will include 18 Nickelodeon-branded rides, including a roller coaster called SpongeBob SquarePants Rock Bottom Plunge; Avatar Airbender; and The Naked Brothers

Crazy Cars. The mall is considered the largest shopping destination in America.

This is one of several efforts by the network to associate its brand with travel and destinations. In 2005, a Nickelodeon-themed resort opened in Orlando, and in August, Nickelodeon will launch its first-ever family cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Freedom of the Seas, with a Western Caribbean itinerary.

Quirky Bisbee gets makeover

BISBEE, Ariz. (AP) — The Bisbee Visitor Center just got a \$300,000 makeover.

A state grant paid for new carpeting, accent lighting, fresh paint and new office furniture, among other upgrades, according to the Sierra Vista Herald. "Bisbee is now a destination, and our visitor center is often the first place they stop," center Director Ilona Smerkanich told the paper. "We are thrilled with the new look."

located in southeastern Arizona near the U.S.-Mexico border, draws visitors for its local artists, tours of the now inactive Copper Queen Mine, its mining and historical museum, and for the Shady Dell, where visitors can stay in vintage aluminum travel trailers.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: How much do you need to double a strong trump? ...

have bid game and not cue-bid at all with no heart control. Since you have hearts under control, you could use Keycard Blackwood if that is in your armor...

ANSWER: Do not let what he said result disturb you. Where as he is, you have a respectable lead and a prime 17-count, double away whenever you feel like it.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Do you have any good gossip to pass on to the general readership about bridge at the top? Without being indiscreet, how many bridge players marry (or divorce) their top players?

Dear Mr. Wolff: As a duffer bridge player, I was confused by a recent column. Against no-trumps the lead was a heart from five to the A-Q-10; dummy, with high third, played the eight. Third hand played the two and declarer overtook with the jack.

ANSWER: Well, I am married to Judy, a fine player in her own right, who plays with the widow of Norman Kay, one of America's finest players and gentlemen. I'm not being chauvinistic to say that almost every top woman player in the country is either related to, married to, or was at one time involved with an equally good male player. I don't think anybody but a bridge player could put up with us!

ANSWER: The reason that East can't have the doublet 9-3 is that with that holding he would have put up the nine on the eight from dummy - both third hand high and perhaps an attempt to suggest two. Normally when you can't beat dummy's jack or lower, you signal count to partner (high for even, low for odd), so with the doublet ten you'd play the seven under the eight. Partner won't think you like the suit - you could not beat dummy's low card, after all.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Recently you ran a deal showing a hand with which you would use "Crawling Stayman." How would you handle the situation holding the same distribution, but with invitational values - say about an eight-count?

Dear Mr. Wolff: Holding ♠A-9-4-3, ♥2, ♦A-K-7-2, ♣A-6, I opened one diamond and received the response of one spade to three. When partner bid four clubs, I cue-bid four diamonds, and my partner now hid four spades. Should I have bid on - and if so with what?

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ANSWER: Your partner's sequence suggests slam interest for he's held

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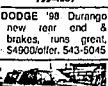
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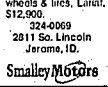
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Tilted? Flattened? Correct it.



Physical therapist Jackie Dux works with 6-month-old Seyvn Matheson while his mother, Charly, looks on Monday at Primary Therapy Source in Twin Falls. Exercises like these help lengthen the short side of Seyvn's neck, reversing flattening of his head.

Staff photo by GAREY SMITH

Introduce us to a special M.V. mother

Perhaps you know a particularly inspiring mother. Or one who overcame tremendous obstacles as she nurtured her children. Or one who spread her arms, opened her heart and mothered families other than her own.

If so, please tell us about her. On Mother's Day next month, we want to devote the Family Life section front to an extraordinary southern Idaho mother. But we need you to introduce us to her.

By e-mail this week or next week, you can nominate a mother who lives in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka or Twin Falls county. Tell us why her story would be inspiring to our readers.

Also include: Your full name; how you're connected with the mother you're nominating; contact information for both you and her; and the towns where each of you live. Please make sure all your information is correct, including name spellings.

E-mail your nomination: Send it to virginia.hutchins@tee.net with "Mother" in the subject line.

The deadline: We must receive your nomination by Sunday, April 20.

In our Mother's Day story, we may quote from any nomination we receive.

Parents should watch for conditions of babies' heads

By Ariel Hansen
Staff writer

As the woman in the pink polo shirt moved the big rattly strawberry up and to one side, Seyvn had a hard time keeping his eyes off it. The towheaded baby's neck turned, a little slowly, a little hesitantly, but fully, following the noise.

The plastic rattle — like the stacking blocks that light up and play tunes, a rubber balance ball, and simple stretches — was just one trick in the repertoire of physical therapist Jackie Dux as she helped 6-month-old Seyvn correct for two related conditions: torticollis (wry neck) and plagiocephaly (flat head syndrome).

Seyvn's mom, Charly Matheson of Twin Falls, said she and her husband first saw an abnormality in their baby shortly after his birth in September.

"We noticed it right when he was born. He would only turn his head to the right," Matheson said. "We'd have



Dr. Jared Hansen, a pediatrician at St. Luke's Magic Valley Physician Center, holds a doll while describing the effects of children with flat heads.

him down on a blanket and we'd try to get his attention, but he wouldn't look at us."

The baby was born in Boise, where his doctor suggested exercises like attention-getting on the baby's unaffected side, but Matheson soon took Seyvn to Dr. Jared Hansen, a

pediatrician at St. Luke's Magic Valley Physician Center. Hansen quickly noticed the tightness on one side of the baby's neck, and educated Matheson about torticollis and plagiocephaly and how the conditions can affect babies if untreated.

"There were these pictures of little babies in helmets, and it was heartbreaking," Matheson said. "Luckily we caught it in time that it wasn't totally bad." Although torticollis and plagiocephaly

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Flat heads and wry necks

- **Torticollis** is commonly known as wry neck, and it involves the failure of a baby's neck muscles on one side to properly lengthen.
- **Positional plagiocephaly**, or flat head syndrome, is when one part of a baby's head is flattened, sometimes resulting in asymmetries or deformations of the head and face. There is also a type of plagiocephaly caused by premature fusion of the sutures of a baby's skull.
- **Both wry neck and flat head syndrome** can be caused by the baby's position in the womb, during birth or because the baby's head isn't moving enough after birth, and the two conditions are often related. Physical therapy at home and in a therapist's office can correct mild and moderate cases, but babies with severe cases may need orthotic helmets.



