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Eyes on water



Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, center, exits the House chamber of the Capitol Annex last week as Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, talks with Bonnie Butler from the governor's office. Lawmakers scrambled last week to adjourn the 2008 session.

M.V. gains from Legislature's water-related actions

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff writer

The 2008 Legislature was marked by tightening budgets in difficult times.

Still, the Magic Valley — particularly in its struggles with water — made out pretty well.

While lawmakers have been criticized, including some within the Legislature, for leaving unresolved a handful of issues, such as ways to cover a \$240 million shortfall in transportation funding, they never took their eyes off water.

In south-central Idaho, water appears to balance any of the losses. The Legislature approved \$10 million toward a complicated \$26 million project aimed at giving Twin



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Jared S. Hopkins, a Who's Who in the Idaho Legislature and more, go to MagicValley.com and hit the Legislature 2008 button.

Falls more water and helping solve disputes between Magic Valley surface water users and groundwater pumps. It also approved

By the numbers:

\$20 million

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\$10 million

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\$1.4 million

Approved for studying raising the height of the Mindoko Dam.

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Lawmakers touted the money to purchase the Pristine Springs Inc. 400-acre ranch and hatchery nestled in the Snake River Canyon just west of the Perrine

Bridge: The deal includes fish farms, water rights for more than 200 cubic feet per second of water — about 129 million gallons a day — and two power plants currently contracted with Idaho Power Co.

"That was by far the most important item for the Magic Valley," said Rep. Fred Wood.

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VA employees rack up \$2.6 billion in credit card charges

Most purchases for valid veteran care, some questioned

By Hope Yen
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs employees last year used hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casino and luxury hotels, movie theaters and high-end

Improper credit card use at VA

In 2004, Veterans Affairs employees were faulted for at least \$300,000 in questionable or wasteful credit card charges.

Transactions	Wasteful transactions	Questionable transactions
Missing Invoice	Inadequate/incomplete documentation	Wasteful
Amounts		\$7,100

SOURCE: Government Accountability Office

retailers such as Sharper Image and Franklin Covey — and government auditors are investigating, citing past

spending abuses. All told, VA staff charged \$2.6 billion to their government credit cards.

The Associated Press, through a Freedom of Information request, obtained the VA list of 3.1 million purchases made in the 2007 budget year. The list offers a detailed look into the everyday spending at the government's second largest department.

By and large, it reveals few outward signs of questionable spending, with hundreds of purchases at prosthetic, orthopedic and

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One wild chase

Bison calf escapes pen, runs loose in T.E.

By Matt Christensen
Staff writer

Pamplona has its bulls, Hulley its sheep, but for a few hours Sunday afternoon, Twin Falls had a buffalo.

A 500-pound bison calf escaped a private pen in Twin Falls and ran loose for several hours Sunday before being captured by authorities in a backyard at 605 Sunrise Blvd., police said.

"I've been with the city for 17 years," said Staff Sgt. Dan Lewin, "and this is my first buffalo."

It was also the first bison on the town witnessed by dozens of motorists and pedestrians who tried in vain to corner

the angry animal. Lewin said the calf escaped from a small ranch on the outskirts of eastern Twin Falls, where its owners use buffalo to train cutting horses, and headed straight for town, barreling through backyards and attracting the attention of dozens of onlookers and would-be cowboys.

"People in cars, on foot, you know, trying to help," Lewin said. "But it can get pretty dangerous when you're got an animal like that."

The buffalo was apparently loose for some time before someone called police about 6 p.m. to report its presence in the intersection of Addison Avenue and Eastland Drive, after its owners and others couldn't contain it.

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Heading off disaster

Nevada flooding prompts federal water managers to begin review of canals in the West

By Scott Sommer
Associated Press writer

FERNLEY, Nev. — The failure of an earthen embankment on a century-old irrigation canal that flooded this growing town has federal water managers concerned about the safety of nearly 8,000 miles of similar aging canals across the West.

The January breach of the Truckee Canal flooded nearly 600 homes, making Fernley a state and federal disaster area.

"As a result of this we are taking a look at our canals with a little more scrutiny," said Jeffrey McCracken,

regional spokesman for the Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento.

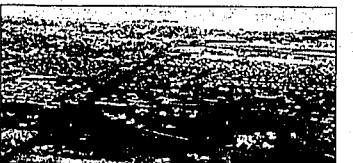
The review is no small task. The bureau owns 7,911 miles of canals in 17 Western states, the vast majority of them managed and operated by local irrigation and water districts.

And the review is made more urgent by the change in demographics across much of the West from rural to urban. Hundreds of Fernley homes sit along the Truckee Canal, which just a decade ago ran primarily through farm fields.

Fernley is the perfect example. The canal has been here 100 years and all the sudden 500 homes get constructed next to it," McCracken told The Associated Press.

Drews started digging the Truckee Canal in 1893 with grutes and steam shovels. In 1963, Fernley's population stood at only 653; today, the

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An aerial view of flooding in Fernley, Nev., Jan. 6, after a nearby canal levee ruptured. Federal water managers are concerned the same deficiencies that caused this century old irrigation canal to fail and flood Fernley may plague other earthen embankments that carry water to farmers through nearly 8,000 miles of aging canals across the West.

In Jan. 14 file photo, actor Dennis Quaid and wife Kimberly discuss their ordeal at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center where their newborn twins were given an overdose of blood thinner heparin last November.



Study: Medicine mix-ups hurt about 1 in 15 hospitalized kids

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Medicine mix-ups, accidental overdoses and bad drug reactions harm roughly one out of 15 hospitalized children, according to the first scientific test of a new detection method.

That number is far higher than earlier estimates and bolsters concerns already heightened by well publicized cases like the accidental drug overdose of actor Dennis Quaid's newborn twins

last November.

"These data and the Dennis Quaid episode are telling us that ... these kinds of errors and experiencing harm as a result of your health care is much more common than people believe. It's very concerning," said Dr. Charles Homer of the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality. His group helped develop the detection tool used in the study.

Researchers found a rate of 11 drug-related harmful events for every 100

hospitalized children. That compares with an earlier estimate of two per 100 hospitalized children, based on traditional detection methods. The rate reflects the fact that some children experienced more than one drug treatment mistake.

The new estimate translates to 7.3 percent of hospitalized children, or about 540,000 kids each year, a calculation based on government data.

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London protesters almost put out Olympic flame.
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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EXHIBITS

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

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 878-7320. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7274. (TRD.org) Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 726-3841. Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 788-5570. Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 103 S. Main, 544-2102. Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W., 934-5559. Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple, 423-5158. Jerome Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, room 306, 324-9116. Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W., 734-9491. Twin Falls City Council, 8 p.m., Acquia Automotive, 20602 F St., 436-6775.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m., at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Gooding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center, Blaine County Campus, Gym and Filer Elementary; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the old gym in Buhl; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at CSI Burley Outreach Center Gym, no cost, 732-6475. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988. SilverSnakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1753 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384. "Choices for Recovery," a non-traditional, 12-step spiritual program open to all faiths, issues and addictions, 4 to 5:30 p.m., west conference room, Missiopa Memorial Hospital, Rupert, no cost, 431-3741 or 431-9527. Recovery for Life: "Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing," includes Divorce Care, Grief Share, Co-dependency for Women, 12-Step HOPE (addiction recovery) and Financial Peace (debt recovery), 6 to 6:45 p.m. meal served and 7 p.m. meetings, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., (corner of Grandview Drive North and Pole Line Road), 733-6128.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 7, the 98th day of 2008. There are 268 days left in the year. Today's highlight: On July 1, 1927, an audience in New York watched as the image as well as voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television. On this date: In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee. In 1939, Italy invaded Albania, which was annexed less a week later. In 1945, during World War II American planes bombed and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission. In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden to be secretary-general. In 1966, the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain. In 1974, President Carter announced the decision to curtail development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon. In 1983, space shuttle astronauts Story Musgrave and Don Peterson took the first U.S. space walk.

almost a decade as they worked in the open garage bay of Challenger for nearly four hours. Ten years ago, President Bill Clinton held a town meeting in Kansas City, Mo., on the future of Social Security. Mary Bono, the widow of entertainer-turned-politician Sonny Bono, won a special election to serve until the remainder of her husband's congressional term. Five years ago, U.S. troops in more than 100 U.S. armored vehicles rumbled through downtown Baghdad, seizing one of Saddam Hussein's opulent palaces and toppling a 40-foot statue of the Iraqi ruler. The Supreme Court voted 6-3 to uphold a 50-year-old Virginia law making it a crime to burn a cross on a private property. The Boston Globe won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for public service for its coverage of the priest sex abuse scandal. Syracuse won the NCAA basketball tournament with a 61-57 victory over Kansas. One year ago: A Russian rocket carrying American billionaire Charles Simonyi roared into the night sky over Kazakhstan, sending its three occupants on a trip to the international space station. "Blizz," comic strip creator Johnny Hart died in Nineveh, N.Y., at age 76. Actor Barry Nelson died in Bucks County, Pa., at age 88.

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MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

CALIFORNIA

Acting legend Charlton Heston dead at 84

LOS ANGELES — Nancy Reagan was heartbroken over her Charlton Heston's death. President Bush hailed him as a "strong advocate for liberty," while John McCain called Heston a devotee for civil and constitutional rights. "I've known Michael Moore, who mocked Heston in his gun-control documentary "Bowling for Columbine," posted the actor's picture on his Web site to mark his passing. Heston, who died Saturday night at 84, was a towering figure both in his politics and on screen, where his characters had the ear of God (Moses — "The Ten Commandments"), survived apocalyptic plagues ("The Omega Man") and endured one of Hollywood's most-grueling action sequences (the chariot race in "Ben-Hur," which earned him the best-actor Academy Award).



Charlton Heston speaks at a National Rifle Association rally in Nashville, Tenn., in this 2006 file photo. Heston, who appeared in some 100 films in his 60-year acting career but who is remembered chiefly for his monumental, Jul-Jared portrayals of Moses, Ben-Hur and Michelangelo, died Saturday night, at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif. He was 84. (See story at left.)

U.S.-protected Green Zone and a military base elsewhere in Baghdad on Sunday, killing three American soldiers and wounding 31, an official said.

The attacks occurred as U.S. and Iraqi forces battled Shiite militants in Sadr City in some of the fiercest fighting since radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered a cease-fire a week ago. At least 16 Iraqi civilians were killed in the fighting, according to hospital officials. A military official said 17 U.S. troops died and 17 were wounded in the attack on the Green Zone, which houses the U.S. Embassy and the Iraqi government headquarters. Another American service member was killed and 14 were wounded in the attack on a base in the southwestern Baghdad area of Rustamiyah, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information. The U.S. military said separately that an American soldier was killed Sunday in a roadside bombing in the volatile Diyala province north of Baghdad.

IRAQ

Rocket attacks on U.S. targets kill three U.S. soldiers, wound 31

BAGHDAD — Rockets or mortars slammed into the

RUSSIA

Bush, Putin meet for last time still divided on missile defense plan

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WASHINGTON

Deal to seat Fla., Mich. delegations unlikely before primaries end

A deal to allow delegates from Florida and Michigan to participate at the Democratic National Convention is unlikely before summer party chief Howard Dean said Sunday. Dean said that was partly because presidential candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama will focus on the coming round of contests. Next on the schedule are Pennsylvania on April 22 and Indiana and North Carolina on May 6, followed by several other states and U.S. territories before June 5. But he continued to express confidence that an agreement would be reached to seat delegates from both states. "It's going to take some time to work that out because the candidates are really focused on these primary battles in ... Pennsylvania and West Virginia and North Carolina and so forth and so on," Dean told "Face the Nation" on CBS. "And so it's going to take some time to work this out."

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ON THE AGENDA

- TUESDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Blaine County commissioners, noon, Spokane River Grill, 837-9131. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267. Cassia County commissioners, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4367. Home Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 Second, 366-7418. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4321. Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main, 829-5415. Blaine City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main, 655-2235. 3086-6041. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.

- Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 405 N. Park, 544-2102. Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 886-2038. WEDNESDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. DeMery Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874. Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2864. Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main, 654-2124. Hayburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158. Murtough School Board, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-6682. Murtough School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451. Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 438-4101. Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755. THURSDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30

- a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. 2nd and 4th floors. Sun Valley City Council, 3 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. JackPot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, 775-7552. Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128. Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Solider Road, 764-2333. Murtough Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-5469. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. W., 734-9490. Milinko City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101.

- FRIDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

Put the credit card back into the bottom of the drawer, Virgo

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders hope you will make a mistake. Take time to appear organized, efficient and completely "all together." GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Brighten your day with a strong relationship; you will have blissful times together in June and July. That might be a divine time to plan on a second honeymoon or vacation. If you are single, Mr. or Ms. Right could strike through your doorway with a committed relationship in mind. Everyone thinks you are very special this summer so it is a fabulous time to interview for a new position or strengthen your career by making solid business connections. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your money in your pocket and your heart hidden in a safe place. A flirtatious someone might pursue you recklessly or you may feel pressured to spend money. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Mind your manners. It helps to be polite — especially with the type of folks who secretly

regarding major purchases and expenditures; a better deal lies ahead. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Slide the credit card back into the bottom drawer where it is not likely to tempt you. This is not an optimum time to increase your debt load, even if you think you have found an incredible bargain. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love means never having to say you're sorry — or so that movie would have you believe. Even so, don't do so say anything that requires an apology and then you won't need to test out this theory. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be in the mood to correct errors or be amenable to having an expert assessment of your performance. A romantic truce on might not turn quite as planned this evening. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Just because you

want something does not make it good for you. Passions might work at cross-purposes where your love life is complicated. Economize with your pennies and save some for a rainy day. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be surprised if your best efforts seem to fall flat for a few hours today. Exert self-discipline and use organizational skills behind the scenes to counteract disappointment. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are a pushover for precision. Rearrange the furniture or the filing cabinets so you can be more efficient and productive. Enticing social invitations may lead to live up to your avid expectations. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Balance the checkbook or do other detailed tasks. Pursuing potent, amorous attractions might be mentally tantalizing but physically impossible.

Water

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R-Burley, who sits on the state's budget committee. "That was huge."

The funding for 10 aquifer models will include updates to the Magic Valley's aquifer model. But the intention of the \$30 million, 10-year overall plan is to avoid problems similar to those in southern Idaho where water may be over-appropriated.

Meanwhile, the dam study will determine the cost — IDWR officials estimate \$100

million to \$300 million — and how much additional water could be stored.

Consultants have said four to five feet could bring in 40,000 to 50,000 acre-feet of water.

The pieces of legislation are noteworthy because they survived a session during revenues significantly declining revenues and a slumping economy. January's tax revenue was about \$36 million behind predictions, and the following months have been below original projections.

The \$26 million deal was crafted several months ago by Clive Strong, an Idaho deputy attorney general, and with the assistance of Idaho Department of Water Resources and Joint Finance Appropriations Committee Co-chairman Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Tupler.

"It was a miracle," Bell said. "The project will add water to the depleting sources in Twin Falls and improve the federal water-quality stan-

dards the city has struggled to meet. Other water rights will be with the IDWR board. The rest will satisfy the mitigation rolling related to Blue Lakes Trout Company.

"I don't want the public to misunderstand that this solves everything," Cameron. "It doesn't. But it certainly goes a long way to at least solving the initial call."

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Bison

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For several more hours, the calf rampaged through town, "alighting authorities' capture, trampling at least one garden and damaging a fence."

Eventually, the buffalo became trapped in a neighborhood just north of Elizabeth Boulevard.

"It was kinda iffy there for a while, because it was just a chain-link fence," Lewin said. "The buffalo repeatedly rammed the enclosure before employees at the Twin

Falls Livestock Commission Co. tranquilized the beast, and its owners loaded it onto a trailer. By Sunday evening, the animal had returned to the ranch from where it escaped with just minor injuries.

Police said no people were injured, and no property damage has been reported besides the damaged fence where the animal was captured.

"That's a story you don't hear every day," Lewin said.

Canals

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town serves as a bedroom community of Reno, 30 miles to the west, and the population is about 20,000.

"That change will control the priority of the canal surveys."

"We will focus initially on canals in those urbanized areas. There's a lot in the Phoenix area," McCracken said. "The other real old one out West is up in the Klamath Basin" in the California and southern Oregon.

"The tragic situation that occurred on the Fernley canal is an impetus for these other irrigation districts and water districts to get on top of everything they can. And I'm not implying they are not, but let's go look."

Ernie Schank is president of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District that main-

tains and operates the canal for the bureau.

"We have to realize that the canal was built in 1903. The standards were not the same then as they would be if you were building one today through a deep population like Schank said.

The engineers who investigated the Fernley flood concluded the main reason of the failure was that the embankment they had been using had eroded. Burrows, some up to 25 feet deep. They also found:

- A lack of maintenance allowed the growth of numerous large trees whose root systems can weaken an embankment.
- Many of the pipelines taking water out of the canal were constructed by people "unaware of proper construction techniques"

- Off-road vehicles had been allowed to damage the canal banks.
- Data on the geology of the soil and bedrock beneath the canal was "poor to nonexistent."
- The 32-mile-long canal takes water from the Truckee River, which flows out of Lake Tahoe, south to the melon and alfalfa fields around Fallon. Some 3,000 water users depend on the canal for their crops and livestock.
- Economic studies estimate the value of those goods and related businesses approach \$100 million.
- A team of geophysicists, hydrologists, engineers and geologists estimated the cost of repairs will range from \$20 million to line half of the canal with riprap to \$300 million to replace the entire canal with a 16-foot-diameter

pipeline. Permanent repairs are at least two to three years away and that's only if Congress kicks in tens of millions of dollars or more, said Dave Gore, regional engineer for the bureau.

"The Truckee canal was shut down after the Jan. 5 failure and sat empty for more than two months while experts examined it. The bureau reopened it on March 4, but at only 20 percent of maximum until the irrigation district makes improvements."

Ranchers welcomed the return of the water, vital in a high desert region that averages only about 5 inches of precipitation a year.

"Angry townspeople, however, expressed outrage that the bureau would permit any water to flow before new safety measures and precau-

tures were put in place.

"The conditions that caused the levee to break are still there," Judy Kroshus said.

"The only solid spot is where it broke before. Everything else is in the same condition."

Charges

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other medical supply stores.

But there are multiple charges that have caught the eye of government investigators.

At least 13 purchases totaling \$8,471 were charged at Sharper Image, a specialty store featuring high-tech electronics and gizmos such as rubber dogs, Invisalign, 19 chairs worth \$1,995.56 were made at Franklin Covey, which sells leather totes and planners geared toward corporate executives.

Government reports in 2004 said these two companies, by virtue of the types of products they market, would "more likely be selling unauthorized or personal use items" to federal employees.

Many of the 14,000 VA

employees with credit cards, who work at headquarters in Washington and at medical centers around the nation, also spent tens of thousands of dollars at Wyndham hotels in places such as San Diego, Orlando, Fla., and on the riverfront in Little Rock, Ark. One-time charges ranged up to \$10,000.

On at least six occasions, employees based at VA headquarters made credit card charges at Las Vegas casino hotels totaling \$26,199.

VA spokesman Matt Smith said the department was reviewing these and other purchases as part of its routine oversight of employee spending. He noted that many of the purchases at Sharper Image and other stores included clocks for livestock veterinarians, humidifiers,

air purifiers, alarm devices and basic planner products.

Smith said all the casino hotel expenditures in 2007 were for conferences and related expenses. He said the spending was justified because Las Vegas is a place where "VA is building a new medical center and an increasing number of veterans are calling home."

"The Department of Veterans Affairs, like many public and private groups, hosts conferences and meetings in Las Vegas due to the ease of participant travel, the capacity of the facilities, and the overall cost associated with hosting a conference," he said.

According to VA policy, purchase cards may be used at hotels "to rent conference rooms or obtain audiovisual

equipment or other items for VA meetings. They should not be used to reserve lodging. Auditors long have urged the VA to adopt policies to encourage use of fee conference rooms. Auditors previously faulted the agency for booking rooms at expensive casino hotels without evidence it first had sought free space.

In the coming weeks, auditors at the Government Accountability Office and the VA inspector general's office are to issue reports on purchase card use and spending controls at the VA and other agencies. The reports are expected to show lingering problems at the VA, which auditors cited in 2004 for lax spending controls that wasted up to \$1.1 million.

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Simply relying on hospital staff to report such problems had found less than 4 percent of the problems detected in the new study.

The new monitoring method developed for the study is a list of 15 "triggers" on young patients' charts that suggest possible drug-related harm. It includes use of specific antidotes for drug overdoses, suspicious side effects and certain lab tests.

By contrast, traditional methods include nonspecific patient chart reviews and voluntary error reporting.

The researchers said their findings highlight the need for "aggressive, evidence-based prevention strategies to decrease the substantial risk of medication-related harm to our pediatric inpatient population."

The study is being released Monday in the April issue of the journal Pediatrics.

It involved a review of random, double-blind medical charts for 950 children treated at 12 freestanding children's hospitals nationwide in 2002. Triggers mentioned in the charts promoted an in-depth review of the patient's chart.

Patient safety experts said the problem is likely even bigger than the study suggests because it involved only a review of selected charts. Also, the study didn't include general medical hospitals, where most U.S. children requiring hospitalization are treated.

Study author Dr. Paul Sharek said evidence is needed to show whether a big push to prevent medical errors in recent years has put a dent in the problem since

2002, when the data were gathered.

James G. Childre's healthcare initiative, said some hospitals have started using trigger methods similar to those in the study. But he added, "we still have a long way to go."

Among triggers on the list was use of the drug nitroglycerin, an antidote for an overdose of morphine and related painkillers. Symptoms include breathing difficulty and very low blood pressure.

More than half the problems the study found were related to these powerful painkillers, including overdoses and allergic reactions.

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Educators mixed on No Child Left Behind

By Sven Berg
Staff writer

Most educators in the Magic Valley will tell you they want to see No Child Left Behind laws change. But the changes they envision fall closer to fine tuning than a large-scale overhaul.

The most common complaint teachers and administrators support to have is that NCLB's definition of student proficiency is not fair to schools. In Idaho, a student's proficiency is based entirely on Idaho Standards Achievement Tests performance. Whether a school lands on probation depends on how many of its students reach ISAT proficiency.

The problem, some educators say, is that each student has individual abilities, strengths and weaknesses, but within each tested grade, all are expected to reach the

same ISAT proficiency level. The system, they say, fails to take into account how much students progress or regress during their time at a particular school.

"What we have made is the proverbial line in the sand, and you ask every kid to toe up to it and step across it," said Jodie Mills, principal of Burley High School. "It's the best thing that's ever happened. But as with any law of that magnitude, there are some adjustments that need to be done."

Measuring growth

Mills and other educators say they would like to see a shift from a single test score measuring proficiency to a "growth model" — a set of standards that measure each student's growth. They say a growth model would be a more accurate measure of

teacher and student performance.

"I know of no teachers who would have a problem being accountable for growth of the students in their classroom," Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said. "Where we're running into some trouble is students that are so far below grade level that they're never going to make it to that line in the sand."

Help may be on the way. During the 2006-07 school year, the U.S. Department of Education approved use of growth models in several states including Alaska, Arizona, Iowa, Florida and Delaware. Dobbs said there is a good chance federal lawmakers will permanently adopt some type of growth model when they revisit NCLB.

Another concern is that NCLB has forced schools to

devote more resources to students in danger of falling the ISAT at the cost of challenging more adept students.

Cassia County School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer suggests lack of funding may be to blame for a disproportionate emphasis placed on those lower-achieving students. Teachers will work to advance as many students as possible over the "line in the sand," but may not continue to push students they know are ISAT proficient. With more money, schools could hire more teachers and aides, allowing them to focus on a wider range of abilities.

"We've got needs that are not being met," Smyer said. "We've got areas where we'd like to have additional aids. We're teaching to the middle and bottom half. Sometimes those talented students are being neglected."

NCLB has had the effect of limiting time students spend on field trips and other traditional non-academic pursuits, because teachers spend every moment they can working toward ISAT proficiency, said Morningside Elementary Principal Steve Hoy.

"It's harder to fit in those types of activities now," he said. "By the time you do recess and lunch, there just isn't much time for things outside of academics."

In the classroom

At Paul Elementary, students spend hours every morning working on the fundamentals of reading. Hardly surprising, considering NCLB's focus on reading proficiency. What may come as a shock to outsiders, though, is just how individualized instruction is.

