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FEELING FEMININE



Clody Collins, a Realtor, leads Ron Hardy and Barb Allen into a new town house Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls. Collins, who co-owns the Twin Falls Prudential real estate office with her husband, says that while she helps women look for housing, she hears many reasons why they settle here.

Reasons, single mothers boost high women-to-men ratio in T.F.

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Men: Next time you're out and about in Twin Falls, take a look around. You might find you're a minority.

Of the nine largest cities in Idaho, Twin Falls has the highest percentage of women in its population: 52 percent, according to data from 2000. It's unclear whether the city has maintained its lead since then. More recent population estimates don't address gender for most small cities. But statistically, the number is on the higher end across much of the state and the nation, raising the question of what role gender plays in society today.

Moving upward

As elsewhere, women in Twin Falls are working professionals and housewives, nurses and connectors, community leaders and financial decision-makers. Their ranks include Lori Olsen, a single mom and College of Southern Idaho student who returned to the classroom full-time at age 41.

Nearly two years later, she



Christine Isom, a freshman at the College of Southern Idaho, walks across campus Friday afternoon. "I don't know it felt right," says Isom of her decision to attend CSI where she studies music. Isom moved from Idaho Falls last year, and like many other single young women, she says the college brought her to Twin Falls.

said, she's learned she still has a lot left to learn.

When Olsen graduated high school in 1982, she wanted to study architecture. But continuing education wasn't a top priority, she said, and she dropped out to go to beauty school. After deciding she didn't like it, she waited tables for 15 years while raising three boys.

When a fourth came along four years ago, Olsen decided waitress didn't quite cut it and began looking into her options. She finished her associate's degree in archi-

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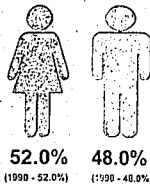
See how Twin Falls stacks up against other Idaho cities at MagicValley.com.

itecture in July and is now studying civil engineering — a field, she said, that could get her off of welfare, though still with student loans to pay.

"I don't want a big house on the hill, and I drive a 1990 Geo Metro with a belt that

Women in Twin Falls

Based on 2000 U.S. Census



51.6%	Coeur d'Alene	48.4%
51.2%	Lewislaton	48.8%
51.1%	Caldwell	48.9%
51.0%	Nampa	49.0%
50.9%	Meridian	49.1%
50.8%	Pocatello	49.2%
50.5%	Idaho Falls	49.5%
50.5%	Boise	49.5%

the focus on her youngest son. "I've got 16 more years to make his life comfortable enough to where he doesn't wish things had been different."

She doesn't appear to be the only one, she said. CSI's medical degrees have exploded in recent years, and other non-traditional students Olsen met through

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Enviro group seeks revised mercury rules

Petition to be considered by DEQ

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

An Idaho conservation group has petitioned the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to revisit and expand regulations governing mercury emissions.

The Idaho Board of Environmental Quality will discuss the petition from the Idaho Conservation League at its meeting this Friday in Boise, according to an agenda for the board. Justin Hayes, program director for the ICL, said last Friday that the request is an attempt to focus on emissions in-state after making progress on mercury emissions from Nevada mines near the Idaho border.

Several south-central Idaho bodies of water, including the Salmon Falls Creek and American Falls reservoirs, have fish consumption advisories because of the mercury they contain.

"I think it's only fair now to make certain the way we regulate facilities in Idaho is protective of health interests in neighboring states," as well as within Idaho, Hayes said.

The petition asks for two

things. A temporary rule would refuse permits for any new or expanded mercury-emitting facilities seeking to emit more than five pounds of the element per year into the air. At the same time, DEQ would develop rules to catalog all possible mercury emitters in the state and require all such facilities emitting anything above state minimums to achieve the lowest emission rate they can. The petition also asks for a mercury-emitter permit fee to pay for statewide fish tissue monitoring and studies.

The goal, Hayes said, is to cover what the ICL feels is a critical oversight in state law: the effect of mercury on state waters. While DEQ does have regulations on air quality and the amount of mercury allowed there, it doesn't address the amount that builds up in lakes and rivers. There, he said, it is transformed by bacteria into methylmercury — 1,000 times as toxic — ingested by fish and ends up on people's dinner plates.

"The risk isn't inhalation," Hayes said. "The Idaho rules around mercury are trying to protect you from your exposure." Please see **MERCURY**, Page A3

Embezzlement case widens to family

Clinic says Eldredge shared stolen funds

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

It's impossible for a family member to gain hundreds of thousands of dollars, start lavishing her family with gifts and still have her family not question where the cash came from, said an administrator for a local woman's health clinic that is suing its former bookkeeper.

"When you have half a million dollars that you didn't have before, it's pretty obvious," said Bob Harding, an administrator for the Magic Valley Women's Health Clinic.

The clinic claims the former bookkeeper's fraud fed a family racketeering and names five family members spread over three generations as defendants. In addition, the lawsuit alleges

Karie Eldredge and her husband have used the embezzled funds to fuel their heating and air conditioning company, K&K Services.

The county prosecutor, who charged Eldredge with embezzling more than \$400,000 from the clinic, portrayed the former bookkeeper's alleged activity as a one-woman operation.

Laird Stone, a Twin Falls attorney representing all the family except Eldredge, denied the family knew anything about any alleged fraud. "What I've told them is, 'No, that's not true,'" Stone said. "And you, the plaintiff, have shown me anything that shows that my clients knew the alleged acts by Karie or got anything. They didn't know and they didn't benefit."

Eldredge was charged Oct. 23, 2007, with writing checks to herself from

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Candidates Obama, Clinton face questions on gun issues in West

By Matt Gouras
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama face a tough sell with pro-gun Westerners as the presidential campaign heads to Montana, home

of the nation's last primary and one of the highest concentrations of gun owners in the country. In the rural West, suspicions linger about both presidential hopefuls' past support of gun control. And recent comments by Obama about how people in down-trodden areas "cling to guns or religion" have raised concerns the

Illinois senator doesn't grasp the importance of the gun issue in this part of the West, where fiercely independent voters often take a dim view of federal regulation. Obama has said he chose the wrong words to characterize the economic insecurity many people

face, while Clinton's campaign has been highlighting the comments by circulating endorsements and letters from supporters who say Obama's views are offensive to rural Montanians.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Magick Valley Chorus Concert, "Songs of Joy," a mix of songs about joy from different generations, 4 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students, 732-6781.

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 Historian Fossil Beds National Monument, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Visitor Center, Hagerman, no cost, (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227.

SPORTS

Jenmo Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot, an open fun shoot, 9 a.m. start time, 11 miles north of junction of 184 and Highway 93, mile marker 64, \$20 members and \$23 nonmembers, 733-6045.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magickvalley.com; by fax, 734-5536; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

To have an event (including ongoing events) listed in the May monthly calendar, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by April 22 to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magickvalley.com; by fax, 734-5536; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

THREE-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Apr. 23 — The College of Southern Idaho Jazz Ensemble's second spring concert, variety of jazz standards including "Fly Me to the Moon," "God Bless the Child" and "I Got Rhythm" under the direction of Gene Conley, 7:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, no charge (suggested \$5 donation toward CSI Music Activities fund), 732-6262.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

April 22 — Marzough School Donkey Basketball, 7 p.m., Hulse/Anderson Gym, proceeds benefit all student activities, 731-1666.

April 23 — Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, Dr. Rustin Hatch, O.D., on caring for the eyes, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-9057.

CHURCH EVENTS

April 23 — Centoring Prayer Practice, monthly topic and video: "Basic Principles of Centring Prayer," 7:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 734-9499 or 543-5790.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

April 23 — Burley Music Club monthly meeting, with cello performance by Marilyn McCall accompanied by Marilyn Whiting, noon, at the LDS Church, 530 Villa Dr., Hoyburn, open to the public, 678-5482 or 678-7375.

April 23 — Sons of Norway, Magic Valley Viking Lodge monthly meeting, viewing video, "The Saboteurs of Telemark," 7 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N., Twin Falls, public invited, 733-1792.

FAMILY

April 23 — Clover Trinity LIFE Group "FACES OF METH," Meth in the Magic Valley presented by Brent Evans, Drug-Free Workplace Coordinator for St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Clover Trinity Lutheran School Gymnasium, 3552 N. 1825 E., Butli, no cost, open to the public, 326-5198.

FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

April 23 — "Going Green" Earth Day Celebration, "Save our Planet" activities with games, prizes, crafts, treats and quizzes, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gooding Public Library, 302 Fifth Ave. W., Gooding, no cost, 934-1089.

HEALTH

April 21 — Shoshone "Head to Toe" clinic for people with diabetes includes eye screenings, foot exams, and hemoglobin A1c tests, 2 to 4 p.m., Senior Center, 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone, 737-5946 or 737-5988 on Espanol.

April 23 — Fairfield "Head to Toe" clinic for people with diabetes includes eye screenings, foot exams, and hemoglobin A1c tests, 9 to 11 a.m., Senior Center, 123 W. Willow St., Fairfield, 737-5946 or 737-5988 on Espanol.

April 23 — Bellevue "Head to Toe" clinic for people with diabetes includes eye screenings, foot exams, and hemoglobin A1c tests, 1 to 3 p.m., South Central Public Health, 1317 E. Ash, Bellevue, 737-5946 or 737-5988 on Espanol.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

April 22 — 2008-2009 registration for Filer and Hollister Elementary Schools kindergarten, for children who will be 5 years of age by Sept. 1; proof of all updated immunizations, social security card and legal birth certificate required to register, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Filer Elementary, (208) 326-4369 and Hollister Elementary, (208) 655-4215.

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CORRECTION

Incorrect date given for puppet performance

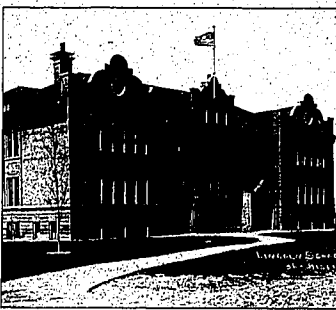
In a Saturday Religion story about Gooding 1st Christian Church's Good Squad, the date given for the group's spring performance was incorrect. They are performing tonight at 6 p.m. The Times-News regrets the error.

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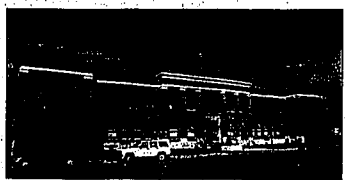
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MORNING BRIEFING PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

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



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Two years after Bickel School was built, it was apparent that more room was needed for the students of Twin Falls. In 1909, Lincoln School was completed. A public poll was given to determine the name of the new school. Primary grades were held in the basement, grades 6-8 on the second floor, and everyone else was on the main level. The new Lincoln School was built in 1938 to help relieve congestion of the old school, and the two were connected. The old school was demolished in 1975. (Information from The Knowledge Box: County Schoolhouses to Current Schools of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by Harenda and Cecil Wright.)

HOW YOUR LAWMAKERS VOTED



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

PRIVATIZED TAX COLLECTION: Members repealed, 230-179, a 2004 law under which the IRS hires private firms to collect from tax delinquents. These firms have taken in far less than they have cost the government, but backers say their performance will improve. A yes vote was to pass HR 5719.

GLOBAL DEBT RELIEF: Members voted, 295-132, to expand by 24 the list of poor countries eligible to have foreign debt forgiven by donor nations if they use the freed-up funds for such as improving living conditions, fighting terror and holding free elections. A yes vote was to pass HR 2634.

HIGHWAY, TRANSIT SPENDING: Senators passed, 88-2, a bill to speed the release of many billions of dollars previously approved for road and mass-transit projects. The bill funds hundreds of earmarks. A yes vote backed a bill (HR 1195) that seeks to use transportation spending to boost the economy.

ENHANCED PROBE: Senators requested, 64-28, a Department of Justice criminal probe of a \$10 million earmark secured by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, for a highway project near Naples, Fla. A yes vote backed the probe over arguments it violated the separation-of-powers doctrine. (HR 1195)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, April 20, the 111th day of 2008. There are 255 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On April 20, 1998, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Littleton, Colo., as two students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, shot and killed 12 students and one teacher before taking their own lives.

ON THIS DATE:
In 1808, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, was born in Paris.
In 1812, George Clinton, the fourth vice president of the United States, died in Washington at age 72, becoming the first vice president to die while in office.
In 1836, Congress voted to establish the Wisconsin Territory.

In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau am Inn, Austria.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court in Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, unanimously upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

In 1972, the manned lunar probe Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after being fired on by a Soviet interceptor after entering Soviet airspace. Two passengers were killed.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these six Jumbles. One letter in each square, so form six ordinary words.
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.
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Little extravagances might catch up with Aries

IF APRIL 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are full of spunk this year and may feel that you can do anything. Because your ambitious nature is supercharged, this might be a good year to open your own business or launch a major undertaking. You are at the peak of your power for making dynamic changes in May and December, but in May and June you may be held back by a need to attend to past obligations or be saddled by new responsibilities that are somewhat challenging. November might be the best month for a fun-filled vacation or a new romantic attachment.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): It always looks darkest before the dawn. Your little extravagances might catch up with you later this week. This is a good time to clamp down on spending or make an unbiased assessment of spending habits.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Today's full moon may help you focus on what is really important. During the

this week since your sterling work ethic is what will gain the most attention.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Insecurities make you cautious, but that is a good thing. As this month unfolds, you may face a choice between acting on faith and acting on principle.
Ambitions are achieved through unflinching determination.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Skin the surface in public and delve deeply in private. The ambitions that are tweaked this week must be kept to yourself. A significant other may urge you to take a chance. When caution is called for.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The full moon in your sign presages a month ahead in which the focus is on partnerships and verbal exchanges. You may be tempted to take a financial risk this week or to be extravagant with your cash.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Too much of a good thing is too much. You tend

to act before you think, especially when encouraged by others who dare you to do better. Remember that slow and steady wins the race this week.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take jealousy, as well as the rules, seriously. You know that there is someone who resents your success — but this week, you may have a chance to win them over to your side before they trip you up.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The full moon may mark a peak of excitement that revolves around the home, family and career. Your creative energies are at a high point this week, but you may be distracted by a risky proposition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Today's full moon may bring shared ideas and communications into sharp focus. Don't waste your time seeking support from those who don't matter. Please the still conservative while remaining original.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

No-nonsense judge kept chaotic polygamist abuse case on track

By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Most of the cases that come across Judge Barbara Walther's bench are quiet affairs: divorces, drunken-driving violations, the kind of small-time disputes that sprout in places where land and livestock are more plentiful than people.

But in the past two weeks, the no-nonsense state district judge has found herself at the center of one of the most convoluted, murky custody cases in U.S. history, herding hundreds of lawyers while dozens of reporters camp out on the lawn of the historic columned courthouse that sits in the center of San Angelo.

Those who know her say Walther did what she always does. She needed yammering lawyers, refused wandering questions and their riled. No drawn-out testimony, no taking the case under a microscope, no lengthy written ruling later.

After 21 hours of testimony over two days, Walther took a short break, then ruled Friday night. The 416 children taken from the parents were placed in state custody while they stay there, she said. Walther also ordered all the children and parents involved to take DNA tests.

She will rule, and that is something in a judge's personality that lawyers really appreciate," said Guy Choate, a longtime San Angelo attorney. Her attitude is, "I may be right or may be wrong, but I'm not uncertain."

Walther was the first Republican elected to ever win the five-county area that includes San Angelo and sparsely populated adjacent counties, including the polygamist sect's, Schleicher



Judge Barbara Walther arrives at Tom Green County Courthouse in San Angelo, Texas, Friday. Walther is presiding over the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints child custody hearings.

County, when she was elected in 2002.

"She hasn't had an opponent since."

The 55-year-old comes from a longtime San Angelo family and is married to a prominent radiologist in the city of 90,000.

Walther survived the polio epidemic that slammed San Angelo in the 1950s, infecting the town's people at a rate of 1 in 124. She still wears a leg brace.

Her manner — that of a self-proclaimed "simple country judge" — helped control a chaotic case that includes hundreds of lawyers, one for each child and for the parents.

"We're going to handle this the best we can," she said at the outset of a hearing required to continue the state's temporary custody.

There were so many lawyers that an auditorium

with a video link had to be added because the deep courtroom that sat roughly 200 people wasn't enough. Throughout the hearing, lawyers popped up from their seats to make objections, often simultaneously, and they queued up in the aisle or in the front of the auditorium for a chance to raise their objections or question witnesses.

It was often difficult to determine which attorney should be allowed to talk next, and at one point, she called on an attorney who wasn't objecting.

"This is like a cattle auction. If you scratch your nose, you bought it," Walther said to a chorus of laughs.

Walther peppered the hearing with humor, easing frustrated attorneys and nervous witnesses.

When one of the lawyers sniped that he didn't understand why another attorney was following a particular line of questioning, Walther quipped, "I knew the purpose of any lawyer's question. I wouldn't be sitting here."

To get a soft-spoken mother in a plunger-style dress to speak loudly enough for everyone to hear, Walther leaned toward the witness box

Inside
More separating of families among polygamist group.
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and said, "I'm not yelling at a child, far away." The otherwise stoic woman smiled.

Walther, who could not be reached for comment Saturdays has a lot of experience with family law cases. Before being elected in 1992, the Southern Methodist University law graduate served as a special master in family law, a position that allowed her to hear parts of family law cases in the place of a judge.

Choate, who isn't involved in the polygamist custody case but has tried other cases before Walther, said, "She was really made for this case and I thought did a terrific job under incredibly adverse conditions."

Sill, Walther made it clear she doesn't want to preside over a similar circus in the future. The hundreds of children in state custody will get individual hearings before June 5 to determine whether they'll have to remain in foster care or have a chance to go home.

"Trust me," she said Friday. "I'm going to do everything I can to avoid a mass hearing in the future."

Mercury

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Methylmercury levels in fish are already used as a standard of measurement for water pollution studies by DEQ, according to its Web site. Randy MacMillan, vice-president of the DEQ board and head of the research department at Clear Springs Food in Buhl, said the issue is a complicated one that the board will have to work with DEQ staff to investigate. The petition asks the board to act on its recommendations at Friday's meeting, something MacMillan warned would be rushing the job.

"It's a very serious issue that the board is going to have to look at very carefully and deliberately," he said, adding that he had still to study the petition.

The petition was triggered in part by an ongoing permit "Potlatch Corporation is seeking for its Lewiston paper mill, Hayes said. The application would expand what the facility's boiler is allowed to burn to include general waste taken from landfills. The Environmental Protection Agency

estimated the proposal would contribute a possible 1,700 pounds of mercury to the air each year.

The proposed Sempra plant once planned for Jerome County would have emitted less than one-tenth of that.

It's a figure that troubled state and federal authorities, said Matt Van Vleet, Potlatch director of corporate communications. But it's also a moot point. The garbage was only one of many possible options, and the company has since agreed not to accept any terms that would add to the mill's mercury emissions.

On top of that, he said, no companies currently offer the sort of service required to obtain refuse.

The company is currently waiting for DEQ to complete the latest draft of its permit.

"We're way beyond all this," said Van Vleet, who had not read the petition. "It's pretty cut and dried for us."

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February 2004 until she was fired Oct. 1, 2007. After writing checks to herself, she recorded them in the clinic's electronic register as being paid to others.

Eldredge told police she first embezzled money to help family members, but ended up lavishing herself with gifts to ease her own depression, according to court records.

Nowhere in an affidavit does a police officer accuse family of knowingly participating in an embezzlement scheme.

The clinic, however, assumes some of the family knew.

At the very least Eldredge's husband Kent knew, it says. And possibly her elderly father and mother, along with her two children were privy to the game, according to the complaint.

Family members "knowingly received, concealed, obtained control over, possessed, and/or disposed of property obtained by Karie Eldredge's fraudulent and criminal behavior," the complaint states. "Knowing such property to be stolen or under such circumstances as would reasonably induce them to believe the property was stolen."

Eldredge, who is represented by Hailey defense attorney Keith Roark, declined to speak about the case, citing pending litigation.

"All I can say is even though my family, they stand beside me," she said, getting choked up by tears, "and they will stand beside me to the end."

The conviction fell on the clinic has also been great, said Bob Harding, an administrator for the clinic, which is housed at St. Luke's Magie Valley Medical but operates independently from the hospital.

He said the goal of the lawsuit is to recuperate lost funds. But he said the clinic's loss has not affected its services.

"It was more of a trust issue," he said. "But we have tightened up the checks and balances in the office."

In the discovery phase, which is just beginning, Stone expects to learn "toldmans grounds for accusing the family of knowingly accepting embezzled money."

Eldredge's criminal trial on four counts of felony grand theft is scheduled for four days starting July 22.

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Women

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the college's Center for New Directions were mostly women going into technical programs.

Like Olsen, most of those students just wanted to improve conditions for their families, center director Revis Turner said. They are attracted to nursing, welding, law enforcement or computer fields — the last three non-traditional fields with "skills that, especially in the Magic Valley, have a good marketplace."

Whatever the ratio of women to men may be, Turner said his office remains busy with plenty of female students looking to rebuild their careers.

"They find out even though they may like (their current job), it just doesn't pay the bills for a single income," Turner said.

But by and large, Olsen said, she thinks women still center around fields such as nursing or teaching. She sees more women than men on campus, she said, but only a slice of those are in the non-traditional student program.

"I would all come back to your desire to do things," she said.

Breaking down numbers

When it comes to gender, Idaho is evenly split — 50.4 percent males to 49.6 percent females, by 2006 estimates. Nationally, females hold the lead at 50.9 percent of the U.S.'s more than 300 million people.

Twin Falls loses its advantage when all Idaho cities are considered. While the other eight largest cities all measure more than 50 percent women, some smaller towns such as Sandpoint register at 53.1 percent female, according to 2006 Census figures. By comparison, 53.1 percent of Washington, D.C.'s population is female, according to 2006 estimates. New York City still has the nation's largest city at 52.1 percent female.

Twin Falls' feminine tilt over men is about 800 more women than it would have if it followed the statewide average. Demographers don't see the difference as statistically significant, but that were still able to spot some notable numbers.

Women in Twin Falls tend to outnumber men between the ages of 40 and 60, Idaho Department of Labor Census Data Manager Alan Porter said. The numbers grow closer after that, before men start to die off around 80, paralleling national trends.

Twin Falls does stand out in that a few more girls out in 10-year-seen in the 5- to 14-age group, which is generally dominated by boys nationally. And Boise and Twin Falls both have high numbers of women ages 10 to 21, possibly a reflection of colleges in each city. The difference, Porter guessed, could also be affected by the number of young males joining the military or leaving on missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Those males eventually come back, and the gender sees a small rally of men in their 30s, attributed to Twin Falls' status as a trade center, Porter said.

"There are better opportunities to work than, say, a small farm town in the Magic Valley," he said.

That's the same thing that draws Latino families to the area, said Dale Buschrock of the Mountain Demographics, who has studied the area. More year-round employment means Latinos bring their families, one possible reason for the hump. And the area is once again picking up a steady rate of net population, he said, especially now that Baby Boomers are starting to retire.

"Nobody's quite sure what they're going to do," he said of the Boomers.

A place to call home

No matter the age, single women have made their mark in Twin Falls. Olsen and her peers, young and old, were mentioned by some of those interviewed as a growing demographic in the city.

According to the Census, 3,433 married women lived in Twin Falls in 2000. Of the



Like most elementary schools in the Twin Falls School District, the teaching staff of Lincoln Elementary is almost completely female. Monte Williams, a sixth-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School is surrounded by colleagues in the school office. Williams is one of three males on a staff of about 30 teachers that work at the school.



Lorri Olsen, a child engineering student at the College of Southern Idaho, packs up her homework before heading to math class April 11. Olsen, 42, is a single parent and has a special need for her life as a waitress. She is now on her way to becoming a professional in a field dominated by men.

14,135 who were over the age of 15, 1,464 were listed as heading a household. Nine-hundred sixty-two of those were the single parents of children under the age of 18.

Cindy Collins, who owns the Twin Falls Prudential real estate office with her husband, Kent, credited CSU with drawing single women to the area. But it's a combination of things, she said, many of which she hears about while helping them find housing.

"It's a smaller community," she rattled off. "It's easy. It's safe. You're close enough to cities to go to Boise or Salt Lake. It's just a very warm feeling community."

With the education, she said, come jobs. Companies such as ConAgra and Glanbia Foods used to be a transitional market, hiring young people out of college who move away to another site after a few years.

Others stay — sometimes without their spouses. Many divorced women seem to stay in the area, Collins said, while the husband moves away. Those women tell her that they've fallen in love with the area, another sign of the city's strengths.

"You really have access to just about everything in Twin Falls, though not on a giant scale," she said. "And, it's reasonable to live here," she added, citing \$350,000 homes in St. George, Utah, that would sell for \$130,000 in Twin Falls.

Moms and schooling

The increase in single-women has other effects, including on local health care priorities. Maggi Machala, community services director for the South Central Public Health District, said birth rates and involvement in the district's Women, Infants and Children program have both gone up for several years. The latter program often helps single mothers, and the demographic could play a role in both, she said.

"Are we seeing anything? Yes," Machala said. "What are the causes? They may be multiple."

The trend creates new challenges for educators who want already-taxed parents to be more involved in their kids' schooling. Lincoln Elementary School Principal Beth Olmstead said she's seen more female head-of-households in her school, often single moms who end up with custody of their children.

Being a single parent is a challenge for either gender, Olmstead said. But single mothers face the same pressures that all working mothers do, forced to balance their career and home lives. It's something Olmstead said even she faces.

"I work until 6 p.m.," she

said. "My older kids are like, 'Why don't you ever come home?'"

Schools try to help where they can, she said, but it can be hard to provide a male influence. Like most elementary schools in the Twin Falls School District, the teaching staff of Lincoln Elementary in Twin Falls is almost completely female. Only two teachers are men, both with sixth-grade classes.

There isn't anything wrong with female teachers, Olmstead said. But she still keeps an eye out for qualified male candidates, in part to provide a male role model for single-parent families. At the same time, teachers still work to get more female students interested in science and math, subjects often taught by men.

"We're hopefully getting away from that, getting the girls more interested," Olmstead said.

Reading the future

Other stereotypes still hold true in the city. Twin Falls Public Library Director Susan Ash said the library, like others across the country, has more female cardholders. Many are young mothers bringing their children in, she said. And middle-aged women tend to read more books or at least check them out for their whole family.

The demographics don't really affect the library's programming or outreach activities, Ash said. But women do have a bit more sway over the staff's purchasing decisions.

"I think with collection development, we lean toward books we know will circulate," she said. Those books sometimes have broad appeal, she added. "Both enjoy mystery, suspense and sports."

Politically, the female majority turns into a stark minority. Idaho city without a single female elected official last November, when current Democratic Mayor Kezelle defeated incumbent Glenda Dwight. And of the six Idaho legislators from the two districts that represent the city, only one — Rep. Shearon Block, R-Twin Falls — is female.

But even if they're not elected, Twin Falls has very socially active women, said Marilyn Hempleman, former president of the Twin Falls Republican Women.

At age 63, Hempleman said, she's seen a lot of changes over the years. Most of them, she said, have been positive. Women have more opportunities and more community involvement.

Hillary Clinton is among the leading presidential candidates — not that Hempleman agrees with her, she quickly added.

Guns

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The gun issue is an important one in Montana, where one in five over the age of 16 hunts — the highest rate in the nation. And gun groups estimate that as many as 85 percent of households in the state have guns, although no exact statistics are available because Montanans fiercely eschew any notion of gun registration.

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, never shy about his fondness for guns, captured the sentiment of many in the rural West when asked by a reporter which guns he owns.

"None of your damn business," the Democrat said. "That's the first step in the government coming to get my guns. Is telling you what I got."

State Sen. Larry Jent knows firsthand the problems antigun Democrats can stir for the local party. When he was knocked out of doors during his own legislative campaign in the 1990s, Jent was repeatedly asked about Bill Clinton and the national Democratic gun control policy.

He supports Obama now, although he believes Obama will need to diffuse the issue come November if he is the nominee. Jent, an avid hunter and West Point graduate, said he would like to see the gun issue removed entirely from the party's platform.

"People vote on the gun issues, and guns are a gut issue," Jent said. "Democrats lose in the West because of gun issues like guns. If they win when they reassure people that they are OK on that issue."

During recent trips to Montana in advance of the state's June 3 primary, Clinton and Obama affirmed their support of the Second Amendment.

In addition, Obama's campaign said he supports "thoughtful gun control measures."

"He believes closing the loopholes that allow for illegal guns to fall into criminal hands will decrease in gun violence," campaign spokesman Matthew Chandler said. "Montana residents who submit a background check and obtain firearms legally will see no changes in their traditional lifestyles."

For her part, Clinton

thinks "reasonable steps" can be taken to counter gun violence. But says general gun rules should be left to the states, according to spokesman Matt McKenna.

"The people of Montana may have a very different view of guns than the people of New York," McKenna said. "Communities should determine their own commonsense, reasonable rules."

Jim Hunt, a Democrat and former congress in Montana, said it's caveat like "thoughtful gun control" that give him and others pause. Hunt said he has close to 100 guns — and there is no way he would want to register all of them with the government.

"I don't want anyone to take away my guns or infringe on my right to own guns because I hunt, and I want to protect my family," Hunt said.

The Associated Press recently asked both candidates' personal experiences with guns. Neither owns a gun, but each has fired one. Obama's campaign said he had fired a gun in college when he went target shooting in the woods. Clinton's campaign said she fired a gun at a range in the late 1990s and had been duck hunting.

On the gun issue there may be some good news for Democrats since Republican John McCain is perceived by some as being soft on the issue. Schweitzer said the Democratic presidential nominee will register less than in the past because McCain only gets a "C" grade from the National Rifle Association (without mentioning the "F" earned by both Obama and Clinton). Leading Montana Democrats, at worst, score a "B" with the group.

