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Students target tobacco

By Jay Howser
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The use of tobacco products on local high school campuses has become a problem, and some students are taking steps to stamp it out. The Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition, made up of about 50 students around the Magic Valley, has acquired several new signs reminding the public that tobacco use is prohibited on

school premises. Andy Barron, vice principal at

Twin Falls High School, said violations most often occur after

school hours at sporting events by spectators in the stands. Students took notice of the activity - which is illegal - and decided to act, he said. With support from the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital and the South Central District Health Department, the coalition designed and acquired 11 signs to be posted at local schools. Twin Falls High School will soon post

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Feds focus on teaching Hispanics

Education secretary calls for more schools using Spanish

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Hispanic students are twice as likely as blacks and three times as likely as whites to drop out of high school, the Education Department said Wednesday in a study suggesting that the nation's education system is ill-equipped to deal with the fastest-growing group of schoolchildren.

Hoping to paint a different picture for these children, Education Secretary Richard Riley called for public school districts to create in the next five years 1,000 new dual-language schools - which instruct children in English and in a native language such as Spanish. "If we see it that immigrants and their children can speak only English and nothing more, then we will have missed one of the greatest opportunities of this new century," Riley said. "It is high time we begin to treat language skills as the asset they are."

In 1997, 25.3 percent of Hispanics age 16 to 24 dropped out of high school, compared with 13.4 percent of blacks and 7.6 percent of whites. The study also said that 11 percent of Hispanics age 25 to 29 possessed at least a bachelor's degree, compared with 14.2 percent of blacks and 32.6 percent of whites.

Riley said dual language instruction has proven to help Hispanic children do better academically as well as preserve children's heritage and promote the bilingualism all students will need in a global economy. "Unfortunately, too many teachers and administrators today treat a child's native language as a barrier to learning."

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Gas prices outside Idaho are higher in many places across the United States, as the sign at a Sam Ramon, Calif., Chevron station shows. Still, Idaho prices this month hit a record average \$2.57 for a gallon of unleaded. For more, see the story on page A2.

Rollover began as auto theft

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After David Laureano is released from a Boise hospital, his next stop will be jail in Jerome, on a charge of grand theft auto.

Police say Laureano, 20, of New York City, was test driving a brand-new Nissan Maxima Tuesday when he decided to drive it a little longer than a salesman at Gary's Westland Motors had expected.

According to Sgt. Jay Jensen of the Idaho State Police, a man taking a Maxima for a test drive told car salesman Richard Reyes that he was feeling sick, and he wanted Reyes to drive back to the car lot.

When the driver pulled over, Reyes got out but the driver didn't. "He took off down the freeway," Jensen said.

A driver in a Maxima hit speeds of more than 100 mph along the eastbound lane of Interstate 84,

behind the Maxima when the driver lost control of the vehicle, rolling it two times. According to an ISP news release, the Maxima rolled into the median, coming to rest in the westbound lanes of I-84. The crash occurred at I-84 milepost 198 in Jerome County, about 10 miles west of Burley.

Laureano was taken by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where he was listed in fair condition Wednesday afternoon. Upon his release from the hospital, Laureano will be placed under arrest by an ISP officer on a charge of grand theft auto and will be transported back to Jerome County for prosecution, Jensen said.

Laureano's New York state license had been revoked, Jensen said.

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When the driver sped by Sweeney, the two made eye contact. Sweeney clocked the Maxima at 105 mph, Jensen said. Sweeney turned around to follow. Sweeney was about 1/4 of a mile

Idaho students shift from rural to urban

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Growth in school population in Idaho's panhandle and Ada and Canyon counties countered enrollment downturns in northern, south-central and southeastern parts of the state.

Overall public school enrollment in the fall reached more than 245,000, reflecting growth of less than 0.5 percent or roughly 600 students more than a year earlier, according to statewide figures available this month from the Idaho Department of Education.

"About half of our school districts have lost more than 1 percent of their enrollment.

District by district - A2

That is something that also occurred last year," said Allison Westfall, Education Department spokeswoman.

Most of the loss occurred in small districts, and areas of school growth generally reflect communities seeing job growth, she said. Boise School District saw a slight enrollment downturn, but schools in surrounding bedroom communities grew, as did Blaine County School District and schools in Kootenai County.