Within each grade level, students are separated into groups according to ability. In the confines of those smaller groups, students focus on deficiencies, always working toward the next level.

This Paul Elementary Principal Colleen Johnson says is NCLB's true legacy.

"It's a whole new philosophy," she said. "Up until (NCLB), teaching was a completely independent experience. You had your students in your room and you kept them there. We're intensely interacting and engaging kids. They don't get to just sit there."

Johnson said monitoring each student and intervening "immediately, intensively" to meet their needs has led to a drop in special-education referrals. In the past, she said, students showing deficiencies

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Mini-Cassia takes part in annual bird release

By Rich Greene
Staff writer

The Mini-Cassia Chapter of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife announced at its monthly meeting Thursday that it will continue its popular game bird release program this spring.

Chapter Chairman George Warrell said the SFW has bought two more Sorrogator boxes — units that hold around 100 chicks and provide the birds with a heat source and water while protecting them from outside predators.

The group plans to have four Sorrogators in the coming months.

Human contact with the birds is also minimized, which allows the chicks to develop their natural wildlife instincts.

The program began last year with a single Sorrogator unit of Bob White quail.

Warrell said three of the Sorrogators will again house Bob White quail and the fourth will host chinkars.

"I'm really seeing good last year and we had good success with them," he said.

Warrell said last year the final release was done in August and hunters reported still seeing the birds as late as December.

The only drawback to the Sorrogators, according to Warrell, is that releases cannot be done during the winter.

"I wish we could do them year-round," he said.

The SFW will host a Cowboys and Indians shoot fundraiser May 9-10 at the Burley Trap Club.

For more information: 208-731-0825.

Rich Greene may be reached at 208-677-8782 or rgvnews@southidahopress.com.

Satisfied students

Bridge Academy offers small, personalized education for at-risk kids

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

A modest modular building across the street from O'Leary Junior High School stands as a beacon for kids who felt lost in the crowd at much larger public schools.

There are about 36 students in that building at Bridge Academy — an alternative middle school at 616 Eastland Dr. in Twin Falls — up from 25 when the school opened two years ago at its current location, said Kelleen Chapman, the school's administrator.

And the students, who are in sixth, seventh and eighth grade, identify with something different about the school.

"I'm dyslexic, and I hadn't been to public school before I went to O'Leary last year," said eighth grade student Sam Long, 15.

Long said he had been home-schooled and was reading at a first grade level when he first arrived at Bridge Academy. "I liked it (home-schooling), but it wasn't giving me the help I needed with my dyslexia."

With headphones around his neck, and wispy long hair, Long said he now wants to be an auto body mechanic, and he's getting the help he needs with his reading.

"It was at O'Leary, and I'm not missing them. I wouldn't want to come to school," Long said. "Now that I can



Kelleen Chapman, a Bridge Academy administrator, encourages students Sam Long, 15, at left, Ashley Jacobson, 13, and Evan McNamar, 14, to walk faster Thursday afternoon along Elizabeth Boulevard on their way to meet with other classmates at Harmon Park. Long, Jacobson and McNamar credit the unusual learning environment at Bridge Academy for their newfound interest in school.

read and do these things ... I'm tutoring my older sister."

Bridge Academy students said their three teachers do a lot more than others they've had at larger schools to keep them from being truant. Students in Idaho aren't allowed to drop-out of school until they're 16.

From teachers driving by students' homes to dropping off homework, the students said their teachers go above the call of duty to keep them engaged in their education.

Long said a teacher came by his house once to drop off homework when he was playing a video game.

He's not alone. Thirteen-year-old Ashley Jacobson said her teacher stops by and calls her family to tell them about how she's doing in school.

"It feels really good," said

Jacobson, who wants to be a probation officer. "At first it was weird having a teacher check up on you."

Students also said they like Bridge Academy because they feel like their input matters through the school's use of "communally circles" for problem-solving.

Chapman declined to say how many of the students had been expelled from other schools before coming to Bridge Academy, but she did say most are referred to the school for "academic recovery" because they were falling behind academically, not attending, or not adapting well at their previous schools.

"I had family problems, and I got behind on my school work," Jacobson said. "I was giving up and not going."

Parents are also satisfied by what the school has done for their children. "I wish every student in the whole district could have this experience with teachers," said Shane McNamar, who's 14-year-old son attends the school. "I think it's fabulous the contact between the teachers and parents ... These poor kids they don't get to do anything without us knowing."

McNamar said Bridge Academy keeps kids from falling through the cracks. "Our society depends on how they turn out."

There's not a waiting list at the school, but if the enrollment trends continue there could be one next year, Chapman said.

Some students said they will want to continue on at a smaller school like Magic

Valley Alternative High School.

The Twin Falls School District hasn't tracked how many students from Bridge Academy continue on to Magic Valley Alternative High School, said Amy Rothweiler, the district's dropout specialist.

The school doesn't have everything, though. It lacks a lunchroom and playground, so students visit area parks and use facilities across the street at O'Leary Junior High School.

And a school counselor would be nice, said Chapman.

The Twin Falls School District serves about 7,500 students, with six secondary schools, seven elementary schools and a new high school on the way in 2009.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Herrett Forum to be held Wednesday

Few would argue that Norman Herrett of Twin Falls was a man ahead of his time. Lacking the funding or even the widely accessible equipment to buy a planetarium and observatory at his Kimberly Road location in the 1950s and '60s, he built them instead, using an odd and remarkable assortment of gears, gadgets and gizmos.

Chris Anderson, coordinator for the Centennial Observatory at the center that bears Norman Herrett's name, will be featured speaker at a specially sched-

uled Herrett Forum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. His topic will be "Norman Herrett's Astronomy Legacy." Admission is free.

"It can be argued that Herrett's legacy came to full fruition with the addition of the observatory in 2004. This presentation will focus on how we got here and where we go from here," Anderson said of his upcoming presentation.

The Herrett Forum is a monthly series of presentations that are normally held the third Wednesday evening of each month during the school year. Topics are coordinated by the Herrett Forum

Committee, comprised of a group of community individuals dedicated to bringing high quality presentations to Twin Falls. Tickets are not required. Doors open at 7 p.m.

The Herrett Center for Arts and Science is located on the north side of the College of Southern Idaho campus at the North College Road entrance.

Minidoka conservation schedules meeting

The Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District will review its annual work plan at the April board meeting, tentatively scheduled for Thursday.

The public is invited to review and comment on the annual plan that contains the conservation district's objectives, goals and actions. Public comment may be made at the regular board meeting.

Written comments will be accepted at the District office, 1361 E. 16th St., Burley, until Tuesday. Contact the district's administrative assistant to obtain a copy of the plan, schedule a time to speak at the meeting or if special arrangements are needed. For time and place: 678-1225, ext. 100.

Fundraiser held for surgery patient

A fundraiser for Barry Caldwell will be held Saturday at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

A chili dinner will be served at 6 p.m. for \$5 per person. Texas Hold 'Em will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a \$50 buy-in. First prize will be \$250, second prize will be \$150 and third prize will be \$100. An auction will be held at 7 p.m.

Proceeds will go to help cover medical expenses for an upcoming surgery. All donations are welcome, as well as donations of items for the auction.

Parade committee plans annual contest

The Cassia County Parade Committee plans to host its annual Theme Contest. The theme needs to be related to the general topic of new developments in Cassia County.

Entry deadline is April 24, and a cash prize of \$50 will be given to the person who submits the chosen theme.

Send entries to Kim Buzzee, 177 S. 250 E., Burley, ID 83318.

For more information: Scott at 431-2978.

— staff reports

EDITORIAL

Evaluating teachers key to future of merit pay plan

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's pay-for-performance plan died in the Legislature, a victim of tight times and ferocious opposition from teachers.

Luna now is taking a step he should have taken when he was developing his ISTARs plan.

On Thursday, the superintendent announced formation of a task force of education leaders, teachers, lawmakers and others to come up with minimum state standards for evaluating teachers.

It was a legislators' idea, based on complaints from teachers that student performance on standardized tests — a critical piece of ISTARs — isn't always an accurate or fair indicator of teacher performance.

So three public school administrators, three school board members, three teachers, two legislators, one parent and one business representative will devise what Luna hopes will be equitable rules for determining whether individual teachers deserve to be rewarded.

It seems to us that if Luna had taken this step last year, some version of ISTARs might well have been approved.

Subjective teacher performance evaluation is the trickiest task in public education. Circumstances, students, instructors and evaluators vary widely from school to school and even from classroom to classroom.

No scheme will please everyone, but at least all teachers would be reading from the same playbook.

Will that soften the Idaho Education Association's flint-hard opposition to pay-for-performance? Perhaps not, but if the task force does its job properly, its recommendations may be acceptable to more teachers.

One of the purposes of the task force, of course, is to get private sector buy-in for any merit pay plan. So it should include two or three business representatives — not just one — as well as experts from college and university teacher-education programs.

And the IEA should have a place at the table.

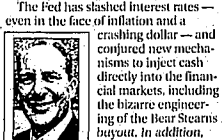
In schools today, the most successful approach to teacher evaluation involves principals spending time in classrooms observing and then working closely with individual instructors to set and meet goals.

No statewide rules can standardize that. But if teachers feel they helped set the ground rules, ISTARs has a much better chance of becoming a reality.

Our view: At last, Superintendent Tom Luna is bringing interested parties to the table to develop standards for evaluating teachers in a pay-for-performance system.

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

The economic crisis enters a new and more dangerous phase daily, and Americans of all levels of economic sophistication are scrambling to make sense of the myriad remedies and proposals that are springing from Washington, D.C.



PETER SCHIFF

The Fed has slashed interest rates — even in the face of inflation and a crashing dollar — and conjured new mechanisms to inject cash directly into the financial markets, including the bizarre engineering of the Bear Stearns buyout.

In addition, legislators and regulators have been pushing through measures that will place a moratorium on home foreclosures, suspend interest rate adjustments and compel Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to buy more mortgages.

When lost in the details of these measures, it is easy to miss their unifying goal: pump cash into the market, encourage lenders to keep lending and, ultimately, stop home prices from falling. But try as they might, it won't work.

The government is worried for good reason. The value of the trillions of dollars of mortgage-backed bonds that course through the American financial system is a function of homeowners' capacity — and willingness — to repay their mortgages. To an extent not widely understood, this is all tied to home prices.

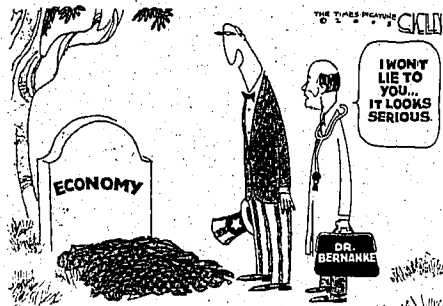
When prices rise, everybody can repay loans. Price appreciation builds equity, and that allows even over-stretched buyers to refinance or sell at a profit — so mortgage lending becomes nearly risk free.

During the 2007 legislative session, Senate Bill 1210 was passed. This legislation appropriated \$300,000 to the State Board of Education for the purpose of initiating a study to evaluate medical education within our state.

McTear America, Inc., a nationally recognized medical evaluation and consulting firm, was contracted to complete the study.

In December, the study was presented to the state board and some critical findings were identified:

- 1. Idaho has a need for more physicians as evidenced by statistics showing that our state ranks extremely low in the nation and at the bottom among states of similar population for physicians per capita.
2. Idaho's physicians are relatively older than the nation's average age of physicians.
3. Many Idaho counties are designated as "health profession shortage areas."
4. Idaho is among the fastest-growing states in the nation, which means that the existing population and future growth will further complicate access to physicians and will increase com-



are falling, this process is reversed and lending to overstretched buyers becomes a losing proposition, no matter how low interest rates drop or how much money the government drops from helicopters.

The government is trying in vain to get funds flowing again and put a floor under prices. But it's not the U.S. home prices that are a beach house supported by eight pillars: lax lending standards, low down payments, "teaser" interest rates, widespread real estate speculation, pliant appraisers, willing lenders, easy refinancing and a market for mortgage-backed securities.

After an unprecedented, unsustainable and irrational home price bubble for most of this decade, authorities have about as much ability to keep prices from falling as King Canute had in stopping the tide.