Need to remind yourself that your life isn't as hectic as it could be? Check in on Marissa and Crystal Olson of Twin Falls, expectant parents of triplets, as they document their anticipation and preparation for three identical daughters. Comment on posts, ask the family questions and send the Olsons encouragement at TheBaby-Baby-BabyBlog, at Magicvalley.com/blogs/familylife.

And watch for features, writer Melissa Davila's update on the Olsons, later this month in Family Life.

Afton's cat finds a home with Hazelton woman

By Ariel Hansen
Staff writer

When Afton Scofield chose not to seek treatment for her kidney failure last fall, she knew she was making a decision to die.

She would leave behind her family and her friends — and her cat, Lucky.

The *Times-News* brought you the story of Scofield's final months on March 9, and noted that Lucky was in need of a home after his owner's February death.

Last week, we caught up with one of Scofield's daughters, Cathie Blevins.

"I honestly feel like it was an unanswered prayer," Blevins said. Not long after the *Times-News* story appeared, Blevins was contacted by a retired Hazelton woman, who had recently lost her husband.

Her cat had been run over about a month before, leaving the woman alone.

"She hated to come home to an empty home," Blevins said.

Lucky was similar in both personality and appearance to the woman's cat, and the newspaper picture of Lucky prompted the woman to call Blevins.

"She said it looked like he

had a little tear in his eye," Blevins said.

The woman, whom the *Times-News* was unable to reach, knew Blevins and her family years ago, but they hadn't been in recent contact.

When Blevins brought Lucky to the woman's home, Blevins said, she felt she'd found a perfect place for her mother's kitty.

"We couldn't have handpicked a better home for him, although it was heart-wrenching to do that."

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Afton Scofield's cat, Lucky, peers over the back of a chair at her home in the weeks after her death. Scofield's daughters were unable to keep the cat, but through a *Times-News* story about Scofield's choice to die, he has found a new home.

"We couldn't have handpicked a better home for him, although it was heart-wrenching to do that."

— Cathie Blevins, Afton Scofield's daughter

Study: Premies face risks as they grow up, less education and more childlessness in adulthood

By Caria K. Johnson
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — The largest-ever study of the long-term consequences of premature birth finds that children born early have higher death rates in childhood and are more likely to be childless in adulthood.

Experts call the research significant because it followed 1.2 million Norwegian births over decades. It also raises questions about future risks for even their babies saved today by modern medicine.

New drugs and therapies first used widely in the 1980s now save smaller and sicker babies. So the babies in the study may have been healthier, on average, than children born premature in recent years, experts said.

"Are we improving their survival but at the expense of significant problems down the road?" asked study leader Dr. Geeta Swamy of Duke University Medical Center.

Most preemies grow up to

have good health and normal reproduction, but the researchers found heightened risks compared with babies born at full term from 1967 to 1998. The findings add to known consequences of prematurity such as lung problems, disabilities, mental retardation and school delays.

U.S. rates of premature births climbed steadily during the past two decades reaching an estimated 12.8 percent of births in 2005, government figures show. More than 540,000 babies were born premature last year.

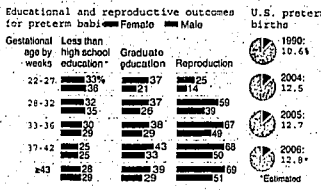
Fertility treatments that result in multiple births and older mothers contributed to the rise. (The rate of premature births in Norway that year was 7 percent.)

In the United States, there is an epidemic of preterm birth, and prevention is absolutely critical," said Dr. Alan Fleischman of the March of Dimes. He was not involved in the study.

Fleischman said prevention efforts include hormone

Preemie Issues linger into adulthood

A Norwegian study that followed 1.2 million births found long-term consequences for premature babies into their adult lives.



SOURCES: CDC, National Center for Health Statistics; JAMA

treatment for women with a history of giving premature birth, avoiding inducing labor unless medically necessary and reducing the number of embryos implanted at one time, during fertility treatments.

In the study, appearing in the journal of the American Medical Association, more than 60,000 Norwegian children were born premature, about 5 percent overall. Only

single births were included. As expected, babies born early were more likely to die during the first year of life compared with babies born at term.

Surprisingly, their increased risk of death persisted as they aged.

The children who were born five to nine weeks early (28 to 32 weeks into the pregnancy) showed a doubled risk of death from ages 1 to 5

compared with children born at normal term. (The overall risk of death was low: 33 of the 5,890 children in the premature group died.)

When the researchers looked at boys and girls separately, they found a stronger link in boys between premature birth and higher death rates in childhood.

The cause of childhood deaths are still being analyzed, but birth defects and childhood cancers played a role, Swamy said.

In adulthood, other differences showed up. Prematurity was linked to lower levels of education and more childlessness in both men and women in a subset of more than 500,000 births from 1967 through 1976.

Women who were preemies had a higher risk of giving birth to premature babies themselves. The risk of next-generation premature births increased with the severity of prematurity in the mothers.

The study didn't examine reasons for these greater risks. Possible culprits

include genetic differences, birth defects, economic factors and social obstacles, Swamy said.

As in other studies, there were more premature births among single mothers and those with less education.

The research was based on data from Norwegian birth, death and other records. Norway's homogeneous population and its universal access to medical care make the findings a "best case scenario," said Dr. Wanda Barfield of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She co-authored an accompanying editorial in the journal.

In the U.S., premature birth rates among black mothers are higher than among white mothers, she said.

The findings suggest people may want to tell their doctors if they were born early.

"That may help doctors to manage adult health and reproductive conditions for future generations," Barfield said.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Swedish meatballs
Tuesday: Sweet-and-sour chicken
Wednesday: Potato bar
Thursday: Turkey and dressing
Friday: Sloppy Joe

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Monday bridge
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon

Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Tax assistance
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Foot clinic
Lodgetrip, 3 p.m.
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Tax assistance
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Lunch bingo
Saturday: Super Bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday:

MENUS:
Monday: Egg noodle soup and sandwiches
Tuesday: Beef tips over noodles
Wednesday: Tuna casserole
Thursday: Lasagna

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.
Haak's Band
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Super Saturday
Brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Friday: 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:
Today: Roast beef
Monday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Swedish meatballs

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.
Wednesday, 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.
Pinocle, 11:50 a.m.
Foot clinic

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Stuffed bell peppers
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Baked ham

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Pinocle, 1:30 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Afternoon movie
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinocle, 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; thrift shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed internet.

MENUS:

Monday: Meatloaf
Wednesday: Chicken
Friday: Salad and white bean chili

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Chicken Alfredo
Tuesday: Polish sausage
Wednesday: Chicken patty
Thursday: Tator Tot casserole
Friday: Barbecue chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 a.m.

Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 10 a.m.
Foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Barbecue chicken
Thursday: Sloppy Joe
ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast and bake sale

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:
Monday: Meatloaf
Thursday: Reuben sandwich

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: Chicken strips
Wednesday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: Potato bar

Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo
Pinocle, 1 p.m. at Gooding
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Bingo
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Rigatoni
Friday: Pork roast

ACTIVITIES:
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. S. Lunch served at noon Mondays. Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Soup and salad bar or buffet
Wednesday: Salisbury steak
Friday: Roast pork

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Breakfast at Knoadery, 9:30 a.m.
High tea at Blaine Manor, 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Congressional repre-

sentatives visiting

Foot clinic, 10 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Zenergy class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Red Hatters meeting, 11 a.m.
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Jackpot trip, 7:30 a.m.
Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Zenergy class, 11 a.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENUS:
Thursday: Beef enchiladas

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: Chicken chow mein
Tuesday: Stuffed peppers
Wednesday: Salisbury steak
Thursday: BLT
Friday: Chicken, fish or stuffed peppers

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pqpl, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walking, 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walking, 9 a.m.
SHIBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwinderman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.

Pinocle, 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.

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Pool
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tuesday: Pool
Wed carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pool
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 9:30 p.m.
Community pinocle, 6 p.m.
Woodworking, 10 a.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:

Monday: Baked potato
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Tator Tot casserole

ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Taxes, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Gem meeting, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardio, 10 a.m.
Saturday: Taxes, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SINUSITIS or COLD?

Because the symptoms of sinusitis sometimes mimic those of colds, you may not realize that you need to see a Sinus Specialist. If you suspect that you have sinusitis, review these signs and symptoms. If you suffer from three or more symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

SYMPTOM	SINUSITIS	COLD
Facial pressure/pain	Yes	Sometimes
Duration of illness	Over 10-14 days	Under 10 days
Nasal Discharge	Thick, yellow green	Thick whitish or thin
Fever	Sometimes	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
Bad Breath	Sometimes	No
Coughing	Sometimes	Yes
Nasal Congestion	Yes	Yes
Sneezing	No	Yes

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Woman's 'benefits package' sidesteps matters of love

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a woman in Phoenix — where we both lived — for the past year. We have history in an exclusive relationship, but not living together because I was going through a divorce when we met. Throughout our time together, I have helped "Jackie" with rent and cash gifts.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I have since moved to California, and Jackie would like to come and live with me. I thought it would be nice, but a cohabitation agreement would be necessary because I have a lot of assets and she has very few. After some discussion, she came up with an agreement, but I feel the benefits package she's asking for is too high. She's asking me to pay all living expenses, housing, health insurance, and a new car with auto insurance and an allowance of \$3,000 a month.

going downhill for several years.

All of the "kids," especially my husband, have embraced Mom and shunned Carl. They say terrible things about him and his new girlfriend, "Angie," whom they refuse to meet. We hardly see Carl anymore, and the few times he has come to our home for dinner, my husband has made it clear that Angie is not welcome.

I don't pretend to know how it feels to have your parents split up after 40 years, but I don't understand and supporting to my husband and his family. I have kept my opinions to myself, but I am frustrated with all of them. I'm certain Carl wanted to end his marriage until after all his children were old enough to understand. I feel they need to make some kind of move to get past this. Is there anything I can do?

— **KEEPING IT TO MYSELF IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR KEEPING IT: No, there isn't. Your husband and his siblings are showing animosity to the breakup of their parents' marriage. Perhaps at a later date — after more time passes — they will come to accept it. That is, unless they perceive Angie as having caused the divorce by putting yourself in the middle of this. Sometimes silence is golden.

thing, including health insurance and an allowance. It is plain that she won't be seeking employment and will be taking an early retirement when she goes to Capistrano. If the relationship does not work out, the consequences would affect her financially for the rest of her life.

Nowhere in your letter did you mention the word "marriage." While both of you may have reasons for wanting to remain single, if you love Jackie, you should try another to be taken care of. If something should happen to you, rather than gathering advice from friends, ask your lawyer what a fair and appropriate agreement would be under the circumstances.

It does seem that the guaranteed benefit package Jackie has in mind for herself is a bit "rich."

DEAR ABBY: My husband has four siblings, all adults. His family is not large. A little more than a year ago, my father-in-law, "Carl," asked Mom for a divorce. That's when we learned that their relationship had been

I talked on this "deal" because it seems more like a rental agreement rather than a loving relationship. She maintains that she needs a "cushion" in case the relationship doesn't work out because she'll be leaving her job and friends behind.

My friends laugh when I tell them the terms of the arrangement. What are your thoughts?
— **WAITING IN CAPSTRANO**
DEAR WAITING: If Jackie expects you to pay for every-

Heads

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caused in the womb or during birth, Hansen said flattening of heads most often occurs after birth. The instances of plagiocephaly have risen significantly since 1992, when the American Academy of Pediatrics launched its "Back to Sleep" campaign. The campaign, which recommends parents lay babies on their backs to sleep, has reduced the number of cases of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome by 40 percent.

"So it's a fantastic thing, but one of the side effects is you're seeing a lot more flat heads," Hansen said in his Twin Falls office. Parents often don't notice that, because of a wry neck, their baby prefers to look one way. "I'm not aware of the preference of a child until after flattening has occurred. ... It can lead to asymmetry of the face, the ears, the skull."

Hansen brought out a brochure on plagiocephaly that showed an extreme case. As seen from above the baby's head, one side of the face was significantly farther forward than the other, the opposite side of the back of the head protruded and the ears were uneven — picture prying a foam ball in your hands and pushing one hand forward.

The effects are primarily cosmetic, Hansen said, though children can be affected and extreme cases can have developmental delays. Although worrisome cases are rare, flattening to

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— **Dr. Jared Hansen, a pediatrician at St. Luke's Magic Valley Physician Center**

one degree or another is common, Hansen said he sees some kind of asymmetry in a quarter to a third of the babies brought into his office, and more extreme cases about 1 out of 100.

Fortunately, if caught early — like Seyn's case was — torticollis and plagiocephaly are usually relatively easy to fix. Gaze preferences are usually seen within four to six weeks of birth, and flattening within two to three months, Hansen recommends that therapy start by the time the baby is 3 months old, to be fully effective.

"Babies' heads are soft," Hansen said. "After 12 months it becomes more difficult because the skull is less malleable, the sutures are starting to fuse a little bit."