State legislator Bob Bergren, involved in candidate recruitment for state Democrats, said he doesn't think the issue will swing votes in this election. He believes bread-and-butter issues will prevail, but believes the presidential candidates could score points by simply promising to leave gun laws alone.

"I think that if Montanans heard that the status quo would be protected, they would be comfortable," Bergren said.


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Clinton, Obama press for advantage ahead of pivotal primary

By Liz Sidoti
Associated Press writer

WEST CHESTER, Pa. — Barack Obama's Democratic presidential rival Saturday as a game-player who uses "slash and burn" tactics and will say whatever people want to hear, a sharp jab at her character in the final chapter of the Pennsylvania primary campaign.

Hillary Rodham Clinton implored voters to look beyond "whoop-dee do" speechmaking and take a look at who's got the know-how to deal with the nation's burdens.

"I want everyone thinking," she declared, as if to suggest those backing Obama are not. Her implication was clear: She's substance, he's flash.

At the same time, the campaign for Tuesday's contest was dissolving into the sort of acrimony that makes party leaders long for the finish line, before the nominee is damaged in the fall. Obama's criticisms were biting, while Clinton's were oblique but unmistakable. At various times in the protracted contest, it's been the other way around.

The primary Tuesday follows a monthlong hiatus in voting, as the gap between the candidates filled in large measure by sullying each other.

Party officials known as superdelegates continued drifting toward Obama in that interim, increasing his edge in the race despite his series of gaffes, and that trend is bound to accelerate if he performs strongly Tuesday. Clinton is hoping a decisive win will put a stop to that.

Polls have suggested she has a consistent if shrinking lead.

The New York senator spoke under a baking sun outside West Chester's 175-year-old fire house, striking a somber note about problems at home and abroad as she described the stakes for voters Tuesday. She asked them to think about the looming challenge of China, the resive Middle East, the trade imbalance and the debt burden.

"I don't want to just show up and give one of those whoop-dee-do speeches and get everybody whipped up," she said. "I want everyone thinking."

As she looked to exploit questions about his gravitas, he played on poll findings indicating unease with her veracity, and did so head on, with words that could easily slip into a Republican campaign ad should Clinton become the Democratic contender against GOP candidate John McCain.

In Wynnewood, several thousand supporters lined the tracks for the first stop on his daylong whistle-stop tour aboard a royal blue train car that pulled out of Philadelphia in late morning.

"I may not be perfect but I will always tell you what I think, and I will always tell you where I stand," he told the crowd. Then he spoke of his rival.

"She's taken different positions at different times on issues as fundamental as trade, or even the war, to suit the politics of the moment. And when she gets caught at it, the notion is, well, you know what, that's just politics. That's how it works in Washington. You can say one thing here and say another thing there."

He amplified the point at a later stop, in Paoli.

"Senator Clinton's essential argument in this campaign is you can't change how the game is played in Washington. Her basic argument is that the slash-and-burn, say-anything, do-anything special interest-driven politics is how it works. Senator Clinton has internalized a lot of the strategies, the tactics, that have made Washington such

a miserable place." And again, farther down the tracks, in Downingtown: "She's got the kitchen sink flying and the china flying, and the buffet is coming at me... constant distractions, these petty, trivial, slash and burn, back and forth, lit for rat, politics."

Obama's comment sharply diverged from his recent above-the-fray attitude. Not since Clinton was the front-runner last year has her character been so sharply criticized. Then-candidate John Edwards portrayed her as a defender of a corrupt Washington system.

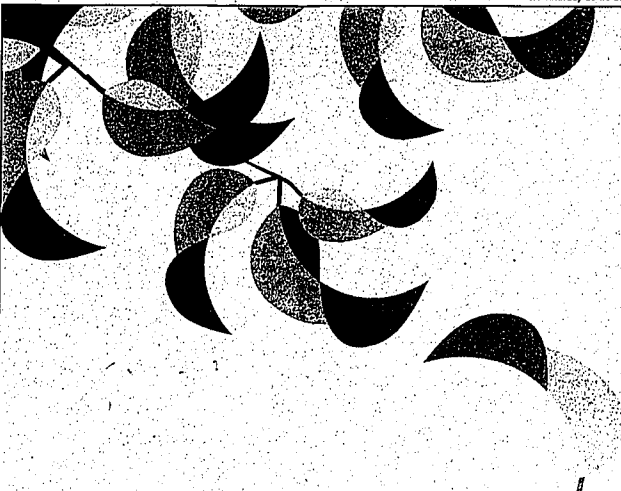
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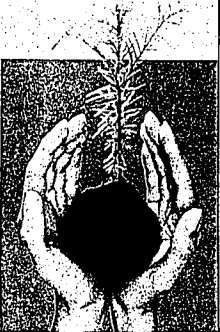
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Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., greets supporters Saturday as he arrives for a stop at a train station in Paoli, Pa.



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Oklahomans pause to remember victims of 1995 bombing

By Murray Evans
Associated Press writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma City and victims' relatives paused Saturday at the Oklahoma City National Memorial for a simple, poignant ceremony to remember the 169 people killed 13 years ago in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The attack on April 19, 1995, is the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

"The evil act perpetrated here illustrated the depths of human depravity," Gov. Brad Henry said. "The Oklahomans met tragedy with triumph. From such a horrible crime came tales of astounding goodness."

At 9:02 a.m., the moment of the bombing, people attending the service observed 169 seconds of silence for each of the bombing's victims. Victims' names also were read aloud.

Before the ceremony, relatives of the victims placed wreaths and messages on the memorial's symbolic glass and bronze chairs, each one representing a victim of the bombing.

Deb Hodges, wife of bombing victim Gene Hodges Jr., a Department of Housing and Urban Development worker who was killed on the seventh floor of the building, looked at a picture drawn by their granddaughter that had been placed on his chair.

"Time has allowed her to move on, but it doesn't get better. It gets different. You adjust. But you never forget," Hodges said.

Rudy Guzman of Castro Valley, Calif., is the brother of Marine Capt. Randolph A. Guzman, who died on the sixth floor of the building in the U.S. Marine Corps recruiting office.

"Day by day you think of the good things," he said as he stood by a chair bearing his brother's name. Guzman said family members and survivors have developed a sense of family over the years. He said, "It's a family brought together in tragedy, but we're here to help each other out."

One of the participants in a national media symposium held later in the day was ABC anchorman Bob Woodruff, who suffered a traumatic brain injury in January 2006 when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb in Iraq.

Woodruff said he teared up

when he visited the memorial Saturday for the first time. "It was about as emotional a moment as I have felt in a long time," he said. His wife, Lee Woodruff, said Oklahoma City should be proud of the memorial. "What you've created here is rare and probably the most moving place in the country," she said.

The nine-story federal building was destroyed when a truck packed with 4,800

pounds of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil was detonated near its entrance. Besides the 168 who died — including 19 children — more than 800 others were injured.

An Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper caught Timothy McVeigh less than two hours after the bombing. McVeigh was convicted of federal murder charges and was executed on June 11, 2001.

Terry Nichols, who met

McVeigh in the Army, was convicted on federal and state charges connected with the bombing and is serving multiple life sentences in federal prison.

During the trials of McVeigh and Nichols, prosecutors called the bombing a twisted attempt to avenge the deaths of about 80 people in the government siege at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, exactly two years earlier.



Chaplain Jack Poe, of the Oklahoma City Police Department, bows his head during the observance of 168 seconds of silence during the 13th anniversary ceremony of the Oklahoma City bombing, at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, in Oklahoma City on Saturday.

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Thousands protest remarks by CNN commentator

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Thousands of Chinese Americans protested outside CNN's offices in Hollywood Saturday morning, calling for the dismissal of commentator Jack Caffery, whose recent remarks about Chinese goods and the Beijing government inflamed a community already angry about international condemnations directed at the host country of the upcoming Olympics.

The protesters lined Sunset Boulevard chanting "Caffery, Fire," and singing patriotic Chinese songs. "We understand free speech," said Lake Wang, 39, of Thousand Oaks, in eastern Ventura County. "But what if Caffery said this about other racial groups? I think he would be fired. I think he's jealous of China."

On the April 9 airing of "The Situation Room," Caffery, in a discussion about China, said that goods from that country were "junk" and referred to the Chinese as "a bunch of goons and thugs."

CNN later said Caffery's comments were directed at the Beijing government. "In this occasion Jack was offering his strongly held opinion of the Chinese government, not the Chinese people," a CNN spokesman said in a statement. "It should be noted that over many years, Jack Caffery has expressed critical comments on many governments, including the U.S. government and its leaders."

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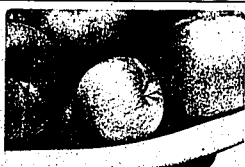


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By Michelle Roberts
Associated Press writer

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The custody case is one of the nation's largest and most complicated. The ruling Friday capped two days of

testimony that sometimes became disorderly as hundreds of lawyers for children and parents competed to defend their clients in two rooms linked by a video feed.

The April 3 raid on the Yearning For Zion Ranch was prompted by a call made to a family violence shelter, purportedly by a 16-year-old girl who said her 50-year-old husband beat and raped her. That girl has never been identified.



Members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints react to a decision at the 51st District Courthouse in San Angelo, Texas, Friday, to keep 416 children removed in a raid from the YFZ Ranch in state custody.

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Adult mothers who have been allowed to stay with their young children since they were taken from a polygamous sect will be separated from them after DNA sampling is completed next week, a child welfare official said Saturday.

Texas District Judge Barbara Walthers late Friday ordered that parents and children of the Yearning For Zion Ranch submit DNA samples to help sort out family relationships that have confounded authorities since 416 children were taken into state custody two weeks ago.

Sampling is to begin Monday and will probably take several days to complete, said Darrell Azar, a spokesman for Child Protective Services. Results could take more than a month.

Once sampling is complete, the agency will begin moving the children from the San Angelo coliseum and fairgrounds to other sites.

Child welfare officials allowed adult mothers with children ages 4 and younger to stay together when the state took custody of the rest of the children from the ranch. Now, only mothers younger than 18 will be allowed to remain with their children once the sampling is complete. The welfare agency will also try to keep siblings together, he said.

"We're going to make these transitions as easy as possible," Azar said. "We want to keep them together as much as possible so they don't feel they're completely isolated from their culture or the people they know."

Walthers on Friday continued an emergency order giving the state custody of the children after a sometimes chaotic two-day hearing in which the state argued that the teachings of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints jeopardized children.

The child welfare agency has said that the sect encourages adolescent girls to marry older men and have children, and that boys are groomed to become future perpetrators.

Wind blows child in stroller into Lake Michigan

CHICAGO (AP) — A gust of wind blew a 2-year-old in a stroller into Lake Michigan, where the boy remained submerged for at least 15 minutes before being pulled out unconscious but alive.

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The toddler was strapped in the three-wheeled jogging stroller about 10 feet below the surface of the 42-degree water before rescue divers pulled him out.

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(AP) Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than 3 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.48 billion shares. The gains came at the end of a big week for stocks. After a quiet start to the week,

the major indexes surged more than 2 percent Wednesday after JPMorgan Chase & Co., Intel Corp. and Coca-Cola Co. reported better-than-expected profits. Stocks then finished mixed Thursday, largely holding their gains.

Dow Jones Industrial average:	12,849.36	Week's close	12,325.92
Standard & Poor's 500:	1,332.83	Week ago	1,370.42
Commodities indexes:	214.31		209.19

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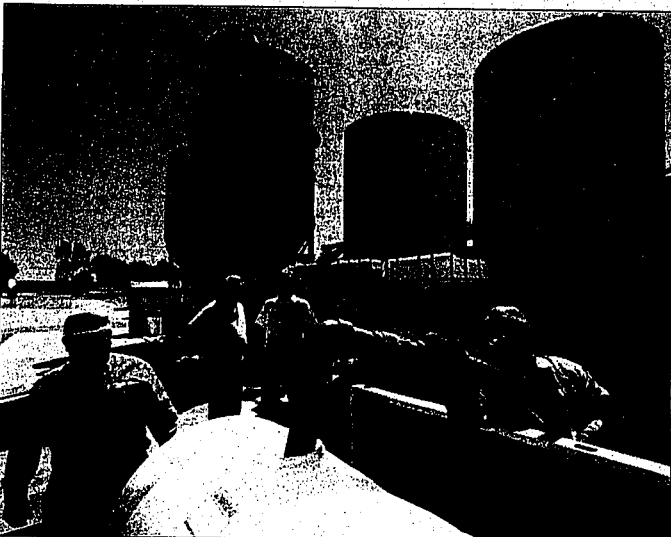
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Energy prices, demand and availability of natural gas have fertilizer users

FEELING THE PINCH



Timoteo Mascote, AG RX fertilizer plant manager, right, fills a tank with avocado fertilizer, Wednesday in Oxnard, Calif. Farmers across the country are seeing an increase in fertilizer prices caused by several factors, including a booming demand for fertilizer to produce animal feed for rapidly developing nations like India and China.

Costly fertilizer could boost food prices

By Jacob Adelman
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Link Leaven's fertilizer bill has been growing faster than the lemons and avocados on his Ventura County farm. Every week or so, when he orders another truckload of the nutrients, he's been getting hit with a price hike of up to 20 percent.

"It's like there's no end in sight. It's very scary," said Leaven, who pays \$600 for a ton of some fertilizer mixes that he paid half as much for just six months ago.

Farmers across the country are seeing similar price increases caused by several factors, including the booming demand for fertilizer to produce animal feed for rapidly developing nations

like India and China, where people are adopting diets richer in meat.

In the United States, high gasoline prices are prompting growers to plant fertilizer-dependent corn for the manufacture of ethanol fuel. High energy prices also have affected the availability of natural gas, which can be sold more profitably as fuel than as a key ingredient in the production of nitrogen-based fertilizers.

Midwestern growers of commodities such as corn and grain have been able to absorb the cost hikes as their crops fetched higher prices, but growers in California, the nation's leading agriculture state, have yet to see retail prices increase for the fruits and vegetables that dominate their farms.

In fact, farmers saw the average price of broccoli fall to about 23 cents

a pound in February, down from 26 cents a year earlier, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Lettuce prices also dropped about 3 cents to 13 cents a pound during the same period.

Along with soaring labor, water and fuel costs, increasing fertilizer costs have been draining farmers' savings and will likely lead to higher prices for fruits and vegetables to go with separate increases in meat, poultry and dairy products.

Jim Prevor, editor of Produce Business magazine, said some produce prices are already beginning to creep up due to fertilizer and other costs, but major increases won't be seen until farmers curtail crops that become too

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Winning by losing

Hedge fund manager won billions by betting mortgages would fail

By David Cho
The Washington Post

The subprime mortgage mess that caused massive losses for homeowners and banks was a little kinder to hedge fund manager John Paulson. Betting subprime mortgage securities would sour, Paulson personally earned \$2.9 billion last year.

Yes, you read that correctly. That's billion with a "b."

It wasn't the only one with Titanic-size profits. Two other fund managers, George Soros and James Simons, who are notoriously secretive about their investments, earned \$2.9 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively, according to Alpha Magazine's annual list of top hedge fund earners.

The numbers left jaws agape across Wall Street and Washington. With his windfall from last year alone, Paulson could have bought troubled Wall Street giant Bear Stearns three times over. Or he could have matched the price Delta agreed this week to pay to merge with Northwest Airlines and still have \$600 million left over.

A few years ago, individual income reaching into the billions of dollars was unthinkable. In 2002, the first year the magazine tracked hedge fund compensation, the top 25 managers earned \$2.8 billion combined.

Paulson's feat was even more astonishing because he started 2007 managing \$6 billion, not a massive pool of money by hedge fund standards. Over the course of the year, one of his funds earned a whopping 590 percent return, and another soared 353 percent, according to Alpha. By the end of December, his funds' assets were worth \$28 billion.

He amassed his winnings by "shorting" securities linked to subprime mort-

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gages. In a short sale, the investor borrows securities — in this case, subprime mortgages that were widely held by banks, brokerages and other investors — and sells them to another buyer. Later, the investor must buy those securities back and return them to the original lender. As the subprime market collapsed, the value of the securities fell, and Paulson was able to pocket the difference. The lenders were stuck with the losses.

Several hedge fund managers, including Phillip Falcone, who has been challenging the board of the New

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"Washington is clearly aware of the numbers and has been following the billions of dollars that are being generated."

— Michael Peltz, editor of Alpha

Apartment rents throughout West still rising

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Just because it's a bad time to own a home doesn't mean it's a good time to be a renter.

While homeowners fret about the crumbling value of their houses, apartment renters throughout the western United States are writing bigger checks to pay for their leases, according to a report to be released Thursday.

The average apartment rent through March rose from the previous year in all 19 major Western markets surveyed by the research firms. RealFacts, with the increases ranging from less than 1 percent in Reno, Nev. to more than 9 percent in the San Francisco Bay area and

Salt Lake City.

Meanwhile, home prices have plunged between 10 and 30 percent in many Western markets, leaving owners feeling poorer and, in the worst cases, so distressed that they decide to stop paying the mortgage because they owe more than the property is worth.

Although home prices and apartment rents in the West have been moving in opposite directions for the past year, the reason for the phenomenon remains a mystery.

"Some analysts have theorized that apartment landlords have been able to boost rents as more people lose their homes to foreclosures and have to find somewhere else to live.

Under the same line of reasoning, demand for apartments could be rising because fewer people have been buying homes during the past year with property values in a free-fall and mortgages more difficult to obtain.

But the quarterly data collected by RealFacts so far hasn't found enough evidence to prove the downturn in home prices is helping to drive up apartment rents.

"There has been no increase in demand for apartments, as would be the case if former homeowners were turning into apartment renters," RealFacts Chief Executive Caroline Latham wrote in an analyst of the first-quarter data.

Demand for apartments

has even fallen in some markets hard hit by foreclosures. That trend caused Latham to conclude some former homeowners are in such dire straits that they may have qualified for government-subsidized housing.

For whatever reason, apartment renters in some markets are paying substantially more for their places.

San Jose, Calif. — the heart of Silicon Valley — is now the West's most expensive rental market, with the average apartment leasing for \$1,660 per month, up 9.1 percent. \$139 per month, from the same time last year. That means a Silicon Valley renter can expect to pay nearly \$20,000 to lease an average apartment during the next year.

The cost to rent a Silicon Valley apartment is still well below the peak of \$1,959 per month — also above \$1,500 per month — reached in early 2001 at the end of the dot-com boom.

Average apartment rents also are above \$1,000 per month in three other California markets tracked by RealFacts: Los Angeles and Orange counties (\$1,651, up 4 percent); San Francisco/Oakland (\$1,596, up 9.4 percent) and Ventura County (\$1,552, up 1.8 percent).

The most expensive rental market outside California remains Seattle, where the average apartment lease climbed 8.5 percent to \$1,890 per month. Tucson, Ariz. offers the West's least expensive apartments, with rents creeping up 2 percent to \$668 per month.

Coming this week

MONDAY: WASHINGTON — Treasury bill auction.
TUESDAY: WASHINGTON — Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Christopher Cox testifies on the role of credit rating agencies in the current credit problems before the Senate

Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.
WASHINGTON — Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee hearing on the future of the Internet.
WASHINGTON — House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing on

contaminated heparin from China.
Witnesses include the Food and Drug Administration's commissioner, Andrew C. von Eschenbach.
WEDNESDAY: WASHINGTON — National Association of Realtors reports on existing home sales for March.

WASHINGTON — Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation subcommittee oversight hearing on Federal Aviation Administration safety programs in the wake Southwest Airlines Co.'s confirmation that it had missed required inspections of some planes for cracks.

YOUR BUSINESS

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ST. PADDY'S WINNERS

LAND TITLE AND ESCROW



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce announced the St. Patrick's Day Parade winners. Pictured from left, first place, Steer to Beer, Chani Christensen and Katie Anderson; Bev O'Connor, owner O'Dunne's Draught House; second place, Perrine Bridge Festival/Western Real Estate Group, Nikki Dalsager, Heidi Hill, Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce ambassador; and third place, Magic Valley Irish Dancers, Stephanie Jeff, Joe Rockne, Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce ambassador.



Land Title and Escrow Inc. has a new facility in Twin Falls. They are located at 1411 Fillmore St., Ste. No. 600. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently with the help of Twin Falls Area Chamber's ambassadors. Land Title and Escrow Inc. provides title and escrow services and serve the Twin Falls, Mindoka, Jerome, Cassia, Lincoln and Gooding counties. For more information: 933-2650. Pictured from left, Larry Roberts, president; Becky Schubert, vice president; Deonene Dixon, escrow assistant; Doug Myers, vice president; Sylvia Bosman, escrow officer; Rick Bensen, vice president; back row, Karen Walker, title assistant; Nicole Temple, title assistant; Terri Sherman, title officer.

CAREER MOVES

Bob Harper

Bob Harper has been awarded the Sawtooth National Forest Safety Award. This award recognizes the employee who displays an exemplary commitment to safety in the workplace and who has played an active role in mitigating and managing risk associated with high risk work activities. This award is given annually and is among the highest awards given by the Forest Service.



Harper

Delmore has been a member of the D.L. Evans Bank team for the last seven years, and previously held the position of assistant vice president and branch manager. She is a graduate of Idaho State University and has been in the banking industry for thirty years. She is actively involved in the Twin Falls Lions Club and donates her time and talents to support Relay for Life and Patient Magic.



Delmore

Brian Croner

Brian Croner, owner and chief executive officer of Marketing Resource Group, a Twin Falls based advertising agency, received two Silver Rockie Awards at this year's Idaho Advertising Association National Rockie Awards held in Boise. MRG received recognition for two magazine advertisements for Hagen Inc's aquaculture division. The Silver Rockies were given for best national and international trade magazine advertisement and for the best illustration for a magazine advertisement. Marketing Resource Group is a full service advertising agency with in-house graphics and production and is located at 317 Sixth Ave. N., Twin Falls.



Croner

Broadcasting company launches station

Edgewater Broadcasting Inc. announces the official launch of its newest station in Heyburn on 97.1 FM and Burley on 89.5 FM. This station broadcasting the "Freedom Radio FM" format is one of more than 100 FM signals in 22 states now coming on the air as the Edgewater Broadcasting Network (EBN). EBN, once fully deployed in the coming months, will serve over 7.5 million people, a spokesperson said.

Paul plant offers complete woodworking products

David and Charline Clark, with their three children Jared, Talia, and Kayla began woodworking in 2003 in their garage behind their home in Paul. They specialized in hardwood trim and molding and general woodworking. At the time they had no idea how it would change their lives and grow into a thriving business. They began structuring their business around commercial vehicular product production, and soon were in need of a larger facility. In 2006 they purchased the old fire station in Paul. From the moment they moved into their new 18,000 square-foot

building, the business went into overdrive. While trim and molding had been their main product, they have diversified into more commercial products such as table tops and trim packages for some of the major restaurant chains in the United States under local contractors.

In order to reach local clients, the Clarks decided to turn their efforts to allow customers the advantage of obtaining all of their woodworking needs from one custom manufacturer. Direct Cuts Millwork is the result of that effort.

Wayne Palmquist, a 13 year seasoned cabinet maker and finished woodworker from Jackson Hole, Wyo., is a part of the business. Wayne brings an added area of experience, skill and precision to the establishment, David said. "We believe what makes our business unique is that we have the capability to create a custom finished product

with equipment and expertise that exceeds most manufacturers," David said. The business has recently added custom cabinet making to their list. In addition to manufacturing moldings and cabinets they are now installing all of their products. Architectural millwork is another facet of the business.

"We have created and manufactured stair railings, hardwood flooring, custom curved moldings, tongue and groove paneling, custom columns, wood components and furniture. We are able to match any existing molding profile and create new profiles," David said.

Quality, integrity and customer satisfaction is the goal of Direct Cuts Millwork. "We guarantee our product and are proud to say that it is made in Paul, Idaho, USA," David said. Visit the business at 109 East Idaho St. in Paul, or call 679-0272 or 260-0273.

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CURVES

SANTOS METAL & RECYCLING



The total weight of food collected in the Rupert Curves was 1,293 pounds. They will be donating the food collected to the Rupert United Methodist Church food bank. From left are Sylvia Huber, Curves trainer Lucille Vaughn and Megan Hansen.



Santos Metal and Recycling in Burley accepts donations of recyclables for various charities. From left are, front, Tilo and Salena Martinez of Boise, Alexander Santos of London, England; and back, Selma Martinez of Boise, Jennifer Anderson of Santos Recycling, and Kellie Gentry Watson of Burley. The Martinez children had collected the tabs from aluminum soft drink cans and were donating them to the Ronald McDonald House, a non-profit organization that provides lodging and emotional support to families of children receiving medical treatment in area medical facilities. Donations are also accepted for other charities by request including the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children and Special Olympics.

IDAHO POWER



The total weight of food collected in the Burley Curves was 1,444.2 pounds. They will be donating the food collected to Helping Hand Mission. Boxes for distributing the food were donated by Boise Cascade. From left are Curves trainer Isabel Martinez, Elizabeth Sosenhausen, Katie Bunn, Bertha Pelayo, Curves trainer Terri Lentini, Ila Gelb and Cindy Rasnick.



The South Central Community Action Partnership thanks Idaho Power Company Rick Astley, supervisor of customer service and metering, and his crew Charlie Boyer and Jake Van Houten for donating their time and equipment to replace the light bulbs in their parking lot. Due to the very tall light poles, a bucket truck was required to install the new bulbs. Pictured from left, Charlie Boyer and Jake Van Houten.

Curves participates in food drive

Curves in Burley and Curves in Rupert, participated in the annual "Curves for Food," a nation-wide food

drive for the needy. Curves is a 30-minute fitness and weight loss facility designed specifically for women. During the month of March, the local Curves fitness cen-

ters joined forces with thousands of other Curves facilities across the country to collect bags of non-perishable groceries to be donated to local food banks at the end of the month. Incentives were awarded at both locations for members who brought in food donations, as well as discounts given to new members when they started their membership.

CONTRIBUTION

Jiffy Lube raises money to fight heart disease

In the last six weeks, all Jiffy Lube stores in the nation have been promoting awareness of heart disease — especially heart disease in women, with their "Partners for Life" program. Overall, Jiffy Lube collected \$1,034,757 to go to the

Go Red for Women program of the American Heart Association. At the recent Jiffy Lube Convention, Lisa Carlson, global director of marketing, for Jiffy Lube presented a check to Lynn Hughes, vice-president of corporate relations for the national Heart Association.

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CW to stop streaming 'Gossip Girl' on Web site

Los Angeles Times HOLLYWOOD — In a strategic reversal that hints at the poor economics of the Internet as an entertainment medium, The CW said Thursday that it no longer would stream new episodes of its signature show "Gossip Girl" on its Web site. Instead, the network wants the legions of young fans to watch the show on — gasp — old-fashioned television. The move is a departure from the television industry's practice of making shows available immediately for free streaming on their Web sites in an effort to appeal to younger, Internet-savvy viewers who want to watch shows at their convenience. It seems to signal that giving away something you're trying to sell to advertisers isn't always good business, particularly for a broadcast network like The CW, which has been struggling in the ratings. The CW is a joint venture of CBS Corp. and Warner Bros., a division of Time Warner Inc. The CW's ratings are down more than 20 percent this season — hurt, in part, by the Writers Guild of America strike. Even before that, television executives were flummoxed over why "Gossip Girl," which had become a cyber sensation, was doing so poorly in the TV ratings produced by Nielsen Media Research. Revenue generated by the broadcast networks from the internet amounts to pennies compared with the dollars they make the traditional way, by selling advertising spots on television. "For these next few weeks, the epicenter of the 'Gossip Girl' universe will be on The CW's broadcast television airwaves," Dawn Ostroff, entertainment president, said in a statement.

Unstable state of Iraq restaurants

Business rises, falls with violence

By Ned Parker
Los Angeles Times



Sheikh Itaiwi Issa Obeidi, center, and son at the grand reopening of Sun City Foods in Baghdad.

recently unbolted its curvaceous swinging doors for a reopening that had the pomp of a state ceremony.

Tamimi wants to believe in the newfound calm, but he knows his fate is tied to whether powerful Sunni and Shiite parties decide to pick up guns once more.

It is a key question with no easy answer. In testimony before Congress earlier this month, Army Gen. David H. Petraeus and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker called for a pause in American troop withdrawals this summer to determine if the reduction in Baghdad's violence can indeed be lasting.

Tamimi, who dresses in dark gray suits, white shirts and loafers, remembers the early days of Sun City Foods two years ago as a golden time. The restaurant's sale just came to him, Sun City Foods, LLC liked the ring of it.

"I bought a fryer to cook like for fried chicken. His order offered burgers, steaks, chicken steaks, French fries, shawarma, juices and 15 types of salads. He plastered

ads in newspapers, handed out fliers and offered free food at his opening. His kitchen had the finest beef and two of the best chefs in Baghdad. He brought about his variety of dishes, asking what other restaurant offered up a breaded steak. "Thank God, it was a hit," he remembers.

But Saidiya, like the rest of Baghdad, was overrun by violence after the bombing in Samarra. Tamimi dug in and bet the fighting would subside. Besides, everyone loved good food.

Instead, his block on a once-thriving commercial street was targeted by car bombers and gunmen. The national police, a force heavily infiltrated by Shiite militia members, set up a checkpoint right outside the restaurant.

Gunmen often fired on the police. Sirey bullets whizzed through the restaurant. Car bombs shattered windows and the police started bursting inside. They broke furniture, smashed dishes and fired warning shots. They cursed in front of his customers, searched his waiters and demanded their IDs to

check religious affiliations.

Once they detained a waiter who had the Sunni-sounding name Omar, they dragged him out the door as customers watched. Tamimi sought out a friend who had good contacts with the Americans. He guessed they had 10 days to save Omar or his body would show up on a street somewhere. Through the military they tracked him down and he was released, but he refused to come back to work.