At current levels, the average American still can't afford the average house. Despite the creativity of its new policies, Washington can't alter that math. The only mechanism to restore balance and get the credit flowing is for prices to fall steeply to a true market level, and for losses (for consumers and corporations) to be recognized and absorbed.

Anecdotal and statistical evidence supports this. Foreclosed homes at auction quickly find buyers and financing when price declines are severe enough. February's existing home sales figures showed the largest year-over-year price drop on record. And it was also the first month that the number of sales ticked upward in a year.

The quicker home prices find a sustainable bottom, the quicker our economy can truly recover.

Instead, the government is trying to float our allegorical collapsed beach house on a flood tide of new liquidity. But the fixes compound the problem. They're creating runaway inflation, shrinking the value of the dollar — and heading toward unprecedented government meddling in the marketplace and a diminished sovereignty of contracts.

If left unchecked, these policies may save a few mortgage holders and bail out some Wall Street interests, but they'll also wash away the prosperity that Americans have built up over generations.

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Hard questions about medical education in Idaho



READER COMMENT Robert Geddes

professionals. Idaho's hope is that those graduating come home to practice in Idaho communities. The program is designed to guarantee access to medical school to offset Washington's out-of-state tuition for those few who are accepted.

The WYAMI program has been successful and many Idaho medical students have become successful Idaho physicians. The 2007 report, however, indicates that dependence on the WYAMI program has not and will not meet the demand for our current or future medical professional needs.

But literally hundreds of qualified Idaho students and applicants are not accepted into the WYAMI program and are left to compete and seek acceptance in other medical school programs without Idaho's help or financial support.

The 2008 Legislature approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 135 calling for additional follow-up to the MGT report. This resolution requires that a group of key legislators, members of the State Board of Education, the presidents from Idaho's universities, a representative of the governor's office and representatives from the

Idaho Medical Association and Idaho Hospital Association to form an interim legislative study committee. This committee will be asked to review the findings of the MGT study, identify gaps within that study, evaluate current and future medical professional needs in our state, and determine the feasibility to initiate a state plan for medical education that includes expanded opportunities at both the undergraduate and graduate levels of medical education.

Idaho is at crossroads to either provide the additional needed medical professionals or merely depend upon the current programs to serve our existing and growing population. This committee can determine the most workable and best path forward for our state.

If you have comments or questions regarding this proposal, please contact me at rgeddes@senate.idaho.gov or toll-free at 800-726-4771 and leave a message.

Robert Geddes, a Republican from Soda Springs, is the president pro tempore of the Idaho Senate. He has represented eastern Idaho in the Legislature since 1985.

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By Garry Trudeau



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Time to prioritize your worries LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The woes of the world have been so multitudinous lately that it's hard to give them all proper attention. You start thinking about the collapse of the housing market. Then you wander off into melting glaciers or large cranes collapsing at urban construction sites. And before you know it, the day is over.

And now it turns out that there's a giant particle accelerator in Switzerland that critics say could create a black hole that would swallow up the Earth. (Or, in a more optimistic scenario, turn it into what Dennis Overbye of *The New York Times* called "a shrunk dense dump.")



GAIL COLLINS

At least "in terms of being pre-briefed or, having you know, the normal planning process in which you would go to this day or weeks ahead of time."

Even if there are only a half-dozen people in our embassy who are fluent in Arabic — (?! — you'd think we'd get cued in when the government starts a mini-war. (?!)

From Thursday's *New York Times*, however, we now know that the Americans really were in on the planning. What they got short notice on, it seems, was Prime Minister Nouri Kamal al-Bakr's decision to go off with something more spur-of-the-moment. This is the kind of free-spirited approach that works well when the goal is, say, throwing a small dinner party for six friends on a boat to be less successful in matters like taking over a city by force.

Then the real surprise came when instead of proceeding in a strategically intelligent way, al-Maliki opted for the popular but controversial alternative of actual blundering. (?!)

Note of this really bodes well for whoever's in the White House next year. Imagine President Barack Obama or President Hillary Clinton trying to entice a 150,000 men and women without benefit of "the normal planning process in which you build up to this day or weeks ahead of time."

Or, of course, if John McCain becomes president he will be keeping surprised for the next 100 years. (?!)

The story that McCain said he was prepared to stay in Iraq for 100 years is on one level unfair, although this fall Democrats will be featuring it in commercials about every six seconds.

What he meant was that he's prepared to keep troops stationed in Iraq for 100 years as long as no one is injured or harmed or wounded or killed" in the process.

Which is another matter entirely. Estimates on how long McCain is prepared to stay if some injuring or burning or wounding or killing is involved are yet to come.

Feel free to worry in advance.

Gail Collins is a columnist for The New York Times

U.S. just a buffer between Iraq factions

Iraq requires a political not a military solution, and it is one that those remaining in Iraq are going to have to determine without our meddling. All our presence there is doing is keeping the groups apart. We serve as a buffer between the two factions. As long as we're there, where's the motivation for the country to solve its problems?

It is their country, not ours. We need to start withdrawing troops now, not just waiting until the elections are over. (Sadly, if there was a real call for our military such as China invading Taiwan, we'd be hard-pressed to respond to our friends. Our troops are spread too thin in Iraq and they've been there too long.)

We need to make a serious effort to get our own country and economy back into working order. We need to concentrate on developing new energy sources and find ways to get our energy companies not to outsource jobs overseas. We need legislation that supports the little guy who is having trouble meeting his mortgage instead of bailing out the big-money lenders that brought on the problems in the first place.

If you make more than \$200,000 a year, then support the Republican Party — because that's the party that supports policy for the big-money interests. But if you make less than that, you need to realize you do have other options than supporting those interests, and you could even consider getting involved with that other party.

But you can't just sit back, watch television, and we'll have four more years of a stay-the-course mentality, both in our overseas policy and in any efforts to bring jobs and income back to this country.

It's your choice. Pushing buttons on a remote won't fix things either. We need to get out of Iraq — now.

WILL WHITE

Bush's Presidential Library will be a sight to see

George W. Bush's Presidential Library is now in the planning stages, and you will want to be one of the first to make a tax-free contribution to this great man's legacy.

The library will include: The Hurricane Katrina Room, which is still under construction.

The Alberto Gonzales Room, where you can't remember anything.

The Texas National Guard Room, where you don't have to show up.

The Walter Reed Hospital Room, where they don't let you in.

The Guantanamo Bay Room, where they don't let you out.

The Weapons of Mass Destruction Room, which no one has been able to find.

The Iraq War Room. After you complete your first tour, they make you go back for a second, third, fourth, etc., tour.

The Dick Cheney Room in the famous undisclosed location and complete with shooting gallery.

Plans also include: The K-Street Project Gift Shop, where you can buy or just steal an election.

The Airport Men's Room, where you can meet some of your favorite Republican senators.

Last, but not least, an entire floor devoted to a three-quarter scale model of the president's ego.

To highlight the president's accomplishments, the museum will have an electron microscope to help you locate them.

When asked, President Bush said that he didn't care so much about the individual exhibits as long as his

museum was better than his father's.

JAMES E. HOLDEN
Twin Falls

Reader comments on other reader's wolf plan

To Bill in Fairfield: I like your wolf-wolf lover's ideas.

No publicity in it for them; however, probably will never put their money where their mouths are.

Thanks for your insight.

TERRY ROBY
Gooding

Wolves should have been reintroduced with plan

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and United States Fish and Wildlife should never have allowed the wolves to be reintroduced in the first place without a viable plan.

Initially, these same bureaucrats promised Idaho that the wolves would be controlled at a minimum viable level of 100 wolves. The latest wolf figure that I am hearing is that they (Fish and Game) are proposing that the viable level be 7 increased to 700 wolves.

They are making these huge population concessions just on the basis of the environments threatened by wolf delinquents. Is this really (Fish and Game) a group we want

representing us when they are willing to make such huge and dramatic concessions just on the basis of threats?

Our Inpet Idaho negotiators should select the Wyoming "wolf negotiating squad" to deal with the pro-wolf environs. They have at least showed that they have some large "colours" in negotiating with the feds and ending up with some semblance of an acceptable Wyoming wolf management plan. The environs' stated position is they desire a minimum viable population level of 5,000 wolves. Our inept government bureaucrats, who got us into this failed program in the first place, are much too willing to saddle Idaho citizens "down the river" and are playing right into the hands of the pro-wolf environs in these negotiations.

It's more and more apparent that it is too late to reverse the depredation the wolves are causing and soon we won't have any more elk to worry about. Our halter initiative is the only "ray of hope" that we have to proactively deal with this ecological wolf management disaster and take our state back from the wolves.

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TONY MAYER
Twin Falls

The European Center for Nuclear Research has done several safety studies on the accelerator, known as the Large Hadron Collider, and says there is absolutely no danger. Still, you have to admit this sets the bar for worrying at a whole new level.

It's prioritize. Rank all your causes for concern on a scale of 1 (unfortunate development) to 10 (Large Hadron Collider has a bad day).

For instance:

- *Zimbabwe fails to come up with a vote count after nearly a week. (?!)
- *Texas fails to come up with a vote count after more than a month. (?!)
- *New opportunities for worrying pop up everywhere. Just a few days ago, the director of national intelligence, Mike McConnell, gave a speech at Johns Hopkins University. He opened with a story about a captain of an American aircraft carrier who got into a fight with another carrier over who should divert course to avoid a collision, not realizing the other party was a lighthouse. (?!)

"Now this is true," McConnell began. "I was in the signals intelligence business where you listen to the people talk and so on. This is true. It's an actual recording."

You know where this is going, right?

"The read of national intelligence begins remarks with 'Now this is true...' and follows up with an old, untrue, naval legend. (?!)

A spokesman for the office of the director of national intelligence claimed that McConnell was setting the crowd up for a punch line. "It's a technique — comedians use it all the time to get the audience to buy in," he said. (?!)

Cancer Iraq. According to an article in *The New York Times* by Erica Goode, Iraqis now celebrate April 1 by pulling lighthearted pranks, like informing a class of students that their teacher had been assassinated. April Fools! Clearly, these folks deserve all the worrying time we can give them.

Recently, the Iraqi government marched into Basra to route out the forces of the Shiite extremist-militant leader Muqtada al-Sadr. This did not seem like such a terrible idea at first glance, until it didn't work. (?!)

Then the CIA chief, Gen. Michael Hayden, showed up on "Meet the Press" and gave the impression that the Americans had been blindsided by the whole affair. At

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Financial Lesson of the Week
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Follow a Withdrawal Strategy That Won't Leave You Empty

When you're working, you probably focus on how much you're putting in to your investment portfolio. But when you retire, how much you take out will be a matter of considerable interest. And that's why you have to prepare the proper withdrawal strategies.

Specifically, once you retire, you'll need to decide what percentage of your investment portfolio you can withdraw each year without running out of money. How much can you take out annually?

There's no one right answer for everyone. However, when you're considering a suitable withdrawal rate, you'll need to consider a few different factors — one of which is your age at retirement. Given today's longer life expectancies, you could easily be around — and incurring a wide variety of expenses — when you are 90 or older. Consequently, the younger you are when you retire, the lower your annual withdrawal rate should be.

But, when determining your ideal withdrawal rate, it isn't just the sheer number of years that you need to consider — it's also what's happening to your purchasing power during those years. Even with a relatively mild annual inflation rate of 3 percent, it would take just 25 years for the cost of living to essentially double. So, if you need, say, \$75,000 per year to cover your expenses when you retire, you will need \$150,000 per year in 25 years. If we go through a period in which inflation rises significantly, you might have to scale back your annual withdrawals or adjust your investment portfolio to provide more opportunities for growth.

And, speaking of your investment mix, it's also a key factor in determining your annual withdrawal rate. If you own mostly fixed-rate investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs), you will probably have to take smaller withdrawals each year than you would if your portfolio contained a greater percentage of stocks. That's because stocks, over time, have more growth potential than other types of investments — and you will unquestionably see this growth to combat the two threats to your retirement income described above: longevity and inflation. (Of course, stocks also carry the risk of losing some, or all, of your principal, but if you invest in an array of quality stocks and hold them for the long term, it doesn't guarantee a profit or protect against loss but you may be able to help reduce the effects of price volatility.)