Hansen recommends physical therapy at Primary Therapy Source, and for extreme cases, helmets custom-made by OrthoPro. "They are an excellent resource we really appreciate," he said of the two Twin Falls businesses.

For Seyn, having his torticollis and plagiocephaly diagnosed came pretty late, but he has regular appointments with Dux at Primary Therapy Source. Some of the therapy

is fun. Like playing, but some like the exercises on his belly, make him a bit cranky. Dux has helped Matheson, too. "I'm always concerned about it and she calms me down. I come in to her all the time. It's this normal, is that normal?" said Seyn's mom.

Matheson is pleased with Seyn's Improvements since he started therapy in October.

"When we first started bringing him in here, he was like 'Is this in his ear seat,'" she said, tilting her head toward one shoulder. "Now he can hold his head up."

She recommends that parents who see wry necks or flattening heads on their babies bring them to a pediatrician like Hansen who can recommend therapy techniques to use at home or refer the baby to a physical therapist.

"No. 1, if parents are concerned about the head shape at all, they should have their doctor take a look," Hansen said, recommending other pediatricians or general practitioners. "The longer it goes, the more difficult it is to fix."

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Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer, Sagittarius

IF APRIL 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You seem to be the star of the show wherever you go this spring. Everyone seems to only see your best side and new acquaintances trust you implicitly. But this heightened charisma into a new job, a career change or pursue public acclaim for your talents. Any positive personal relationship will be strengthened. The time may be ripe for a permanent commitment or a happy family event. Have all major purchases and changes completed before October when you should maintain a low profile and be restrained about expenditures.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be kind, considerate and polite. This week hidden animosities can be stirred up in the background when you least expect to have a problem. Avoid stepping on sensitive toes by being very thoughtful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Wear your professional demeanor. Like a suit of

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

armor. This might mean that a potential romantic partner must be kept at arm's length for most of the week. People will learn to rely upon your strengths.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This week it might be that you don't know that can hurt you. It might seem expedient to accept someone's enthusiastic assurances, but you are wise to investigate a subject or problem on your own.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Always hung your clean clothes in the sunshine. Never air dirty linens. This is a week in which to be especially discreet since a certain someone might be looking for a reason to find fault with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The cart should never go before the horse. Because people are slow to respond with answers you need, you may

get impatient this week. Careful preparation will see you better than carelessness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep a flyswatter handy. There could be a fly in the ointment that you aren't expecting. This week take your time about making important decisions and don't be overly impressed by smooth operators.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't peek through keyholes and sniff. Be ready to see something you'd rather not. Everyone needs to keep their little secrets or maintain certain illusions. This week, mind your own business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Possession is nine-tenths of the law. Possessiveness, however, can cause nine-tenths of the stress in a relationship. Be sure that you are motivated by love, not avarice. Turning the wheel to control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your friends close, but your enemies close.

er. This week you might be forced to walk a fine line that requires diplomacy in order to maintain key relationships and to stay "in the know."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Evasive tactics might stir up a cloud of uncertainty. Do not show your hand to the competition — but at the

same time, remain honest with allies. Knowing which that which might be a challenge this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Obscure observations can cause confusion. A lack of honesty might be employed to maintain the peace. Have better luck this week by being direct and

straightforward about a problematic situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Trade-offs may be ahead. You may need to give up something to get something this week. As long as all dealings are straightforward and aboveboard, there won't be any unexpected problems.

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Catalyst for good health?

By Jeannine Stein
Los Angeles Times

Cat owners are often fiercely loyal to their furry companions — and such devotion may be rewarded in a surprising way. Owning a cat may lower one's risk of dying from a heart attack.

study presented at the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference. Researchers examined the data of 4,435 people from the second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. (Dogs didn't factor into the findings because fewer participants owned them.)

of the Minnesota Stroke Institute. "Is this the direct effect of having a cat or a variable of people who own cats?" Adds Qureshi: "There isn't enough evidence to recommend (getting a cat) as a standard practice. But the flip side is that unlike other medical interventions, which have a risk and a cost associated with it, this has minimal risk and isn't as costly. There's not much harm to it."

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After a baby: Full- or part-time work for mom?

By Amy Joyce
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — I love my new job. It was absolutely the right choice for me.

But — isn't there always a but? — when I come in to work, I have to leave a little guy at home who has just learned to wave bye-bye with his chubby backwoods wags. So even though I feel excited about being back at work, I also feel guilty about not having more time with my 9-month-old, Sam. I wonder, would that be different if I worked 80 percent of the hours I do now?

The idea of working part time entered my mind off and on throughout my six-month maternity leave. Many of my friends in similar situations worried about the same things I did: What would a part-time job do to my career? Would work continue to be gratifying, or would it just be a job where I punched a clock? Would working fewer hours save money in child-care costs, or would I actually earn too little to make ends meet? And really ... does Sam even care?

I wrote the careers column for The Washington Post's Business section, but I've come back to the paper in a completely new job. The job allows me to work more predictable hours than I did as a daily reporter with a weekly column. That helped me easily make the decision for me, at least to work full time.

But the decision isn't so easy for many women. For those who have a choice, family, finances and career success are all major considerations when settling on a work schedule.

Julie Ingoglia considered working part time after Matthew (2 1/2) and Giovanna (14 months) were born. But her insurance was covered through her job, and if she cut back her work schedule, she'd lose her insurance coverage. So she would her salary and her leave.

"I returned full time after both kids and pondered it a lot and still do," said Ingoglia, a senior analyst at the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

Ingoglia, 33, said she might eventually decide to work part time. Before her children were born, she went to graduate school to prepare herself for a job that could be her consultant and therefore have a more flexible schedule. She hopes that when the kids are school-age, she can reduce her work schedule so she can be around when they get home.

"The decision was, I'd stay working part time now and reduce hours then," she said. She and her husband hope that at that point, he will have a higher salary to offset her pay reduction.

Stepping off the linear career path has become so common that it is now a trendy vernacular. It's not called "going part time" or even "quitting." It's "off-ramping." When it's time to go back to work and pursue a direct career path, you're said to be "on-ramping." Work, and the way we work is being redefined, even if the changes are not universal.

Women are "redefining careers to be a lattice instead of a ladder," said Ellen Galkinsky, president of the Families and Work Institute. If you view your career as a ladder and you jump off, Galkinsky said, it's hard to get back on. The idea of a lattice implies more flexibility.

Patricia Fuentes works a 60 percent schedule at her public relations at Freddie Mac. She decided to take that route after her first daughter (now 3 1/2) was born. Nearly half of the employees at Freddie Mac work a nontraditional schedule.