Education Department statistics show that the state's

Scientists find bones of thumb-sized primates

The Associated Press

Anthropologists have discovered fossils from two species of "teeny, tiny primates," thumb-sized creatures smaller than any other known primate on the family tree leading to monkeys, apes and humans.

"This discovery reinvents our definition of what the primate order is all about and how it arose," said Richard Stucky, curator at the Denver Museum of Natural History.

The fossilized foot bones, each about the size of a grain of rice, were sifted from tons of muddy rubbish at a limestone mine in eastern China. About 45 million years ago, the fragile primates lived in a rain forest, feeding on insects and sap.

"At one-third of an ounce - the weight of a couple of pencils - the

smaller of the two is dwarfed by the 1-ounce Madagascar mouse Lemur, the smallest known primate alive today.

Scientists from Northern Illinois, Northwestern and Beijing's Chinese Academy of Sciences detail the species in this week's Journal of Human Evolution.

In a separate article in the journal Nature, the group reported the discovery of a previously discovered third primate called Eosimias. They had discovered its teeth and jaws in the mid 1990s. Now they have the ankle bones, which they say backs up their controversial claim that Eosimias is an early ancestor of humans.

Eosimias and the two new tiny species all lived together around the time when lower primates split from the higher primates.

New members of the family tree

Scientists have discovered the fossils of two very tiny species of primates. These extinct diminutives lived together around the time when lower primates split from higher primates, 40 million to 50 million years ago.

This as-yet-unnamed primate weighed about half an ounce. It was a nocturnal creature that fed upon insects.

Larger than the tiny species, Eosimias weighed 3 ounces.

The primate order is divided into Living and Extinct. Living primates include Lemur, Tarsius, Eosimias, Squirrel monkey, Mandrill, Gorilla, and Human. Extinct primates include the unnamed primate and another unnamed primate.

Source: The Journal Nature, Journal of Human Evolution, Illustrations by Kim Reed-Deemer, Northern Illinois University

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High 45 Low 23 Partly cloudy today and tonight, breezy, snow likely tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 42.

Treasure Valley

High 53 Low 30 Partly cloudy today, breezy, snow likely tonight. Partly cloudy Friday, high 46.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 51 Low 23 Mostly sunny today with snow likely tonight. Mostly cloudy Friday, mostly sunny Friday, high 45.

Eastern Idaho

High 53 Low 30 Mostly sunny today with snow likely tonight. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of rain, high 44.

Northern Idaho

High 43 Low 29 Rain likely today and tonight, breezy. Partly cloudy Friday, high 45.

Northern Utah

High 57 Low 44 Mostly sunny today, breezy, snow likely tonight. Mostly cloudy Friday, high 45.

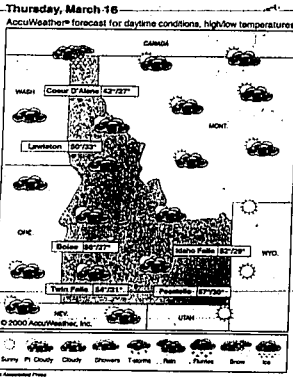
Northern Nevada

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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast icons and text for Today, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Includes high/low temperatures and brief descriptions of conditions.

Idaho weather



National weather

National weather forecast for noon, Thursday, March 16. Includes a map of the United States and a list of weather icons for various regions.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table showing precipitation and high/low temperatures for Twin Falls and Idaho on the previous day.

Table listing high and low temperatures for various Idaho locations including Boise, Burley, and Coeur d'Alene.

Table listing high and low temperatures for various national cities including Albuquerque, Anchorage, and Atlanta.

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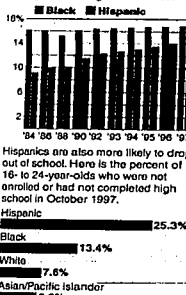
Sunset today 6:45 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:47 a.m. Lunar phase: Full, March 19; last quarter, March 27; new, April 4; first quarter, April 11.

Hispanic

Continued from A1. guage as a weakness if it is not English," Riley said, speaking at Bell Multicultural High School, which is not one of the nation's 260 dual language schools. "In some places, even the idea of bilingual education is controversial. It shouldn't be."

A growing minority

The Hispanic population has increased rapidly and predictions indicate that by 2020 more than 20 percent of children will be Hispanic. Here is the percent of enrollment in elementary and secondary schools among the two largest minorities.