Another factor behind your annual withdrawal rate is the amount of income you can expect from other sources. If you open a small business or do some consulting, you may be able to withdraw less from your investment portfolio than if you had no earned income during your retirement years. You also may be able to make lower annual withdrawals if you've built up a sizable pension or 401(k), supplemented by your monthly Social Security checks.

Your financial advisor can help you develop a withdrawal strategy that is suitable for your individual needs and that can counter the effects of inflation, longevity and market volatility. By making the right moves at the right time, you can go a long way working toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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T E X A S

Busbands of women, children taken from polygamist compound

ELDORADO — Authorities who removed 219 women and children from a polygamist compound were struggling Sunday to determine whether they had the 16-year-old girl whose report of an underage marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Many people at the compound, built by followers of jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, are related to one another and share similar names: investigators said in some cases they were using different names at different times.

Investigators on Sunday bused them out of Eldorado, nearly 200 miles northwest of San Antonio, as other law enforcement agents continued to search for more children and evidence at the 1,700-acre compound, the former site of an exotic game ranch.

State troopers armed with a search warrant raided the compound on Friday to look for evidence of a marriage between the girl, who allegedly had a baby at 15, and a 50-year-old man. Under Texas law, girls younger than 16 cannot marry, even with parental approval.

The women and children were taken out of the compound Friday and Saturday and had been staying in a local church and civic center.

E N G L A N D

Anti-China protesters grab, block, almost snuff Olympic flame

LONDON — Demonstrators grabbed at the Olympic torch, blocked its path and tried to snuff out its flame Sunday in raucous protests of China's human rights record that forced a string of last-second changes to a chaotic relay through London.

The biggest protests since last month's torch-lighting in Greece tarnished China's hope for a harmonious prelude to a Summer Olympics

celebrating its rise as a global power. Instead, the flame's 85,000-mile journey from Greece to Beijing has become a stage for activists decrying China's recent crackdown on Tibetans and support for Sudan despite attacks on civilians in Darfur. One protester slipped through a tight police cordon early in the lay and managed to grip the torch before he was thrown to the ground and taken away by police.

"Before I knew what was happening, this guy had latched toward me and was grabbing the torch out of my hand and I was determinedly clinging on," former children's television host Connie Huq told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"I do feel for the cause," she said. "I think that China have got a despicable human rights record."

S O M A L I A

Official: Pirates docked hijacked French boat

MOGADISHU — France has made contact with pirates who hijacked a French luxury yacht off Africa's eastern coast with 30 French and Ukrainian crew members on board, the French foreign minister said Sunday.

About 10 suspected pirates stormed the 208-foot Le Bonheur on Friday as it was returning, without passengers, from the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean. The pirates then guided the vessel down Somalia's eastern coast.

The hijacking comes amid a surge in piracy in the seas off the chaotic Horn of Africa nation, where a weak and impoverished government is unable to patrol its territorial waters. Pirates have seized more than two dozen ships off the country's coast in the last year, typically demanding high ransoms to free their hostages.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told France-Inter radio that France was in contact with the pirates.

"We have established contact, and the case may take a long time," he said, without providing more details. Asked whether France would consider paying a ransom, he

responded, "We'll see."

N E W Y O R K

States use prescription drug 'recycling' programs to help keep costs down

The struggle to keep soar-

ing medical costs in check is feeding an increase in state programs that collect unused prescription drugs to give away to the uninsured and poor.

Some states allow donations of sealed drugs from individuals, while others only accept pharmaceuticals from institutions, such as doctor's

offices or assisted-living homes. Drugs are typically vetted by pharmacists to cross-check safety, then distributed by hospitals, pharmacies or charitable clinics.

The type of drugs donated run the gamut and include antibiotics, antipsychotics, blood thinners and antidepressants.

At least 33 states have laws to allow or study drug recycling programs, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Most state programs are just a few years old or still in the test stages, but officials envision huge gains.

— The Associated Press

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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!

When did her love for the kitchen start? From the time she was little, Kristi was helping her mother and grandmother in the kitchen. Whether it was a simple family meal or a large gathering for the holidays, the kitchen was the place to be!

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!

Kristi is looking forward to coming to Twin Falls. "We're going to have a lot of fun at the event! Trust me, you don't want to miss it!" says Kristi.

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Police and security guards apprehend a demonstrator, center, who attempts to grab the Olympic torch from TV presenter Connie Huq, not seen, during her leg of the torch relay in London, Sunday. Police scuffled with protesters as Olympians and celebrities carried the Olympic torch through snowy London during a chaotic relay Sunday.

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Edwards dominates in Samsung 500

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — Carl Edwards ran away with Sunday's race at Texas Motor Speedway for his series-best third win of the season, holding off Jimmie Johnson on a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish.

Edwards had the field covered for most of the race, at one point building a lead of more than seven seconds over Johnson. But two late cautions — one for debris with 39 laps to go, and another for oil on the track with five to go, gave Johnson a shot to steal the win.

But Edwards didn't give him a chance on either restart, handily pulling away both times to deny the two-time defending Sprint Cup Series champion his first win of the season.

It was Edwards' first victory since his team was accused of cheating following his win last month in Las Vegas. The cover-up was missing from his oil tank after the victory, and NASCAR hammered the team with penalties.

Edwards was stripped of 100 points — knocking him out of the points lead — and the 10 bonus points he earned from that victory. Crew chief Bob Osborne was suspended for six races and fined \$100,000.

On the day the penalties were announced, Edwards vowed to continue his march toward his first Cup championship. He delivered with his dominating run Sunday, then dedicated the victory to Osborne as he crossed the finish line.

"This is for Bob Osborne sitting at home," he rallied his crew. "Good job guys."

From Victory Lane, he defended his Vegas win and once again insisted the oil tank infraction played no part in his performance that day. And by winning in Texas — his second career win at the track — he proved his team is capable of overcoming adversity.

"The reason we won at Vegas is because of all the hard work that the guys at the shop and the engine department, it's not because of that oil tank lid," he said. "That's what it's about. We're driving. It's fun. It's fun when you get out of the car and your hands hurt from gripping the steering wheel. That's good."

Johnson was second as Hendrick Motorsports remained winless through the first seven races of the season.



Carl Edwards firing blanks in the twin pistols in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series' Samsung 500 auto race in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday.

WOMENS NCAA TOURNAMENT

Putback lifts Vols to title game

TAMPA, Fla. — Aludis Hornbuckle's only basket of the game was enough to get Tennessee back in the championship game.

Hornbuckle's putback with seven-tenths of a second left lifted the Lady Vols to a 47-46 victory over LSU in Sunday night's national semifinal. It was the lowest scoring game in Final Four history.

Candace Parker did all she could with her bum shoulder, scoring 13 points and grabbing 15 rebounds to lead the Lady Vols.

Tennessee (35-2) moved within a win of its eighth national championship. To do it, the Lady Vols will have to beat Stanford, which stunned Connecticut 82-73 in the other semifinal.

The Lady Vols are looking to become the first repeat champions since the Huskies won three straight titles from 2002-04.

Meanwhile, LSU's Final Four drought continued. The Lady Tigers, who have been a Final Four staple the last five seasons, again failed to make it to the championship game. LSU, only the second team to play in five straight Final Fours matching the feat accomplished by Connecticut from 2000-04, has lost all five appearances.

All-American Sylvia Fowles did all she could to avoid losing her fourth straight Final Four. She scored 24 points and grabbed 20 rebounds to lead LSU (31-6), but it wasn't enough.

Tennessee clung to a 45-44 lead with 7.1 seconds left when Hornbuckle fouled Erica White on the sideline. The senior calmly stepped up and hit both free throws to give LSU a one-point lead.

After a timeout, Parker drove the length of the court and passed the ball to Nicky Anosike, who missed a layup. Hornbuckle grabbed the rebound and put it back up and in to give Tennessee the one-point lead — and the eventual win.

LSU had one last chance but their inbound with 0.7 left was intercepted at midcourt, and Tennessee celebrated its hard-fought victory.

Parker's shoulder clearly wasn't 100 percent as she was constantly short on jumpers, including shooting an air ball, but she aggressively went for rebounds with both hands and blocked shots.



Tennessee's Alberta Auguste, left, Candace Parker (3) and Shannon Bobbitt celebrate Tennessee's 47-46 win over LSU in an NCAA Women's Final Four semifinal basketball game Sunday, in Tampa, Fla. Tennessee will play Stanford for the national championship Tuesday night.

Back in the Final Four for the first time in 11 years, the Cardinal (35-3) avenged an early season loss to the Huskies (36-2) and advanced to Tuesday night's title game, where they'll put a 23-game winning streak on the line against Tennessee — a 47-46 winner over LSU in the second semifinal.

Wiggins typically leads the Cardinal through

emotional, loud pregame huddles. Her message this time focused on her teammates' snarls and how far they had come since the first meeting between the teams.

"We faded the midweek, but we're going to take this final," guard Rosalyn Gold-Onwude recalled Wiggins saying.

—The Associated Press

STANFORD 82, CONNECTICUT 73

TAMPA, Fla. — Candice Wiggins refused to let Stanford lose to Connecticut. Not again.

The Cardinal star continued her electrifying run through the NCAA tournament, scoring 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds while getting some timely help from Kayla Pedersen and JJ Hones as Stanford shocked Connecticut 82-73 in Sunday night's national semifinals.

Davydenko beats Nadal in Key Biscayne final



Nikolay Davydenko, of Russia, celebrates his 6-4, 6-2 win over Rafael Nadal during the finals match at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., Sunday.

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

KEY BISCAINE, Fla. — Nikolay Davydenko began the Sony Ericsson Open in a supporting role, competing on smaller courts while the likes of Roger Federer and Andy Roddick slugged it out in the stadium.

But on Sunday, it was Davydenko holding the championship trophy to cheers from a sellout crowd.

He beat Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-2 and became the first Russian man to win Key Biscayne.

"For me it's mostly crazy," he said.

In recent months, Davydenko has been best known for an ATP investigation into heavy wagering on a match he lost last August at an

obscure tournament in Poland. He retired in the third set, citing a foot injury, and says he did nothing wrong.

He has accused the ATP of dragging out the investigation, but it proved not to be a distraction at Key Biscayne.

"It's not every day in my mind," he said. "It's in my mind if you ask me about this. ... I don't think about the investigation, it should be my lawyer thinking, and my manager."

There was no question about his effort against Nadal. Davydenko broke at love to take the lead for good at 4-3 in the first set, and in the second set he lost only two of 19 points on his serve to pull away.

When the No. 4-seeded

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Kansas' D' takes on Memphis' O'

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — Memphis and its up-tempo offense vs. Kansas and its shutdown defense.

O vs. D — the most classic confrontation in sports, and this time for the NCAA championship Monday night.

"It's going to be a great matchup," Kansas guard Sherron Collins said Saturday night after an 84-66 win over North Carolina. "They play fast, we play fast, play aggressive."

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Memphis	2	(44)	Kanam

The Jayhawks (36-3) will try to win their third national title, and first since Danny Manning led them in 1990. A glamour program that boasts the likes of Wilt Chamberlain, Kansas traces its hardwood history back to its first coach, James Naismith.

Memphis (38-1) lost its only previous championship game, in 1973 to UCLA and Bill Walton. Back then, when Elvis was still king, the school was called Memphis State. This week, Presley's Graceland mansion was lit up in Tiger blue.

There's not much history between these top-seeded teams, and they haven't played since Kansas beat Memphis in December 1987.

And this much is certain: One coach is going to be a champion for the first time.

"Sounds pretty good, sounds really good," Kansas' Bill Self said.

In the Final Four for the first time, Self saw his Jayhawks stop North Carolina. Quite a show, considering Kansas was a long 3-pointer away from losing to Davidson in the regional final.

Whether it was revenge or just a really good day, the Jayhawks played a perfect game in the opening half against former Kansas coach Roy Williams' Tar Heels.

—The Associated Press

Several District VI cowboys and girls get first wins at Buhl

By Diane Phibbin
Staff writer

BUHL — With stop No. 2 in Buhl for the District VI completed, Bailey Tubbs of Filer is the only competitor that has shown even the closest example of dominance in any event with the only two successful rides in saddle bronc after four rounds.

As the competition moves west to Filer, Kindee Wilson of Filer leads the district with four top finishes.