"It's happening so much more, I think because there are more women in the workplace," said Debi Gay, human resources senior director at Freddie Mac. "Companies want to keep good people and have to be creative." More than half of the company's employees are women.

But not all careers or employees are set up for alternative schedules.

Colleen Kaye Vossler, 36, worked at an international



Julie Ingoglia and Giovanna, 14 months, head to the car for day care. Ingoglia works full time but hopes to cut back. Mothers and businesses are coming up with increasingly flexible ways to deal with the conflicting pressures of work and home.

BY AMY JOYCE
The Washington Post

law firm when she had Andrew, now 4. After maternity leave, she came back on a reduced schedule. She was soon working far more than she had expected. "I don't hold the firm responsible," she said. "Clients want the availability."

Because she was billing more hours than an average attorney at her firm, she returned to a full-time schedule. Ultimately Vossler left the firm when her second child, Abigail, was 6 months old to take an in-house counsel position at BearingPoint. She wanted a job that would continue to be a challenge but give her more flexibility. The trade-off was pay.

"What I get in return is an opportunity to go on a field trip with my son," she said.

Before going part time, women need to take a hard

look at their financial situations.

Fuentes, who works part time for Freddie Mac, and her husband created three spreadsheets to help them decide. They analyzed first what life would be like with her working full time and then paying for full-time child care. Then they looked at their budget with her working 60 percent of the time and hiring part-time care. Finally they assessed a situation in which Fuentes wouldn't work for pay at all and would be a full-time mom. The spreadsheets showed that a part-time work schedule was affordable.

Before Lippmann decided to go part time, she and her husband looked at their previous year's savings, then calculated how much less they would be able to put away.

How do I ...

... negotiate for benefits and pay?

- First, remember what you're worth, said Jennifer Folsom, who runs the Northern Virginia office of Momentum Resources (www.momentum.com), which places women in flexible and part-time positions in the D.C. area. "You have good value in the industry," she said. "So think about the things you want and need, and ask for them." Start big and negotiate down if the company isn't willing or able to meet your desires.

- Emphasize what you're saving the company by going part time and taking a smaller salary.

- If you can't get full benefits, aim for proportional benefits. For instance, if you work an 80 percent schedule with 80 percent of your current salary, you could get 80 percent of your benefits.

- Look for alternatives and be creative. If your company can't pay for your health insurance, offer to stay on the plan but pay the employer contribution — if that's cheaper than paying for coverage on your own.

- Some employers will be reluctant to allow part-time schedules. "Challenge them," Folsom said. "Be prepared to counter all of their cons." For example, promise that if you

leave at say, 3 p.m., to get your children coming home from school, you will be available by cellphone or will check back after dinner and work them. "Address what you think the concerns will be up front."

- Offer a trial period, suggests Donna Klein, president of Corporate Voices for Working Families, a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization. "People are more comfortable agreeing to something on a three-month time frame rather than a year," she said. "It gives you a time to pilot it to see if it will work. It usually does."

... work out my finances?

- If your salary is decreasing, so will the contribution to your 401(k).

- If you can't enroll in or keep your 401(k), save for retirement yourself with a Roth IRA. Have automatic monthly deductions set up from your bank account so it's almost like a 401(k) (but with taxes paid up front instead of upon withdrawal).

- If you have access to a flexible savings account or a health savings account — tax-free money put into an account for medical expenses — increase your coverage there, particularly if your health coverage decreases or disappears.

Web sites for working mothers

womenwork.org
csworkingfamilies.org
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The Washington Post's OnBalance Blog:
<http://blog.washingtonpost.com/ambalance/>

They determined that on her reduced schedule they could still contribute something to their 401(k)s.

Vossler took what she called a significant pay cut for her job as an in-house counsel. But she also had additional day-care expenses for her second child, housing the bill from \$16,000 to about \$30,000 a year. She and her husband

have been talking about cutting back on their 401(k) contributions to have a little more cash on hand.

The family is also sacrificing short-term goals, such as taking big vacations, to stay on pace with retiring savings. Instead of buying trendy luxuries, they apply their money to house renovations and do much of their work themselves.

"We're focusing ourselves to stay within a budget," she said. That means buying on sale and going to consignment shows for children's clothes and toys.

If you decide to cut back

your hours, it doesn't mean your schedule is fixed for the remainder of your career.

My Sam is at that age when he's thrilled to see his babysitter walk in the door, and he squeals with delight when his 8-month-old friend, Charlotte, with whom he shares the nanny, shows up in the mornings. But this morning, for the first time, he cried and held his arms up as my husband and I said goodbye. My heart is in my throat just thinking about it. But for now, this schedule works for us. In a few years, the situation may be different.

Public Health

South Central Public Health Salutes Health Heroes

South Central Public Health District prevents disease, promotes healthy lifestyles, and protects the health and quality of the environment. From immunizations to restaurant inspections to tracking infectious diseases, we help keep your family and community healthy. During Public Health Week, we salute local residents who work to enhance the health of our community.

Public Health Week
April 7-13

2008 Health Heroes



Board Chairman
Buck Wild with Dr. Elizabeth Sugden.

Nominations were received from the community and SCPHD staff for individuals and businesses that worked to protect, promote, and enhance the health of southern Idaho citizens during 2007.

Adult Health Hero - Dr. Elizabeth Sugden, Jerome
Dr. Elizabeth Sugden serves as a passionate educator to the community and her peers on the severity of mental illnesses and the need to expand mental health resources in the Magic Valley. She has served as Medical Director of a local mental health agency for the past 12 years. Dr. Sugden was crucial in the formation of South Central Idaho SPBH (Suicide Prevention Action Network). Along with her mental health awareness activities, she personally advocated for free medications from pharmaceutical companies for over 200 recipients who otherwise would have gone without. Dr. Elizabeth Sugden is a true champion to those in need and is greatly respected for her passion to improve the mental health community.



Board Chairman Buck Wild with Dr. Elizabeth Sugden.

Youth Health Heroes - Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition
The Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition is a dedicated group of Twin Falls High School students who are on a mission to better the health of thousands by enthusiastically promoting a tobacco free community. Activities of this group have included a successful request and petition drive for the local hospital to become a smoke free campus (implemented Jan. 1, 2008), a triumphant legislative campaign for smoke free bowling alleys in the state (passed law on July 1, 2007), and completing advocacy training in Washington D.C. with visits to all four of Idaho's national legislators on the FDA bill. The group was recently nominated for Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids National Group Advocates of the Year award. MVTFCE is an asset to this community and an inspiration to everyone.