By January 2007, daily sandwich sales at the restaurant had dropped from 200 to 100, and Tamimi decided to close. Even then, he hoped the situation would turn around, and he kept his top two chefs on his payroll.

By last April, the Wolf Brigade, a notorious national police unit, had entered Saidiya. They set up checkpoints by Sunni mosques. Residents accused them of blocking off streets for Mahdi Army militia operations and providing the fighters with police uniforms. In response to the Shiite militia infiltration, support grew for the

Sunni insurgent group al-Qaida in Iraq.

The neighborhood was caught up in a turf war. The Mahdi Army took over a warehouse and apartments in the center of Saidiya. Al-Qaida in Iraq overran blocks of missions that today, months later, are virtually deserted, with giant pools of sewage in the road and graffiti cursing the Shiite militia loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Slowly, however, the situation improved. The U.S. military reached out to key Sunni and Shiite front leaders and began holding meetings with them about ending the violence. By late December, the Americans had sent a company to live in central Saidiya and proceeded to seal the district off with concrete blast walls. The troops searched every block for fighters.

By late January, word spread that Saidiya was settling down.

Tamimi, who had fled to Syria, debated whether to return. His brother had been first and assured him it was safe. Tamimi visited and saw dozens of Shiite charred by car bombings, bullet-pocked storefronts and a Shiite mosque with a partially blown-off minaret.

The restaurant had been gutted. Cooking equipment had been stolen, the furniture looted, but he decided to gamble on the drop in violence. He invested nearly \$50,000 in renovations. He worked up a menu, this time with additions such as pizza. He called back his chefs and applied for a \$2,500 loan from the Americans, as a cushion against hard times.

Tamimi was convinced he could persuade old friends to come back. He resumed his life. "When I tell them it's nice here, they don't believe it. When they hear the restaurant is back, then they will feel safe," he said. "They will see this is real and not just talk."

Gold futures plummet

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gold prices plunged to a two-week low Friday after the dollar gained some muscle against the euro, giving investors reason to sell the metal traditionally viewed as an inflation hedge.

Other commodities traded mixed, with crude oil surging to a new record of \$117 and wheat prices plummeting.

The dollar edged higher against the 15-nation euro, rebounding from a record low reached Thursday after European officials expressed concern that its strength was becoming harmful.

Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, the head of the euro finance ministers' group, told reporters Thursday that the euro was moving in a "direction I don't consider desirable."

The euro bought \$1.5735 in afternoon trading, down from \$1.5888 late Thursday. A stronger dollar encourages investors to sell hard assets like gold and silver, which are viewed as inflation hedges since they're known for holding their value in times of rising prices.

Gold for June delivery dropped \$27.70 to settle at \$915.20 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange after earlier falling as low as \$907.30, its lowest level in two weeks.

Gold was "heavily weighed down by an initial reaction in crude oil and the dollar," said analyst Jon Nadler, analyst with KRCO Bullion Dealers Montreal, said in a note.

Gold had closed above \$948 on Wednesday, giving investors hope that the metal's rapid ascent in March toward the \$1,000 barrier that it first broke in March.

Other precious metals also fell sharply Friday. Silver for May delivery dropped \$1.07 to settle at \$17,020 an ounce on the Nymex, while May copper fell 2.40 cents to settle at \$3.889 a pound.

In energy futures, crude oil shot up to another record in a million group in Nigeria said as oil companies tagged a major oil pipeline operated by a Royal Dutch Shell PLC joint venture. The group promised further attacks on the country's petroleum industry, rattling investors who have pushed oil prices to record highs for five straight days.

Light, sweet crude for May delivery rose to a new trading record of \$117 in after-hours electronic trading Friday. Earlier, the contract rose \$1.85 higher to settle at a record \$116.69 a barrel on the Nymex.

In agriculture futures, wheat plunged to its lowest level in four months as investors bet that favorable weather in the U.S. Midwest would boost crops.

Wheat for May delivery lost 43 cents to settle at \$8.70 a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade, after earlier falling as low as \$8.62 a bushel.

Paulson

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York Times Co., also profited from the mortgage crisis by betting that subprime debt securities would plunge in price. Fair game earned \$1.7 billion last year. Other market fortunes by betting that the prices of commodities such as oil, sugar and corn would rise.

Hedge funds are pools of private money, largely generated from wealthy individuals, pension funds and investments, used for a wide range of investments. Usually 80 percent of any gains are given to such investors, while fund

managers take 20 percent, plus an annual fee for their services. Alpha's list tracks the income that managers receive after paying their staff members and other expenses.

Some Wall Street analysts who follow the industry said the gigantic compensation figures may prompt Congress to consider raising taxes on the business.

"Washington is clearly aware of the numbers and has been following the billions of dollars that are being generated," said Michael Peitz, editor of Alpha.

Salt Lake City asks Delta Air Lines for Tokyo

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) —

The proposed merger of Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines would give the combined carrier access to prized international hubs, possibly opening more flight routes to Utah, aides to Gov. Jon Huntsman and a Delta official said Friday.

A Tokyo flight would help open Asian markets for Utah business, a priority for Huntsman, a former U.S. ambassador to Singapore who as governor has led trade delegations to China and India.

"He can certainly appreciate the significance of that direct flight," spokeswoman Lisa Roskelley said.

"The merger provides great opportunity for Salt Lake City to have direct flights to Asia, which is a tremendous opportunity," she said.

Aides to Huntsman made the request for a Tokyo connection as Delta executives shopped their merger plans with Northwest on Friday in Salt Lake City.

Delta CEO Richard Anderson said he'd put the

request on his merger list but didn't promise a mystery. The airline is eager to capitalize on Northwest hubs in Amsterdam and Tokyo.

Delta's western U.S. hub is Salt Lake City, while Northwest operates from a gateway to a different continent, Anderson said. Northwest would move to Delta's terminal after a merger takes place.

Starting June 2, Delta will start a daily flight between Salt Lake City and Paris — Utah's first direct flight between Utah and Europe.

Fertilizer

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expensive to grow.

"Eventually it's going to have to change," Jack Vessey, a lettuce and spinach grower in San Diego County, said of prices.

Vessey said he's currently pushing for a price bump from distributors that buy from his farm.

In the Central Valley, almonds, tomato and lettuce growing funds and agreements, used for a wide range of investments. Usually 80 percent of any gains are given to such investors, while fund



Workers pick strawberries April 9 in Oxnard, Calif. Farmers across the country are seeing an increase in fertilizer prices caused by several factors, including booming demand for fertilizer to produce animal feed for rapidly developing nations like India and China, where people are eating more meat.

at full bore to meet the growing demand, but there's not enough manufacturing capacity to bring down prices, said Charles Nekvasil, a spokesman for Deerfield, Ill.-based fertilizer producer CF Industries Inc.

"We'll get four or five different price increases in any one day," said Burdick, who has been supplying growers in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties for about 50 years. "I've never seen anything like this."

Fertilizer producers have been operating their factories

"It's supply and demand, and there hasn't been a lot of supply coming on the market," he said. "It's almost a bidding war."

The USDA said earlier this month that it expects American farmers to cut back on corn this year in favor of soybeans, which require less fertilizer to grow.

But a sharp drop in soybean prices in the days before the projection's release has made some economists doubt the USDA forecast.

Fertilizer prices also are being nudged higher by the heightened security costs paid by manufacturers to produce and ship ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer ingredient that can be used to make explosives, said Harry Vroomen, chief economist for the Washington-based Fertilizer Institute.

California growers are feeling the pain and said it's only a matter of time until shoppers do, too.

"Budgets have to increase in order to keep doing what we're doing, and the hope is that on the retail end we can get it back," said Andy Hooper, who manages a farm that grows strawberries, celery and bell peppers in Ventura County. "The bottom line is the consumer's going to be paying more."

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EDITORIAL

Turns out Idaho Power doesn't get to rewrite history

On Friday, 5th District Judge John Melanson declined to turn the world upside down. Melanson, presiding judge of the Snake River Basin Adjudication, rejected Idaho Power Co.'s claim that a 1984 agreement to rescind some water rights was flawed and should be voided. The Swan Falls agreement between the utility and the state is the basis for subsequent water-rights allocation on the Snake River Plain. So Melanson's decision was as historic as Idaho Power's argument. Essentially, the utility argued that the law should indemnify the company from water shortages. Idaho Power's lawyers said both the state and the company underestimated how much water was available for development in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, which has caused the company and its customers to pay higher costs for hydroelectricity. Nice try, the judge said in essence. Melanson ruled that the amount of water was irrelevant to the agreement because it transferred water rights, not water. "There are no assurances that there will always be sufficient water to satisfy a water right," he wrote. That reasoning has implications for the long-running battle between surface water users and pumpers as well. In dry times, Idaho Power won't be able to lay claim to water somebody else owns. Idaho Power once had other options. An Idaho Supreme Court ruling in 1983 said the utility had rights to water then being diverted by farmers and irrigation companies. But the following year the utility agreed to take less water than it had a right to claim if the state would determine who owned what water and decide whether any remained for development. That was the basis of the Snake River Basin Adjudication. There are 180,000 water claims, and so far the state has spent more than \$50 million sorting them out. The process can now proceed without the state, the utility and the other water-rights holders having to re-invent the wheel. Other water users think Idaho Power's attempt to rewrite history was cynical, and they're right. Like it or not, the utility is stuck in the same boat on the Snake River as the rest of us.

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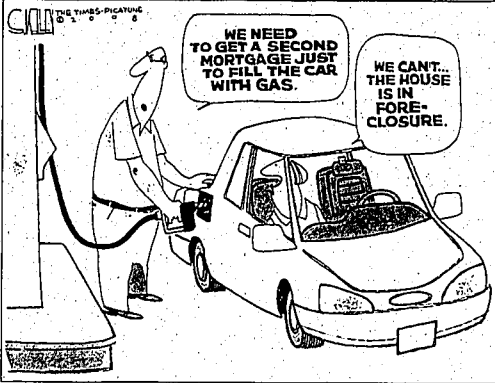
132 FAIRFIELD ST. WEST James G. Wright

What's our agenda? Lots of people think we have one, though none can agree on what that agenda might be. Last week we ran a letter from a reader who suggested that we ran another letter — actually a compilation of bad jokes at the expense of President Bush — because of some agenda he didn't bother to define. In fact, we ran almost every letter we receive because we want to provide an open forum as a service to the community. Another reader recently e-mailed me to suggest that we have some other, undefined agenda that drives us to copy up news about mercury emissions from gold mines and smelters in northern Nevada. Had he done a little research he would have known that we have published a dozen stories and editorials about the issue. We're apparently deeply conflicted

souls here at 132 Fairfield St. West, if you believe some of the downtown critics. We have a pro-dirty agenda that clashes with our anti-Holstein bias. We're anti-education yet we support public schools. We're opposed to downtown revitalization even though we support it in editorials and as a member of the downtown improvement district. We're a bunch of commies working for one-world government and maybe even dancing on Sunday while simultaneously being money-grubbing corporate capitalist greedheads who canceled "The Born Loser" just to boost profits.

So what's our real agenda? Lean in closer and I'll whisper it in your ear...closer...closer...that's close enough. We want to give our readers in-depth, reliable and useful news and information about their community. And we want to be their indispensable resource in making sense of the world around them. Pretty shocking, isn't it? In a way, I'm somewhat flattered that some people think we could have some secret agenda or be part of a big conspiracy. That implies a laudable level of organization — one I doubt we could pull off. Put us in with the journalists in a room and ask them about anything, and even just a lunch order — and you'll get at least 18 different opinions. Throwing around the A-word is something of a cheap shot — one that generally comes from someone unable to dispute the truth of an

article and instead tries to undercut the facts with an allegation of a sinister motive or bias on the part of the author, the editor, the publisher, the newspaper owners or the vast and ill-defined "media." None of this means that journalists don't have personal beliefs and opinions, or that we're always able to divorce them from our work. But for the most part, we go where the news takes us and we use checks and balances to catch unintended or unrecognized failure to remain objective — a reporter writes an article, at least two editors read it and then a copy editor checks it and writes a headline. It's not an infallible system, but it keeps us from sliding too far out of balance — or from promoting anyone's personal agenda. Editor James G. Wright may be reached at 208-735-3255 or james.wright@tnc.net.



Now is the springtime of our discontent

The Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan has been tracking American economic perceptions since the 1950s. On Friday the center released its latest estimate of the consumer sentiment index — and it was a stunner. Americans are more pessimistic about their situation than they have been for more than a quarter century. Meanwhile, a recent Pew report found that the percentage of Americans saying that they're better off than they were five years ago is at its lowest level in 44 years of polling. What's striking about this bleak mood is that by the most measures the economy isn't doing that badly — at least not yet. In particular, the official unemployment rate of 5.1 percent, though rising, is still fairly low by historical standards. Yet economic attitudes are worse now than they were in 1992, when the average unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.



for inflation, was higher in 1980 than it had been in 1976. But gas lines and double-digit inflation made people feel that things were falling apart. Conversely, unemployment was still historically high when Reagan proclaimed "Morning in America." But people were ready to hear an upbeat message because the economic storm seemed to have passed. More recently, economic confidence held up relatively well during the 2001 recession, maybe because people were willing to see it as no more than a temporary interruption of the great 1990s boom. A major reason we're feeling so down is that for working Americans the job never did come back. Job creation in the post-2001 recovery was pathetic by Clinton-era standards: wages barely kept up with inflation. Instead, corporate profits and the incomes of a tiny elite surged — sucking up so much of the economy's growth that only crumbs were left for everyone else. Now the boom that wasn't has gone bust — and Americans, understandably, have lost confidence in the prospects for a return to real prosperity. They have also, I'd suggest, lost confidence in the integrity of our economic institutions. Early this decade, when the great corporate scandals broke — Enron, WorldCom, and so on — I expected big-business corruption to

become a major political issue. It didn't, partly because the march to war had the effect of changing the subject, partly, perhaps, because Americans weren't ready to take a broadly negative view of the system that brought them to the previous decade's boom. But my impression is that the subprime crisis — with its revelation that titans of finance were dealing in funny money and its tales of failed executives receiving hundred-million-dollar going-away presents — has resurrected the sense that something is rotten in the state of our economy. And this sense is adding to the general gloom.

The question is, can the next administration end America's malaise? Some of the causes of poor economic performance since 2000 are probably beyond any administration's control. Low materials were cheap in the 1990s, but in the years ahead the rise of China and other emerging economies will place increasing pressure on world supplies of oil, copper and iron. How much what the next president does? But reinvigorated regulation could help restore confidence to the financial system. A return to pro-labor policies could help raise real wages. Pro-competitive policies — which are not the same thing as giving power-fuel businesses whatever they want — could help America regain its leadership in information technology. In other words, there's a lot that we can do to perk up our sagging confidence. That won't happen, however, unless the next president is someone who understands what went wrong. And right now, that doesn't look at all certain.

Paul Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Team effort made 'Step Into Africa' a big success

We would like to thank the following groups, organizations and individuals for all they did to make the World Vision "Step into Africa" AIDS Experience at the College of Southern Idaho such a success. People from all over southern Idaho, 3,588 of them, took time out of their busy schedules to experience the journey of four children in the middle of the AIDS crisis in Africa. More than 350 people volunteered and, most importantly, 168 beautiful children (many of whom are orphans) were sponsored to receive food, shelter, healthcare, clothing and education in the hardest hit areas of Africa. Since the exhibit, we are hearing daily of many additional ways people are continuing the effort to assist those in need. Students and community members are forming groups to purchase and assemble medical kits as well as raise funds for water wells to lend assistance in the humanitarian crisis. This was truly a team effort that resulted in one of the largest turnouts in one of the previous World Vision tour stops. Words cannot adequately express our gratefulness for your efforts. We are once again reminded we truly live and work in a special place filled with many extraordinary individuals who make up a tremendous community. On behalf of the victims afflicted with this disease, thank you for each and every one of us — and will continue to do — to offer them some hope and make their lives a little more bearable.

Special thanks to the Times-News, KMYT television and radio, and the following individuals for their generous support and coverage: College of Southern Idaho; St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center; Dr. Patricia Sipler, as well as our other panelists Pastor Brian Vitsman and Christy Bivins; and the following: Twin Falls Reformed Church as the host, the Interfaith Association and many other churches and groups throughout southern Idaho; CSI welding class for not only the design of the exhibit and more than 350 volunteers who served in the exhibit or in other ways.

Because of the large number of volunteers involved, if we missed someone we apologize, but we thank you. MARYT SOLOMON (Twin Falls) The editor's note: Mary Solomon is the coordinator for the AIDS event. Other members of the planning team are Tracy Hills, Corly Kokx, Kim Prestwich, Deb Annett and Mike Smith.)

Picture of Filer school brought back memories It was exciting to see a picture of the Filer Central School in the Times-News. It brought back many memories of the years 1937 to 1942 when I attended classes there. I have a 1915 yearbook called "The File" of the school showing an added entryway to the basement and, according to "The File," a fire escape was added around 1915. A cartoon shows seniors trying out the new feature. The cost of the school in 1909 was \$23,000. Not only memories of my time there reside with me, but I have a 1930 photo of the fourth-grade class that included my brother, who was killed in an accident shortly afterward. ALLEN LEE Jerome

'Heated debates' no way to run a county

Following publication of Diana Obenaue's guest opinion in the *Times-News* recently, I thought it would be useful to clarify where I stand personally as a member of the board of Jerome County commissioners. I wish to state that my voice is my own — no one speaks for me.



READER COMMENT
Joe Davidson

and fiber line accessibility. The commission has developed a good working relationship with the city of Jerome and with the regional partners involved in issues such as solid waste, 911, jail housing and weed control. We need to maintain this good relationship.

County business should be conducted by common-sense discussions, not by heated, passionate debates. The element of contention that Diana

Obenaue brings is not acceptable. I resent the comment that we are just bawling back and forth as "brother and sister." It seems Diana's agenda with the dairy industry has no solutions, just fight, cause contention and chaos in the process, get the press involved, then move it to a higher level. This is not good. Enough is enough!

I applaud Charlie Howell as chairman of Jerome's commission. Considering the amount of workload and the complexity of the issues before us each day, he has maintained order and control in moving our work while projects forward. He has done so with civility and integrity. I understand the quality of life and strong economic base for the future

growth and development of Jerome County is to be the responsibility of the county commission, but I also know that in order to be successful, it has to be administered in a manner that is professional. It should not be limited to special interests, and it should insult no one. It should be done in the best interest of all citizens of the county.

After consideration of all the experience that I have had working in this position, I have concluded that Cathy Roemer is a candidate well-suited for the job. I support both her and Charlie Howell in their plans for this office.

Joe Davidson, a Republican, is serving his second term as Jerome County commissioner.

OTHER VIEWS

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

... suing employers

Idaho Press-Tribune, Nampa

Canyon County's commissioners made the right decision to stop spending taxpayer money to keep its HICO — Hackett Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act — lawsuit alive.

It all started in 2005 when the county commissioners decided to sue four businesses, alleging that the companies hired illegal immigrants, who in turn placed a significant increased demand for health care and law enforcement.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge dismissed the county's case, stating that counties are not part of the cost of being a governmental entity. The 9th Circuit Court agreed ...

The county officials wisely recognized that it is time to stop using your tax dollars to pay for a Chicago law firm — to fight the case. But the commissioners left the door open to private individuals or organizations to contribute the \$1,500 needed to ask the court to reconsider.

Commissioners Matt Beebe and Steve Rule voted to stop spending county money to move the case forward. Beebe also opposed the original appeal.

Beebe said he didn't think that counties should pursue it even with donated money, but acknowledged the problem of illegal immigrants still put a strain on local government and social services.

Commission Chairman

David Ferdinand, who voted against dropping it, defends his support for a third suit, saying that the county's expense is no comparison to what the county pays for services caused by illegal immigrants ...

"It is our responsibility as representatives of all the taxpayers in Canyon County to make this decision and ensure that every business pays its own way," Ferdinand said in a statement before the vote ...

"The commissioner makes good points. But individual state legislative bodies are in a better position to address those issues with changes in the law. Maybe that's where any new efforts should be directed ..."

... Larry Craig

Lowiston Tribune

So now Larry Craig tells us why he remained in his Senate seat after pleading guilty to a charge stemming from a motel sex sting: It's because we Idahoans wanted him to.

We did! So says Craig ... the Capitol Hill newspaper *The Hill*. Under the headline "Craig supports to Vitter," the report says that Craig has told his Republican colleague from Louisiana David Vitter he should not feel compelled to resign from the Senate because of his name and brand name records of the so-called C.D. Madam.

After his apparent involvement with the prostitution ring was revealed, Vitter publicly apologized for "a very serious sin in my past, for which I am, of course, completely responsible." Then he, like Craig, went on about his business in the Senate.

Craig says that was the right thing to do ... provided he has support from ...

home state. "First and foremost, in these kinds of issues," Craig says, "it's our state and our relationship you have with your state that really determines where you ought to go. That was certainly my case. The Senate itself wasn't going to judge me. I would allow the citizens of my state to do so, and they still strongly support me."

Which state is he talking about?

Surely not Idaho. In the latest Idaho Public Policy Survey from Boise State University ... only 37 percent of respondents said Craig should remain in office after pleading guilty to disorderly conduct in the Minneapolis airport. Fifty-seven percent said he should leave.

That's a 20-point difference, contradicting what Craig says.

Craig might still have a point, though. After he bid his conviction in Minnesota from the people he serves, after he surrendered to Idaho much of his influence in the Senate, after he told Idahoans he intended to resign and then decided not to, Craig has gotten away with going through the motions of a U.S. senator. Craig may have gotten away with saying it's because the people of Idaho want him to.

... trade with Mexico

Idaho Statesman, Boise

On Saturday, Gov. Butch Otter led representatives from 15 companies and organizations on ... week-long trade mission to Mexico.

This mission ... sends an important message to would-be trading partners and to Idaho elected leaders. Despite the bitterness that continues to permeate the immigration debate, the

economies of Idaho and Mexico are more closely tied than many of our politicians want to believe.

— to put it charitably — of two minds regarding trade with Mexico:

Recently, the state's Agriculture and Commerce departments urged industries to participate in the Mexico trade mission, citing Idaho's established markets in Mexico. According to the state's invite, the North American Free Trade Agreement and its "favorable tariff treatment" makes Mexico an ideal trade partner.

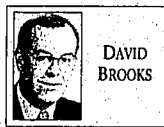
At roughly the same time, state legislators passed a staidly worded joint memorial calling on Congress for neglecting what lawmakers called an illegal immigration "invasion." The memorial also says trade agreements such as NAFTA "are being used to nullify the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution."

While representing barely 3 percent of Idaho's \$3.7 billion export trade, Mexico has fundamentally different trade needs, increasing its importance. While high-tech comprises 72 percent of all Idaho global exports, high-tech accounts for only 14 percent of exports to Mexico. Instead, food and agriculture products make up the bulk of trade with Mexico; these food and ag exports nearly doubled in 2006. For Idaho ag, only Canada is a more lucrative trade partner.

The trade mission is projected to cost Idaho only \$18,759, after the industry reps pay their own expenses and fees for taking part. This makes this trade mission an obvious call ...

How America is forgetting to remember

They say the 21st century is going to be the Asian Century, but, of course, it's going to be the Bad Memory Century. Already, you go to dinner parties and the middle-aged high achievers talk more about how bad their memories are than about real estate. Already, the information acceleration syndrome means that more data is coursing through everybody's brains, but less of it actually sticks. It's become like a bugle of a frenetic, stressful life — to have forgotten what you did last Saturday night, and through all of it in an aging population, memory is the new sex.



DAVID BROOKS

Society is now riven between the memory haves and the memory have-nots. On the one side are these colossal Proutian memory bullies who get 1,800 pages of recollection out of a mere cookie-bite. They traipse around broadcasting their expertise to see you recall as if quoting Aiden were the Hummer of conversational one-upmanship. On the other side are those of us suffering the normal effects of time, living in the Hippocampically challenged community that is one step away from leaving the stove on all day.

This divide produces moments of social combat. Some vaguely familiar person will come up like a penny in the supermarket. "Sam, it's so nice to see you!" The smug memory dropper can smell your nominal aphasia and is going to keep first-naming you until you are crushed into submission.

Your response here is critical. You want to open up with an effusive burst of insecure emotional warmth: "Hey!" You're practically exploding with feigned ecstasy: "Wonderful to see you too! Here's everything!" All the while, you are frantically whirling through your memory banks trying to anchor this person in some time and context.

A decent human being would sense your distress and give you some lagniappe of information — a mention of the church picnic you both attended, the parents' association at school, the fact that the two of you were formerly married. But the Proutian bully will give you nothing. He'll stare at you, trying to get an arduous control concession out of Leonid. Breezhev.

Your only strategy is evasive vagueness, conversational rap-a-dope until you can figure out who this person is. You start talking in the tone of over-generalized blandness that suggests you have recently emerged from a coma. Sensing your pain, your

enemy pouts it on mercilessly: "And how is Mary and Little Steven and Rob?" People who never display their knowledge of your kids' names are the lowest scum of the earth.

You're in agony now, praying for an episode of spontaneous combustion. But still she drives the blade in deeper. "That was some party the other night wasn't it?"

You lose vision. What party? Did you see this person at a party? By now, articulation is impossible. You are a puddle of gurgling noises and awkward silences. After the longest of these pauses, she goes for the coup de grace: "You have no idea who I am, do you?"

The dawning of the Bad Memory Century will have vast consequences for the social fabric and the international balance of power. International relations experts will notice that great powers can no longer define their national forgetting styles. Americans forget their sins. Russians forget their weaknesses. The French forget that they've forgotten God. And, in the Middle East, they forget everything but their resentments.

There will be new social movements and causes. The supermarket parking lots will be filled with cranky criminal gangs composed of middle-aged shoppers looking for their cars. As it becomes clear that a constant stream of blog posts and e-mails decimates the capacity for recall, people will be confronted with the modern Sophie's choice — your BlackBerry or your mind.

Meanwhile, mnemonic gurus will emerge offering to sell neural Viagra, but the only old memories the pills really bring back will involve trigonometry.

As in most great historical transformations, the members of the highly educated upper-middle class will express their suffering most loudly. It is especially painful when narcissists suffer memory loss because they are losing parts of the person they love most.

Their affection for themselves will endure through this Bad Memory Century, but their failure to retrieve will produce one of the species' most notable features: shorter memoirs.

David Brooks is a columnist for The New York Times.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

McCain's agenda is out of step, not Ron Paul's

(Twin Falls GOP committee member Stephen) Hartgen says Ron Paul supporters are "trying to take over local politics with an ideology that is out of sync with the Magic Valley." Correctly, McCain's social-liberalist agenda is out of phase. Ron Paul's consultation-driven, old-style Republican agenda is spot on.

Observe a partial list of bills that McCain sponsored: (1) Bi-partisan Campaign Reform Act, aka McCain-Feingold Act. Ron Paul argued that these restrictions on voters were unconstitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed, overruling this anti-free speech law. (2)

McCain's Second Amendment gun show membership law, an expansion of the Brady Bill and a curtailment of the Second Amendment right to bear arms. (3) Kennedy-McCain Immigration Bill, supported defacto amnesty for illegal aliens. (4) The McCain-Stevens Climate Change Stewardship Act would have created a crushing energy bureaucracy.

McCain loves gigantic government control and war. He says we will be at war in the Middle East for 100 years. Paul received more contributions from active and retired servicemen than all other candidates combined!

McCain's Senate nickname of "Insane McCain" because of his explosive ten-

per and "the Manchurian candidate." Several retired generals say he is "let him near a nuclear trigger." While McCain was held prisoner in Vietnam, he collaborated, making 32 propaganda tapes (www.vietnamveteransagainstsofismcain.com). Many believe he was "repley programmed" by CIA.

McCain became the enemy of prisoner of war and missing in action groups, blocking their attempts to learn what happened to the missing men. It's all on video on their Web site. They will

"Swiftfoot" McCain In November.

Paul is treated shamefully by the controlled media and by the chief of his own party. Nevertheless, he will win overwhelmingly if he can get the nomination because he will own the disaffected non-voting majority. Polls show 80 percent of voters oppose amnesty for illegals and 70 percent want immediate Iraq withdrawal. McCain is on the wrong side of both issues.

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Pet store owner saved from python

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — A pet store owner is calling a police sergeant a hero for saving her from the coils of a 12-foot Burmese python doing its best to turn her into a meal.

Teresa Rossiter had reached into a cage Thursday to show the huge snake to a customer when it bit her right hand and coiled around her left arm to throw her to the floor.

When Sgt. Ryan Nelson rushed into the store, he was ready to kill the snake with his knife.

But Rossiter asked him to spare the expensive python, so Nelson put on gloves and pried open the snake's mouth to free Rossiter's hand.

Charity sues hospital over 'free bed' donated in 1912

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — When Louisa Lippitt died in 1912, the wealthy widow left \$4,000 to Rhode Island Hospital on the condition the money be used to provide a permanent "free bed" for needy patients, to be selected by a favored charity.

A successor to the charity she selected rediscovered her bequest when it dusted off its archives, but the free bed is long gone. Now, Children's Friend and Service is suing to get the health care back.

The hospital says it already provides millions of dollars in free care, but the charity said it needs to do more to fulfill the pledge it made to Lippitt 96 years ago.

"It just seems illogical to me that a quote-unquote 'permanent free bed,' which by its very name suggests that it is to last forever, can somehow not last forever," said Mark Swirbalus, a lawyer for the organization.

If it had been modestly invested, Swirbalus said, Lippitt's donation could be worth about \$1.5 million today.

On Tuesday, a judge will hear arguments on the hospital's motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

Rhode Island Hospital was among many facilities, especially in the Northeast, that had "free-bed funds" through which donors could set aside a hospital bed for the poor.

In Rhode Island Hospital's case and others, officials say

Interest from those funds continues to help cover health care costs for people who can't afford them, though not through a specific hospital bed.