Man arrested in Florida kidnapping

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) - A 38-year-old man was arrested Wednesday and charged with the abduction of a 10-year-old girl who was held three days before being released last week at a Wal-Mart, police said.

from the suspect's home. Alachua County Sheriff's investigators identified the suspect as James Paul Johnson, charged with one count of kidnapping with one count of kidnapping with special circumstances. The special circumstances are lewd and lascivious acts against a child.

Smoking

Continued from A1. its new signs around the football stadium and gymnasium areas. Coalition member Cisco Davila, 17, said he thinks the signs will help increase awareness that smoking is not allowed on school premises. "I think it will help because it's a big sign and it's really hard to miss," he said.

"It just goes to show that youth have the ideas, and if you just give them some organization to help them bring their ideas together, they'll get much farther than any adult. I truly believe that. They're fantastic," she said. Reese, who regularly works with the coalition, said the young people are in a prime position to influence their peers, and she has been impressed with their ability to carry out projects. "They relate so well to the kids. They know what's going to work and what isn't," she said. "They work as a team more efficiently than most adults."

Retailers agree on bedding hazards

WASHINGTON (AP) - Seven retailers agreed Wednesday to join a federal government effort to educate parents about the risks of using fluffy pillows, quilts, comforters and other soft bedding materials with younger babies.

Infant Death Syndrome may actually be caused by suffocation from soft bedding, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

Babies "R" Us, IKEA, JC Penney, Kmart, Lands' End, Sears and Target have agreed to change crib displays in their retail stores, catalogues, commercial ads.

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Fall enrollment

Table showing fall enrollment for Blaine County from 1997 to 1999. Total enrollment in 1999 was 33,380, a 1% increase from 1998.

Schools

Continued from A1. elementary and secondary grades have grown at nearly equal levels between 1998 and 1999. But in the past 10 years secondary enrollment has grown by 19 percent to 113,878 students this year while the elementary population has grown by 5 percent to 131,348 students this year.

Twin Falls, Cassia County and Minidoka County fell by more than 2 percent. Blaine County and Hansen Districts grew by the most. Blaine County grew by more than 65 percent, or nearly 200 students, after a slight drop in fall enrollment a year earlier. Hansen's enrollment increased more than 10.5 percent; or 40 students, also after seeing a slight drop in the fall the year before.

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Lottery update advertisement for Wednesday, March 18, 2000, featuring Powerball and Mega Millions drawings.

Idaho, national gas prices hit new highs

The Associated Press
Gasoline prices are at their highest level ever in Idaho and the United States, due mostly to higher costs from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the American Automobile Association reports.

Idaho's average price for a gallon of self-serve unleaded has jumped 21 cents since January to \$1.57. That is 42 cents higher than what residents were paying a year ago. The \$1.57 mark also eclipses Idaho's record-high price of \$1.49 set last fall.

The national average is \$1.54, up 57 cents from a year ago, surpassing the \$1.39 price set in April 1991.

The increase is due almost

entirely from the decision to tighten supplies a year ago when the national norm was 97 cents per gallon. American oil and gas inventories are low. Industry experts don't expect much relief from the high prices until the fall.

Across the nation, meanwhile, drivers are looking for ways around the higher prices. Vivian Martin regularly drives from her home in Eufaula, Ala., to buy gas in Georgia, where she saves 10 to 15 cents a gallon because of this state's lower gasoline tax.

The trip across Lake Walter F. George is 7 miles each way, but Martin said nearly everyone she knows is doing it now that gas prices are at record levels.

Some are heading to nearby Indian reservations, where sta-

tions don't charge state fuel taxes. Others are just leaving their cars at home and taking the train.

Meanwhile, radio stations that offer free gas are getting swamped, and convenience store owners are grouting that fewer folks are buying coffee and doughnuts — and more of them are driving off without paying.

When oil-producing countries raised crude prices, domestic refiners cut back processing to avoid sitting on stockpiles of high-priced fuel, said Daniel Gilligan, president of the Petroleum Marketers Association of America.

It will take months to replenish supplies, he said. And until more gasoline is released into the market, prices will stay high or continue to climb.

The cost of buying gas went up so fast that some car owners have traded their gas guzzlers for efficiency.

"I actually sold two V8 vehicles and bought a little (Ford) Ranger ... in order to get a gas economizer," said Bob Swift, 32, a stone mason from Antioch, Calif.