Coalition members, from left front row: Kaye Warner, Liz Vernon, Amy Adams, Taylor Pugh, and Katie Christensen, back row: Loga Mumphey, Cody Noonan, Paul Armendarez, Matt Farnsworth, and Tina Adanson.

Group Health Heroes - South Central Idaho Food Safety Awareness Coalition

The South Central Idaho Food Safety Awareness Coalition is a group, with the common goal of increasing food safety awareness for food handlers and the general public through advocacy, collaboration, and education (ACE). In 2007, Coalition members created and produced three food information and newspaper ads. The advertising campaign focused on safe food handling, the importance of clean hands when handling food, as well as proper ways to thaw frozen food. During the 2007 Christmas holiday season, the Coalition produced and distributed over 2000 safe holiday meal preparation and cooking brochures to various agencies and businesses throughout southern Idaho. The Food Safety Awareness Coalition is to be applauded for their dedication in keeping this community aware and educated on food safety.



SCF Food Safety Coalition members, from left to right, Michael Johnson, Kathy Schroeder, and Melody Bowyer.

Group Health Heroes - Fit and Full Proof Exercise Program Volunteers

These volunteers freely give of their time to help Magic Valley elderly maintain their independence and stability by offering exercise programs and classes for individuals that want to improve their balance, strength, and mobility. Unintentional falls are a common occurrence among older adults in the United States, affecting approximately 30% of persons aged 65 years and older each year. The injuries received from a fall can result in death, disability, nursing-home admission, and direct medical costs. These volunteers use their knowledge and technical training to better the health and lives of hundreds of elderly people in this community. Their selfless service, commitment, determination, and enthusiasm is to be admired and should inspire everyone to follow their lead.



Volunteers, from left to right, Millie Mussenman, Betty Rice, Rene Hunseloff, Pat Miller, Janet Coonts, and Cheryl Frazier.

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ENGAGEMENTS

CAPPS-GREENWOOD

Brad and Marsha Capps of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Danielle Capps, to Benjamin Hartley Greenwood, son of B.H. and Annette Greenwood of Boise. Capps is a graduate of Boise State University and is a development accountant with DBSI in Boise. Greenwood is a graduate of BSU and is a certified public accountant with Eide Bailly in Boise.

The wedding is planned for



Benjamin Greenwood and Leah Capps

October 11 at the Linen Building in Boise. A reception will follow.

WILEY-CAPPS

Ken and Gwen Wiley of Norfolk, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Wiley, to Ryan Capps, son of Brad and Marsha Capps of Jerome.

Wiley is a graduate of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. Capps is a graduate of Boise State University. They have degrees in theater and met while working at Theatre IV in Richmond, Va. They now are active in theaters in Philadelphia.

The wedding is planned for



Amber Wiley and Ryan Capps

Saturday, July 12, on the beach in Norfolk, Va. A reception will follow.

MILLER-BOYD

David and Mary Miller of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Anne Miller, to Jordyn Joy Boyd, son of Daren and Judy Boyd of Montrose, Colo.

Miller is a 2005 graduate of Burley High School and attends Brigham Young University-Idaho. Boyd is a 2005 graduate of Montrose High School and attends BYU-Idaho.

The wedding is planned for



Ashley Miller and Jordyn Boyd

reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Burley LDS Institute, 1650 Occidental Ave.

NEJEZCHLEBA-MARSHALL

John and Lorene Tolman of Jerome and Rob Nejezchleba of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamra Nejezchleba, to Nicholas Marshall, son of Maxine Mentley of Midwest, Wis.

Nejezchleba is a 2005 graduate of Jerome High School and works at Southern Idaho Regional Communications in Jerome. Marshall is a specialist 1st in airborne/air assault with the U.S. Army in Fort Sill, Okla., and is scheduled to deploy April 19 to Iraq.



Nicholas Marshall and Tamra Nejezchleba

An informal wedding is planned for Tuesday, April 8, and a formal ceremony will be announced after his return.

ROBINSON-HARMAN

Larid and Kathy Robinson of Newell announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelsea Robinson, to Jacob Harman, son of Jack and Shelley Harman of Rupert.

Robinson is a graduate of Sugar Salem High School and Brigham Young University-Idaho. She works at Hollingshead Eye Center in Boise.

Harman is a graduate of Minico High School and Utah State University. He works at Landview Fertilizer in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for



Jacob Harman and Chelsea Robinson

Friday, April 11. A reception will follow from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Newdale LDS Church. The couple will reside in Burley.

ANNIVERSARIES



THE ALLREDS

Dwinnie and Charleen Allred of Fish Haven and Rupert will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday, April 10. Friends may contact the couple at their Rupert home, 435-4905.

Dwinnie Allred and Charleen Bird were married April 10, 1958, at the Logan LDS Temple.

The couple lived in Montpelier, worked for First Security Bank and lived in an apartment above the bank. After several years, in Montpelier and Pocatello, the Allreds moved to Rupert in 1961.

He retired after a 38-year



Dwinnie and Charleen Allred

banking career and 28 years in city government as an elected city councilman and Rupert mayor. She worked at Idaho Bank & Trust in Pocatello and Burley, as office manager at Larsen Sales in Rupert and as secretary at Pershing and Paul elementary schools.

After retirement, they purchased a second home in Fish Haven.

The couple has two children, Steve (Carol) of Montpelier and Lori of Fish Haven; and five grandchildren.



THE JOERGERS

Don and Mary Joeger of Twin Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, April 12.

Donald Joeger and Mary Cole were married April 12, 1958, in Twin Falls.

They have resided in the Twin Falls area all 50 years. He worked for Idaho Power and retired after 40 years. She stayed at home to raise their sons until they were in high



Mary and Don Joeger

school, then worked at the College of Southern Idaho library and retired after 20 years. They are members of Twin Falls Reformed Church.

They have two sons: Steven (Dawn) Joeger of Portland, Ore., and David (Christy) Joeger of Pocatello; and five grandchildren.

The couple plans a celebration trip later.

STORK REPORT

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center

Tyee Marie Hall, daughter of Samantha Louise Allen and Kyle David Hall of Bliss, was born March 21, 2008.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Mackenzie Lynn Durfee, daughter of Taylor Gilliam and Shane Durfee of Burley, was born Feb. 19, 2008.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Amarissa Griselda Alaniz, daughter of Jessica Cynthia Alaniz of Jerome, was born March 17, 2008.

Anthony Gilbert Lopez Jr., son of Angelica Michelle Cortes of Twin Falls, was born March 18, 2008.

Mattilda Lou Harney, daughter of Seratina Elizabeth Harney of Twin Falls, was born March 18, 2008.