Hospital spokeswoman Gail Carvelli said the money donated for free beds was put into a restricted account that pays for charity care, but she could not say how much was in that account or how much of its funds are spent annually.

Swirbalus said Children's Friend does not expect the hospital to set aside a bed that would be available only to the charity's clients. Rather, the charity wants to ensure its clients receive free care in whatever bed they're treated.

Carvelli says Rhode Island Hospital honored its commitment until the charity Lippitt chose stopped nominating patients, though she was not clear when that occurred.

The 719-bed hospital also argues that Children's Friend and Service does not have standing to sue because it did not even exist when Lippitt

died and is separate from the charity she named in her will, Children's Friend Society of Providence. Children's Friend and Service says it's a successor of that group — technically, called Providence Children's Friend Society — and inherited its right to nominate patients when it formed in 1949.

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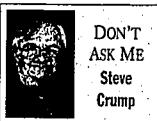
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Better plan an indoor barbecue this July Fourth

It's gonna snow today, on April 20 — a month into spring. The forecast high for Twin Falls is 41 degrees; the low will be 22. That's 19 degrees below the average high and 13 degrees below the typical low for this date. What we have here is a curfsh Idaho spring happens every 15 years or so. It's just Mother Nature trying to prove a point, and she must be especially torqued this year.



DON'T
ASK ME
Steve
Crump

Since spring arrived on March 20, the average temperature in Twin Falls has been running three degrees below normal, but that underscores how chilly it's been: On 13 of those days, the thermometer failed to top 50 degrees.

Of course, nature might eventually relent and let spring in. These are the degrees — five degrees above usual.

Temperatures in Twin Falls in April that year averaged 3 1/2 degrees below normal, but May was spectacular. The average high was 73.2 degrees — five degrees above usual.

Turned out to be a setup: Summer simply disappeared before it arrived. Temperatures ran 5 degrees below normal, but in July and 5 degrees behind the curve in August. The high on Independence Day was 67.

I think years without a summer are nature's way of reminding us that we live in the Mongolia of the Western Hemisphere. The average January temperature in that east Asian country's high- and-dry capital, Ulan Bator, is minus-3. The typical mid-winter high is only 30 degrees — with occasional digressions to 105.

No what are we to make of snow in Twin Falls on April 20? We live in a desert, all right, but no roadrunner or Gila monster would be caught dead here.

I've spent 48 springs in Idaho, and I get the feeling this is shaping up to be a snow-on-the-fourth of July summer. It happens all the time in the eastern Idaho highlands and in the Sawtooth Valley. But when it snows on an Independence Day parade down here on the Snake River Plain, that's just spite on Mother Nature's part.

When I was a kid in Pocatello, our two-day camp was on a mountain just outside of town. On July 19, the day the camp opened, it snowed four inches in camp, and we were actually stranded there for two days.

Global warming or no global warming, no prudent Idahoan ever strays far from his or her parka. My mother — was so adamant on that point that when I went to visit my grandpa in Soda Springs during summer vacations, she'd put me on the train dressed like an eskimo.

All that outerwear was so hot that I fell asleep on the train one time, missed my stop and got stuck in the line in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Where, of course, it was snowing.

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Life in the past lane



Light bounces off the contours of a 1958 Chevy Cameo pickup Saturday at the Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. The event continues today until 5 p.m.

CSI hosts final edition of annual classic car show

By Damon Hunzeker
Correspondent

A '49 Coupe, A '32 Roadster, A 23 Ford T-Bucket, A vast assortment of Chevys from the 1950s. These are just a few of the 130 vehicles that can be seen at the Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show.

All day Saturday and today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the CSI Expo Center hosts the annual show, which is expected to attract nearly 7,000 people over the two-day event.

The Travelers — who played Saturday in front of a giant MEIS DINNER sign, next to a cardboard Elvis Presley, behind a '58 Chevy Impala — performed "Hamaround Sue" and a variety of rockably selections from the days of rock-and-roll's inception.

The cars are all much cleaner and somehow look newer than their modern counterparts. Some of them, however, such as the 2000 Harley Davidson, are neither

"You see a lot of older people looking at the cars with big smiles. It brings back a lot of memories."

— Jerry Wilson, a member of the Magic Valley Early Iron Car Club

antique nor cars. Jerry Wilson has been a member of the Magic Valley Early Iron Car Club for more than 20 years. "I think there's something for everyone here," he said — a red golf cart with orange flames painted on it named Alice the Speed Queen, for example, and even some military vehicles. They're showing nearly everything but the Pope-mobile.

Such anomalies notwithstanding, the show is mostly about old cars. Car show chairman Oran Stearns said, "There's always been a love of the American automobile. One generation is getting older, and the younger people stayed with the modern imports, but a lot of interest from the younger kids is coming back to the old muscle cars."

"You see a lot of older people looking at the cars with big smiles," Wilson said. "It brings back a lot of memories."

Jerome resident Thomas Brenier, looking at a red '57 Chevy Bel Air, observed, "Whoever divant that up, dreamt correctly."

"I try to come every year," Brenier said. "I like the older ones — old, noisy, fast."

"The majority of the cars have been restored to a condition superior to when they were built," Stearns said. "And they aren't just show cars. They're driven. We took the '66 Chevelle on a 2,000-mile trip last year."

Bill Ruby of Dream Ride Builders in Jerome displayed some of his

work. "My shop is full restoration — every nut, bolt, and screw," he said. "And they're meant to be driven."

The theme this year, "Life in the Past Lane," is appropriate not just because of the vintage automobiles on display but because, after 32 years, the show will become a thing of the past this afternoon.

"We're moving our operation to Jerome and taking over Joe Mama's Car Show," Wilson said, "which is a one-day deal in August when it's warm." Stearns, further explaining the end of the CSI show, said, "It's mostly because of the age of the car club. It's a tremendous amount of work, and we don't have younger members who want to continue all of the work."

The show takes about six months to prepare, Wilson said. "We're giving the majority of the proceeds, as we always have, to CSI for their automotive programs," he said.

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Historic Stricker Ranch opens for new season of tours, lectures

By Erica Littlefield
Correspondent

The Stricker home site and Rock Creek Station south of Hansen are an important part of the history of the Magic Valley, and that history is being preserved and celebrated in new ways.

The site recently opened for a season of tours and other events — including a Mother's Day picnic, an Ice Cream Social and a fish fry. The events will also include a new lecture series featuring Gladys Stricker's restored 8mm home movies from the 1940s and 50s.

Curtis Johnson, president of Friends of Stricker, said the films captured important events not only in history of the Stricker family, but in the history of the Magic Valley.

"She always loved history," Johnson said. "She was very interested in documenting the history of the site."

In the 1840s, Rock Creek was a stop for pioneers on the Oregon Train. In 1865, James Bascom and John Corder built the first trading

Coming events at Stricker home site and Rock Creek Store:

- Tours (guided or self-guided): Every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mother's Day Picnic: Sunday May 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Ice Cream Social: Saturday June 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

post between Boise and Fort Hall at Rock Creek. Herman Stricker and his wife Lucy bought the store in 1876, and it became a major stop on mail routes and railroad lines. Stricker purchased water rights to Rock Creek in 1881 and was instrumental in using it to irrigate the area.

The Friends of Stricker recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Idaho Humanities Council to help restore and preserve the home movies taken by Gladys Stricker, one of Herman and Lucy's daughters. Johnson had the task of

If you go
Also, be on the lookout for a fish fry in September. Directions: 3715 E. 3200 N., Hansen. Go five miles south of Hansen and turn right at 3200 North. Drive about three-quarters of a mile, and the site will be on the left-hand side.

For more information: Curtis Johnson, 731-3895

sorting through more than 28 hours of home movies, and eight hours of the earliest films were sent to a lab in Arizona for high-definition digital restoration. Now, Johnson is putting together a lecture series featuring clips from the films with local historians Jim Gentry and Ron James.

The lecture series will focus on several themes, including family dynamics, the changes in agriculture and farming, and the 1967 Idaho Centennial celebration at the site.

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Wendell police receive military surplus firearms

Federal government gives Vietnam-era assault rifles to city

By Blair Koch
Correspondent

The Wendell Police Department will hopefully never have to use its new supply of firearms. But Police Chief Kirtus Gaston said he is happy his department was recently given six Colt AR-15s.

During a City Council meeting Thursday Gaston announced the department had been awarded the military surplus, Vietnam-era weaponry.

"They're old but they still work well," he said.

The guns arrived about a week ago and came in their original crates. "Use of these firearms is definitely not new to law enforcement, just to Wendell, because we work on such a limited budget," Gaston told the Times-News. "Almost each department in the Magic Valley uses guns like this. We are just catching

up with normal practices being seen throughout law enforcement."

Gaston said the department applied for the surplus weapons through the federal government, which gave them to the city free of charge.

The guns will be secured in patrol cars and would only be used if a situation warranted it, Gaston said. "Use of weapons is always the last resort," he said.

During the council meeting Gaston also gave a report on the child feed and cook-off held April 12, which raised about \$550 for the department's K-9 unit.

Councilman Barry Brown said he was "very impressed" with the event, which drew in about 70 people and a handful of child chefs. "Resident Amanda Reeves, whose batch of chili earned grand-prize accolades, said she just wanted to help the city. 'I wanted to help support the K-9 unit. I feel it is a very important cause,' she said."

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Dorothy Rose

BURLEY — Dorothy Mae Rose, age 80, of Burley, passed away of heart failure on April 13, 2008.

Dorothy was born in Polk, Neb., to Elva (DeHo) and Francis McMurrin on March 23, 1928. She was raised in Grand Island, Neb., and enjoyed all her school activities. She graduated from Grand Island High School in 1946 and from Reuay School in 1947. Soon after her graduation, she met and married the love of her life, Bernard "Bud" Rose on Oct. 14, 1947. That started her life adventures to California, as Bud pursued a career as a life insurance salesman. They were blessed children, and Dorothy became a full-time homemaker. She went back to work, once the children were school age, as a beautician.

She never lacked a place to work or friends to work on crafts projects with her. Once her children were grown, she and Bud worked together managing a large apartment complex in Southern California. She was a devoted Catholic and attended St. Edwards Catholic Church.

Celia is survived by her husband, one daughter, Anson (Dan) Baum of Twin Falls; one son, Johnny (Alma) Moreno of Twin Falls; and four grandchildren, Lori Neaderisher of Twin Falls, Johnny Moreno Jr. of Twin Falls, Roy Muninger of Twin Falls and Silvia Mason of Boise. She is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren and one brother, Phillip Gonzales of Phoenix, Ariz. Celia was preceded in death by her parents and one great-granddaughter, Alexandra Neaderisher.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 21, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Please join the family in celebrating Celia's life by signing the online guest book at www.McM.com.

Celia Moreno

Celia Moreno, 78, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, April 17, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Celia was born May 13, 1929, in San Antonio, Texas, to Felipe and Anita (Sanchez) Gonzalez. She grew up in Texas and attended schools there. On Jan. 12, 1946, in San Antonio, Texas, she married H.C. "Taco" Moreno. The family moved to Twin Falls in 1966, where she worked at J.H. Henry Produce in Kimberly for several years, then went on to work at Kegan's for six years.

Celia enjoyed fishing, gardening, and spending time with her family, especially the time spent camping at Salmon Reservoir. She also loved her dog, Precious. Celia was a devout Catholic and attended St. Edwards Catholic Church.

Ellen Elaine Homan

JEROME — Ellen Elaine Homan, 86, of Jerome, passed away peacefully from this life Thursday, April 17, 2008, at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Ellaine was born April 5, 1922, in Hollywood, Calif., to Maude and Clarence Homan. She lived in Southern California for 57 years, before settling in Jerome, where she could be close to her daughter and grandchildren. Ellaine loved spending time with her family and friends and will be missed greatly.

Ellaine is survived by her daughter, Jo Dyer of Jerome; her companion of 26 years, Lester Mohr of Jerome; and his family; her sisters, Iris

Burchell of Torrance, Calif., and Lita Mae Herndon of Santa Maria, Calif.; her grandchildren, Robert Waldron of Boise, Kathy (Bruce) Dalbro of Kimberly and Shawn Waldron of Reno, Nev.; and many great-grandchildren who love her dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald Homan; and brother, Roy Herndon.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, April 21, at the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. I in Jerome, with Pastor Ron Heath officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Barbara Lois Hopkins

BUHL — Our mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, associate, colleague and friend died on tax day, April 15, 2008, due to the consequences of the aggressive effects of lymphoma. At the time of her death, she was in her own bed in Mesa, Ariz., surrounded by her loving family.

Barbara's life began on Jan. 22, 1927, second daughter of Earl and Lois Allen. She was born in a small hospital in Twin Falls. In the last 12 years, she lived thereafter on the family farm southwest of Buhl. She grew up on the farm and attended Fairview Country School.

Following grade school, Barbara entered and graduated from Twin Falls High School. Barbara married Vernon Hopkins in 1945, six weeks following their first date. They remained very much in love throughout their marriage. Barb and Vernon had a life together, including love, adventures and accomplishments that are too numerous to detail. Barb gave birth to four children and remained home with them until the youngest entered grade school. At that time, Barbara completed business school and began her professional career at The Green Giant and then the University of Idaho. Her career at the U of I began as an administrative assistant to Dr. Leon Green and then became the executive assistant to the dean of the College of Education under Deans Samuelson, Gentry and Bell. She was awarded many accolades from the university and was instrumental in the success of many undergraduate and graduate students.

Barb was very proud of her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She took great pride in her family's accomplishments and was recognized as

the driving force behind those accomplishments.

Following Vern's death and her retirement, she moved to Boise and on to Twin Falls when her daughter and her father were in need of additional family assistance. After her parents' death, she began to travel to Arizona and eventually purchased a home in Mesa, Ariz., just down the street from her lifelong best friends, Jim and Helen Harding. She planned well for retirement and enjoyed the time in the last four years. Barb shared her life with James Ward, who she described as the "center of her life."

Barbara is survived by three of her children, Peggy Dreyfus (Larry), daughter Nancy Jo Garrett (Jim) of Sand and Ron Hopkins (Lita) of Kahlons, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister, Beverly Crothers; brother, Rich Allen; daughter-in-law, Helen; and a close companion, Jim Ward and family; and a large extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon, Craig Allen Hopkins; sister, Jean; and parents.

Barbara was laid to rest at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl, Idaho. A viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at Farnsworth Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vonley Hopkins Memorial Scholarship at the U of I to benefit the women's basketball program.

After the service, everyone is invited to join the family for a potluck dinner at the center. Food for the potluck can be left at the center Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning prior to the service.

Other memorial services will be planned in other areas.

Brian Keith Pritt

PRICE, Utah — Brian Keith Pritt, 41, of Price, Utah, passed away April 14, 2008, in Price, Utah.

Brian was born June 14, 1966, in Coeur d'Alene, W.Va., to Paul Newhouse and Marlene Pritt. The family soon moved to Idaho and settled in Nampa, where Brian helped his mom take care of his brothers and sisters. He was always the big brother and rock of the family. At an early age, Brian started work and outdoors, his calling working in Alaska as a logger. He also logged in many places throughout the Northwest. The last four years Brian worked in the coal mines in Price, Utah.

Brian loved the outdoors; he was always active, never sitting still. He played and worked hard. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and loved exploring the remote locations of the Owyhee Mountains.

Brian was loved by his family, and he treated his nieces and nephews like his own children. He was very proud of his children and nieces and nephews. He

leaves a big hole in everyone's heart and will be greatly missed. T.B.T.E.S.E.

Brian's family would like to extend their thanks to the community of Price, Utah, who have helped with support and understanding. Sincere thoughts and prayers will always be with the families of the lost miners, Brian's friends and coworkers.

Brian was preceded in death by three cousins, Shelden Hicks, Rhonda Pena and Shantall Driskill.

Brian is survived by his children, Nathan Cole Pritt and Cody Morgan Pritt, both of Price, Utah; his mother, Marlene Pritt of Buhl, Idaho; his father, Paul Newhouse of West Virginia; brothers, Terry Pritt and Kevin Harris, both of Buhl, Idaho; sisters, Brenda Childers of LaPine, Ore., Mary Daniel, Goldie Harris and Rita Harris, all of Buhl, Idaho; brother-in-law, Danny Childers of LaPine, Ore.; aunt, Larstene Donaldson of Nampa, Idaho; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in Buhl and Nampa.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at Farnsworth Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl, Idaho.

John D. Tagerman

John D. Tagerman, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 18, 2008 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

John was born June 1, 1929, at Los Angeles, Calif., to George Joseph and Ida Martha Whittenberg Tagerman. He was raised and educated in California. After graduating from high school, John enlisted in the U.S. Navy and fought in the Korean War. He was later honorably discharged from the Navy. John got married after the service in 1951 and was later divorced. John was employed by J.C. Penny's Corporation for most of his working career, receiving numerous awards and recognitions for his service and accomplishments. He was still employed

by J.C. Penny's at the time of his death.

John enjoyed playing cards and golfing. He loved roses and working in his garden. He especially enjoyed the time spent with his loving family and friends. John adored his cat of 18 years, Grizzy. He also loved his 2007 Subaru Forester, John will be greatly missed by his family, friends and Grizzy.

John is survived by his sister, Betty McElroy of Hemet, Calif.; his nephew, John Fox of Twin Falls, Idaho; and his niece, Kaye Hives of Santa Carla, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Rose Wetzel.

No services will be held at this time. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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DEATH NOTICES

Josie Anderson. BURLEY — Josie Anderson, 91, of Burley, died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Warren House in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

SERVICES

Lynn Elliott of Bliss, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Clayton L. Stewart of Ketchum, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church; a luncheon follows at the

Gene Hanson. ALIQUIPPA, Pa. — Gene Hanson, 70, of Aliquippa, Pa., and formerly of Wendell, Id., died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at his home. No service is planned (Fatalewh Funeral Home in Aliquippa, Pa.).

Ivy M. Etherington of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home church (Wood River Chapel of Hailley).

See more obituaries on page C3.

Farmers worry over cold-weather losses

Cold front moves into Treasure Valley

NAMPA (AP) — A cold front moving into Idaho's Treasure Valley had fruit growers scrambling to prevent losses.

Late blossoming of fruits such as peaches, cherries and apricots could result in losses of millions or tens of millions of dollars, said Essie Fallahi, University of Idaho Parma extension director of fruit crop physiology.

"At this stage they are extremely sensitive to cold, so we are a little nervous," Fallahi told the *Idaho Press-Tribune*. "We're doing everything we can" to prevent losses.

That includes turning on irrigation and using propane gas or wind machines to keep the sensitive buds warmer.

Weather forecasters called for nighttime temperatures to drop into the 20s through Monday.

"We have some tender veg-

"I would really be worried about anyone who has turned on their underground sprinkler systems."

— Mike Stanton, a Nampa lawn products specialist

etation growing," National Weather Service meteorologist George Skari told the *Idaho Statesman*. "So we will keep a close watch on things."

Normal low temperatures for this time of year are around 40 degrees, Skari said.

"We (won't) reach normal temperatures until next weekend," he said. "We do see cold weather in April, but it's the persistent cold that we've seen all season that is a little unusual."

Depending on how cold it gets, some growers could lose as much as 90 percent of their crops, Fallahi said.

Vineyards should fair better against the cold this weekend because the grapes are still in a more dormant stage. Apples should also do

better, unless temperatures get down into the low 20s.

Kuna fruit grower Chan Cabalo said he expects to lose about 10 percent to 12 percent of his prunes, apricots and cherries, which is about what he normally would hit.

"Fruit blossoming is later than normal this year, which makes the cold more dangerous," Fallahi said.

"It's a very critical time for us," he said.

Homeowners also could be hit by the cold temperatures, particularly lawn irrigation systems and backyard fruit trees.

"I would really be worried about anyone who has turned on their underground sprinkler systems," said Mike Stanton, a Nampa lawn products specialist.

Brief periods of cold won't hurt the underground pipes, but backflow valves that most of the cities require are in danger of bursting, he said.

"The valves prevent potentially contaminated water from re-entering the municipal water source. They can cost as much as \$200 to replace, but homeowners have some options," Stanton said.

"You could put a lot of blankets over it and hope it doesn't freeze," Stanton said. "Or I've seen people put a 5-gallon bucket over it and then put a light bulb in there."

Sunday and Monday nights are expected to be the coldest during the next week, with Monday possibly reaching the record low of 23 degrees," the National Weather Service said.

Skari said data shows that the last frost of spring is May 10 on average, but most experienced Treasure Valley gardeners have developed their own ways of heating the killing frosts.

Pilot walks away after helicopter crash

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A pilot was able to walk away unhurt from a crashed helicopter that hit the ground at Logan-Cache Airport.

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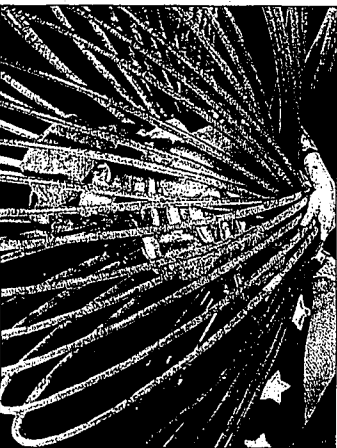
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Employees face immigration, theft charges

BOISE (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a dozen employees of a Home Depot wood products company for immigration violations and theft charges.

The *Idaho Statesman* reports that 10 men and two women were charged with multiple crimes in indictments handed up this week. They were among 13 employees of Specialty Inc. wood products arrested by immigration authorities in home-land April 2.

Charges include possession of counterfeit alien registration receipt cards, misuse of Social Security numbers, aggravated identity theft, and illegal entry or reentry after deportation.

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Police: Crime drops at BYU-Idaho campus

REXBURG (AP) — Reports of crime on the Brigham Young University-Idaho campus are dramatically decreasing, despite an increasing enrollment, police say.

Capt. Garth Gunderson of the Rexburg Police University Division said the number of reported crimes is less than half the number reported 10 years ago.

One reason is more mature students on campus, including married students, who make up about 25 percent of the student population and who seek around when others go on Christmas and spring breaks, Gunderson

told the *Standard Journal* in a story published Saturday.

In 1998, there were 127 cases and a total of 103 criminal charges filed. Last year, the police report shows that there were 54 cases and 28 criminal charges filed.

The decrease in crime has occurred despite the university increasing its student population from about 9,000 a year to more than 20,000.

"Typically when you get an increase like this, you would also see crimes rise, but we have a good trend going on, and we hope it continues this way," he said.



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Canine castaway

Dog rescued after spending four months on tiny island

By Solvej Schou
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Snickers the Sea Dog is barely more than a pup, but he's already an old salt.

The 8-month-old pooch spent three months adrift on a 48-foot boat and survived four months on tiny Fanning Island — 1,000 miles south of Hawaii — where his owners left him after their sailing boat ran aground last December.

Now the cocker spaniel, who is in quarantine on Oahu after being rescued April 9 by Norwegian Cruise Line workers and a bevy of other people, will be flown to Los Angeles to meet a man who desperately wants to adopt him: retired Las Vegas resident Jack Joslin.

"I love animals," Joslin told The Associated Press on Friday. "I had two dogs up until the middle of March. Then I had to have my border collie euthanized. The day they said saying the ashes were back was when I read the story (about Snickers). It occurred to me I could do something."

Hawaiian Airlines, moved by the dog's survival story, has given the go-ahead on flying the animal for free to the mainland, said Peter Forman, a Hawaii-based airlines historian who helped negotiate Snickers' transport.

Forman said he expects Snickers to arrive sometime in the next three days.

Joslin said the quarantine facility requires 72 hours notice regarding flying animals. Hawaiian Airlines restricts flights to Las Vegas when animals are involved because of the heat there, Joslin said.

The story of Snickers begins with his original owners Jerry and Darla Merrow, whose catamaran developed mast problems after setting out from California's Moss Landing, said Gina Baurle of the Hawaiian Humane Society.

The boat drifted to Fanning Island, a tiny Pacific atoll, where it hit a reef and the couple swam 200 yards to shore with Snickers and their macaw, Gulliver. They left the island soon after on a cargo vessel.

Baurle said the pets were left in the care of islanders.

"They don't have the same concept of taking care of pets. Some dogs are eaten there," Baurle said.

Efforts to contact the Merrows Friday were unsuccessful. Joslin said he has been unable to contact the pair and Baurle said she believes the Hawaiian Humane Society never tried to reach them.

"The Merrows got to the point where they had to move on with their lives," said Forman, who is friends with



Snickers, an eight-month-old cocker spaniel, is checked over by an attendant on Thursday. The dog was rescued by Norwegian Cruise Lines after spending four months on Fanning Island.

Robby and Lorraine Coleman, a couple with a sail boat off Fanning Island who originally talked to a boating journal about Snickers.

"The Merrows basically signed a release of ownership of the dog," Forman said.

Robby Coleman started watching out for the dog and part on the island, Forman said. It occurred to me I could do something."

Fanning is one of 33 scattered coral atolls that make up the remote island nation of Kiribati. In March, the government of Kiribati, which technically owned the animals, decided to have them destroyed, Joslin said.

"Robby put out the SOS and a lot of people got involved," Forman said.

Contacted by Joslin, the

Hawaiian Humane Society took the lead on Snickers' rescue.

The organization worked with Fanning Island, and a ship was sent out to Fanning Island to pick up the dog, said Norwegian Cruise Line spokeswoman Krislyn Hashimoto.

The Hawaiian Humane Society provided pet carriers, flea treatment and food, said Baurle.

The dog landed in Honolulu on Wednesday, cleared customs and has been in quarantine since, awaiting transport to L.A., Baurle said.

Getting the parrot off the island will be a more difficult, said Joslin, who wants to adopt the animal.

There is a plan to move Gulliver to Christmas Island, near Fanning Island, and eventually to L.A., one of two U.S. ports that accept exotic birds.

"Snickers is going to live with me I hope for a long time," Joslin said. "And we're trying to help to get the bird back here."

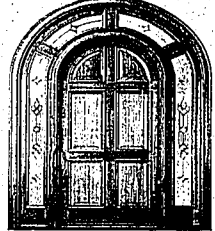
Teacher placed on leave for cell phone pictures

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A Logan High School English teacher has been placed on paid leave after inappropriate pictures were found on his personal cell phone.

Logan City School District Superintendent Marshall Garrett says the teacher was

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Anti-U.S. cleric threatens new uprising in Iraq

By Robert H. Field
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr gave a "final warning" to the government Saturday to halt a U.S.-Iraqi crackdown on his followers or he would declare "open war until liberation."

A full-blown uprising by al-Sadr, who led two rebellions against U.S.-led forces in 2004, could lead to a dramatic increase in violence in Iraq at a time when the Sunni extremist group al-Qaida in Iraq appears poised for new attacks after suffering severe blows last year.

Al-Sadr's warning appeared on his Web site as Iraq's Shiite-dominated government claimed success in a new push against Shiite militants in the southern city of Basra. Fighting claimed 14 more lives in Sadr City, the Baghdad stronghold of al-Sadr's Mahdi Army.

Fighting in Sadr City and the crackdown in Basra are part of a government campaign against followers of al-Sadr and Iranian-backed Shiite splinter groups that the U.S. has identified as the gravest threat to a democratic Iraq.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, also a Shiite, has ordered al-Sadr to disband the Mahdi Army, Iraq's biggest Shiite militia, or face a ban from politics.

In his statement, al-Sadr lashed back, accusing the gov-



Iraqi Army soldiers take part in a military operation Saturday in Basra. The government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki kept up the pressure on al-Sadr's followers in Basra, launching an operation early Saturday aimed at clearing militants from the Hayanayab district, a Mahdi Army stronghold in Iraq's oil capital.

ernment of selling out to the Americans and branding his followers as criminals.

Al-Sadr, who is believed to be in Iran, said he had tried to defuse tensions last August by declaring a unilateral truce, only to see the government respond by closing his offices and "resorting to assassinations."

"So I am giving my final warning... to the Iraqi government to take the path of peace and abandon violence against its people," al-Sadr said. "If the government does not refrain... we will declare an open war until liberation."

U.S. officials have acknowledged that al-Sadr's truce was

instrumental in reducing violence last year. But the truce is in tatters after Iraqi forces launched an offensive last month against "criminal gangs and militias" in the southern city of Basra.

The conflict spread rapidly to Baghdad, where Shiite militants based in Sadr City fired rockets at the U.S.-protected Green Zone, killing at least four Americans. U.S. officials say many of the rockets fired at the Green Zone were manufactured in Iran.

The Iranians helped mediate a truce March 30, which eased clashes in Basra and elsewhere in the Shiite south, but fighting persisted in Baghdad as U.S.

and Iraqi forces sought to push militants beyond the range where they could fire rockets and mortars at the Green Zone.

The Americans are attempting to seal off much of Sadr City, home to an estimated 2.5 million people, and have used helicopter gunships and Predator drones to fire missiles at the sprawling slum of north-east Baghdad.

At a news conference Saturday, Iran's ambassador to Baghdad said his government supports the Iraqi move against "lawbreakers in Basra" but that the "insistence of the Americans to lay siege" to Sadr City "is a mistake."

"Lawbreakers (in Basra) must be held accountable... but the insistence of the Americans to lay siege to millions of people in a specific area and then bombing them randomly from air and damaging property is not correct," Ambassador Hassan Kazemi Qomi said.

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Official: Soyuz capsule lands off target

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian space capsule carrying South Korea's first astronaut landed in northern Kazakhstan Saturday, 260 miles off its mark, Russian space officials said.

It was the second time in a row that the third since 2003 — that the Soyuz landing went awry.

Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyudin said the condition of the crew — South Korean bioengineer Yi Soyeon, American astronaut Peggy Whitson and Russian flight engineer Yuri Malenchenko — was satisfactory, though the three had been subjected to severe G-forces during the re-entry.

The Russian TMA-11 craft touched down at 4:51 a.m. EDT about 260 miles off target, Lyudin said, a highly unusual distance given how precisely engineers plan for such landings. It was also around 20 minutes later than scheduled. Search helicopters then took 25 minutes to locate the capsule and determine the crew was unharmed.