Wilson has two wins in goats, a first in barrels, and teamed with Kyle Woody of Filer to win his first event in team roping.

Megan Crist of Kimberly has three wins with a pair of top finishes in breakaway and a first in pole bending. Wyatt Holtman of Raft River has two victories in steer wrestling and a win in calf roping.

There are also several other cowboys and cowgirls in the district that have two wins. Amanda Goats of Kimberly has won twice in breakaway; Jessica Kack of Filer captured two firsts in barrels and Colton Bedke of Oakley has also won twice in bull riding.

Katie Vierstra of Filer has a win in poles and barrels, Paige Yore of Declo a first in poles and a first in goats, Jarrett VanHulzen of Filer and Cody

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Boston heads home in last place following 7-4 loss at Toronto

TORONTO — Frank Thomas broke a fifth-inning tie with his 11th career grand slam. Vernon Wells added a two-run homer and the Toronto Blue Jays led the Boston Red Sox 7-4 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep of the World Series champions.

Out since mid-March because of a strained lower back, Josh Beckett (0-1) was activated from the disabled list to face Roy Halladay (1-1).



Toronto Blue Jays' Frank Thomas swings to connect for a grand slam during the fifth inning of their game against the Boston Red Sox in Toronto, Ontario, Sunday.

YANKEES 2, RAYS 0
NEW YORK — Chien-Ming Wang (2-0) pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning.

Hitcock Mauer hit a two-run homer in the fourth off James Shields (1-1) and Yankees manager Joe Girardi was back on the bench following an illness.

In five shutout innings, Alex Gordon hit a two-run single and scored after doubling in the seventh.

winning run with two outs in the ninth off Mark Lowe (0-1), who also threw a tying wild pitch.

ROYALS 3, TWINS 1
MINNEAPOLIS — Brett Tomko (1-0) allowed six hits

ORIOLES 3, MARINERS 2
BALTIMORE — Luis Hernandez singled in the

Nick Markakis led off the ninth with a double off Eric O'Flaherty and scored on a groundout by Aubrey Huff.

RANGERS 10, ANGELS 4

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Gerald Laird had four hits, homered twice and drove in a career-high six runs.

INDIANS 2, ATHLETICS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Cliff Lee (1-0) gave up four hits and struck out four in 6 2-3 innings to win his first start of the season, retiring 10 of his last 12 batters as Cleveland stopped a three-game losing streak.

REDS 8, PHILLIES 2

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 594th career homer Sunday, a two-run shot that powered the Cincinnati Reds to an 8-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

BREWERS 7, GIANTS 0

MILWAUKEE — Ben Sheets (1-0) struck out eight, walked none and pitched a five-hit

ter for his second career shutout, his first since a five-hitter against St. Louis on May 29, 2001.

DIAMONDBACKS 5, ROCKIES 2

DENVER — Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer in the ninth off Manny Corpas and Stephen Drew hit a debreaking drive against Micah Bowie (0-1) leading off a three-run 10th as the Diamondbacks completed a three-game sweep against the rockies.

BRVES 3, METS 1

ATLANTA — John Smoltz (1-0) allowed two hits over five scoreless innings in his season debut to beat Johan Santana (1-1) as Atlanta completed a two-game sweep of the rain-shortened series.

DODGERS 3, PADRES 2

SAN DIEGO — Trevor Hoffman (0-2) allowed Chih-hung Hui's debreaking RBI single in the ninth

inning. Baseball's career leader with 526 saves, also lost Tuesday when he blew a save against Houston and has a 12.27 ERA in four games.

CUBS 3, ASTROS 2

CHICAGO — Derrek Lee hit a debreaking homer against Oscar Villareal (0-2) in the seventh, Lee's third homer of the season. He didn't hit his first homer last season until the 21st game and finished the season with only 22.

CARDINALS 3, NATIONALS 0

ST. LOUIS — Kyle Lohse (1-0) allowed four hits in seven innings. Rick Ankiel homered and St. Louis completed a three-game sweep.

PIRATES 9, MARLINS 2

MIAMI — Ian Snell (1-0) struck out 10 in six innings, allowing two runs, one earned, and four hits.

— The Associated Press

Dallas rallies in fourth quarter to stun Phoenix

PHOENIX — Dirk Nowitzki scored 32 points and the Dallas Mavericks rallied from a 13-point fourth quarter deficit for a crucial 105-98 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday.

Josh Howard added 24 and Brandon Bass 19 for the Mavericks, who used a smothering defense in a 16-0 run that put them ahead for good in a game the Suns had led nearly throughout.



Dallas Mavericks forward Josh Howard, left, shoots over Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire, right, in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Sunday in Phoenix.

Phoenix went scoreless for just under 8 minutes, missing 12 shots in the process.

Nowitzki, in his third game back since missing four with a sprained left knee and ankle, scored 12 in the fourth quarter, when Dallas outscored Phoenix 27-9.

PISTONS 91, HEAT 75

MIAMI — Rodney Stuckey scored 19 points, Tyshawn Prince added 14 on 6-for-7 shooting and Detroit wrapped up the No. 2 seed for the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Jarvis Hayes, Jason Maxiell, Juan Dixon and Arron Affalo each scored 10 points for the Pistons, who won their fifth straight and improved to 55-21.

SPURS 72, TRAIL BLAZERS 65

PORTLAND, Ore. — Tim Duncan had 27 points and 11 rebounds and San Antonio won its 12th straight against Portland.

Matt Ginobili's dunk with 1:31 left all but sealed it for the Spurs, who handed the Blazers their fifth consecutive loss. Ginobili finished with 10 points and six assists.

PACERS 105, BUCKS 97

INDIANAPOLIS — Travis Diener scored 15 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, and Indiana beat Milwaukee to remain in the Eastern Conference playoff hunt.

Diener made five of six 3-pointers in the final period. Danny Granger had 27 points. Mike Dunleavy added 17 points and seven assists, and Jeff Foster had a season-high 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Pacers, who have won eight of 11.

GRIZZLIES 113, TIMBERWOLVES 101

MINNEAPOLIS — Mike Miller scored 34 points and hit a season-high eight 3-pointers to help Memphis hand Minnesota its fourth straight loss and sixth in the last seven.

Budy Gay added 23 points and Hakim Warrick had 20 for the Grizzlies.

The teams traded the lead

heading into the final minutes of the fourth quarter until Memphis sparked an 11-6 run by converting two consecutive three-point plays.

INDIANS 100, MAGIC 90

NEW YORK — Rookie Wilson Chandler scored a season-high 23 points, Zach Randolph added 20 points and 11 rebounds, and New York snuffed a five-game losing streak.

LAKERS 114, KINGS 92

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant scored 29 points. Vladimir Radmanovic matched his season-high with 21 and the Lakers stayed on track for the Pacific.

ROCKETS 105, CLIPPERS 79

LOS ANGELES — Rookie reserve Aaron Brooks scored

18 points, five teammates reached double figures, and Houston clinched a playoff berth.

The victory was the third straight for the Rockets (52-25), who rank fifth in the rugged Western Conference.

SUPERSONICS 151, NUGGETS 147, 2OT

SEATTLE — Kevin Durant scored a season-high 37 points and fellow rookie Jeff Green had a season-high 35 as Seattle defeated Denver's playoff hopes.

Green, whose previous high was 23 points, scored 24 in the second half and overtime. His five spunk points to start the second overtime gave the draft-later-hound Sonics (10-59) the winning cushion.

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Edwards

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"I didn't have anything at the end for Carl," Johnson said.

Kyle Busch, winner of the Nationwide Series race Saturday, was strong early but had nothing for Edwards in the end and faded to third. Ryan Newman was fourth and Denny Hamlin overcame a last-lap contact with Clint Bowyer to finish fifth. Bowyer faded to 10th when the contact sent him into the wall.

Jeff Burton retained his hold atop the points standings by finishing sixth and was followed by Tony Stewart, Mark Martin, Matt Kenseth and Bowyer.

Date Ganahard Jr. hoped to mark the 10th anniversary of his first NASCAR win with a return to Victory Lane, but the pole-sitter never challenged and finished 12th, a lap down. He scored his first victory here in 1998 in what was then called the Busch Series, and he scored his first Cup victory here in 2000.

But he has yet to reach a Grand Slam final, and the Key Biscayne title was only his second in a Masters Series event.

Davydenko quickly became comfortable with a new racket he tried for the first time at Key Biscayne.

Davydenko

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Davydenko belted one final forehand winner on championship point, he grinned and shook his fists, then punched the air.

Davydenko overcame a match point in the second round against Ernest Gulbis and became the fourth ATP player in 2008 to win a title

after facing match point. He beat Roddick in the semifinals.

"He's playing unbelievable tennis," the No. 2-seeded Nadal said. People outside tennis can think different about Nikolay, but we know he's a very, very good player.

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of the past three years in the top five.

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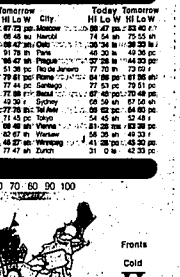
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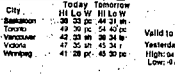
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Wagner wins in Houston, headed to Augusta

HUMBLE, Texas Johnson Wagner was sweeping highlights from the 2002 Masters late Saturday night, and his wife scolded him for it.



Johnson Wagner reacts after making par on the 18th hole to win the Houston Open golf tournament Sunday in Humble, Texas. The win is Wagner's first as a PGA tour professional.

Now, he has the chance to create some Augusta moments of his own. Wagner won the Houston Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory and got the ultimate honor prize that comes with it — a spot next week in the Masters.

Wagner had missed six cuts in nine previous starts this year, and he finished 16th under the money list when he arrived in Houston. He matched defending champion Adam Scott's course record of 63 in the first round, then held the lead at 54-hole leads at an event for the first time in 44 career starts.

combined nine shots. She was the only player without a bogey in the final round on a tough Mission Hills course, closing with a 5-under 67 and taking the greatest swing of her life.

She won by five shots over Suzann Pettersen and Annika Sorenstam, among many major champions being left behind in the massive wake of Ochoa, who has won three out of four tournaments this year by a combined 23 shots.

KRAFT NABISCO RANCICIO MIRAGE, Calif. — Lorena Ochoa, the Mexican star who once struggled in the majors, now is making them look easy.

Rodeo

Continued from page B1 Wadsworth of Kimberly each have a first in calf roping and steer wrestling, and Tyler Stradley of Filer picked up a win in calf roping and teamed with Brock Casperson of Kimberly for a win in team roping.

River scored 64 points to win bull riding Saturday and Brody Osterhout of Declo earned the highest score of the young season with a 75 on Friday night. But Hurdon, of Oakley and Tyler Wadsworth of Kimberly recorded the fastest time Friday night to win the team roping. There will no break for the District VI as action in Filer begins Friday night at 7 p.m. and at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

in the air. Her brother, Alejandro, coach Rafael Alcaran and caddie Dave Brooker leapt from the bridge. Before long, there were two dozen friends and family in the water, bobbing to the rhythm of the mariachi band and celebrating another major championship.

Ochoa became the first player since Sorenstam in 2005 to win consecutive majors, and with as much dominance as Tiger Woods enjoys on the PGA Tour, she has raised possibilities of winning all four majors.

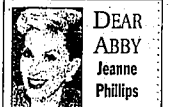
Wiebe finished at 100 and earned \$300,000 for his second victory in 12 career starts on the Champions Tour. The two-time PGA Tour winner won his first Champions Tour title in his tour debut last fall in the SAS Championship.

ESTORIL OPEN CASCAIS, Portugal — France's Gregory Bourdy won the Estoril Open for his second European tour victory, beating England's David Howell with a par on the third extra hole.

Bourdy closed with a 1-under 70 to match Howell (64) and Scotland's Alastair Forsyth (66) at 11-under 266 on the Old Course Dunes course. All three played the first extra hole. No. 18. They then played 18 again, with Forsyth dropping out with a bogey. Bourdy won on No. 17.

Taxpayers 'stimulated' by filing 2007 tax return

DEAR ABBY: The IRS needs help from your readers. Starting in May, economic stimulus payments of up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for married couples will be issued by the IRS based on 2007 tax returns. Parents also get \$300 for each eligible child.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

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Your readers can help not just the IRS but perhaps themselves, friends or family by spreading the word. Please ask them to mention it to people they think might qualify. The eligibility rules are eligible for the best source of information. Generally, people who have at least \$3,000 from earned income or certain benefits from Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Affairs — or a combination of income from these benefits — are eligible. They need only provide a few details on a Form 1040A. We'll do the rest.