Marzenna Tegan Gregory, daughter of Tracy Lane Gregory of Twin Falls, was born March 18, 2008.

Makyna Helen Lynn Tippetts, daughter of Alicia Michelle Benjamin of Jerome, was born March 20, 2008.

Koble Elise Cain, daughter of Purley Fawn Stimmel and Terry Evan Cain of Buhl, was born March 20, 2008.

Isaac Matthew Kimmel, son of Kaysee Lee and Matthew Christopher Kimmel of Kimberly, was born March 21, 2008.

Bahrudia Bektie, son of Fata and Nall Bektie of Twin Falls, was born March 22, 2008.

Kyle Michael Trammell, son of Michayla Ashley Trammell of Twin Falls, was born March 22, 2008.

Kelty Paige Qualls, daughter of Megan Merritt and Darius Michael Qualls of Buhl, was born March 22, 2008.

Fisher Jacob Devin Barnes, son of Lacey Elaine Rasmussen and Jacob Michael Barnes of Jerome, was born March 22, 2008.

Antony Nander Wells, son of Amanda Hrena and Tommy Jack Wells of Twin Falls, was born March 23, 2008.

Jayden Izalk Alvarez, son of Pamela Marie Alvarez and Emmanuel Jr Alvarez of Kimberly, was born March 24, 2008.

Lizzie Todd Hurley, daughter of Halli Ann and Cody Alan Hurley of Twin Falls, was born March 24, 2008.

Koy LaLonde Evans, son of Taylor Frances Stiles and Michael Vincent Evans of Twin Falls, was born March 24, 2008.

Maddison Marie Newbury, daughter of Ashley Marie Gardner and Michael Robert Newbury of Jerome, was born March 24, 2008.

Easing the big kid into her new bed

By Beth Whitehouse
Newsday

Question: My daughter had another baby two months ago and moved her older child out of her crib and into a new room and a new bed. Now my granddaughter, who is 27 months old, will not go down for a nap or to bed at night without a fight. She will scream for up to two hours at a time before she finally falls to sleep. I'm concerned there may be danger of psychological damage. The only time she seems to sleep peacefully is when she sleeps in her parents' bed with them. My daughter is at her wits' end, and with a new baby, she needs to get some sleep herself.

Answer: This little girl needs help to process what just happened in her world, said Jennifer Waldburger, a family therapist and co-author of the book and DVD "The Sleepless Season."

"There's a developmental time period from 18 months to 3 years old when kids are straddling two different identities," Waldburger said. Sometimes the big kid, but sometimes the baby. For your granddaughter, two difficult things happened at once: A new baby arrived, and she was moved into her own bed. In general, it's better to move older children into a new sleep situation a few months before the new baby is born, Waldburger said. As it is, she was re-rutted into "big kid" territory without the time or mental resources to understand what just happened to her, Waldburger said.

Waldburger suggested your daughter try the following: Make a book she can read repeatedly with your granddaughter. It should tell

the story of being a big sister, to help your granddaughter see how she fits into the picture now. It should explain how an older child can play on the swings, but the baby is too little. How she can eat chocolate ice cream, but the baby can't. It should assure her she'll always be Mommy and Daddy's little girl, but help her see the advantages of being the big kid. (One ready-made book is "I Wish I Was the Baby" by D.J. Long.) Under no circumstances say anything along the lines of "The baby came and you had to move to the bed."

Spending time alone with her during the day—fifteen minutes can be all it takes. "For that 15 minutes, focus on the child, not on the phone, not on the baby," Waldburger said. Tell the baby, without carotid of the older child, "It's time for my alone time with you and so on" and turn the baby over to Daddy or a nap.

"The more emotional money in the bank during the day, the less likely the delay at bedtime," Waldburger predicted. Spend time in the new bedroom during the day with the older child, so it becomes a comforting place. Explain there will be new sleep rules: Establish a routine of bath, pajamas, story, Mom or Dad tucking her in with a special stuffed animal. Give her as many choices as possible. Does she want a blanket, or two? Light on, or off? Choose the safety gate at the door so she doesn't have the screeen and isolation of a closed door. For the first two nights, let Dad sleep in a sleeping bag just outside the room. (Dad will have to be available to the baby.) This should help ease the situation for everyone, Waldburger said.

Gwendolyn Candice Stone, daughter of Emily Laureta and Daniel James Stone of Twin Falls, was born March 25, 2008.

Tyler Anne Borkowski, daughter of Stacey Lynn Nelson and Brandon Lawrence Borkowski of Twin Falls, was born March 25, 2008.

Adam Michael Ankrum, son of Alejandra and Paul Jacob Ankrum Jr. of Buhl, was born March 25, 2008.

Illey Ann Springer-Horrocks, daughter of Kelsey Ann Springer-Horrocks of Twin Falls, was born March 25, 2008.

Tyden Elias Littleton, son of Erin Angel and Timothy Brian Littleton Jr. of Twin Falls, was born March 26, 2008.

Gabriel James Douglas Wilson-Roach, son of Chelsea Nicole Wilson and Samuel James Roach of Twin Falls, was born March 27, 2008.

Emma Asuncion Benites, daughter of Emma and Magdalena Benites of

Murtaugh, was born March 27, 2008.

Sadie Louise Dimond, daughter of Kelly Louise and Darrin T. Dimond of Jerome, was born March 27, 2008.

Alexis Lynn Hoyt, daughter of Kelly Kathleen and Shaun David Hoyt of Twin Falls, was born March 27, 2008.

Rachel Cervantes Carana, daughter of Alicia Carana and Juan Silvestre Cervantes Nunez de Serena, was born March 28, 2008.

Ryder Nicholas Perron, son of Vanessa Dawn and Jason Lynn Perron of Filer, was born March 28, 2008.

Natalie Lacey Chavez, daughter of Michelle Marjorie Chavez and Librado Chavez-Avila of Twin Falls, was born March 28, 2008.

Arlie Troy Hawkins, son of Amanda Lee and Rusty Desavigne Hawkins of Buhl, was born March 29, 2008.

Brady Matthew Hicks, son of Jamie Florence and Matthew Wayne Hicks of Twin Falls, was born March 29, 2008.

Tobacco smoke is bad for the pets in your life, too

The Washington Post

If you really love your pet, stop smoking.

We all know that second-hand tobacco smoke is bad for people, but ongoing research indicates that it poses health risks to pets as well. Secondhand smoke has been linked to lymphoma in cats, as well as lung and nasal cancer in dogs.

Arden Moore, a nationally recognized pet expert, says

that many pets — especially cats — spend most of their lives indoors, subjected to air pollution left by tobacco smoke.