Officials said the craft followed a so-called "ballistic re-entry" — a very steep trajectory that subjects the crew to extreme physical forces. Lyudin said the crew had experienced gravitational forces up to 10 times those on Earth during the descent.

The crew were being examined on site by medical officials, and were later to return to Moscow for further evaluation.

"The most important thing is that the crew is healthy and well," Federal Space Agency

chief Anatoly Perminov told reporters. "The landing occurred normally, but according to a back-up plan — the descent was a ballistic trajectory."

Perminov said engineers would examine the capsule to determine what caused the glitch, though he blamed the Soyuz crew for not informing Mission Control about the unusual descent.

Later, Perminov referred to a naval superstition that having women aboard a ship was bad luck when asked about the presence of two women on the Soyuz.

"You know in Russia, there are certain bad omens about this sort of thing, but thank God that everything worked out successfully," he said. "Of course in the future, we will work somehow to ensure that the number of women will not surpass" the number of men.

Challenged by a reporter,

Perminov responded: "This isn't discrimination, I'm just saying that when a majority (of the crew) is female, sometimes certain kinds of unsanctioned behavior or something else occurs, that's what I'm talking about." He did not elaborate.

Yi traveled to the station on April 10, along with cosmonauts Sergei Volkov and Oleg Kononenko, who have replaced Whitson and Malenchenko. South Korea paid Russia \$20 million for Yi's flight.

In South Korea, several hundred people gathered at the Seoul's Olympic Park to watch Yi's return on a giant television screen, clapping and cheering after a broadcaster reported the landing.

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Child of burned worker sells charms to help blast victims

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press writer

RINCON, Ga. — Days after the deadly explosion at the sugar refinery where her father worked, 9-year-old Morgan Seckinger went back to school — smiling, as usual, with her long blond ponytail bobbing to the bounce in her walk.

Her fourth-grade teacher couldn't believe it.

"I said 'Morgan, was your daddy hurt in the explosion?' said Stacie Ortiz, Morgan's teacher at Ebenezer Elementary School. "And she said 'Yes, ma'am, but they took him to the hospital and he's going to be fine.'"

Ortiz, knew better. Paul Seckinger, a single father who has custody of Morgan, was in critical condition with burns over 80 percent of his body at a burn center in Augusta while Morgan was left in the care of her grandparents.

She enlisted Morgan for a special project — one that would raise money to help her father and other victims of the Feb. 7 explosion and fire at the Imperial Sugar refinery near Savannah. Some of her classmates' parents also worked there.

Morgan jumped at her teacher's idea.

"I feel like I'm doing something to help somebody," Morgan said in a classroom interview.

Ortiz had noticed Morgan's shoes, the popular plastic Crocs clogs that are full of holes like Swiss cheese. Morgan had several small charms — plastic flowers, bees and a ladybug — that plugged into the holes for decoration.

Ortiz wondered: What if someone made similar charms using the red, white and blue logo for Dixie Crystals, the brand of sugar produced at the refinery, that the class could sell to raise money?

Imperial Sugar gave its permission to use the logo. The



Morgan Seckinger studies Monday during class in Rincon, Ga. Morgan raffled her class at Ebenezer Elementary School to raise money by selling shoe charms, called 'Jibbitz,' for Crocs shoes to help her dad and other refinery burn victims. Her dad suffered burns over 80 percent of his body in the Dixie Crystals refinery explosion Feb. 7.



Morgan Seckinger holds a 'Jibbitz' Monday in Rincon, Ga. Morgan and her classmates are selling the charms, used to decorate the popular Crocs shoes, for \$5 apiece at tables set up outside banks.

manufacturer of the shoe charms, Colorado-based Crocs' subsidiary Jibbitz, agreed to produce 1,000 of the postage stamp-sized charms for free.

Morgan did her part, phoning boutiques and gift shops in Effingham County, just west of Savannah, to ask if they would stock the charms. She also went to print shops to enlist them in making fliers.

She stayed after school to make posters and to package each of the 1,000 charms in plastic bags.

her classmates began selling them for \$5 apiece at tables set up outside banks. Morgan's grandmother, Karen Seckinger, said they sold 800 in about 30 minutes and made plans to order a new batch.

The money will go to the refinery families who have placed their lives and jobs on hold to stay near their loved ones at the burn center.

"I think we'll probably sell a lot of them," Morgan said. "I've told a bunch of people about them."

Ortiz doesn't doubt it. She said more than 200 people

sent e-mails asking where they could buy a charm. And some students came to her before the charms even arrived with money their parents had given them to buy one.

Morgan's grandmother said the fundraiser has lifted the girl's spirits. Seckinger has spent all of her time, except for three brief trips home, at the Augusta burn center since her son arrived there Feb. 8.

Paul Seckinger, 33, has regained consciousness, but is still breathing with the help of a ventilator as he recovers from exterior burns and seared lungs.

Morgan has dealt with death in her family before, her grandmother said. A great-uncle died from cancer in November. His death weighed on Morgan's mind when her father was hospitalized after the explosion.

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Police: Indiana girls beat up 12-year-old, show it online

CLARKSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A group of southern Indiana middle school girls videotaped the beating of a 12-year-old schoolmate and posted it on the Internet in an attack that authorities believe was inspired by a similar one in Florida, police said.

No charges have been filed and police said they have not interviewed all the girls, ages 12-14, who are students at Clarksville Middle School. The girls' identities were not released because they are juveniles.

The victim, who was treated for cuts and bruises at a hospital, was the daughter of a police officer, said Police Chief Dwight Ingle.

Police said the girls lured the victim to a parking lot near a warehouse in the town just north of Louisville, Ky. on April 12 and beat her up. The violence was videotaped and later posted on the video-sharing Web site YouTube. The video begins with one girl arguing with the victim and escalates into a fight during which the 12-year-old is repeatedly hit in the head as other girls watch and laugh, police said.

Detective Darrell Rayborn said Thursday that police believe the plot was inspired by a similar scene in which a group of teenage girls in central Florida posted the videotaped beating of a 16-year-old victim online. Parts of that video have been widely seen on TV and YouTube.

Clarksville school Superintendent Stephen G. Fischer said he did not expect disciplinary action against the students because the fight did not occur on school grounds.

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Farm bill faces tough going in Congress

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — It's not a good year for a farm bill. Crop prices are sky-high. President Bush, who thinks the nation's farm program is bloated, is leaving office and doesn't need to court voters in rural America. There is less budget money to work with. The leadership in Congress doesn't exactly hail from farm country, and those lawmakers who do must grapple with bigger election-year problems — such as mounting job losses and a deepening foreclosure crisis.

"When you don't have enough budget, the fights become more intense over these precious resources," said Tom Buis, president of the National Farmers Union. "You kind of have this perfect storm, all coming together at the same time, and you add in a lot of new players to the farm bill process, people that just say, 'Oh, farmers are greedy' or 'Farmers don't need this.'"

Things were different in 2002, when the last bill to expand agriculture and nutrition programs was written. Back then, rural America was recovering from hard times and there was more federal money to be spread around.

Bush was never a fan of the bill, but he signed it anyway with lukewarm praise. He still faced a re-election campaign, and his party was eyeing a Senate takeover.

"It's not a perfect bill. I know that," he said then.

This year, as Congress struggles to rewrite a new farm bill, Bush has less to lose. His administration has taken a hard line on multibillion-dollar farm bills passed by the House and Senate that would expand farmer subsidies, even as crop prices skyrocket.

News analysis

Congressional dynamics have also changed since the last farm bill. Tom Daschle, the former Senate Democratic leader from South Dakota who brokered the negotiations six years ago, lost his seat in 2004. Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Republican, also halted from a farm state, Texas.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada have not traditionally been involved in farm debates. Reid's home state has little agriculture and Pelosi is from San Francisco.

Bush has threatened to veto both the House and Senate bills. That opposition and congressional infighting have stalled the bill, and negotiations are in disarray. Negotiators face several obstacles. The Democratic chairmen of the House and Senate agriculture committees, Minnesota Rep. Collin Peterson and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, have lost control of the legislation as tax packages were added to both bills to help pay for them and win votes.

That has brought into the mix House Ways and Means Committee chairman Charles Rangel, who represents few farmers in his New York City district. He and Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., are charged with finding an extra \$10 billion for the bill but have agreed on very little.

At a farm bill meeting in Rangel's office Thursday, shouting could be heard behind closed doors. Several senators, including Baucus, left angrily.

"Let's just say it wasn't good," Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., said afterward.

Dalai Lama: Preserve religious traditions, respect others

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The Dalai Lama on Saturday encouraged people gathered at the University of Michigan to preserve their own religious traditions while respecting others with differing beliefs. "As you know, I always

believed since all different traditions have the same potential to bring inner peace, inner value ... and therefore it is important to keep one's own tradition," he told about 8,000 people at Crysler Arena.

The exiled Tibetan spiritual leader said he learned about Islam, Christianity and Judaism through personal contact and that he has a "genuine admiration and respect and appreciation for those traditions."

A hush had fallen over those at the basketball arena as the Dalai Lama walked on the main-floor stage. The audience, as well as monks and others sitting cross-legged on the stage floor, rose as he emerged.

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North Korea, trade top Bush's talks with South Korean leader

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press writer

South Korea this summer. The two talked about prospects for a free-trade agreement, South Korea's decision to lift its ban on U.S. beef sales, exchange programs and repositioning of U.S. troops on the peninsula, but North Korea was a key subject of their discussions.

CAMP DAVID, Md. — President Bush and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak said Saturday they will expect North Korea to fully declare its nuclear weapons programs and proliferation activities in a way that can be verified. Bush tamped down assertions that the U.S. is going soft on the communist regime as the nuclear standoff can be resolved before he leaves office.

After two days of meetings at the Camp David presidential retreat, Bush and Lee urged patience, saying officials need to see what North Korea says in its long-promised declaration before deciding whether the U.S. and its partners are being too lenient.

"Thanks to the six-party framework, North Korea has been able to shut down its uranium production facilities at Yongbyon," Bush said with Lee at his side. "Now North Korea must fulfill its other obligations: Provide a full declaration of its nuclear programs and proliferation activities in a verifiable way."

Lee, a pro-American conservative who took office in February, is the first South Korean president to ever visit the secluded wooded retreat northwest of Washington. Bush's invitation was meant to give the two an informal venue to get acquainted and cement U.S.-South Korea ties, which have been tense in recent years.

Lee has said that repairing relations with the United States is a top priority — that they "lack trust" under his more liberal predecessor, Roh Moo-hyun. Lee described his conversations with Bush as "open and frank." Bush accepted Lee's offer to visit

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CSI wraps up sweep at CNCC

Golden Eagles win high-scoring affairs

Staff report

The College of Southern Idaho baseball team picked up its first Scenic West Athletic Conference series sweep of the season after Saturday's 14-3 and 12-9 victories over host Colorado Northwestern in Rangely, Colo.

The 27-21 Golden Eagles (18-14 SWAC) came out hot in both games, scoring five first-inning runs in each. The Spartans responded in kind, scoring three runs in the first inning of Game 1 and six in the first inning of the second. Taylor Mangum, CSI's Game 1 starter, limited the damage to only those three runs to improve his record to 5-3 with six solid innings pitched, despite the day's persistent, howling wind.

"It was just a nasty day," CSI head coach Boomer Walker said. "The wind was blowing out like 50 miles and hour to right field. Taylor just controlled the damage and ended up doing a pretty good job."

Zane Gray picked up the Game 2 win in four innings of relief of starter Sam Armstrong and fellow reliever Zac VanVlietstra. Jake Draeger closed the game out to pick up his third save. In a game Walker said must have seen 30 hits, Cameron Cushing came up with a two-run home run in the first to help spark the Golden Eagles offense. "We feel like we escaped," Walker said. "We escaped

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CSI swept in series at Salt Lake

Bruians wrap up SWAC title

Staff report

The College of Southern Idaho softball team will be back in Salt Lake City in less than two weeks.

The No. 4 Salt Lake Community College Bruians clinched the regular-season Scenic West Athletic Conference title and the right to host the May 1-3 Region 18 Tournament with Saturday's 2-0 Game 1 victory over the Golden Eagles in Salt Lake City. The Bruians completed the series sweep with a 9-1 drubbing of the Golden Eagles in six innings in the second game.

"I think I'd have to be pretty crazy to say that I wasn't kind of concerned," CSI head coach Nick Baumert said. "But in Game 2, we hit five balls, but probably on a less windy day would have gone out. We felt pretty good about those swings, but we definitely have some work to put in."

The wind repeatedly halted play Saturday, but Bruians ace Lindsey Palmer pitched a one-hitter while striking out 11 CSI batters in the first game to improve to 24-0 on the season. Salt Lake managed only two runs on three hits off Golden Eagles starter Jody Zillmer, but two of CSI's four errors helped the Bruians score the go-ahead run in the bottom of the second.

The Golden Eagles took a 1-0 lead in the second game

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Lighthouse Christian senior John VanVliet, right, works out with Lions head track coach Chard Berndt Tuesday in Twin Falls. VanVliet overcame a serious knee injury to earn a walk-on invitation with the Idaho State University football team.

GOING TO GREAT Lengths

VanVliet rebounds from major surgery to earn spot on ISU football squad

By David Bashore • Staff writer

John VanVliet's story isn't scripted. Were it presented to a movie director, it'd probably be rejected — too good to be true. But his journey is every bit as real as the holes bored into his knee 27 months ago during a risky surgical procedure known as microfracture surgery — an operation designed to extend knee life after severe cartilage injuries.

Despite being little more than experimental at the time, the procedure was seen as the best option for VanVliet to have a chance at continuing his high school football career at Class 1A Lighthouse Christian School. Very high risk, very low reward, it seemed at the time. But that was the course VanVliet chose.

The gamble paid off in the end, but what drove VanVliet to undergo a potentially life-alter-

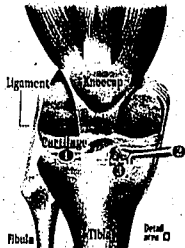
ing operation in the name of a 75- to 80-percent chance of preserving a high school football career? And how did he not only get the best of that risky decision and continue playing prep football, but also parlay it into a true jackpot by earning the opportunity to play in college?

To answer that requires putting the odds-defying walk-on invitation to Idaho State University aside, along with the all-state selections and the conference player of the year honors, and instead focus on the seeds of his determination — when and where they were sown, and the circumstances under which they came to blossom.

Once the story is related in full, the answer is obvious: VanVliet simply loves the game, and the game is simply what he does.

Microfracture surgery

Microfracture is a surgical technique that uses the body's healing abilities to repair damage to cartilage that has been torn or worn away and results in bone-on-bone contact. The result is a smooth surface that cushions and eases movement.



- Working through three incisions in the knee, loose or unstable pieces of cartilage are removed.
- With a sickle-like instrument, pick holes, or microfractures, are created in the exposed bone about 3 mm apart. The holes allow blood and marrow to seep out and form a clot that covers the damaged area; the holes also produce a rough surface to which the clot can adhere.
- Narrow-rich clot begins to mature into a smooth, durable surface that replicates near-vanishing cartilage in two to six months.

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See a video about VanVliet's surgery and recovery.

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Road warriors: Jazz take Game 1 at Houston

By Chris Duncan

Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Who says the Utah Jazz can't play well on the road?

Andre Kirilenko scored 21 points, Carlos Boozer had 20 points and 16 rebounds and the Utah Jazz beat the Houston Rockets 93-82 in the opener of their first-round series Saturday night.

Deron Williams had 20 points and 10 assists as Utah, 17-24 on the road during the regular season, won its second straight playoff game in Houston. The last victory came in Game 7 last season, and that was when Houston got help from Yao Ming.

Yao is out for this series with a foot injury and the Rockets have to wonder after Game 1 how they're going to compete with the Jazz inside. Utah had a 34-29 rebounding edge through three quarters and Boozer hit 10 of 20 shots.

Utah's reserves also played well, outscoring Houston's reserves 28-17. Shane Battier scored 22 and Tracy McGrady had 20 points for Houston, which shot 37 percent (29 of 79).

The Rockets are also playing without starting point guard Rafer Alston,



Utah Jazz forward Paul Millsap (24) falls down a rebound in front of Houston Rockets forward Carl Landry (14) during the second quarter in Game 1 of their first-round Western Conference playoff series Saturday in Houston.

who strained his right hamstring late in the season. His backup, Bobby Jackson, scored seven points on 3-for-15 shooting.

As Yao watched from the Rockets' bench, Utah outrebounded Houston 12-5 in the first quarter and led 23-18. Without the 7-foot-6 Yao to guard



Saturday's scores
Cleveland 93, Washington 86
San Antonio 117, Phoenix 115, 2OT
New Orleans 104, Dallas 92
Utah 93, Houston 82

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Toronto at Orlando, 10:30 a.m., TNT
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 1 p.m., ABC
Philadelphia at Detroit, 3 p.m., TNT
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him, Boozer was a handful for Houston, grabbing seven rebounds and scoring six points in the quarter. Houston coach Rick Adelman had three rookies on the floor to start the second quarter — point guard Aaron Brooks and forwards Carl Landry and Mike Harris. Even with McGrady still in the game, Utah took advantage, stretching the lead to 30-20 and forcing Adelman to call time out. The Rockets outrebounded the Jazz 9-3 over the last five minutes of the half and trailed only 47-41.

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Eames shine as District V opens season

By Diane Phillips Staff writer

GLENNIS FERRY — Cy Eames made his presence known Friday night as District V opened its high school rodeo season in Glennis Ferry. The Gooding cowboy opened his season with wins in saddle bronc and bull riding. "My bull tonight was just right and the bronc ride was fun," said Eames. "The hard work is paying off. I've been practicing real hard at saddle bronc and I'm starting to really like it. I hadn't quite gotten it until this year."

for second with 66. Brian Arterburn of Hagerman was fourth with 57 and Jesus Gomez of Gooding finished fifth at 48. Jerome freshman Chance Robbins was one of five riders entered in the saddle bronc and rode Happy Hour for about two seconds. Saddle bronc riding is one of the more challenging events. As Robbins put it, "You aren't hanging on with your hands but squeezing with your knees. There isn't much time for thinking because everything just comes so fast. It used to be so natural."

Wilson seemed pleased with his draw. Explosive on Saturday night. "It has a nice jump and kick," said Wilson. Last year's girls all-around winner, senior Cheyenne Robinson of Gooding, once again took the lead in the standings with a win in goats, a second in poles, a fifth in breakaway and a ninth in barrels. "I've been practicing quite a bit," said the Gooding junior. Other winners included Katie Hall of Valley in breakaway, Justin Parke of Gooding in calf roping, Samantha Logan of Jerome in barrels, Robert Coates of Jerome in goats, and Zachary Ben of Woodbury in barrel racing. Larance Fox of Glennis Ferry in poles.

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A night of firsts for District VI in Rupert

Staff report

RUPERT — As the District VI rodeo moved into Rupert for stop No. 7 on Friday night, several competitors recorded their first wins of the season. Alyssa Koch of Filer recorded her first win in breakaway with a time of 3.56 seconds, while Sammy Navaran of Buhl had the fastest run in barrels (17.993 seconds) since the opening weekend at the College of Southern Idaho. Spencer Peterson teamed with Oakley partner Colton Bedke for a victory in team roping.

Wadsworth of Kimberly, Amanda Coats of Kimberly in poles for a time of 22.126 nudging the 22.136 time of Megan Crist of Kimberly) and Wadsworth with a 73-point effort in bull riding.

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Pilots finish second at home tournament

Staff reports

The Glenns Ferry Pilots baseball team found itself down 2-13 in the middle of the fifth inning of Saturday's home game at Woodend. But the team rallied to tie the game, responded with 10 runs on six hits, but it wasn't quite enough as Nampa Christian took the tournament championship with a 2-1 victory in five innings.

Softball PILOTS ROY TOUGH GAME AT TOURNEY WENDALL SPLIT Glenns Ferry thought it had a win over New Plymouth Saturday at the Glenns Ferry Rural Telephone Classic. But key errors allowed New Plymouth to first tie the game 1-1 in the seventh inning and then take over the ninth for a 9-1 win.

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The 5-14 Pilots put themselves in a hole with a first inning that was just hammered the ball," Glenns Ferry coach Dennis Uhl said. "We had six hits and really came back and almost made a game of it."

Wendell finished a 15-1 loss against Soda Springs, but also earned an 8-5 win over Nampa Christian. Krystal Miller pitched both outings. Wendell's win featured a triple by Whitney Gentry and a double by Stevia Bellwey. Saturday's other game saw New Plymouth take a 16-5 win over Filers JV.

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MINICO RIPS PRESTON Minico slugged its way to two more wins Saturday, sweeping Preston 13-2 and 10-0. Both games ended after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

WOOD RIVER SPLITS WITH KUNA Eight strikeouts by Hannah Gomez in Game 1 led Wood River to a 3-2 victory over Kuna on Saturday.

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MINICO SPLIT AT GRIZZ Minico split its final two games at the Tiger-Grizz tournament in Idaho Falls, losing 9-2 to Blackfoot and beating Bonneville 10-2.

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U.S. SPLITS WITH I.F. SKYLINE A Twin Falls High tennis team earned a surprising 2-1 split on Saturday's home night, but picked up a 7-5 win over Skyline before losing 11-1 to Idaho Falls.

Jerome, Middleton split Jerome salvaged a split with Middleton, following a 5-2 loss in Game 1 with a 13-10 win in Game 2. The Tigers trailed 9-4 in the nighttime Game 2 when an aggressive approach at the plate and on the bases keyed a rally. Ashley Morrell, who got the Game 2 win in relief of Nicole Sauer, hit a two-RBI double in the seventh inning as the Tigers orchestrated a two-run rally to bring a 10-4 win.

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Tennis Jerome ties Pocatello, Century Century earned 6-1 ties with both Pocatello and Century in action at Wood River on Saturday.

Late Track DISTRICT ATHLETES FARE WELL AT BOISE RELAYS District track and field teams sent six entrants to the top of the podium at Friday's Pat Belter Invitational Boise Relays at Boise State University's Bronco Stadium.

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Duncan carries Spurs to Game 1 win over Suns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan saved the San Antonio Spurs with his first 3-point shot of the season at the end of overtime, and Manu Ginobili hit a layup at the end of the second extra period to send the defending champions past the Phoenix Suns, 117-115 on Saturday in Game 1 of their first-round series.

San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan reacts after making a 3-point shot against the Phoenix Suns during the end of the first overtime in Game 1 of their Western Conference series in San Antonio, Saturday.

The third-seeded Spurs celebrated almost as jubilantly as they'd won the finals yet again after beating the sixth-seed Suns, their post-season nemesis. The teams will meet again in San Antonio on Tuesday night before the best-of-seven series shifts to Arizona.

This first-round series, which would be fitting as a Western Conference finals, was the most anticipated. So far at least, it has more than delivered.

Duncan finished with 40 points and 15 rebounds. "I guess they're not going to go easy," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Michael Finley sent the Spurs to overtime with a last-second 3 from

the wing, tying the game at 93. The Suns had controlled play for the first three quarters, leading by as many as 16 points despite early foul trouble for Shaquille O'Neal. The Suns had a six-point lead with a quarter left in regulation.

The Spurs took their first lead of the game late in the fourth quarter, but were down 93-90 with 1:10 to go after Leandro Barbosa's fast-break layup.

With 15 seconds on the clock, Finley tied it at 93 for the Spurs.

Two-time MVP Duncan stole the show in the first overtime. With his team down 104-101, Duncan found himself all alone at the 3-point line. After only a slight hesitation, he fired the ball and made it

with 3 seconds to play. It was Duncan's first 3 of the season. He was 0-of-4 previously.

"I didn't know what was going to happen, honestly," Duncan said. "Manu turned the corner. Shaq just totally leaves me and stayed with Manu."

In the second overtime, Shaq's dunked tie at 112 with 1:33 to play. Ginobili's layup made it 114-112 San Antonio.

Steve Nash missed a key 3 from the corner with less than a minute to play. After a long and risky inbound pass that crossed the width of the court to the Spurs' Brent Barry, the Suns fouled, and Barry sank one of two from the line to make it 115-112 Spurs.



Paul, Hornets outplay Mavericks

NEW ORLEANS — So much for playoff experience.

Chris Paul had 35 points and 10 assists in his first career playoff game Saturday night, lifting the New Orleans Hornets to a 104-92 come-from-behind victory over the Dallas Mavericks in Game 1 of their first-round series.

David West, in his first playoff game since he was a rookie reserve, scored 23 points, and Tyson Chandler had 10 points and 15 rebounds to help New Orleans storm back from a 12-point halftime deficit and win going away.

Dirk Nowitzki had his way with New Orleans early and finished with 31 points, but scored only four during Dallas' fourth-quarter collapse. Josh Howard, added to the roster in midseason, finished with 11 points and nine assists.

But the Mavericks had only nine field goals in the second half and no answer Paul, whose third year in the NBA has included a maiden All-Star game nod and serious consideration for league MVP.

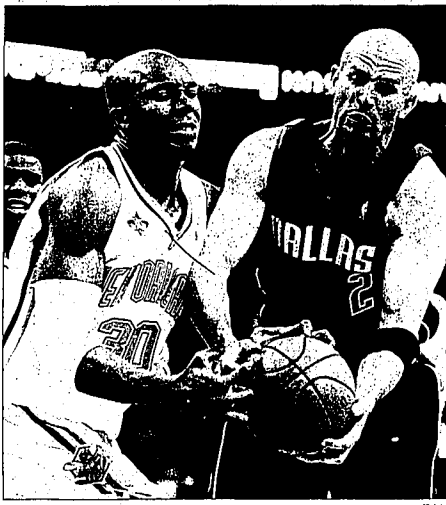
The Hornets also got 14 points from Peja Stojakovic, one of their few grizzled playoff vets, who hit a pair of 3-pointers in the final period to help squelch any notion of a Dallas comeback.

Dallas, which lost, stunningly, in the first round of last year's playoffs to eighth-seeded Golden State, won't go down without a struggle. With this game out of reach, the Mavs seemed to be already psyching themselves up for the next contest with physical play.

Nowitzki and West worked incessant double technicals after exchanging words, nose-to-nose, with West holding his hand up to the edge of Nowitzki's check.

New Orleans, a young team making its first playoff appearance in four years, looked like a tight group in the first half, missing open shots, free throws, even a layup. The Hornets were 9-of-27 shooting in the first quarter, when Dallas took a 26-19 lead behind 11 points from Nowitzki.

Hustling defense kept the Hornets from a single digit lead most of the first half, but Dallas, which missed its first nine 3-point attempts, went ahead 49-



New Orleans Hornets forward David West (30) and Dallas Mavericks guard Jason Kidd (2) reach for a loose ball in the first half of Game 1 of their Western Conference playoff series Saturday in New Orleans.

38 on Kidd's open 3 late in the second period. Howard added another in the final seconds, putting the Mavs ahead 52-10 at halftime.

CAVALIERS 93, WIZARDS 66 CLEVELAND — Determined to make the Wizards swallow their words, LeBron James scored 32 points and Cleveland won Game 1 of the third consecutive first-round playoff series the Eastern Conference rivals have played.

Called "overrated" by Washington's DeShawn Stevenson in the final weeks of the season, James scored 20 points in the second half to lead the defending Eastern Conference champions, who took a 1-0 lead in a best-of-seven series that is expected to last two to go.

James sat out the early part of the fourth quarter to rest a troublesome

back. But once he returned to the floor, the superstar forward came through.

With the score tied 84-84, James knifed his way down the lane and hit a layup between Antawn Jamison and Brendan Haywood with 4:37 remaining. Following a miss by Gilbert Arenas, James powered past Stevenson and dropped a floater with 55 seconds left in the game — and one tick to spare on the 24-second shot clock.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 22 points and 11 rebounds and Delonte West finished with 16 points for the Cavaliers. Arenas scored 24 points in 27 minutes before fouling out with 1:30 seconds to go. Jamison added 23 and Stevenson had three on 1-of-9 shooting for Washington, which has lost to Cleveland in the opening round of the past two seasons.

Game 2 is Monday night. — The Associated Press

Deja Boo? Weekley in line for another win

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Boo knows birdies, especially at Harbour Town Golf Links.

Defending champion Boo Weekley continued his amazing start at Pete Dye's magnificent masterpiece with a 65 on Saturday to take a three-stroke lead heading into the final round of the Verizon Heritage.

No one's taken to the tricky layout of tight fairways, smallish greens and galleries as quickly as Weekley, who posted his seventh round in the 60s since first teeing it up here last spring.

When Weekley came here, he said it felt like his old home course. Tanglewood Golf & Country Club in the Florida Panhandle. Ever since, he's played Harbour Town like a member.

"I've hit the ball pretty well, and I've kept it in a place I know I can score from," he said.

And boy did Weekley ever score.

He had a stretch of five straight birdies on the front nine that took him two shots behind to Tiger Woods. "I just got feeling solid over the ball. And I stayed within myself," he said. "This whole week I have."

Weekley was three ahead of Anthony Kim (67) and five of Aaron Baddeley (67), with Boo's 65 leading into the final round — trying to make up ground on Ochoa, who has won four of the five events she has entered this year. Ochoa's four victories have come by a combined 34 strokes. She opened with an 11-stroke win in Singapore, defended her Safeway International title with a seven-stroke romp, won the season's first major by five and won by 11 last week in Mexico.

Ochoa in front at Ginn

REUNION, Fla. — Everyone is chasing Lorena Ochoa — again.

Ochoa shot a 7-under 65 in the third round of the Ginn Open on Saturday to reach 16 under and take a one-shot lead over the world's No. 1 player.

The Mexican star is 18 holes away from her fourth victory in four weeks.

She started the round three shots behind Tseng and was four back after a bogey on No. 2. But the world's No. 1 player made three consecutive birdies beginning with the par-5 ninth and took the lead for good with a near-perfect approach shot on No. 11.