At the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation in New York, gasoline business has increased 10 percent in the last two weeks because of cheaper prices. Gas sells for \$1.29 a gallon on the reservation, where vendors pay only the federal tax on gasoline. Off the reservation, the average price is \$1.59, said Morgan Reid, general manager of JR's a reservation convenience store.

\$40 billion aviation bill lands on president's desk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Get ready for more airline flights out of some of the nation's busiest airports and a \$1.50 increase in local airport passenger taxes. Both are part of a \$40 billion aviation bill the House passed Wednesday.

With air passengers expected to grow from 600 million last year to more than 1 billion by the end of the decade, the bill that authorizes the Federal Aviation Administration for three years paves the way for major boosts in spending. Approved by the Senate last week, it passed the House by 319-101 and now goes to President Clinton, who supports it.

"The greatest aviation system in the world is hurtling toward gridlock and potential catastrophes in our skies," said House Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., who stressed that his bill "will make those skies safer, reduce flight delays and increase competition."

The bill would increase aviation spending in fiscal 2001 to \$12.7 billion, up \$2.7 billion from this year.

Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said it would "expand capacity and improve the efficiency of the system to meet the air travel needs of the 21st century."

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Amtrak derailment leaves 29 hurt

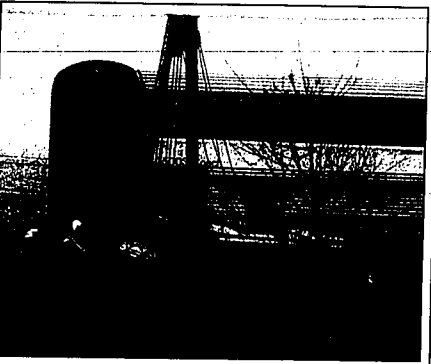
CARBONDALE, Kan. (AP) — Sixteen cars of Amtrak's Southwest Chief derailed early Wednesday and injured 29 people, one of them critically, authorities said.

The Chicago-to-Los Angeles train carrying 140 passengers and 15 crew members went off the track shortly after 2 a.m. near Carbondale, about 15 miles south of Topeka in eastern Kansas.

"We heard a loud noise, we started rocking and went over," said Richard Gray, 51, of Aurora, N.Y., who was in a sleeper car that overturned. "It was kind of eerie when the bottom is up."

All passengers on the 27-car train had been accounted for, Amtrak spokesman Cliff Black said in Washington. The cause was not immediately known, and personnel from the National Transportation Safety Board were at the scene within five hours.

Six passenger cars, including two sleeper cars, derailed and were lying on their sides along a cornfield. Ten cars carrying mail and other light freight also derailed, Black said.



Workers place a derailed Amtrak car back on the tracks Wednesday near Carbondale, Kan.

10-year-old charged in father's death

DOVER TOWNSHIP, N.J. — A 10-year-old boy has been charged with stabbing his father to death after the man gored the boy and handed him a kitchen knife in the heat of an argument, authorities said.

The two argued over a missing container of chocolate cake frosting that Andrew Harms, 38, had accused the boy of taking.

"The discussion became heated and emotional. At that point, Mr. Harms picked up a knife and placed it in the juvenile's hand and stated that if he hated him that much, then he wanted him to stab him," said Cass County Prosecutor E. David Millard.

Nation in brief

ments. After attorney fees are subtracted, the inmate volunteers will split \$1.1 million.

"This is a very, very good settlement," Whaley said.

The Atomic Energy Commission — forerunner to today's federal Department of Energy — wanted to know how radiation would affect male fertility in nuclear war, outer space and nuclear plant work.

In the experiments, prisoners' gonads were bombarded by radiation equivalent to thousands of chest X-rays. Most then underwent vasectomies.

Minh City, Vietnam, a senior aide told reporters that the Pentagon is hopeful of reaching a new five-year "host nation support" agreement by this summer, when President Clinton will travel to Japan for an international summit conference in Okinawa.

The official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, also said Washington and Japan were on the verge of an agreement.

—Compiled from wire reports

Settlement approved in gonad experiments

SPOKANE, Wash. — Scores of Washington state prison inmates whose gonads were bombarded with radiation in Cold War experiments will receive portions of a \$2.4 million settlement.

U.S. District Judge Robert Whaley approved the mediated settlement Tuesday to end a 1996 lawsuit by four of 64 inmates who participated in the X-ray experi-

Cohen to press Tokyo on financial support

TOKYO — Defense Secretary William Cohen said Wednesday he will press Japanese defense officials not to cut the \$5 billion a year the government pays to keep 47,000 American troops in Japan.