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Putting on a new face



Brow lift — Lifting and tightening skin on the forehead raises eyebrows slightly and reduces wrinkles. Subtle is best — too-high eyebrows can result in a perma-excited face. Risks and complications include hair loss, asymmetry, infection and loss of sensation.

Ear surgery — Ear, surgery, or otoplasty, pins back large, stuck-out ears or reconstructs deformed or abnormally shaped ears. This minor surgery produces minimal pain and risks — most are associated with the anesthesia — but recovery can take six weeks.

Facelift — Rhytidectomies conjure images of skin stretched unnaturally tight, but it doesn't have to be so. Subtle lifting can drastically reduce wrinkles, rejuvenating a face and making its appearance more youthful. Recovery can take weeks, but some patients can return to work after 10 days. Expect swelling, bruising and discomfort. Risks include loss of sensation, scarring and loss of hair at the incision line.

Eyelid surgery — Also known as blepharoplasty, eyelid surgery tightens the skin around the eyes. Risks include difficulty closing eyes, scarring and infection.

Nose job — Rhinoplasty reshapes your schnoz. This procedure is especially popular with young women and can dramatically transform a face. Think Ashley Tisdale, Ashlee Simpson and Marilyn Monroe. Recovery is uncomfortable at best, so expect some gnarly bruising, nausea and swelling.

Implants — Cheeks not apple-like? Chin too weak? Augmentation might be the answer. There are as many kinds of implants and injectable fillers as there are places to stick them. Cheeks, chins, lips and jaw are the most common places to augment on the face. Sometimes more than one implant procedure is done at a time to balance the face. After surgery, expect your face to be swollen for a while. Your first look in the mirror after the procedure might be a scary one, but don't worry. Swelling will go down. Risks include loss of sensation, scarring, swelling and infection. Overaggressive injections in the lip can lead to a "fret pout," or abnormally puffed lips, which will leave you looking more like Muppet guitarist Janice than

Neck lift — For the floppy turkey wattle. Neck lifts can refer to both platysmoplasty, which removes or alters weak muscles and tissue, and cervicoplasty, which removes excess skin. This procedure is particularly popular with women in their 50s and 60s. The first week of recovery can be rough. The face swells, and the patient must sleep in a reclined position to avoid fluid buildup.

Looking good

Watch Image in the coming weeks for the final installment in our overview of cosmetic procedures available in south-central Idaho. What do you think of it all? Log on to MagicalVie.com to post your comments. Registration is free.

Where to find it

These facial procedures are all available at two Twin Falls businesses. For information: Marod Medical Spa, Twin Falls, 706 North College Road, 735-2763; Center for Plastic Surgery, 1880 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls, 735-8386

By Melissa Davlin
Staff writer

Not interested in aging? Do love your Grandma Gertie, but not the nose you inherited from her? Perhaps you'll consider plastic surgery. Cosmetic procedures can boost confidence in patients, said Dr. Ron Kack of Marod Medical Spa in Twin Falls.

"A lot of times, their image is wrapped up in what they feel about themselves when they look in the mirror," Kack said. And if they don't like that image,

he said, a cosmetic procedure can change their lives.

For the second of our three-part overview of procedures available in south-central Idaho, we rounded up a handful of ways to put on a new face. Surgical procedures are more expensive than less invasive procedures — costs reach into the thousands for most transformations — but for many self-conscious people, it's worth the price.

"It lets someone bloom who has previously hidden themselves," Kack said.

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Health question: Is fat good for what ails you?

The war on fat was a flop. Since the '80s we've been bombarded with "ban the fat" messages to shrink your waist and reduce risk of lifestyle killers like heart disease. We've gulped guilt-free alternatives — fat-free cookies and fake-fat potato chips, worth billions of dollars a year. I've created fat-starved concoctions that my children stared at and even our dog wouldn't eat.

Today, fats and oils make up about 34 percent of the average American's diet compared with 40 percent several decades ago. But, if we've learned to trim the fat from our diets,

ALIVE AND WELL
Jan Mittleider

why has the obesity rate nearly doubled during the same period? And our rates of heart disease have not diminished significantly.

Reasons to love fat

"We've cut all fats without regard

to the benefits of unsaturated fats," says Dr. Walter Willett from the Harvard School of Public Health. "They can improve levels of cholesterol, strengthen the heart against dangerous erratic heartbeats and fight the gradual clogging of the arteries."

"When we reduce all fats, we typically replace them with something else, usually carbohydrates — often simple or highly processed ones made with sugar and white flour. "Carbohydrates cause weight gain just as effectively as fats if you eat more calories than you burn," says Willett. "Easily absorbed carbony-

drates can cause dangerous spikes in blood sugar and insulin levels that can contribute to diabetes — something that doesn't happen with fat, protein or slowly absorbed carbohydrates found in whole grains, fruits and vegetables." Instead of "cut the fat," experts now say "add the good fat." If a substantial chunk of your daily calories is made of unsaturated fats — like omega 3 fatty acids, from flaxseed and nuts to fish oil — you may reap additional benefits. Supportive but not conclusive research is now addressing other potential prevention prospects attached to chronic

conditions from asthma and arthritis to memory and mental health. Just the sheer number of possibilities makes you wonder if you're getting enough of the good fats. Of course, that doesn't justify the unfounded promises on some food and supplement labels. Here are some easy-to-implement smart fat choices:

Cut the fat

1. Avoid artery-clogging trans fat, a vegetable oil that's been hydrogenated, like margarine's not. Please see FAT, Page D3

B.C. By Johnny Hart

LETS TRY PRACTICING SOME SWINGS.

I WANT TO SEE YOU GO THROUGH THE ACTIONS WITHOUT HITTING THE BALL.

I'M PRETTY SURE I'VE GOT THAT ONE COVERED, COACH.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

the School Kid

CAN I HELP? CAN I?

the Home Kid

WUN ME??

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

GO TO BED, BEETLE! IT'S LATE!

I ONLY NEED SIX HOURS OF SLEEP A NIGHT

YEAH, AS LONG AS YOU GET SIX HOURS DURING THE PAY

SEVEN!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO LET SOMEONE GO UNTIL THE ECONOMY TURNS AROUND

I GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE FAIR WAY TO SEE WHO GETS TO KEEP THEIR JOBS

DOES EVERYONE HERE KNOW 'ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO'?

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WALLY, DO YOU HAVE THE CAPITAL COST ESTIMATES I ASKED FOR LAST WEEK?

NO. I ALWAYS ASK YOU TO CLARIFY WHAT YOU NEED. YOU SAY YOU'LL GET BACK TO ME BUT YOU NEVER DO.

MAYBE I COULD CLARIFY IT NOW. THAT WOULD RUIN MY SYSTEM.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank & Joe Troise

OFF to your first class Ludmila?

Da.

What mister piece will you be working on this week?

Fruit in bowl.

Ah...The classic still life.

Da...Is boring, compared to last week.

What was last week?

Class got to draw and teacher being taken away in handcuffs per custom of traces.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

VACUUM DUST... WIPE

COOK STIR CHOP POUR

LOOKIT TIDY, ELLY... THEY'VE DEVELOPED A ROBOT THAT CAN DO OUR HOUSEHOLD CHORES!

WHY'S NEW? WE'VE WHO ONE AT OUR HOUSE FOR? THIS.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

ALL RIGHT... "TETHER-ROCK" WAS A BAD IDEA.

Garfield By Jim Davis

HA!

I LATE BEFORE YOU GOT HERE!

IF THAT'S NOT AGAINST THE LAW, IT SHOULD BE

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I'VE JUST LEARNED THAT DIRTY PIRK CAN NO LONGER BE A MEMBER OF MY CREW!

SAID WHO?

THE COMMITTEE FOR A CLEANER NORWAY

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

ANOTHER SNACK! HOW DO YOU STAY SO HUNGRY?

IT MUST BE AN METABOLISM

WHERE'S CHIP?

IN THE KITCHEN INCINERATING CALORIES!

Luann By Greg Evans

HI BOB!

TOM! WHAT A SURPRISE TO SEE YOU!

MY COUSIN SHANNON, SHE'S WHY I COULDN'T WITH YOU

OF COURSE SHE'S REAL. YOU THOUGHT I HAD HER BY BOB. HE PROMISED TO TELL THE TRUTH TO EACH OTHER. REMEMBER? DO YOU THINK I LIED?

NO!

NO. OF COURSE NOT!

HE'S LYING, HUH?

YUP

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

WHAT'S GOING ON?

CHARLIE BROWN IS PLAYING 'JOE AGATE' A GAME OF MARBLES

THEY SAY 'JOE AGATE' IS THE BEST PLAYER THIS SIDE OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

WHICH SIDE OF THE MISSISSIPPI ARE WE ON?

I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE IN JAIL, ZEBRA.

I CAN'T EITHER. FIG. TO THINK THAT MY KILL CAT, SWIFTLIES, HAS BEEN STOCKPILING W.M.D. SOME OF THE STUFF HE'S HAD FOR FIVE YEARS.

FIVE YEARS? WHERE HE EVEN GET IT?

HIDE THESE.

Pickles By Brian Crane

GRAMMA, WHAT DOES GOD LOOK LIKE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK HE LOOKS LIKE?

I DON'T KNOW. PROBABLY OLD AND WISE LIKE GRAMPA.

ONLY WITHOUT THE POP-TART CRUMBS IN HIS MUSTACHE.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

BRING NEARLY BEING WITH A PIERCE OF GRACEFUL PROPORTION.

OTHERS SHOULD BE STRONGLY CAUTIONED TO AVOID ALL VARIETIES OF CELEBRATORY DANCE!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

YOU GOAL IS TRYING LUCKY TO GET THE WORK AND HAVE YOU JUST WON WARD?

HE WINS THE ONLY ONE WHO'D TAKE THEM. I'VE NO CHOICE.

OR YOU EITHER THE PET OR THE WORK AND I'VE ONLY UNTIL I GET TO THE JOB BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE WANTS TO TRY?

DON'T WORRY MAN, THAT'LL BE THE FINE WORDS PROMISED

THAT YOU'D TAKE GOOD CARE OF LUSH AND PETER

I DID? PROMISED WHAT?

OH, DONALD!

OH, DONALD!

I'LL NEVER GET MARRIED, JOEY. MY MAMA'S THE ONLY WOMAN IN MY LIFE!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

COUNT DRACULA WILL NOW STEP OUT INTO THE SUNLIGHT IN A LIFE-DEEING STUNT

BIG SHOW TODAY

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

NO

TO DO FOR YOU

Tobacco cessation

American Cancer Society's "Fresh Start" program to help adults quit using tobacco products; six-class session from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, today through April 20, in the Sunflower Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. No class will be held April 21. "Fresh Start" builds skills to help reduce and eventually end tobacco use; communicate better, handle stress, make decisions, set goals, eat healthy and exercise. The program is sponsored by South Central Public Health District and St. Luke's Magic Valley.

Free. Preregistration required; Jeanette Charters at 308-5613 or Tami Pearson at 737-5945.

Bariatric support

Bariatric Support Group meeting for patients who have undergone bariatric surgery, 7 p.m. today, at St. Luke's Magic Valley's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Information: 280-1337.

Caregiver support

Caregiver Support Group meeting, 1 to 2:30 p.m. today, at South Central Public Health District's Katz Conference Room on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

For information, Shawana, CSI Office on Aging, 736-2122.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's "Baby and Me" classes, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, at Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

This week's topic: "Story Telling" the session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. Free; 324-6133.

About childbirth

Second class of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's prepared childbirth series, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

Topics will include the birth process and breathing techniques. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. Fee is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

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About C-sections

Cesarean childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Topics include cesarean deliveries, nonconforming laborers, pain management and hospital procedures. Wear comfortable clothing; bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.

Free. Preregistration required: 732-3148.

About Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's Support Group meetings, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, at Fosetta Estridge, 1177 Iastridge Court in Twin Falls.

The meeting is open to Twin Falls County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. Information: Lisa Jnnd, 734-9422.

Learn CPR

"HeartSaver Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation" class, 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Topics include infant, child and adult CPR, an automated external defibrillator.