And because their body mass is so much smaller than humans, they are at increased risk of being adversely affected by that smoke.

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Weekly deadline

CARTOON MOVIES

By Jennifer Frey
The Washington Post

Would you like to make a brief cartoon movie that might be aired on a new digital television network? That's the opportunity that Qubo is offering its viewers.

Never heard of Qubo? It's a collection of kid shows airing Saturday mornings on NBC and Telemundo (in Spanish).

The shows were developed by a group that includes Scholastic, a leading publisher of children's books and magazines.

It might seem odd that a company focused on reading would get involved in a television project, but most of Qubo's shows are based on books. Take, for example, "Jane and the Dragon," a show about a 13-year-old girl in medieval times who has a dragon follow her as she trains to be a knight. Her story comes from the book series by Martin Thornton.

"Jacob Two-Two," about a boy who has to say everything twice, is based on the book series by Mordcai Richler. And the show "Dragon" (a different dragon from Jane's) draws from books by Dav Pilkey, author of the "Captain Underpants" series.

Recently, Qubo launched a 24-hour digital operation, called the ION Network, that offers even more programming. And there is an interactive Web site, www.qubo.com, that features a special challenge involving the 13-year-old "Zimmer Twins" (another Qubo program).

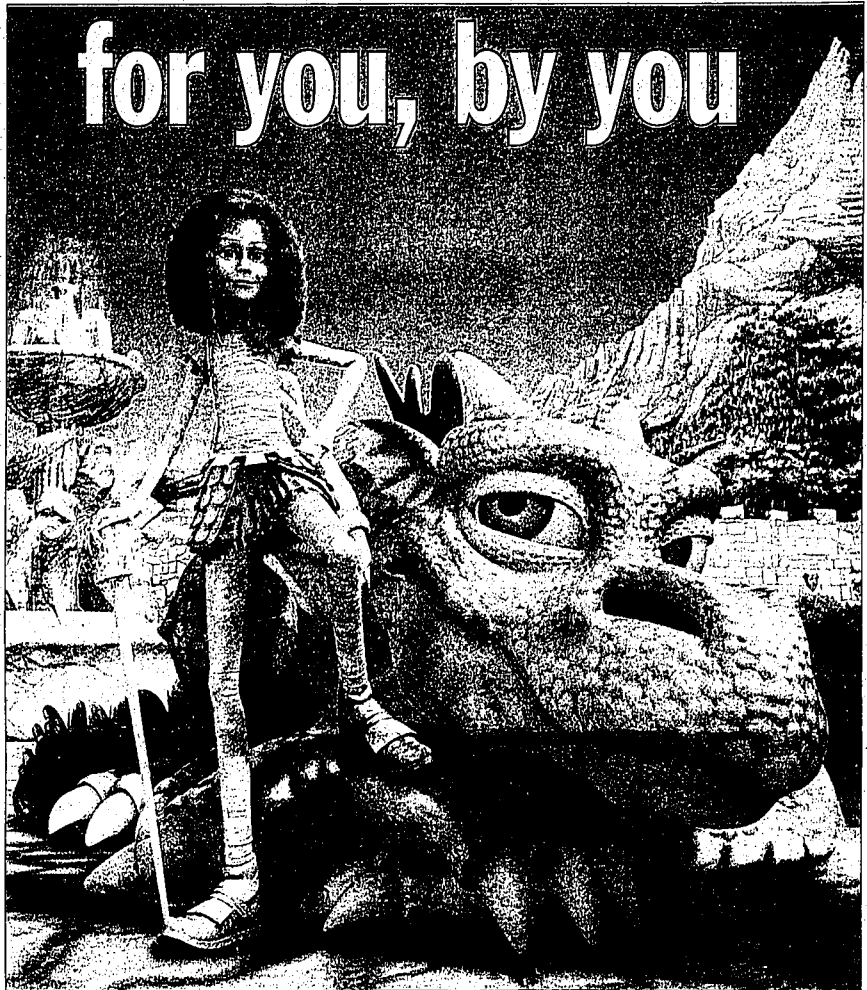
Visitors to the site are encouraged to create mini-cartoon movies starring twins Eva and Edgar. Web-savvy users can create their stories from scratch; first-timers can use built-in scenarios and add their own words. (You can get to this site directly at www.zimmerwins.com.)

The most popular movies — based on page views and kids' ratings — are featured as "must-see movies." From that group, the bosses at Qubo choose two per week to show on the digital channel as "shorts" between programs.

We asked Rick Rodriguez, president of the Qubo network, what grabs the judges' attention.

"We look for interesting stories, number one — stories with an original idea or good dialogue," he said. "Basically, the Zimmer Twins application is pretty rich. You're able to make some pretty complex sto-

for you, by you



"Jane and the Dragon" is produced by Qubo, which encourages kids to make their own programs online. The show is about a 13-year-old girl in medieval times who has a dragon follow her as she trains to be a knight.

ries. A lot of kids will make the same story over and over again. We're looking for those where the user figured out more variety and is using more of the available scenes and putting them together in more interesting ways."

To sign up for the site and make your own movie, you need parental permission.

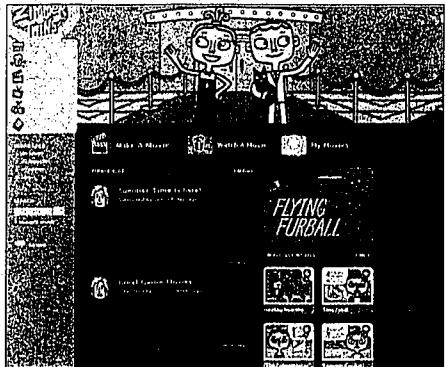
So far, Qubo has received thousands of submissions. The network is going to add more animation options as the year goes on, giving kids the chance to be even more creative.

"What I just love" about the movies, said Rodriguez, "is that they tell so much about the personality of the kids who make them."

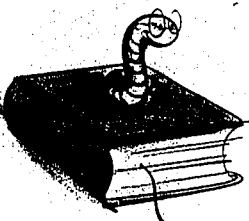
A taste of the twins

- Some "must-see movies," currently on the "Zimmer Twins" site:
- "Stop Copying!": A typical brother, Edgar decides one day to copy everything his sister says and does, much to her frustration.
 - "Edgar Goes to 5th Grade": Instead of

- going to school, Edgar oversleeps while dreaming of being a rock star.
- "Ignoring 13": Eva and Edgar decide to tease 13 (their cat) by pretending they can't hear or see him.
- "Discovering the Moon": Edgar travels to the moon to see if it's made of cheese.



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