She gave Tseng and a few others a chance to close but just missing birdie



Boo Weekley lines up a putt during the third round of the Verizon Heritage golf tournament Saturday at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

puts on the next three holes. The 26-year-old Ochoa then closed out her round with birdies on 15 and 18, punching her right fist after each one hit the bottom of the cup. "I was excited to win my final three holes for a 68," Teresa Lu (69) was 11 under, one stroke ahead of Carin Koch (70) and Suzann Pettersen (72).

Those three and everyone else are in an all-ten-finger race heading into the final round — trying to make up ground on Ochoa, who has won four of the five events she has entered this year. Ochoa's four victories have come by a combined 34 strokes. She opened with an 11-stroke win in Singapore, defended her Safeway International title with a seven-stroke romp, won the season's first major by five and won by 11 last week in Mexico.

Wiebe has Outback lead

LUTZ, Fla. — Knee surgery hasn't slowed Mark Wiebe a bit.

Coming off a victory two weeks ago in the Cap Cana Open over the world's No. 1 Dominican Republic, Wiebe followed his opening 66 with a 65 to take a three-stroke lead in the Champions Tour's Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am.

Wiebe trailed 11 under to tie the event 36-hole record held by Bruce Fleisher (2000 and 2002). Defending champion Tom Watson (71) and Scott Hoch (67) were 8 under, and Tom Jenkins (66) and Mike Reid (68) followed at 6 under.

— The Associated Press

Boston Bruins stay alive, force Game 7

BOSTON — Marco Sturm kept Boston's hopes alive when he scored with 2:37 left and the Bruins overcame three deficits to beat the Capitals 5-4 Saturday night and force a seventh game in Montreal.

The Bruins, who lost all 20 previous best-of-seven series in which they trailed 3-1, will try to complete their bid to eliminate the top-seeded Capitals in Montreal on Monday night.

Sturm scored after rookie goalie Carey Price stopped his first shot but failed to control the rebound. Sturm collected it, skated across the crease from left to right, and a sprawling Price couldn't get to the other side in time.

So the Bruins still have a chance to win a playoff series for the first time in nine years and complete an improbable comeback after getting beaten in the first round in each period — Huet

Eastern Conference.

CAPITALS 3, FLYERS 2

WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals stayed alive Saturday by knocking the Philadelphia Flyers off stride early and holding onto the lead with another solid game from goaltender Cristobal Huet.

Nicklas Backstrom, Sergei Fedorov and Alexander Semin scored the goal one in each period — Huet

made 30 saves, and league MVP candidate Alex Ovechkin made up for another frustrating offensive effort by depositing Jim Dowd headfirst into the Philadelphia bench for the highlight hip-check of the game.

The Flyers still have a 3-2 lead in the series and will have another chance to clinch in Game 6 at home on Monday. — The Associated Press

Swept

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on McKeney Hillback's RBI single in the top of the first, but the Bruins responded with a trio of first-inning runs to go up 3-1 en route to winning by the run rule. CSI managed only four hits off Bruins pitcher Eric Percival, while the St. Louis offense was led by doubles from Joey Jensen, Dan Pappalardo and Teri Borch. Lisa Riches drove in three runs for the Bruins. Rocky Kroll's fourth-inning triple was the most effective CSI could muster in the sweep.

If CSI can sweep Colorado Northway at home this coming Friday and Saturday, the Golden Eagles will enter tournament play as the second seed and receive a first-round bye. In that scenario, CSI will open tournament play on Thursday, May 1, most likely against the winner of an earlier game

between third seed North Idaho and sixth-seed Colorado Northway. If the tournament seeds hold true, the Golden Eagles would face a rematch with the Bruins, and likely Palmer, in the tournament's semifinals.

"I think the three times we've faced Palmer, even though we haven't had a lot of success, we've gotten better against her," Baumert said.

Game 1	Game 2
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Wins Hill shines in ISU scrimmage

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and now we're coming home."

The Golden Eagles are back at Skip Walker Field on Friday and Saturday, hosting the College of Eastern Utah for the first game in SWAC series. Complete statistics were not made available to Walker or his staff Saturday afternoon.

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By Mark Liptak Correspondent

POCATELLO — There's an old saying in college sports that the best thing about freshmen is they have sophomoreitis. Idaho State quarterback Russell Hill is proving that adage to be true.

The sophomore had another great spring scrimmage as he led two passing drives to put the offense in a 55-play workout Saturday afternoon in Pocatello.

Edgar Logan, Hill went 3-for-4 on the drive. After a pair of backup quarter-

backs failed to move the offense, Hill returned to the game and promptly engineered a scoring drive. This one went 55 yards and ended with a 37-yard scoring strike to Isaiah Burel.

On the afternoon, Hill led the offense in a 55-play workout Saturday afternoon in Pocatello. Hill guided the offense on an opening 97-yard drive capped by a 40-yard touchdown run by receiver

Other notables on the day included running back Ben Laporta, who gained 68 yards and scored a touchdown. Burel caught four passes for 71 yards and threw a 30-yard pass.

Next Friday night, the Bengals conclude spring drills with their annual Spring Game at Holt Arena. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.



MLB ROUNDUP

Santana, Angels upsend Mariners

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ervin Santana allowed three runs over eight innings and retired 20 of his first 21 batters, leading the Los Angeles Angels to a 4-1 win over the Seattle Mariners Saturday night.

Santana (3-0) struck out eight and walked none, improving his all-time home record to 26-9. The only baserunner he allowed over the first 6 2-3 innings was Greg Norton, who doubled off the center field wall with one out in the first and was stranded at third.

Adrian Beltre homered with two out in the seventh, snapping a string of 16 consecutive Seattle outs. Wilkerson's bloop single in the eighth was the only other hit off Santana.

Scott Shields pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save of the season.

Jarrod Washburn (1-3) allowed two runs and hits and no walks over six innings.

RED SOX 5, RANGERS 3

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez hit a two-run homer after slumping slugging partner David Ortiz tied it with an RBI single in the sixth inning, lifting the Boston Red Sox to a 5-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday night.

Dustin Pedroia doubled off the Green Monster against left-hander Benoit and then hit an RBI single to start the rally, and Ortiz followed with a hard single that bounced off the glove of diving second baseman Ian Kinsler and into short right field. Ramirez then hit an 0-1 pitch over the Monster seats for his sixth of the season and 496th of his career.

BLUE JAYS 3, TIGERS 2

TORONTO — Alex Rios homered, Dustin McGowan won for the first time one out to start the rally, and Toronto beat Detroit, snapping a six-game home losing streak.

Toronto's previous home win was April 6, in the wrap-up of a three-game sweep of Boston.

ORIOLES 5, YANKEES 0

BALTIMORE — Brian Burres and Jim Johnson combined on a six-hitter and Baltimore handed New York its third straight shutout.

Burres gave up five hits and four walks with two strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings for the Orioles, and Johnson



Seattle Mariners shortstop Yunesky Betancourt ends up upside down trying to throw a ball allowing a single for Los Angeles Angels' Jeff Mathis, not shown, in the fourth inning in Anaheim, Calif., Saturday.

allowed the Yankees just one hit the rest of the way to pick up the first save of his career.

TWINS 3, INDIANS 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Justin Morneau hit a two-run homer for power-poor Minnesota, and Nick Blackburn made it stand up with 7 2-3 scoreless innings in a victory over Cleveland.

Blackburn (1-1) earned his first major league win, giving up eight hits without a walk. He ended four innings by inducing a double-play grounders, including two by David DeLuca.

ATHLETICS 6, ROYALS 5

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kurt Suzuki singled home Chris Denorfia with the go-ahead run in the seventh inning and Oakland knocked around Kansas City's bullpen for a second straight day.

Daric Barton went 3-for-5 with a single, double and triple to make up for a critical fielding error in the second inning while five other players had two hits apiece for the Athletics, who set a season high with 16 hits.

RAIS 5, WHITE SOX 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Andy Sonnanstine threw a three-hitter for his first career complete game and Tampa Bay beat Chicago.

single in the go-ahead run in the fifth. Aaron Cook pitched seven strong innings and Colorado won its four straight to climb over the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Cook (2-1) pitched seven solid innings, allowing two runs — one earned — and four hits with a walk and four strikeouts.

BREAVES 4, DODGERS 1

ATLANTA — Just hours after coming back from the minors, Chuck James allowed one in five innings and the Atlanta bullpen shut down the Dodgers the rest of the way, leading the Braves past Los Angeles for their third straight victory.

Mark Teixeira's two-run single highlighted a four-run fifth that accounted for all the Atlanta scoring and handed James (1-1) the win.

BREWERS 5, REDS 3

CINCINNATI — Bill Hall's two-run double in the 10th inning kept Milwaukee perfect in extra innings this season.

Hall's two-run homer led to a 5-2 win to the series opener. A day later, he sent a full-court pitch from David Weathers (0-2) into the gap in right-center to break a 3-3 tie and send the Reds to their seventh loss in eight games.

CUBS 13, PIRATES 1

CHICAGO — Jason Marquis pitched six solid innings for his first victory of the season. Derrek Lee and Daryle Ward homered and Chicago beat Pittsburgh for the eighth straight time.

The Cubs are 5-0 against Pittsburgh since then.

GIANTS 3, CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS — San Francisco's Tim Lincecum pitched seven sharp innings and beat St. Louis for the second time in a week.

Aaron Rowand hit a solo home run and an RBI single as the Giants ended a three-game losing streak.

MARLINS 6, NATIONALS 5

MIAMI — Wes Helms singled in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth and Florida snapped a two-game losing streak.

Helms' one-out grounder up the middle off reliever Saul Rivera (1-1) scored Dan Uggla from second.

— The Associated Press

Major League Baseball

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VanVliet

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Playing through pain

The story begins with a knee complaint at a 2005 summer football camp at Idaho State University. VanVliet, then a sophomore at Lighthouse Christian, tried to ignore the pain. He tried to soldier on through the entire season, but his knees began to squeak so loudly that it finally had to be addressed.

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Taking a gamble

VanVliet and his family were referred to a facility in



John VanVliet poses at midfield at the Lighthouse Athletic Complex where his play as a senior helped him earn a walk-on invitation with the Idaho State football team.

Boise that knew more about his type of injury. But even though he had to be healthy, but when your son knows what he wants to do, it's hard," said VanVliet's father, also named John. "Another option was to quit sports altogether, but in his world that wasn't an option."

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Assuming responsibility

No one needed to wake VanVliet up at 5 a.m., twice a week to go swimming — the

only real form of exercise he could get during the rehab period. He took the risk upon himself, as well as consistently attending therapy sessions after school.

His determination was no surprise to those who know him best. The only doubt was whether his knee would hold up.

"Just the way he rehabbed it, he did everything they asked me, and he didn't screw me. I knew he'd attack it well," Lions head football coach Nick Karavadas said. "But we need to stepped on the field we didn't know."

Lighthouse Christian opened the season with a mercy-rule win over

Mirraugh, marking VanVliet's return on a high note. In Karavadas' words, VanVliet "had a great game." More importantly, his knee couldn't just give out to VanVliet, but meant he was going to make it.

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It's clear he's earned the respect of his teammates, coaches and school. Just don't expect VanVliet to be resting on his laurels anytime soon.

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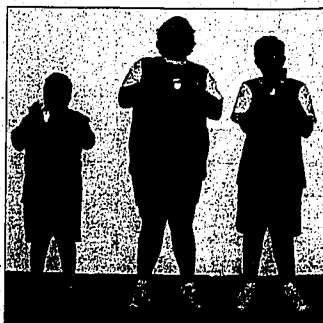
U12 boys champions

The Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club took title in the 2008 Performance Cup Soccer Tournament in Boise earlier this month. The Rapids U12 boys squad went undefeated and took first place in the Silver Division. The tournament featured more than 180 teams from Idaho, Utah, Montana, Nevada and Canada. The Rapids U12 girls took third in the Gold Division, while the U12 girls were second in the Silver Division and the U14 girls took third in the Silver Division. The U18 girls would go fourth in the Silver Division. On the boys side, the U9 squad placed fifth in the U10 Silver Division, while the U10 boys were second in the Division. The U13 boys took fourth in the Silver Division and the U15 boys took fourth in the Gold Division. Members of the U12 boys team, pictured, from left, front row: Michael Ruff, Sean Kent, David Geske and Tanner Rawson; back row: Roberto Garcia, Jose Vidaca, Taylor Haman, Alberto Vidaca, Josh Clark and Reid McKenzie.

Minico hosts regional hoops tourney

Staff report

Special Olympics Idaho held a regional basketball meet April 12 at East Minico Junior High School. The Rigby Wranglers, Adventure Center of Idaho Falls and the East Minico and PBS clubs from the Minico Spuds from Minidoka County took part. The Rigby Wranglers beat the Minico Spuds 30-21, while Adventure Center conquered Rigby in the last game, the Adventure Center bested the Spuds 44-14. Playing on the Spuds team for East Minico was Salvador Vasquez, Ana Dominguez, Steve Halverson and Maribel Dominguez. Vasquez placed first in his division for individual skills. Spuds sponsored by Progressive Behavior Systems of Rupert were Vadian Dougal, Matt Braden and Elias Evangelidis. Opening Ceremonies were put on by the East Minico Spuds. City Councilman Carlos Rounady welcomed the athletes to Rupert and the Spuds presented the colors and signed Coming to America. The athletes then participated in a torch relay on the outside track. The team is now training in track and field for the summer games.



From left, Salvador Vasquez, Ariel Houston and Natalie Bayer proudly display their ribbons from the skills test.

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GAMES: Verna Kodesch 212, Nancy Bright 190, Lynette Butler 163, Duane Davis 167.
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SERIES: Dick Mathison 613, Chuck Hicks 579, David Nunn 560, Brian Tadock 546.
GAMES: Dick Mathison 250, Chuck Hicks 209, David Nunn 205, Brian Tadock 205.

MAISON TROPHY
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LADIES GAMES: Lois Tomlinson 236, Joanne Hicks 210, Daria McCallister 199, Claudine Strickland 172.

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MEN'S SERIES: Zack Brock 641, Hye Alison 603, Paul Janger 587, Trevor Wall 561.
BOYS' GAMES: Zack Brock 243, Hye Alison 238, Trevor Wall 210, Kevin Williams 208.
GIRLS' SERIES: Steve Revere 562, Jessica Jenkins 538, Kiona Roberts 524, Alex Reeves 421.
GIRLS' GAMES: Steve Revere 234, Jessica Jenkins 194, Kiona Roberts 168, Alex Reeves 148.

BOWL-A-DOME, TWIN FALLS SUNN ROLLERS
MEN'S SERIES: Casey Magee 728, Rick Hoffenberg 637, Bob Leazer 620, Jeff Brown 608.
MEN'S GAMES: Casey Magee 268, Rick Hoffenberg 249, Bob Leazer 234, Neil Welsh 230.
LADIES SERIES: Leanna Magee 587, Nicole Trump 549, Elaine Hagar 539, Kim Leazer 532.
LADIES GAMES: Leanna Magee 225, Nicole Trump 220, Jan Sheppard 202, Kim Leazer 202.

MON, DBLS.
SERIES: Kevin Perron 482, Maureen Van Buren 471, Susan Breen 462, Mariene Westman 457.
GAMES: Susan Breen 209, Kevin Perron 188, Maureen Van Buren 187, Marcia Jerken 178.

MONDAY MAJORS
BOYS' SERIES: Anthony Vest 532, Tyler Black 532.
BOYS' GAMES: Anthony Vest 194, Tyler Black 194, Isaac Nowik 179, Joe Campbell 163.
GIRLS' SERIES: Danielle Allen 473, Ashlee Nowak 363, Tam Craig 356, Tanna Coates 327.
GIRLS' GAMES: Danielle Allen 187, Tanna Coates 187, Ashlee Nowak 146, Tanna Coates 122.

MON, FOLLIES
MEN'S SERIES: Rick Brock 642, Jan Hernandez 629, Tony Brien 620, Jack Morrow 616.
MEN'S GAMES: Juan Hernandez 256, Rick Brock 235, Mark Bironiann 233, Tony Brien 222.
LADIES SERIES: Georgia Randall 585, Kay Paschel 544, RaeNae Reeder 541, Ann Marshall 533.
LADIES GAMES: Georgia Randall 244, Kay Paschel 209, RaeNae Reeder 201, Ann Marshall 199.
SHARDON
LADIES SERIES: Dale Block 747, Kelly Jerome 606, Dale Ryne 600, Jan Kruse 582.
MEN'S GAMES: Dale Block 260, Darrell Reynolds 244, Dale Ryne 227, Kelly Jerome 215.
LADIES SERIES: Barbara Reynolds 576,

Julie Stull 558, Kelli Jerome 521, Diane Seaton 518.
LADIES SERIES: Stephanie White 214, Shannon Konrath 208, Barbara Reynolds 202, Julie Stull 201, Davis Siegel 201.
MID MORN, MIXED
MEN'S SERIES: Tom Smith 640, Diane Ross 631, Maury Miller 624, Jim DeLong 595.
MEN'S GAMES: Chelcie Eager 246, Ed Taylor 234, Elaine Ross 227, Tom Glass 224.
LADIES SERIES: Linda Cline 564, Gal Oederlund 540, Pat Glass 510, Bonnie Drake 483.
LADIES GAMES: Linda Cline 210, Gal Oederlund 199, Shirley Moser 193, Pat Glass 182.

TUES, A.M. TRIOS
SERIES: Louisa Stout 570, Ann Brewer 520, Stephanie 509, Jessie Biggerstaff 494, Charlene Anderson 494.
GAMES: Louisa Stout 223, Ann Brewer 202, Carol Clark 202, Barbara Norst 189.

C.S.I., FRI
MEN'S SERIES: Chris Ivin 593, Shawn Seeliger 584, Josh Haman 583, Clinton Rhoades 488.
MEN'S GAMES: Shawn Goshong 247, John Haman 197, Chris Ivin 291, Tony Kirk 186.
LADIES SERIES: Sarah Brackett 541, Katrina Sato 536, Tiffany Mackley 491, Beely Stonemetts 478.
LADIES GAMES: Katrina Sato 235, Sarah Brackett 223, Beely Stonemetts 220, Tiffany Mackley 166.

LATEGAMES
SERIES: Jessie Biggerstaff 585, Charm Petersen 565, Kerri Rodrigue 552, Susan Kopper 537.
GAMES: Jessie Biggerstaff 220, Wisly Rodrigue 225, Mona Neill 210, Charm Petersen 197.

CONSOLIDATED
SERIES: Bob Leazer 727, Kirk Hedges 706, Tony Everts 695, Neil Welsh 686.
GAMES: Bob Leazer 276, Mairy Miller 269, Tony Everts 262, Neil Welsh 266.
M.W. SENIORS
MEN'S SERIES: Myron Schroeder 581, Ed Dury 568, Eddie Chappell 553, Ken Holm 546.
MEN'S GAMES: Ken Holm 224, Myron Schroeder 222, Bob Chaffert 217, Cy Bales 215.
LADIES SERIES: Sandy Schroeder 493, Shirley Kunschman 468, Linda Cline 467, Jan McGuire 450.

SUNSET
SERIES: Wisty Rodrigue 666, Mary Cooke 600, Leanna Magee 597, Kim Leazer 576.
GAMES: Wisty Rodrigue 226, Leanna Magee 246, Mary Cooke 227, Kim Leazer 213, Michelle Baumgartn 211.

C.S.I., FRIDAY
MEN'S SERIES: Mike Mager 769, Chris Brier 766, Patrick Huns 629, Rob Bakstoen 553.
MEN'S GAMES: Chris Brier 280, Hye Alison 266, Patrick Huns 264, Rob Bakstoen 246.
LADIES SERIES: Halle Beamers 618, Angie Hegman 466, Ana Lopez 429, Lindsay Wiggins 404.
MOOSE
SERIES: Rob Maxwell 732, Bob Leazer 703, Tim Smith 686, Cobey Magee 683.
GAMES: Rob Maxwell 272, Mike Schabe 268, Rob Maxwell 264, Kevin Coggin 256.

MOONSHINERS
SERIES: Betty Chambers 578, Jackie Boyd 516, Samara Arthur 508, Deanna Hill 494.
GAMES: Betty Chambers 220, Samara Arthur 193, Jackie Boyd 193, Michelle Koepnick 177.
GIANTS II
BOYS' SERIES: Joe Campbell 507, Dylan Nixon 502, Gordon Canary 345.
BOYS' GAMES: Joe Campbell 219, Dylan Nixon 247, Gordon Canary 134.
GIRLS' SERIES: Kelly Jo Jones 440, Beyonce Justinian 360, Miranda Curtis 354, Chyanne Uyer 342.
GIRLS' GAMES: Kati Jo Moses 169, Chyanne Justinian 134, Miranda Curtis 130, Chyanne Uyer 120.
LIJ, GIANTS II
BOYS' SERIES: Michael Trelby 390,

Bradren Lowe 300, Simon Halseil 256, Jacob Hildebril 199.
BOYS' GAMES: Michael Telley 151, Bradren Lowe 109, Simon Halseil 103, Jacob Hildebril 76.
GIRLS' SERIES: Eyse Holtek 387, Samantha Beverly 295, Alicia Beverly 292, Mohira Aspeyita 272.
GIRLS' GAMES: Eyse Holtek 148, Samantha Beverly 116, Alicia Beverly 113, Mohira Aspeyita 108.
SNAKE RIVER BOWL, BURLEY PINHEADS
SERIES: Andrew Morgan 561, Fred Fowler 497, Quentin Roberts 397, Abina Bloom 365, Dominique Powers 360, Channey Kropp 340.
GAMES: Fred Fowler 188, Andrew Morgan 193, Quentin Roberts 194, Abina Bloom 139, Channey Kropp 128, Channey Powers 126.
TUES, TEENS
SERIES: Jared Sluder 551, Andrew Morgan 512, Brody Albertson 492, Caitlin Schaller 383, Jessica Hodge 320, Sara Schaller 301.
GAMES: Jared Sluder 214, Brody Albertson 191, Andrew Morgan 189, Caitlin Schaller 132, Jessica Hodge 114, Sara Schaller 80.

TUES, NITE KIDS
SERIES: Kiana Heib 159, Docketah Heib 129.
GAMES: Kiana Heib 159, Docketah Heib 129.

MEN'S CLASSIC TRIOS (4 GAME SERIES)
SERIES: Bob Bywater 933, George Sanders 928, Brad Holm 904, Delbert Bennett 865.
GAMES: Bob Bywater 279, Brad Holm 258, Bob Bywater 254, Brad Holm 248.

TUES, MIXED
SERIES: Shon Bywater 726, Jordan Parke 706, Tiffany Hager 622, Stacy Heib 536, Theresa Knowlton 486.
GAMES: Shon Bywater 279, Jordan Parke 279, Tiffany Hager 255, Kerstin Johnson 190, Stacy Heib 189.

WED, MIXED
SERIES: Tyson Hesch 659, Galan Rogers 628, Matt Duver 586, Annette Hirsch 243, Ben Haber 443, Gayle Erickson 380, Neel Welsh 364.
GAMES: Galan Rogers 249, Tyson Hesch 243, Ben Haber 217, Annette Hirsch 222, Ben Haber 181, Tom Huns 168.

MAJOR
SERIES: Rick Heib 776, Bob Bywater 731, Steve Stude 727, Bryan Hager 710.
GAMES: Bryan Hager 280, Bob Bywater 278, Rick Heib 267, Steve Stude 265.

LADIES CLASSIC TRIOS (4 GAME SERIES)
SERIES: Tiffany Hager 608, Dawn Leitch 507, Jewel Taylor 331, Jevet Taylor 209, Denise Hildebrandt 183, Chance Leslie 177.
ODDBALL
SERIES: Anna Sluder 933, Stephanie Hol 526, Deanna Mechem 516, Camille Marshall 491.
GAMES: Anna Sluder 206, Debe Ingram 202, Camille Marshall 186, Lynn Despain 173.

MONDAY MAJORALES
SERIES: Lon Pansh 525, Brenda Schenk 500, Dery Smith 491, Alice Ferrer 427, James Dineen 402, Dery Smith 378, Kristie Johnston 177, Dery Smith 170.
RAILROADERS
SERIES: Lisa Hach 569, Debe Fessen 471, Lisa Hach 470, Lisa Hach 470.
GAMES: Lisa Hach 202, Dery Smith 198, Debe Fessen 182, Wivan Poulton 178.
THURS, MORN, DBLS
SERIES: Dery Smith 529, Dery Smith 507, Jamie Stude 486, Dery Fassenet 476.
GAMES: Dery Smith 202, Dery Smith 185, Barbara Caney 170, Dery Fassenet 163.

MARTIAL ARTS



March's Little Tiger

Julie Reaney, left, was named the Pil Sung Martial Arts Little Tiger of the Month for March. Pictured with Reaney is Lisa Farnsworth, head instructor of Little Tiger program.



March's top student

Brendle Bethke was named Pil Sung Martial Arts Student of the Month for March. Pictured with Bethke is head instructor Master Bill Fulcher.

GOLF

Clear Lake Ladies hold tourney

The Clear Lake Ladies held their Spring Tournament on April 17. First Flight gross winners were Linda Femen with an 80, Oleta Inbrerts with an 81 and Larie Hush with an 83. Net winners were Dusti VanWinkle with a 65, Chris Kolash with a 67 and Louise Smith with a 73. Second Flight winners were Wanda Campbell with a 101, Georgia Cantrell with a 103 and June Smutney and Billi Mason, who tied at 109. Lisa Covens was the net winner with a 67, while Billi Honsbrouck, Ginger Rogers and Chris Olson tied with a 74. The Clear Lake ladies will host their Best Ball Invitational on May 15. The entry fee is \$70 per couple and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and door prizes. There will be a 9:30 a.m. shut-gun start.

Muni ladies hold scramble

The Twin Falls Muni Ladies Golf Association played a scramble on April 3. The winning team with a score of 64 was DUSTIE BECKER, JULIE CANTRELL and Joan Tugue. Second place went to Virginia Underhill, Charlotte Brunell, JoAnne Musto-Anderson and Helen Brown with a 69. The Muni Ladies held a two-day best ball on April 17. The team of Irma Jean Mingo and Rose Schoon shot a net 58 for first place. Underhill and Patty Lee took second with a 59. Third went to Barbara Short and Kathy McClure with a 60, while Becker and Tugue tied for fourth place with Linda Rockne and Carole Kassel with 61.

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FLIGHT FRUSTRATION

Coping with air travel: Pack light, know your options — and maybe go by train

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In recent weeks, thousands of air passengers have been stranded by airline bankruptcies and flight cancellations. And there may be more disruptions ahead as older jets continue to be scrutinized for safety and the economy bubbles with trouble.

So what's a traveler to do as the busy summer travel season draws near? Pack light, know your options, consider buying travel insurance — and maybe even take the train instead.

"Flight delays, schedule changes, canceled flights, bankruptcies and mishandled baggage are pushing flyers' frustration to an all-time high," Michelle Doucette, content manager at IgoUgo.com, said in a press release declaring that "the summer of '08 just might be the summer of the train."

The travel Web site on Monday posted ideas for train travel at igougo.com including scenic rail trips and visiting cities with landmark train stations like Philadelphia's 30th Street Station.

If the train is not an option, here are some strategies for coping with the hassles of air travel the weeks ahead:

- Limit luggage to one carry-on bag, advises Susan Foster of SmartPacking.com. That way, your "rebooking options are completely open," she said. If you must check luggage, do it until you are positive that your flight is flying and reasonably on time.

- Do your homework. "Make clear notes about other flights operated by different airlines that meet your needs," said Foster. "Program airline phone numbers into your cell phone so you can immediately call to rebook yourself. If you wait for the airline to do this for you, you wait for your seat."

- With details on other flights in hand, you can then ask, "For example, 'There's a Delta flight at 4:10 that will get me to my destination, can I get on it?'" said Amy Ziff,

editor at large for Travelocity.

Staying informed also helps you juggle options. Last week, when American Airlines grounded 300 MD-80 planes for maintenance, Brett Snyder recommended that passengers find out what type of plane they had tickets for, and "start looking for connections that aren't on MD-80s." Snyder, who blogs about air travel at CrankyFlyer.com, also urged passengers to "bring a lot of patience with you to the airport.... Being nice can only help you."

- Consider buying trip insurance, which typically runs 4 to 8 percent of the cost of your trip. If your trip is disrupted by flight delays or cancellations, travel insurance should cover new tickets, hotel stays and incidentals. Some policies may also provide refunds if your plans change and you stay home. And insurance agents can help you rebook if you're stranded.

The day before Joyce Wehmeier of Pekin, Ill., was supposed to fly home from a two-week vacation in Hawaii, she learned that her airline, ATA, had gone out of business. She and her traveling companion had insurance with AIG Travel Guard and called the company.

"Miraculously this lady came back on and said, 'I found two seats tomorrow,'" Wehmeier said. "We needed to go back to work, so we were just thrilled."

AIG Travel Guard reported more than a 100 percent increase in calls coming in during the week of the airline bankruptcies, according to spokeswoman Erin McKeon.

Many airlines, cruise lines and travel Web sites offer insurance as an easy one-click add-on when you book trips online. Other sources for trip insurance include members of the U.S. Travel Insurance Association and InsureMyTrip.com.

- If you do get stranded, seek out discounts, refunds and vouchers.

- If your airline has discontinued service, "call your credit card company to see if the charge can be removed," said Anne Banas of



Aliza Diaz, left, with her daughter Riza, 11, at Los Angeles International Airport, discover that the American Airlines flight containing their luggage has been canceled April 10.



Passengers wait in line at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago April 9.

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— Michelle Doucette, content manager at IgoUgo.com

SmartTravel.com. "It won't get you rebooked on another flight, but at least it'll help you get your money back."