Cost is \$36. Preregistration required: 737-2007.

About infant care

Sixth class of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's prepared childbirth series, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, at Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

Topics will include infant care and early parenting. Bring two pillows, a blanket and, if possible, a support person. Fee is \$5. Register: 324-6133.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes, 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, this week through May 8, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic

Valley's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Instruction includes wellness of the mother; labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques; care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast-feeding and bottle-feeding; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Wear comfortable clothing; bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.

Cost is \$60. Preregistration required: 732-3148.

About Chinese medicine

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center will offer the class "A Look at Chinese Medicine," 6 to 8 p.m. April 16, at the center.

The class includes an overview of traditional Chinese medicine philosophies and basic physical practices, and a demonstration of Acupoint Bodywork (a type of the body's natural energy lines and pressure points).

Jennifer Skinner, Asian bodywork therapist, will instruct. Wear comfortable clothing. Cost is \$20. Preregister: 934-8678, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

Chinese medicine and diabetes

The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center will offer the class "Chinese Medicine and Diabetes," 6 to 8 p.m. April 23, at the center.

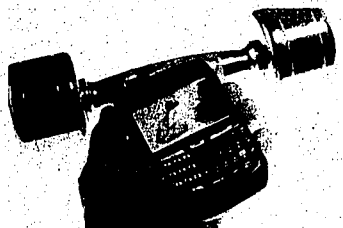
This class is a follow-up to "A Look at Chinese Medicine." Topics include how traditional Chinese medicine views diabetes and what therapies are used; and dietary and lifestyle choices.

Jennifer Skinner, Asian bodywork therapist, will instruct. Wear comfortable clothing. Cost is \$20. Preregister: 934-8678, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. E-mail notices to ramona@magicvalley.com.

PDAs, cell phones bring fitness to the forefront

By Jeannine Stein
Los Angeles Times



SPICE VORON/Los Angeles Times

Cell phones and PDAs can do more than ensure we stay in touch and keep appointments. A new study shows that middle-aged and older people who received daily reminders to exercise from PDAs put in more than twice as much moderate to vigorous exercise than those without the devices.

Such cues "bring the priority of exercise back to the top of the list," says Abby King, lead author of the study and a professor of health research and policy, and medicine, at the Stanford University School of Medicine. "You could be trying to get a report out at work, and all of a sudden that priority slips, and that brings it back up."

The pilot study, published

in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, gave PDAs to 19 fairly sedentary men and women who were encouraged to do at least 150 minutes of moderate or more vigorous exercise a week (most did brisk walking).

The 18-person control group received standard written material about the importance of exercise. At the end of eight weeks, the study group exercised an average of 310 minutes a week; the control group averaged 125 minutes.

Fat

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labeled as trans fat-free, vegetable shortening, foods with partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, and deep-fried foods.

2. Keep red meat servings modest — 10 ounces of a deck of cards or the palm of your hand. Go for the leanest cut possible. Replace some of the red meat you typically eat with beans, poultry, fish or nuts.

3. Use nonfat yogurt, cheese or milk. Stand-in for sour cream or cream cheese.

Add the fat

4. Reach for olive oil, one of the most heart-healthy fats. Spike the oil with butter if you love the flavor of butter.

5. Add sliced avocado to any sandwich as a natural way to "hold the mayo."

6. Go nuts! Toast nuts or bake them with sweet or savory seasonings to enhance flavor for appetizing snacks. Toss or sprinkle them into salads or stir-fries for flavor and substance. In a review of 23 studies, scientists confirmed that eating nuts regularly — anywhere from 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 ounces five days a week — could lower total cholesterol between 2 percent and 16 percent.

7. Eat fish twice a week, particularly cold-water fish like salmon or Idaho-grown trout and tilapia. Or, grind a tablespoon of flax seeds and sprinkle them on cereal, yogurt or smoothies.

Moderation in all things is vital as you shift the balance of fat calories.

Health educator Jan Mittelbeil is coordinator of the Over 60 and Getting Fit Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

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Finding the proper topper

The Washington Post

Runways championed the return of the hat, and lucky for us, the trend has filtered down to everyday wear. But how to wear your cloche, bere or knit cap well? Follow these tips on choosing the perfect topper for your face and hair.

• **Petites** should opt for styles with a small brim and a crown that sits close to the top of the head, such as an Edward Topper-esque

cloche. A too-big or too-tall topper can easily overpower a slight frame.

• **Brimms** with a bit more width work well on taller women; the more substantial necessary can balance out a long silhouette. Again, stick with shorter crowns and steer clear of any narrow, angular lines.

• **Long faces** should choose styles with wide brims that curve upward, or softer shapes that curve around the face. Women with round or

heart-shaped faces should shop rimmed cloche hats — styles that are wider than their faces will be most flattering. Also try angular shapes, like the tough-to-pull-off fedora.

• **Oval faces** can wear most styles, but pay attention to how the hat accentuates facial features. Does that knit beree put too much focus on your high forehead? Or does it flatter your cheekbones and show off that great haircut?

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Computer use may be hard on the eyes

The Washington Post

Computer Vision Syndrome is becoming more frequent, according to the American Optometric Association (AOA), which says that prolonged use of electronic devices such as computers and PDAs can leave users with problems like dry eye, eye strain, neck and/or backache, light sensitivity and fatigue.

According to the AOA, 78 percent of Americans do not have their monitors set below eye level, the correct height for computer usage; 73 percent of Americans do not take breaks as often as they should (at least every 20 minutes); and one out of 10 never take a break. Specially designed glasses exist to help reduce glare from screens, the AOA says, but only 11 percent of Americans use them.

What do women need to know about investing?

Because women earn less money than men, live longer than men, and are faced with different stereotypes than men, they need to take special care when it comes to their finances. A couple of concepts that help women and their financial health may influence your future. For example:

Women live longer than men. This means that the time horizon you plan for needs to be specific to you, not to a couple. Older women are one of the fastest-growing poverty segments. Current data shows that women live, on average, seven years longer than men.

Women make less money. For all the improvement in women's rights, the average woman still earns about 75 cents of every dollar that a man earns. "Women may have 'come a long way, baby,' but they certainly have not arrived yet, economically."

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Tights and the open-toed look

By Erin Weinger
Los Angeles Times

Ever since our tragic middle-school science teacher wore Birkenstocks with sport socks, we've considered the sandals-and-socks combination to be one of fashion's biggest sins. But after watching Anna Sui, John Galliano and Rei Kawakubo send models down their spring catwalks wearing anklets with open heels, our position began to wobble.

Then Hermes and Givenchy picked up on Balenciaga's fall tights-and-sandals concept. And a bevy of stylish celebrities — including Julianne Moore and Jessica Alba — started turning up on red carpets in open heels with opaque tights ... and, then, well, we had to admit it looked pretty good. And that's where things got sticky.

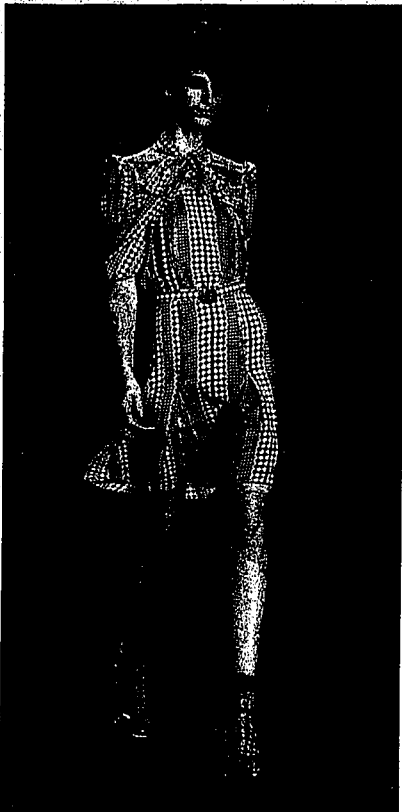
Just try pairing tights and sandals on your own. Patterned or solid? Black or colored? Chunky shoes or stilettos? It was worse than an organic chemistry exam. We might as well have put on our Wiggans and Texas and headed out the door.

So we raised a hand and asked Eric Daman, the costume designer on "Gossip Girl," how to do it right. The show is the small screen's latest answer to a fashion glossy, and all season he has outfitted young stars Blake Lively, Taylor Momsen and Leighton Meester in a refined designer wardrobe that embodies the show's Upper East Side socialite set. The teen melodrama's salacious plot line is no match for its clothes, with entire Web sites (see gossip-girlfashion.com) devoted to who wore what.

When it comes to tricky trends, Daman knows what he's doing. After three seasons of assisting Patricia Field on "Sex and the City," he learned to shop with future style in mind. Though he frequently matches open-toe footwear with tights and socks on "Gossip Girl," Daman also knows the look can be a disaster in real life.

Noivices should start with a simple peep-toe pump and solid opaque tights. After that, a high-heel T-strap or platform sandals work best. For formal fetes, delicate stilettos look sleek with opaque tights. But avoid this season's popular gladiator sandal and anything with a lot of straps. Most aromatic footwear is much easier than shoes with wooden heels. Playful knee socks are another popular "Gossip Girl" look but are a no-no with thin stilettos. "It comes off a little too kitschy."

Decide if you're going for a sophisticated or a good-humored look. For exceptionally grown-up protagonist Serena (Lively) and her best friend, Blair (Waldford) (Meester), Daman uses dark colors and polished footwear to convey their 17-going-on-38 mentality. For a more amusing look, try lighter colored heels matched with textured tights. Speaking of amusing, it's best to remember Carrie Bradshaw's dread-



Anna Sui spring show.



Wolford tights (\$42); Moschino platforms (\$525).

ed hot pants before copping a look straight from the screen; Jenny Humphrey (Momsen) knee socks and lace-up sandals don't work quite as well on the set of real life.

Except for trusty black on black, the sandal and tights trend is one that should rarely be matching. Silver Miu Miu platform sandals provided a stunning contrast to the Wolford black tights that Lively donned during a December promotional appearance, a play that works with complementary colors such as magenta and turquoise too. Unless channeling Nurse Ratched, stay

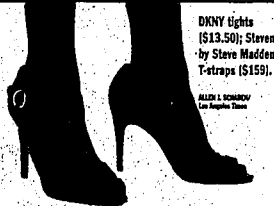
away from white-on-white and opt for a white heel with a primary color tights.

Personally, we pair socks only with a trusty pair of running shoes. But like it or not, sandals and anklets are on spring's style radar. Daman frequently outfits the Jenny Humphrey character in small socks and flirty open footwear. To make the light-hearted style work, ditch the sex-pot heels in favor of chunkier sandals, wedges or kitten heel peep-toe pumps "so it doesn't come off too trashy."

Can anyone rock this trend?

"Not necessarily," Daman warns. Done correctly, the tights and sandals thing works at any age — though, brighter color combinations are best left to those born post Reagan-era. However, ankle socks have no place on the ankles of those legally able to buy a keg. With either trend, confidence is the clear key to success. "For any look, it's all about owning it and being happy with it."

So the Pucci tights — are they for the rest of us? "As long as you own it."



DKNY tights (\$13.50); Steven by Steve Madden tights (\$159).

ALICE + OLIVIA Los Angeles Times

The mystery of shin splints

By Vicky Hallett
Special to The Washington Post

Q. Running lately has caused me to develop painful shin splints. I am running outside on asphalt, not concrete. But every time, I am forced to slow my pace and can't figure out how to alleviate this problem. More water? Give myself a break? I haven't had this problem since high school.

A. I'm guessing you have a definition for shin splints — probably something along the lines of "anything all along the front of the leg below the knee during running." And that puts you a step ahead of the medical profession. It may be a common problem, but "what exactly shin splints is hasn't been pinned down," explains Julie Gilchrist, a physician and epidemiologist with the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

There are lots of suspected causes: lack of experience, excessive running, inadequate warm-up, uneven terrain and even such factors as time of day and weather conditions. But none of these has been proved, making it hard to suggest solutions. "You either figure out how to fix it or not," Gilchrist says.

One popular belief is that the pain stems from pronation of the foot. So consider your shoes. Do you have enough shock protection? Are your sneakers reaching retirement age (about six months, if you've been using them regularly)? Play a little guess and check, listen to your body's cues and hopefully you can find a way to keep up your hobby for the long run.

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