Also, "look to see what assistance other airlines are offering," Banas added. "For example, when ATA recently closed its doors, Delta and US Airways offered stranded passengers \$100 standby fares, JetBlue offered \$50 fares to Skybus passengers."

Airlines with delayed or canceled flights are not required to book you on other carriers. If they do put you on another airline, "the vast majority of passengers — those on restricted discounted tickets — will be



This undated photo released by Amtrak shows one of their trains traveling through the western portion of the United States.

forced to pay any price difference in the tickets," Banas said. But, she added, "it is possible that gate agents will make exceptions, so it never hurts to ask."

Banas also advises travelers to "know your rights." The "Contract of Carriage," usually found on airline Web sites

and also known as "Rule 240," states that if a cancellation is "due to a problem within the airline's control, the airline will rebook you on the next available flight," or refund the unused ticket.

Airlines will often provide vouchers for meals, hotel and ground transportation for

delays of more than four hours, Banas added.

- Finally, if your airline is in crisis, "take advantage of the relaxed cancellation and change policies and cancel or reschedule your trip," said Travelocity's Ziff. "If your trip is not a mission-critical, it is best to postpone it."

Denver has more than enough variety to fill your next trip

By Roger Peterson
Associated Press writer

The next time you're thinking of an urban getaway, turn on your computer and see what the Internet can tell you about Denver. It's a lot more than just a place to pass through on your way to a ski resort in the Rockies.

For a little cultural variety against the mountain backdrop, there's an exhibition on Impressionist art at the Denver Art Museum — denverartmuseum.org — scheduled through May 25. For works more closely connected to the region, click on "Explore Art" to get acquainted with the museum's collections on American Indian, pre-Columbian, Spanish Colonial and Western American art.

The museum is part of Denver's Civic Center Cultural Complex, close to the state Capitol — millehighcity.com/capitol — and the state provides information on tours of the "dome" edifice — tinyurl.com/r7aks — plus photo tours for a preview.

Northwest of the cultural complex, between Coors Field and the Pepsi Center, there's an area called LoDo — for the Lower Downtown historic district, an area of restaurants, shops and businesses. Slide your cursor over "About LoDo" to open the menu of sections on tours (walking and virtual), a map and directions, events and "LoDo 411" with galleries of attractions, churches, shops and restaurants.

LoDo isn't the whole thing. Downtown Denver —

How far?

Denver is about 10 hours by car from Twin Falls. Take I-84 east to Ogden, Utah, then get on I-80 toward Cheyenne, Wyo. In Cheyenne, head south on I-25, which will take you into Denver.

tinyurl.com/4927eg — is your guide for shopping and entertainment in other parts of the area. There's even a "Kids' Stuff" section, in case you're taking the whole family, with links to the Denver Zoo, Downtown Aquarium, Children's Museum and even the Firefighters Museum. For other fun, "Sports Schedules" has links to the local teams.

Try some of the great outdoors that Denver residents enjoy in and around the city.

Go to the Denver visitors bureau — denver.org — click on "What To Do" and type "parks" into the search box. There are links to the Buffalo Field Nature Preserve and the Butterfly Pavilion, the nearby Cave of the Winds, the Garden of the Gods, cliff dwellings and gardens, and amusement parks. Some are a bit of a trek outside the city limits, like Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, about 90 miles away. That search also gets you a link to the Colorado State Parks system.

Of course, you don't have to run around outside. That "What To Do" page also has links to still more shopping and more arts and culture. Try "Like A Local" for restaurant and hiking trail tips, and "Day Trips" for places you can go in your car. And no

matter where you are in this Web site, there are links at the top of the page for finding places to stay, dine and relax at night.

Get another view of the area's attractions from Denver.com — denver.com/ — without having to use a search command.

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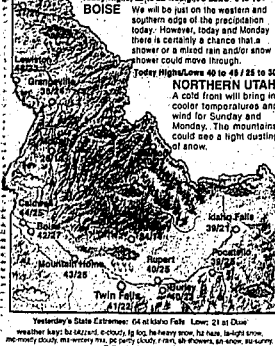
Today: Mixed rain and/or snow showers and quite chilly...
Tonight: Mixed showers switching to snow. Lows, lower 20s...
Tomorrow: More chilly weather and sping mixed showers.

BOISE / WUPPERT FORECAST

Today: More clouds than precipitation. Highs near 40...
Tonight: A chilly night, perhaps a little light snow. Lows, 20s...
Tomorrow: Passing mixed rain and/or snow showers.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A major spring storm system will bring in more snow between now and early Monday.



Yesterday's State Average: 64 at Idaho Falls. Lows: 21 at Due...

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and high/low temperatures.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Sunset. Lists times for various days of the week.

MOON PHASES

Table with 2 columns: Moon Phase, Date. Shows phases like Full Moon, New Moon, etc.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: U.V. Index, Description. Shows index levels like Low, Moderate, High.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

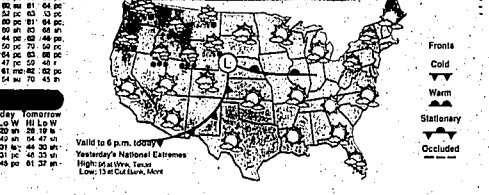
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various national cities.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Be the most of today. Translate your good intentions into actual...

Germany, castle by castle
By Scott Vogel, The Washington Post

Q: I plan to take my 14-year-old grandson to Germany in June for a tour of medieval castles and fortresses...
A: When it comes to the relative merits of German castles, there seems to be little agreement...

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Application materials are available at the District Office.

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FOOD PROCESSING
Food processing company in Jerome has several openings for:
General Laborers on Day and Swing shifts. Must be able to work in various departments.

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CNA - Long Term Care (FT, PRN)
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LPN-Med/Surg (FT)
Marketing/Community Relations Coordinator (FT)
Monitor Clerk (FT)
OR Scrub Tech. (PRN)
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213 Professional
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 HR PROFESSIONAL We are looking for a self starter with positive attitude for a management opportunity in our company. This person will handle general HR functions for maintaining high staffing levels with an emphasis on scheduling and contingent work force. Must be comfortable working in a fast paced environment and be adaptable to change. Previous management and recruiting experience is required. Customer service or sales experience a plus. This position requires exceptional organization skills, professionalism and confidentiality. Great opportunity for growth within the company. Salary \$18,000 per hour depending on experience plus benefits. Please fax resume to 208-735-5171

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Last chance today: Introduce us to a special Magic Valley mother

Perhaps you know a particularly inspiring mother. Or one who overcame tremendous obstacles as she nurtured her children. Or one who spread her arms, opened her heart and mothered families other than her own.

If so, please tell us about her today. On Mother's Day next month, we want to devote the Family Life section front to an extraordinary southern

Idaho mother. But we need you to introduce us to her.

By e-mail, you can nominate a mother who lives in Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka or Twin Falls county. Tell us why her story would be inspiring to our readers.

Also include: Your full name; how you're connected with the mother you're nominating; contact information

for both you and her; and the towns where each of you live. Please make sure all your information is correct, including name spellings.

Email your nomination: Send it to virginia.hutchins@lee.net with "Mother" in the subject line.

The deadline: We must receive your nomination today.

In our Mother's Day story, we may quote from any nomination we receive.

Parents, children at odds in defining Mr. or Mrs. Right

By Shankar Vedantam
The Washington Post

From "Romeo and Juliet" to "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," literature, art and movies have long found inspiration in the conflicts between parents and their offspring over whom the young people should marry. Just in time for spring weddings, scientists decided to put what has become an entertainment cliché to an empirical test. Do young people and their parents really disagree about the qualities of a suitable mate?

In a study involving Dutch, American and Kurdish students, psychologists in the Netherlands found that the cliché is, in fact, true. Young Americans told the researchers that qualities they would find unappealing in a potential mate included low intelligence and physical unattractiveness. But they said their parents would object to a mate who was of a different ethnicity, was poor or lacked a good family background.

The responses of Dutch and Kurdish students were similar in that young people invariably considered the potential mate's attractiveness the most important quality, whereas parents uniformly paid more attention to the suitors' social background or group affiliation — race, religious background and social class.

Shakespeare — and Hollywood can duke it out about whether the young people or their parents are right — "Romeo and Juliet" sided with the young people, whereas a number of recent books and movies have essentially taken the view that Mom knows best — but the interesting question from a scientific perspective is why this conflict occurs at all. Abraham P. Buunk, Justin H. Park and Shelli L. Duths at the University of Groningen, who recently published their findings in the Review of General Psychology, said parents and offspring clash because their genetic self-interests, while overlapping, are not identical.

The reason young people care so much about intellectual and physical attractive-

"When it comes to mating, the key is that the kinds of mates who score high on 'good genes' traits" — such as attractiveness, sense of humor — "tend to score low on 'good parent' traits, and vice versa."
— Justin H. Park, a social psychologist who studies relationships

ness, the scientists suggested, is that these characteristics are markers of genetic fitness. By contrast, they said, parents care about group affiliation because parents are primarily interested in whether an incoming member of the family is likely to make a good parent — and a good all-around team player.

When a potential mate has both sets of qualities, parents and young people are likely to agree on the appropriateness of a match. But often, the researchers said, the qualities don't go hand in hand: The tall, dark and handsome guy might make the bride weep but turn out to have a roving eye, whereas the bald and bespectacled fellow might never be a GQ model but could make a great dad and caregiver.

"When it comes to mating, the key is that the kinds of mates who score high on 'good genes' traits" — such as attractiveness, sense of humor — "tend to score low on 'good parent' traits, and vice versa," said Park, a social psychologist who studies relationships.

The process by which parents and offspring reach their different conclusions is not a conscious one. Young people don't explicitly check with their genes about what to do;

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3 TIMES THE BOND



Staff photo by GREGORY SMITH

ABOVE: Crystal Olson hugs her 6-year-old son, Ethan Lewis, during a recent visit at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center. Olson is pregnant with triplets and has been on bed rest at the hospital for the past five weeks.

RIGHT: While holding the hand of her husband, Marcus, Crystal Olson grimaces as she receives a shot from a hospital staff member.



Baby, baby, baby

Times-News reporter Melissa Davlin is following the Olson family of Twin Falls through the birth of the triplets and the first few months of their lives. Watch for upcoming stories on Sundays in Family Life.

wait, but know the injection is inevitable. Crystal takes these complications in stride. While the triplets were a surprise, Crystal always knew she'd have twins. She and Marcus even picked out a second name when they learned they were expecting. But early in her pregnancy she got a feeling a third one was hiding in there.

"I started having this dream about the ultrasound before I had it," she says. "I dreamed the lady told me triplets." After waking, she told Marcus they needed to pick a third name. Just in case.

At her 20-week ultrasound, a surprised young technician left the room to fetch a colleague who could verify her conclusion: triplets. The jolt made Crystal sick to her stomach.

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T.F. woman's life slows while waiting for triplets

By Melissa Davlin
Staff writer

Ask Crystal Olson about the ceiling tiles in her hospital room, the "ratty" food selection or the daytime television lineup. She can tell you all about them.

Crystal has been bedridden for five weeks while waiting to deliver identical triplet girls at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center.

For most of the day, the Twin Falls woman is confined to her bed, where she has access to a computer and cable television. Besides that, she has only pictures of her family, a window view of a drab office building and a shelf full of chips and Kraft Easy Mac to look at.

It's not the most exciting life, and it's taking its toll on Crystal's morale. "I take a lot of naps," she says.

Each week builds up to Wednesday afternoon, when Crystal's children, Emily and Ethan Lewis, and husband, Marcus Olson, trek from

Inspired to help?

Donations can be made to the Olson Triplet Fund at any Washington Mutual branch.



Follow the family

Crystal Olson is now 32 weeks along, and her babies will be here any day. Read about Marcus and Crystal Olson's experiences — in their own words — on the "Baby-Baby-Baby Blog" at magicalvalley.com/blogs/familylife. To ask the couple questions or send them messages, post comments on the blog.

Crystal Olson is helped off her bed by Marcus Olson, who brings their children from Twin Falls to the Boise hospital on Wednesdays and visits her on weekends.

The Opinion-Gap in Choosing a Mate

Young adults from different countries were asked to rate the qualities in a potential mate they would consider unacceptable, and the ones their parents would find unacceptable.

10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

100% Most unacceptable to me 100% Equally unacceptable to both 100% Most unacceptable to my parents

American students Avg. Age: 21

Bad smell
Lacks sense of humor
Lacks social personality
Physically unattractive
Commonly shares love than sex
Bad smell
Had many previous sexual partners
Different ethnic background
Different religious beliefs
Divorced
Poor
Bad family background

Kurdish students Avg. Age: 23

Bad smell
Lacks sense of humor
Intelligent
Physically unat
Low education
Different ethnic background
Lower social class than self
Bad family background
Divorced

Dutch students Avg. Age: 22

Lacks exciting personality
Physically unattractive
Lacks sense of humor
Bad smell
Intelligent
Had many previous sexual partners
Different ethnic background
Divorced
Bad family background
Different religious beliefs
Poor

SOURCE: Review of General Psychology
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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center

530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; lounge and pool rooms; bargain center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Barbécue ribs
Tuesday: Ham and beans
Wednesday: Birthday dinner, roast pork
Thursday: Beef stroganoff
Friday: Spaghetti

ACTIVITIES:
Today: Dance, 2 to 9 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Monday bingo
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure, 10 a.m. to noon
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Music by Hoak Foot clinic
Elks Card Club, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise class, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Lunch bingo
Saturday: Super bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60. Sunday buffet: 1 p.m.; \$4.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60; \$3.50, under 12. Center hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

MENUS:
Monday: Beef noodle soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese
Wednesday: Creamed chicken over rice
Thursday: Beef stew
Friday: Pork roast dinner, 1 p.m.
Haak's Dand
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bus runs for lunch pickup, call 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Baked ham
Wednesday: Spicy Joe
Thursday: Birthday lunch, fried chicken

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Bingo, 12:45 a.m. \$2
Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m.
Blood pressure
Bingo, 1 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Lunch and full-service salad bar, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; take-out, home delivery. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Spanish rice
Wednesday: Chicken patty
Friday: Roast beef

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Nu-2-U Thrift Store open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
AA meeting, 8 p.m.
Al-Anon meeting, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; every one over 18 welcome
Wednesday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday: AA meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday: Nu-2-U open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:50 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Hot dogs and sauerkraut
Wednesday: Philly steak
Thursday: Birthday lunch.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays, Hours, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Center's 27th Birthday Party, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Afternoon movie
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge and duplicate bridge, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2, under 12. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free high-speed Internet.

MENUS:
Monday: Ham
Wednesday: Fish
Friday: Potato bar

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E., Jerome. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Meatloaf
Tuesday: Chicken a la king
Wednesday: Roast turkey
Thursday: Barbécue meatballs
Friday: Birthday dinner, hush brown casserole

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.
Last Resort Band Community for the Blind, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.; early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 12:30 p.m.

Dick and John Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Magic Valley Singers Square Dance Club, 7 p.m.
Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Health fair at recreation center

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas
Thursday: Chicken cordon bleu
Wednesday: Bake day
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

MENUS:
Monday: Meatballs and gravy
Thursday: Turkey noodle soup

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5.50, under 60. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Friday: Roast pork

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Wednesday: Black Out Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo
Saturday: Jackpot trip to see Roy Clark

Camas County Senior Center

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield.

Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$4, under 60; \$2, under 10. Quilting, pool, table games, puzzles, TV, videos. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Stew
Wednesday: Sweet-and-sour
Friday: Liver and onions
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENUS:
Tuesday: Soup and salad or potato bar
Wednesday: Meatloaf
Friday: Turkey dinner

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Dinner at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.
Zenogy class, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Yoga, 5:30 p.m.
Win on Wednesday
Thursday: Table tennis, 9 a.m.
Lunch at Kneadery, 11 a.m.
Zenogy class, 11 a.m.
Saturday: Red Hat trip to Carmelita Winery, 10 a.m.

Carey Senior Center

Main Street. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, non-seniors.

MENUS:
Thursday: Turkey dinner

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, non-seniors; \$3, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Roast pork
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Birthday lunch
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Chicken, fish or roast pork

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.

Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walking, 9 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Walking, 9 a.m.
SHBA and Medicare assistance, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; call George Schwandman at 436-9107 or Kitty Andrews at 677-4872 for appointments
Friday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Center hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Beefy macaroni
Tuesday: Fish burger
Wednesday: Roast beef
Thursday: Chili burger
Friday: Salisbury steak

ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Tax help by appointment
Tuesday: Pool
Wood carving, 8:30 a.m.
Radio show, 9:06 a.m.
Exercise
Wednesday: Pool
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Exercise
Thursday: Pool
Exercise
Movie, 3:30 a.m.
Community pinochle, 6 p.m.
Woodcarving, 6 p.m.
Friday: Pool
Exercise
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenn Ferry. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3, seniors; \$5, under 60; \$2.50, under 12. For rides: 366-2051. Center hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MENUS:
Monday: Fish fillet
Tuesday: Chicken patty
Thursday: Roast beef sandwich

ACTIVITIES:
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Cardo, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Today's active grandparents should go easy at the playground, and stay fit

By Sheila Mulrooney Eldred For The Associated Press

When my 2-year-old son asked my 66-year-old mother to get down a slide with him at the playground last fall, I swear I did not hear the request. What I heard was a scream, followed by my mother's voice asking Wes to get help.

"Diagnosing a broken ankle, requiring surgery, four days in the hospital and three months of recovery."

As Americans live longer and stay healthier into their 60s and beyond, grandparents are under more pressure to keep up with the new kids in their lives. Even before we left the park for the hospital that day, my mom made her No. 1 concern clear: How would she play with her three grandchildren if she couldn't walk?

The oldest members of the Baby Boom generation are moving into their 60s, and many are grandparents themselves: others rely on their own aging parents to help with child care.

"Like my mom, many of today's grandparents are already in good shape when their first grandkids are born. Many more find that they need to be in order to carry those babies and play up with the toddlers in their lives."

Injuries are common, but often preventable.

Maintaining a high level of fitness helps, said Dr. Robert Schoene, a professor at the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine who has studied the effects of aging on exercise — and has regularly seen injured grandparents.

"People feel that once they get to a certain age they can't keep up any more," he says. "But barring disease, people at almost any age should be able to do aerobic and strength training."



Pat Eldred, 66, participates in a water aerobics exercise class March 27 at the YWCA in St. Paul, Minn. She attends the class to speed recovery and regain her strength after breaking her ankle playing with her grandson last year.

Sonja Herrmann, a 67-year-old grandmother to 3-year-old Patrick, was put to the test when she spent last summer with her daughter's family in Bend, Ore., and nannied full time.

"I lost weight," she said, "which is not hard to do running after a 2-year-old."

"At the beginning of the summer, when she realized the stamina that would be required, she started a walking regimen, pushing Patrick in a jogging stroller up a hill to view an osprey nest."

"By the time I got to the top the first time, I was panting," she said. "I thought, if I don't make a heart attack, I'm going to make it up here every day."

By the end of the summer, she was walking up the hill easily, she had dropped a dress size and her back no longer hurt when she bent over.

When she returned home to Fayetteville, N.C., a stress test showed that her walking had helped — especially good news since heart attacks and strokes run in her family.

"I feel twice as young when I'm with Patrick as I do when I'm sitting at home watching my 'soop' opera," she said. "Being around young people gives me more energy."

Herrmann's sensible worldview is exactly the sort of training Schoene recommends.

"I tell people to set long-term goals," he said. "Make them modest goals if you've been sedentary. Start easy, and build. Look six months ahead."

Even those who are already in shape need to be smart around playgrounds — "great places to get hurt," according to Schoene. He recommends some simple strengthening exercises to build stability and make falls less likely: Shoulder and hip injuries are common as people age, and can lead to permanent disability.

"The more stable one is and the more basic strength one has, the less likely one is to have loss of balance," Schoene said.

Also, it's important to tem-

per your competitive instincts — a lesson 64-year-old Roger Johnson of St. Paul, Minn., learned from his grandsons last summer.

Alex, then 7, asked his

These at-home preventive exercises can give you more stability at the playground. Do them with a spouse or in a gym when possible; it's easier to keep up the routine if you do it with others.

Half Squats: Bend legs at knees and hips, lower torso until upper legs are parallel to the ground, then return to standing. Add resistance by holding phone books or tomato cans.

Benefit: flexes Achilles tendon, strengthens calves and

speedy grandfather to chase him on a jungle gym.

"I can still run faster than they can, but they are far more nimble," Johnson said. "So I said, 'It is not fun for me to chase you on the apparatus because I can never catch you.'"

"Alex said, 'But Grampy, that's not the point. Grampy is supposed to chase their

rear, requires balance, and develops trunk muscles including obliques, abdominals and lower back."

Lateral Arm Raises: Stand with feet slightly apart, arms at your sides, palms facing in. Raise arms to head level, hold, and lower. Add resistance with cans of vegetables.

Benefit: Strengthens shoulder girdle, trunk, quad, rear.

Source: Dr. Robert Schoene, professor at the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine.

grandkids so that they can have fun."

"Fitness can also help speed recovery. My mother rehabbed her ankle and added water aerobics to her fitness routine, which also involved stationary biking and walking — stretching and weight training. She expects that list will soon include chasing grandchildren again."

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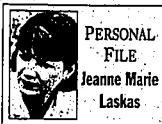
The wheels (of the bus) go round

My sister threw me under the bus shortly after Barack Obama was accused of throwing his grandmother under the bus in his speech in which he did not throw his former pastor, Jeremiah Wright, under the bus. And then I threw my husband under the bus. This was not long after an MSNBC reporter got thrown under the bus for a comment about Hillary Clinton "pimping" Chelsea, and Roger Clemens threw his wife under the bus when he said she had used human growth hormone. Bloggers and pundits inevitably started questioning the "under the bus" construction, rightly proclaiming us all sick of it, while many of us continue to be thrown, or to throw.

Is this a bad thing? I'm trying to remember if I had ever used the phrase before it lodged so suddenly and so firmly in the public's communal frontal lobe. I don't think I had, but the precise action it describes is important and not one that I am willing to, well, throw under the bus. It is, not at least in my usage, the same as betrayal. Not at all. It is more specific and collaborative than that.

My sister: She had to break the news to her 9-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, that the family would not be renting the same beloved beach house this summer, but instead would take a different one around the corner. No big deal. I told Claire: Just say it casually and talk up the new house. Claire: No, better. The beach house, which her family and mine have shared for one week for many summers, represents tradition, and the coolness factor cannot be denied: a creek, a Victorian house, crazy tile rooms, hidaways, staircases, gardens, carvings on the trees and even a pool in the backyard. It is a fantasy house rich with memories and friendly ghosts and a destination to build a year on.

Elizabeth did not take the



PERSONAL FILE
Jeanne Marie Laskas

sobs well — she sobbed and nobbed uncontrollably, wailing melodramatically: "Why?"

"Oh, you should have blamed it on me," I said to Claire when she reported this. "Why didn't you just throw me under the bus?"

"I did!" she said. "It was the only thing I could think of. I just said you messed up." "It did not. The complex clerical error that resulted in the loss of the house had nothing to do with me." "Well ... good," I said. When done right, getting thrown under the bus feels ... good. It's a sign of trust, of true connection between two people. It's a way of knowing that your relationship with someone is solid enough to withstand the utterly misplaced crust of blame.

Spouses should go ahead and regularly throw each other under the bus, especially when dealing with in-laws ("She never told me you wanted us to come to Sunday dinner") and credit card companies complaining of late payments ("He put the wrong postage on the envelope. You'd think he'd know what a stinkin' stamp costs!") and, of course, teenagers asking for stuff you don't know how to deal with ("Your mother says you are not allowed to hang out with the girl with pierced nipples"). It's a sign of teamwork, of togetherness and, for heaven's sake, one of the reasons to be married.

My husband? I forgot, just completely forgot, to return the neighbor's weed whacker as promised last fall, and it sat in our garage, under a leaky roof, and I didn't notice the rust until the neighbor came over recently to ask for the weed whacker back.

"Oh, my husband said he

would bring that over to you!" I said, thinking maybe he did say that, maybe he didn't, and realizing that, no, of course he didn't. My guilt somewhat assuaged by saying face, I offered to buy a new weed whacker, which the neighbor accepted, and we shook our heads at how absent-minded husbands can be. "Heh, heh," I said. "Oh, it's crazy running around keeping track of everything for him." (It is not. In fact, the reverse is alleged to be the case.)

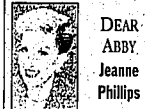
When I told my husband I threw him under the bus for the rusted weed whacker, he said, "Good job." And he was right. A happy spouse knows that reducing the everyday stresses of the world is honorable work. Politicians and pundits need to stop throwing one another under the bus if only because they are getting sloppy with the definition and will soon rob the rest of us of a perfectly functioning relational tool. You throw people you love under the bus, and you do it to make yourself seem vaguely more acceptable to others, all the while knowing that your loved one would likewise throw you: You are each other's shield.

Barack Obama did not throw his grandmother under the bus when he made the point that she, a white woman, expressed a fear of African American males. He made an observation about race in America that we don't like looking at: We are all mixed up. That's a statement with at least a century's worth of nuance to consider.

There is no room for nuance when you are throwing someone under a bus. My sister threw me under the bus. I threw my husband under the bus. Nothing fancy, nothing subtle, a basic inconvenience of being loved. Let's just all be thankful that another bus is due to come by in a few minutes.

Jeanne Marie Laskas writes her column for The Washington Post.

Wife married to a cheater finds right ring for divorce



DEAR ABBY:
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old woman with two daughters, ages 20 and 23. I married my high school sweetheart, "Cooper." I had heard rumors that Cooper had strayed from time to time, but had no evidence to back it up, and, of course, he denied it.

I went by my husband's office one day to surprise him, and his new secretary informed me that Cooper had just taken his wife to lunch at a local bistro! I went right over there and found them whispering, kissing and feeding each other. I did not make a scene. When Cooper arrived home that evening, I confronted him. He tried to deny it, I pulled him a bar out of his pants (a first). He moved out that night, and I filed for divorce.

I pawned my wedding band and engagement ring. The clerk asked "If I was going to buy a divorce ring, I had never heard of one. I searched online, found a nice one, ordered it and wear it proudly."

Cooper and his parents are livid! They say I am poking fun at him and accuse me of "promoting divorce." My friends and oldest daughter think it's cool. Some of my divorced friends have ordered rings, too. The ring is different in design, beautiful, makes me feel good and shows my independence. Should I feel guilty for wearing an identity ring like this?

— **DIVORCING AND LOVING IT IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR DIVORCING AND LOVING IT: No, you should not. The nice time Cooper and his parents accuse you of "promoting divorce," remind them that it was Cooper who promoted divorce by openly cheating

on you. If the ring brings you pleasure — and comfort — then enjoy it.

I'd never, please be aware that many people will not understand its significance — and if you wear it on the third finger of your left hand, they may think you are still married and unavailable.

DEAR ABBY: I need your help. I am happily married — and if you wear it on the third finger of your left hand, they may think you are still married and unavailable.

I have thought about leaving my job, but I am very successful here. Walking away would be a bad career move for me.

— **UNSURE IN SYRACUSE**

The time has come to have a truth session — with yourself. If you are attracted to your co-worker to the point that it is "distraacting," could you be sending him signals that you are available?

If that's the case, it might be better for your marriage — and your career — to explore openings elsewhere. If it's not, then please understand that marriage is not a prophylactic against becoming attracted to others. However, responsible adults don't take the bait, and that should include you. Nothing in life is free, and this could cost you your future.

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Eco-yarns from the kitchen

By Kathy Blumenstock
The Washington Post

Shawls made from soy, cable-knit socks knitted from crab shells, gloves crafted of corn, a baby hat in bamboo, a creamy-soft scarf from real milk.

The ingredients sound more at home in the grocery store than on a knitting needles, but these are the makings of a new crop of yarns with fanciful names such as Twice, Matzy, Creamy and Cornstarch. They build on a knitting trend toward novelty — but with sustainable materials rather than the petroleum-based synthetics used in the flutery "eyeflash" yarns of a few years ago.

"Knitters like natural fibers, but until recently that meant only silk, wool, linen or cotton, and cotton takes a lot of pesticides and fertilizers to grow," said Ellen Lewis, owner of the Crazy for Eve stores in southern Maryland. "But in these new yarns, we're seeing how anything that contains protein can be isolated and made into fiber."

Lewis prides a sock yarn called Tofuties, which contains chitin, the byproduct of crab and shrimp shells. (Seafood-averse crafters and curious cats need not worry: The product is so thoroughly processed, there's not even a whiff of fishy feel or scent, and chitin makes up only a small percentage of the yarn.)

Susan Moraca, of KollageYarns.com, said she began selling her first corn yarn three years ago, and was surprised by its durability. "It was machine-washable and -dryable, and I saw a good market for that. It's continued to grow in popularity," Moraca, based in Birmingham, Ala., offers numerous bamboo-, corn- and milk-based yarns on her Web site. She brought samples of a milk-cotton combination called Creamy to the



JAM ODE/Washington Post
Yarns made from crab shells, corn, soy and milk? Yes, and they are eco-smart, and in such good taste.



THOM HULL/Washington Post
Chitin from crab shells can keep your toes warm. Sustainable materials are replacing synthetics in some yarns.

trade show "Stitches East" in Baltimore last fall. "It flew out of the booth in half a day," she said.

The alternative yarns are not priced for bargain hunters: a 465-yard skein of Tofuties, enough to knit an adult-size pair of socks, is priced at \$16; and 200 yards of Kollage's Creamy, enough for a lacy scarf, is \$19, toward the high end of the price spectrum. But for knitters, the real yarn experience is tactile, not economic. "If you touch it, you'll buy it," Moraca said.

Small and mid-size yarn distributors are currently the prime sources for offbeat yarns. "It's a lot of work to bring them in, and I think the big (companies) are letting

the other places see where this is going," Moraca said.

But Liz Slaw of Lion Brand Yarns, a 130-year-old New York company that offers a range of affordably priced wools, cottons and acrylics, said Lion Brand is "always watching to see what people are interested in. Right now we have two organic cotton yarns, including an undyed fisherman wool. And we're seeing a lot of interest in organic yarns for babies."

Even mainstream knitting publications are contending to alternative fibers and the go-green trend: Vogue Knitting magazine's first green issue arrived on March 25, and its hip younger sibling Knit 1 rolled out its second annual green edition on April 15.

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Time-starved parents turn to coaches, consultants

By Annys Shin
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Maria Zimmitt didn't set out to become, in her words, the potty lady.

The Georgetown psychologist fell into the role of toilet-training coach. She mastered potty training while working with children in an early-intervention program in the District of Columbia in the late 1990s. About five years ago, she shared her techniques with a few groups of mothers. Word of Zimmitt's skills soon lit up local Internet discussion groups.

Now eager parents line up to pay her \$250 for a consultation, with topics like quelling a toilet rebellion and pointers on how to avoid one.

"Sometimes a parent will say, 'How about I pay you \$5,000 and you potty train for me,'" Zimmitt said. "They're halfway joking."

Zimmitt is part of a niche service sector that has appeal among busy, anxious and often well-heeled parents who want help with some of the most important and intimate child-rearing duties. Many simply want to carve out more time to spend with their children. For them, paying a personal shopper \$30 to spend an afternoon tracking down a coveted tutu for a 2-year-old is money well spent. For other parents, the baby-services sector is a lifeline that can rescue them from sleepless nights or protect their children from getting hurt at home.

The prices for baby-specific services run the gamut: \$15 for an hour with a lactation consultant, several hundred more for childproofing gear and someone to install it, \$4,000 for five nights with a sleep trainer — all before a baby's first birthday. In all, the government estimates, middle-income households spend an average of \$10,600 for a child's first year.

Diana Ostergard of Ashburn, Va., spent several thousand dollars on a coach to help teach her 18-month-old son who had severe acid reflux to sleep more than two hours at a time. "It was worth every dollar," she said. "I would pay double."

The appetite for baby-related services, which can be found in many big cities, sees today's parents apart from previous generations, according to historians and sociologists. Hiring someone to help with toilet training or to teach parents how to perform infant massage "is something new," said Arlie Russell Hochschild, a sociologist at the University of California at Berkeley and the author of "The Commercialization of Intimate Life."

Hochschild and others who study modern family life tick off a host of reasons why this shift has come about: luxury services trickling down to those who aren't mega-wealthy, the rise of households with two working par-



Teta Collier's clients hire her to shop for children's items, which requires her to do research, she says.

Beyond bottles and diapers

- Potty training coach: \$250 for initial consultation and \$175 per follow-up visit
- Sleep trainer: \$250 to \$500 per consultation
- Meal preparation services: \$30 for a four-person meal
- Personal shopper: \$30 for a single item, \$15 per additional item
- Lactation consultant: \$85 per hour for in-person visit
- Night nurse: \$20 to \$30 per hour
- Nanny tax accountant: \$475 to \$800 annually
- Educational consultant: \$1,500 to \$3,000 for help choosing schools, completing applications, arranging testing and other services
- Professional home baby-proofer: \$50 to \$150 per consultation plus \$500 per 1,000 square feet for products and installation.



Teta Collier, left, a personal shopper, consults with Alexandria, Va., boutique co-owner Paula Hoetzel.

which they are willing to hire help.

Take childproofing. When such companies began popping up in the Washington area in the early 1990s, they were considered something of a luxury. But with children 1 to 4 having the second-highest rate of unintentional injury-related death — after infants — and high-profile recalls stoking fears about the safety of items like cribs and rubber ducks, professional childproofing is seen by some as a necessity.

An initial consultation can cost \$50 to \$100. That doesn't include installation and products, which quickly add up: \$30 to \$100 for a baby gate, \$3 for a cabinet lock, \$12 for an anti-lip kit to stabilize dressers and wardrobes. In 2006, Americans spent \$235 million on child-safety gear, according to the International Association for Child Safety, an industry trade group.

Some local childproofers are booked as much as several months out. Nida Saavedra, owner of Children's Safety Care in Gaithersburg, Md., said many clients hire her each time they move or have a child.

The pressures of work and time — and the need for their own sleep, to function at work — weighed heavily on Alex Perdikis, an auto sales executive, and his wife, Dresden Koons, an administrator and teacher at a Washington-area private school. Soon after the Potomac, Md., couple brought their second child home from the hospital nine months ago, they called Sozy Giordano, a sleep consultant in Carrollton, Va. Giordano's assignment: get their infant daughter on a regular feeding and sleeping schedule.

Giordano and her sleep trainers were a regular presence in the Perdikis-Koons home for eight weeks. The bill was at least several thousand dollars.

"It's a big investment, but it was well worth it," Perdikis said. "When you've got a 2-year-old and newborn and we're both full-time working parents, getting your sleep is important."

Stopping up with your baby "used to be a rite of passage," said Barbara Kline, president of White House Nannies in Bethesda, Md. "Now you outsource it." Her company places night nurses at a cost of about \$100 for 24 hours.

Other service providers in demand are doula's, who assist women during labor or in the immediate weeks afterward, and lactation consultants. Nationwide, the membership of DONA International, an association for birth and postpartum doulas, has more than doubled, to 5,200, in the past decade, according to the group. Similar figures are harder to come by for specialized child-care workers such as night nurses.

"Tea Collier is a personal shopper who works exclusively with parents of young children. For parents who don't have the time or inclination to sift through product reviews or hone up on the latest trends of textiles, she charges flat or hourly fees, depending on the amount of time involved, to run down things like double diaper bags, breast pumps, strollers and tooth-fairy pillows."

"Everything requires research. You try lots of stuff and discover it doesn't work. So you've wasted your money. I do the research, and I find it," she said.

Collier spent a recent Friday morning up to her neck in tutu at a children's boutique in Alexandria, Va., on behalf of a client who, between traveling for work and planning her 2-year-old daughter's birthday party, hadn't had time to pick up one last gift for her little girl. So she paid Collier a \$10 fee and gave her a budget of \$50 to find something special. Collier emerged from the store with a pink tutu and a wand with a flower on one end.

Afterward, her client sent her an e-mail, saying the tutu and wand were a big hit. "You can't go wrong with a tutu and a wand," Collier said. "What girl doesn't like a stick to wave?"

Bathing doesn't cause ear infection

By Beth Whitehouse Newday

Question: My grandson gets frequent ear infections, resulting in fluid in his ears. He is constantly on antibiotics. My daughter-in-law gives him a bath and washes his hair every night. I am convinced that when she rinses his hair, the water is entering his ears and causing his frequent ear problems. Am I right?

Answer: No. As a mom whose son also had frequent ear infections, I know how much you want to pin down the cause and eliminate it from your grandson's life, hoping that will then eliminate the infections and his suffering as well.

But the "fluid" that is in his ears has nothing to do with water coming from the outside, said Dr. Mark Shikowitz, vice chairman of the ear, nose and throat department for New York's North Shore University Hospital and a member of the Jewish Medical Center. "It's not because he's getting a bath every day," he said.

A quick ear anatomy lesson, courtesy of Shikowitz: The ear has three parts, the external ear canal, the middle ear, and the inner ear. The infections occur in the middle ear.

The external ear canal can get water in it, and that often happens when bathing or swimming. The external ear canal, plus the external ear canal from the middle ear, preventing water from passing into the middle ear. "You can shoot water in your ear and it's not going to get into the middle ear," Shikowitz said.

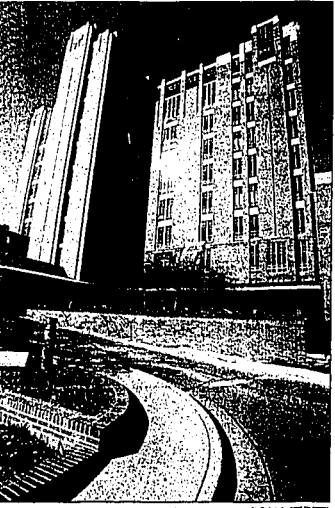
The reason fluid builds up in the middle ear is that the middle ear naturally produces fluid. Normally, it drips down the eustachian tube, which connects the middle ear to the area behind the nose, and you swallow it, never even realizing that your body is producing it.

But the eustachian tube is nearly horizontal when we're born, and it becomes more vertical as we grow. Also, the muscles that open and close the tube don't work as well until you get older. So, for many young children, the fluid that the ear naturally produces gets stuck in the warm, dark, middle ear. "It's like a hot tub," Shikowitz said. "Would you want to leave a hot tub? Neither do the germs and bacteria."

Antibiotics treat the germs, but if the fluid stays, it can get reinfected. The good news: "It is a condition that many children will outgrow because the eustachian tube will work better," Shikowitz said.

If children have long-term problems, they can have what are called myringotomy tubes surgically put into their eardrums so air can enter and keep the middle ear dry, Shikowitz said.

In that case, the eardrum has been purposely punctured by a doctor. Then your daughter-in-law would have to be careful when washing your grandson's hair, because water would then have an opening to pass through into the middle ear, Shikowitz said. An ear, nose and throat doctor could explain that option to you, too. If your daughter-in-law is deemed necessary for your grandson,



Expecting triplets, Crystal Olson is on bed rest at St. Luke's Boise Medical Center. Besides bathroom breaks, she is allowed only a daily 20-minute trip around the hospital in a wheelchair, and a daily 20-minute whirlpool bath.

Baby

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and almost knocked Marcus out of his seat. "And no wonder. Depending on which source is consulted, the odds of conceiving identical triplets without fertility aids are between one in 2 million and one in 200 million births. Because the pregnancy is so rare and risky, physicians at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center sent Crystal to Boise, where doctors are better prepared to deal with multiples, because the fetuses share one placenta. Crystal can't deliver them naturally. By the time one girl emerged, the other two would be stuck and would suffocate.

"The C-section doesn't scare me," Crystal says. "It's the preparation that scares me." She's especially nervous about the epidural. But because of the two-hour drive between Twin Falls and Boise, Marcus may not be able to monitor her during the procedure. There's no guarantee of winning before the C-section. If Crystal's blood pressure gets too high or the fetuses appear distressed, doctors can have the babies

out of her belly within 30 minutes, Crystal says — good for her and the girls but bad for Marcus, who doesn't want to miss his children being born.

Contractions and anxiety are the last things on her mind while she waits for her children to arrive. The family's separation is the hardest part of her confinement, but now the two-hour hospital visits are the closest thing to family time Crystal has.

The kids aren't happy about it, either: Ethan, 6, aced up and Emily, 5, doesn't want to go to preschool anymore. Crystal says they talk to the phone a few times a day, allowing Emily and Ethan to share the details of their day that their mother missed.

"They tell me what they did at school, what they ate, that kind of stuff," Crystal says. The calls can't make up for the absent kisses and hugs, though, and Crystal grows more anxious while waiting for her family to arrive on this Wednesday. The television is tuned to ABC, but Crystal makes frequent calls to Marcus' cell phone.

When the kids finally walk through the door, they gently tuck their mother. She com-

forts them while exchanging important information about parent-teacher conferences and school with Marcus, Emily and Ethan compete with each other for their mother's attention and babble about new clothes and bubble gum. They plan a spin around the hospital in the wheelchair — Marcus finally it's over for today, but no one knows what complications tomorrow might bring.

It's all worth it to Crystal so her unborn daughters arrive healthy and on time. — I just want to get them home," she says.

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Raocla and Calvin Crane



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Lindsay Williams and Randy Munns were married April 18 at the Rexburg LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Rob and Susan Williams of Jerome. The groom is the son of Russ and Linda Munns of Archer.

Receptions were held at The White House in Twin Falls and Archer Church in Archer.

The bride is a graduate of Jerome High School and will graduate from Brigham Young University-Idaho with a major in communications. The groom is a graduate of



Lindsay and Randy Munns

Madison High School and will graduate from BYU-I with a major in engineering. The couple resides in Rexburg.

ENGAGEMENTS

MISKIN-HUNT

Kyle and Joyce Miskin of Smithfield, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaanel Miskin, to Brent Jordan Hunt, son of Duane and Margaret Hunt of Paul.

Miskin is a 2006 graduate of Sky View High School and attends Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, studying communications disorders.

Hunt is a 2003 graduate of Minico High School and served in the Mexico Guadalajara South Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He attends BYU, studying information systems. The wedding is planned for



Brent Hunt and Jaanel Miskin Friday, April 25, at the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will follow from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Smithfield 21st Ward building, 345 E. 300 S. in Smithfield. A second reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Emerson 2nd Ward building, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul. The couple will reside in Provo.

CULVER-LOOSLI

Duane and Sue Loosli of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their son, Brent Loosli, to Marissa Culver, daughter of Scott and Donnicale Culver of Sequim, Wash.

Culver will graduate in May from Northwest Nazarene University with a bachelor's degree. Loosli is a graduate of NNU and works at Forrester Design in Boise.

The wedding is planned for



Marissa Culver and Brent Loosli May in Sequim. A reception will follow.

HEATON-STEWART

Jim and Joan Heaton of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Janna Heaton, to Benjamin Stewart, son of Greg and Sherrie Stewart of Hagerman.

Heaton is a graduate of Buhl High School and works at Johnny Carlo's in Boise. Stewart is a graduate of Hagerman High School and works at City Corp in Boise. The wedding is planned for



Janna Heaton and Benjamin Stewart Saturday, April 26, in Buhl. A reception will follow.

NEWTON-FORD

Greg and Sally Newton of Beaverton, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Claire Ann Newton, to David Allen Ford, son of Gordon and Elaine Ford of Jerome.

Newton is a graduate of Southridge High School in Beaverton. She attended Arizona State University and is a student at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She has studied kinesiology and math and is now a public relations major. She works in the math department at the university.

Ford is a graduate of Jerome High School and attends BYU, where he is a Spanish major with a business minor and plans to obtain a master's degree in



international business. He works in the administration department of the BYU library. He served in the Mexico City East Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The wedding is planned for Friday, May 16, at the Portland LDS Temple. A reception will be held Saturday, June 7, at the LDS Church at E. 100 S. in Jerome.

Q and A: Wedding fashion

The Washington Post

Excerpts from a recent Washington Post online reader chat with Suzanne D'Amato, deputy editor for The Post's Sunday Source, and Janet Bennett Kelly, washingtonpost.com fashion and beauty editor. In this chat: Dressing for special occasions.

Q: I'm in a wedding this month. I'm wearing a pink/coral dress, silver shoes and a silverer watch. What kind of purse should I wear? I have a silver clutch, but that seems like a lot of silver.

A (Kelly): It doesn't sound like overkill to me, but if you'd like to mix it up some, try to find a clutch in a deeper shade of coral than

your dress.

Q: My sister-in-law is getting married in a big-to-do this November. It's a daytime wedding but it's in Spain, so the party could last all night. Any tips on where to find a stylish but classic dress? I would like to wear some color.

A (D'Amato): I'd go for something with some high-design details and yes, color. If you want something not too bare, I like DVF's Knowno wrap dress, and her Tollar style has those flamenco-esque ruffles at the hem, which feel festive and oh-so-Spanish. Both are trend-proof choices. If you want something waistless, Veveer's dress is a high-style choice, and — veveer.com — Randall's metallic dress

looks almost seasonless.

I'd steer clear of anything pastel or floral-print; not glamorous enough for a wedding in Spain, and not appropriate for November.

Q: Coming up in May I'm going to try to lose weight, even if the wedding followed about two weeks later by a "black-tie optional" nighttime banquet, again for work. I'm hoping to buy a dress that will do double-duty for both.

A (D'Amato): I'd look for something in a polished cotton or lightweight silk, with a design that feels more sweet than sexy. A pretty print could be great, but you'll probably get more mileage out of a solid color such as plum or navy — more summery than black,

less memorable than scarlet polka-dot. Gap sleeves could be good, but if you're strapless I'd choose something with substantial straps that bears absolutely no resemblance to a beach dress. And no excessive cleavage please.

Q: I bought a really cute white and brown, graphic floral print silk shift. It's above the knee and fitted. I'd like to wear it as a daytime dress for showers and a wedding later this summer, but am stumped for shoes. What color? Help! Etc.

A (D'Amato): I'd suggest a strappy bronze leather heel. Maybe a non-spike kitten heel if you'll be attending an outdoor wedding? You don't want to compromise someone's lawn with your silhouettes.

Growing number of globally aware kids looking for ways to give

By Philip Rucker
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In lieu of presents at her 12th birthday party this year, Maddie Freed asked her friends to bring money, raising \$500 for Children's Hospital here.

Jenny Hoekman, 8, saves a third of what she makes walking dogs, and recently donated it to help her suburban Hispanic troop sponsor an immigrant family.

And in Club Penguin, a popular online game hub for the elementary school set, more than 2.5 million kids gave their virtual earnings to charities in a contest this month. In response, the site's founders are giving \$1 million to charities based on the children's preferences.

Children and teens nationwide are getting involved in philanthropy more than ever, according to research and nonprofit experts, who credit new technologies with the rise of the trend. As young people increasingly become exposed to and connected with the problems of the world via news and the Internet, experts said, parents are finding new ways to instill in their children the value of giving.

At the same time, technology is democratizing philanthropy so giving is not only easier for people of all ages and means, but also trendier. And children are starting to organize at the grass-roots level.

"We've globalized technology, we've globalized commerce, but we haven't globalized compassion," said Craig Kielburger, founder of Free The Children, a nonprofit network of kids helping kids. "But we're seeing a generation of kids, ages 10 to 15, who are aware of global

problems, and they're really searching to help."

"The next step is to help kids move from that awareness to action."

At Club Penguin, children's penguins have virtual jobs, earn virtual coins and can buy things for their virtual igloo homes. The site held a 10-day "Coins for Change" campaign, ending on Valentine's Day, in which 2.5 million users donated in some cases as many as 1,500 coins — enough to furnish an igloo — to charities. In turn, the site, owned by Walt Disney Co., divided 1 million real dollars among the charities: the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the World Wildlife Fund and Free The Children.

Lane Merrifield, the site's co-founder, said teaching kids about philanthropy is "part of our responsibility."

"We don't live in a world that is just about playing games or going to work and earning coins and buying stuff. There's also giving here."

The past holiday season, thousands of parents gave their kids "give cards," sold through philanthropy sites such as GlobalGiving.com. Like gift certificates, the cards enable people to go to an online marketplace and find a charity to support.

Also popular among youth are "embedded" gifts: items such as T-shirts, scarves or cellphones that have a charitable donation built into the price. For example, the (Products) R&D campaign at such retail outlets as GAP and Apple,

spearheaded by U2 lead singer Bono, raises money to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Some groups make youth philanthropy a primary mission. Neo Global Citizens, a national nonprofit group based in San Francisco, mobilizes high school students to tackle such global issues as poverty, child labor and disease by raising money for several projects. "Now they could have friends on Facebook who are in the middle of these things," co-founder Nicole Sanchez said. "They're hearing stories firsthand about the Darfur genocide or about the mudslides in Indonesia. Most young people's immediate reaction is, 'What can I do to help?' and 'What do you need from me?'"

Philanthropy once conjured up images of "very wealthy people in ball gowns at the opera," Sanchez said. "What we're trying to do is demonstrate that anybody can be a philanthropist and have an impact."

And the scale of giving by children now is "mind-boggling," said Lynn Bernholz, founder and president of Blueprint Research and Design, a leading consulting firm for nonprofit organizations. "It used to be the pennies we raised through UNICEF boxes, and now you're talking about 15- and 17-year-old children who are savvy enough and committed enough to raise tens of thousands of dollars and sending it halfway around the world," Bernholz said.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Shooter Shade Smith, son of Shad Smith and Stephanie Jafek of Burley, was born March 24, 2008.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center

Vicente Jeronimo Garcia, son of Jessica and Jose Francisco Garcia of Twin Falls, was born March 24, 2008.

Amora Louise Rubalcava, daughter of Sarah Louise Rubalcava of Jerome, was born March 24, 2008.

Jason Callin Blake, son of Cammie Ann and William Patrick Blake of Kimberly, was born April 2, 2008.

Lynkann Marth Ansley Tattersall, daughter of Melissa and Jacob Tattersall of Kimberly, was born April 7, 2008.

Hayden Tom Callen, son of Kendra and Tom Callen of Twin Falls, was born April 7, 2008.

Murcy Jo Gregory, daughter of Lori and Edward Gregory of Twin Falls, was born April 8, 2008.

Rio Jay Curtis, son of Arna Deane and Patrick Jack Curtis of Gooding, was born April 8, 2008.

Jessica LeeAnn Heck, daughter of Richelle Nicole and Benjamin Lee Heck of Hansen, was born April 8, 2008.

Nara Joline Ryan, daughter of Andrea Cline and Robert Glenn Ryan of Jerome, was born April 8, 2008.

Akasia Fajta Rojas, daughter of Anesthaya Fajta Munn and Carlos Verdugo Rojas-Morales of Gooding, was born April 9, 2008.

Tiana Kell Perez-Mason, daughter of Kelsi-Jason and Rodrigo Marco A. Perez Correa of Gooding, was born April 9, 2008.

Stuni Breyden Bunderson, son of Codi Lin and Stuni Jon Bunderson of Gooding, was born April 9, 2008.

Nayeli Louise Noriega, daughter of Jenny Louise and Jaime Noriega of Twin Falls, was born April 10, 2008.

Tatem Jane Service, daughter of Natalie Kay and Jan Nicholas Service of Twin Falls, was born April 10, 2008.

Allissa Marie Webb, daughter of Tiffany Dee and Christopher Vera Webb of Twin Falls, was born April 10, 2008.

Andrew James K. Jund, son of Sarah Bess and Ryan James Jund of Twin Falls, was born April 11, 2008.

Ashley Mae Lynne Walker, daughter of Banelle Lynne Ficus of Twin Falls, was

born April 11, 2008.

Jorge Gomez Ruellas, son of Philip Ruellas and Jorge Gomez of Jerome, was born April 11, 2008.

Elery Quinn Cindt, daughter of Amanda Rachel and Joshua C. Kenneth Lind of Twin Falls, was born April 11, 2008.

Bebechak Lee Lynn McAlexander, daughter of Jessi Love and Rusty Leechay McAlexander of Twin Falls, was born April 11, 2008.

Kamron Edward Smith, son of Tabatha Lo and Dean Edward Smith Jr. of Twin Falls, was born April 11, 2008.

Helena Anne Spivak, daughter of Kelly Anne and Edmund Thomas Spivak III of New Hartford, N.Y., was born April 11, 2008.

Breann Scott Graves, son of Handi Maltee Scholl of Twin Falls, was born April 12, 2008.

Odds

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rather, their genes predispose them to find certain characteristics appealing, just as genes predispose parents to find their children's genes more appealing.

While acknowledging the role of biology in shaping human behavior, historian Stephanie Coontz argues that the researchers did not draw a clear enough distinction between love and marriage: It would be a mistake to think that institutions of marriage has primarily been about either love or reproduction.

Until very recently, Coontz contends, children and parents were rarely in conflict about whom to marry — they both agreed that marriage was not about love, but about social and economic ties.

As recently as four decades ago, most American men said they wanted wives who would be good housekeepers. Most American women said they wanted husbands who were "industrious." In contrast to such expectations, U.S. men and women today invariably say they want partners who are intelligent

and attractive.

Nearly everyone in the West — and growing numbers of young people elsewhere in the world — believes in the ideal of marrying for love, an idea that would have seemed ludicrous and dangerous a century ago, said Coontz, author of "Marriage, a History: How Love Conquered Marriage." Coontz traces the change in attitudes about marriage to the fact that growing economic self-reliance has made it less likely that people need to marry for money.

Weekly deadline

The Times-News welcomes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements and photos. (That is, anniversaries of 50 years or more.) To submit an announcement, e-mail it to ramona@magivalley.com. The photo needs to be sent in jpeg format as an attachment. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday for publication the following Sunday. If you miss that deadline, your news might not be published in advance of the event. With questions, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

Your time to rhyme

Get inspired by these books

By Marjoul Toussaint
The Washington Post

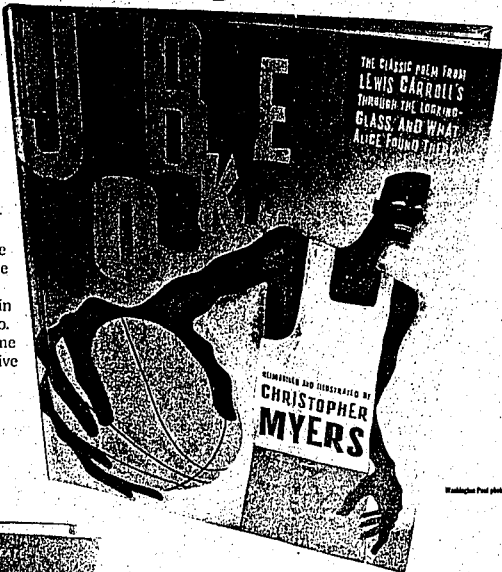
Generations of readers have puzzled over the meaning of Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky," considered by many to be the greatest nonsense poem in the English language. Now comes author-illustrator Christopher Myers with his own interpretation.

Carroll's words are as mystifying as ever — "the vorpal blade went snicker-snack," to give one example — but Myers' drawings are vividly clear.

Myers re-imagines the 1871 poem in today terms: The larger-than-life Jabberwock is the menacing king of a city basketball court. No one dares take him on until ... well, you'll have to get a copy of the book to find out.

Reading "Jabberwocky" is just one way to enjoy National Poetry Month in April. Some other good poetry books, with selected lines, are shown here, too.

Note: Not all poems have repeating sounds at the end of the lines. And some do not have regular meter or form. You can just express yourself in a creative way.



"The Blood-hungry Spleen and Other Poems About Our Parts," by Allan Wolf. Greg Clarke, illustrator, ages 10-12. A head-to-toe examination of the human body, inside and out.

*A boneless boy would be a burr.
his body in a middle.
He'd lie in silence on the floor.
He'd be a human puddle.*

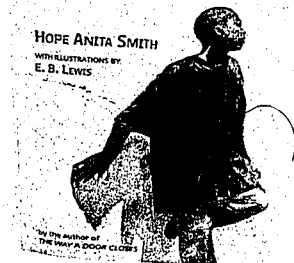


"My Dog May Be a Genius," by Jack Prelutsky. James Stevenson, illustrator, ages 6-10. Readers will be amused by these tales of underwater musicians, forgetful elephants, a boy who loves homework (!) and summer campers.

*My counselor says I have to write —
I threw up on my sweater.
I had the runs again last night.
my rash is getting better.*

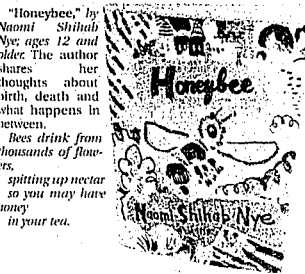
Keeping the Night Watch

HOPE ANITA SMITH
WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY
E. B. LEWIS



"Keeping the Night Watch," by Hope Anita Smith; E.B. Lewis, illustrator, ages 9 and older. In this sequel to "The Way a Door Closes," a teenager feels anger and confusion when his father returns to the family he abandoned.

*When the quake hit,
it hit hard,
shook us to our core.
Our fine home-eh-eh security
fell to the floor and shattered.*



"Honeybee," by Naomi Shihab Nye, ages 12 and older. The author shares her thoughts about birth, death and what happens in between.

*Bee drink from thousands of flowers,
spitting up nectar
so you may have honey
in your tea.*



"The Brothers' War: Civil War Voices in Verse," by J. Patrick Lewis, ages 9 and older. Haunting historic photos are paired with stirring words inspired by the people — North and South, slave and free — of a nation at war with itself.

*In the bloody Battle of Seven Pines,
a young soldier, Absalom Flowers,
whose mother baked the most delicious cobbler
in Hanover, whose father was nothing really
stopped a Union bullet with his face ...*

"Don't Bump the Gump! And Other Fantasies," by Shel Silverstein, ages 8-12. This collection of crazy creatures, the author's first book of poetry, had been out of print for three decades. Happily, it's back.

*I fear the wrath
Of the Underling Zath.
Will someone else tell him
It's time for his bath?*

Keep it original

While you can be inspired by something you read somewhere or heard someone say, an original poem must come from inside your head. If you need some poem-writing tips, check out "Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry" by Jack Prelutsky. He has been writing poetry for more than 40 years and is the nation's first Children's Poet Laureate (LORE-e-iv), a title that says he's really good at it.

BOOK REVIEW

Presidential biographies for kids very readable

The Washington Post

"George Washington for Kids," by Brandon Marie Miller, and "Abraham Lincoln for Kids," by Janis Herbert, are both for ages 9-12.

George Washington was "a real man, not a cold marble statue," Miller notes. You already know he commanded the Continental Army in the American Revolution, was our first president and had false teeth.

But did you know he loved to dance, play cards and go to the theater? And that he had two birthdays a year? In 1752, when Washington was almost 20, Britain switched to calendar the rest of the world was using, and dates moved ahead by 11 days. So Washington's Feb. 11 birthday suddenly became Feb. 22 — and he often celebrated both.

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, had little schooling — less than two years — but read every-

thing he could find. As a boy, one of his favorite books was "The Life of George Washington." Herbert relates. Lincoln enjoyed a good joke and was a great storyteller. His tale of the preacher with a lizard in his shirt always got a good laugh.

But Lincoln also knew great sadness in his life. His mother, sister and infant brother all died young, as would three of his sons. When he was elected president in 1860, the country split apart over slavery, and

a bloody civil war followed. He grieved for the soldiers on both sides — more than 600,000 in all — who died.

These books are well-researched and very readable, with interesting photos and drawings. As a bonus, each book has 21 activities to try. So you not only get a good story, you also can learn how to cut a silhouette, dance the minuet, make an Indian statue and use Morse code, to name just a few.