"It's important to us," Cohen said. Speaking to reporters on Cohen's flight here from Ho Chi

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House urges meeting on guns laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a day that both a Democratic President and a Republican governor pushed for brain new gun controls, long-stalled legislation won a symbolic victory in Congress.

The House voted 218-205 to urge House-Senate negotiators to meet within two weeks. If they did, it would be their first session since August.

Last year, the Senate voted to institute 72-hour background checks on gun show sales, but the House rejected that provision and gun control has been stalled since then. The negotiators are to resolve differences between the two bills.

Hours before the vote, 12 female members of Congress made an emotional appeal at the White House for their colleagues to ignore the National Rifle Association's opposition to the legislation.

"The moms of this country have had it," said Rep. Carolyn

McCarthy, D-N.Y., whose husband was shot to death — and her son badly wounded — on a commuter train six years ago. "I'm tired of the lies... We represent the people of the United States. The NRA does not."

In response, NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre said the White House was trying to "demonize" the NRA to distract attention from "the complete collapse of enforcement" of existing gun laws by the Clinton administration.

"They try to focus on anything except what they are vulnerable on," LaPierre said. "What does a criminal have to fear from these guys? Nothing."

It is up to Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the House-Senate committee, to call a meeting. In a statement Wednesday, Hatch did not address the two-week deadline but said he was disappointed that President Clinton has ignored his sugges-

tions for bolstering enforcement of existing gun laws.

"To my knowledge, he has acted on none of these overdue reforms," Hatch said.

The Clinton administration contends it increased federal gun prosecutions by 25.3 percent — up to 5,500 cases — from 1998 to 1999, and that combined federal and state prosecutions of gun charges led to 22 percent more criminals being imprisoned in 1996 than in 1992.

Still, approval of the House resolution constituted a rare victory for gun control. The White House cheered the vote, saying it revealed a crack in the NRA's armor.

"The NRA's influence on Republicans may be beginning to break," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. In all, 48 Republicans supported the measure; 32 Democrats opposed it.

Elsewhere, New York Gov.

George Pataki, ignoring the sentiment of many fellow Republicans, called for a series of stiff gun control measures in his state. They include making trigger locks mandatory; taking ballistic "fingerprints" of guns, requiring dealers and manufacturers to send to a state lab a test bullet and shell casing from any handgun they sell in the state; raising the age for handgun ownership from 18 to 21 and requiring instant background checks of gun buyers at flea markets and gun shows.

Additionally, 100 religious leaders sent a letter to Congress supporting Clinton's efforts to reduce gun violence, and the National Opinion Research Center issued a study that said the 25 percent of Americans who own handguns are far outnumbered by the 37 percent who favor a handgun ban for all except "police and other authorized persons."

Cold mile to execution paved with questions

By Al Martinez
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — In terms of its history, the last mile that condemned prisoners walk to the place of their execution has probably been a million miles long.

It has accumulated over the centuries as humanity has attempted to deal with people who kill other people or who otherwise offend the body politic.

At the end of the long mile, we have applied virtually every means of butchery to placate the public's cry for vengeance and the law's determination that the mob be appeased.

We have burned, beheaded, hanged, shot, strangled, boiled and otherwise satisfied the notion that the condemned person has suffered at least as much as his victim.

Today, most states apply what they consider to be a more humane method of executing evildoers, although no one knows for sure that lethal injection is more humane, since no one has returned from the dead to endorse the method. We're waiting.

What troubles me is that through all of human history, we haven't come up with a better way of dealing with those who commit what English dramatist John Webster calls "the crime that shrieks." We still kill murderers in one way or another. Dead is dead, we figure, so why bother with anything else?

The reason we haven't bothered, I think, is because the people are satisfied that killing does the job. Whenever there's a measure on the ballot to revive or expand the death penalty, it wins hands down. Our thinking hasn't expanded much beyond the Dark Ages. Hooray for civilization!

What brings this to mind is both last Tuesday's vote, which overwhelmingly supported expansion of the death penalty, the Benetton advertising effort to put faces on condemned prisoners and the movie "The Green Mile."

California's Proposition 18, relating to special-circumstance murder, spoke the loudest. It won with about 70 of the vote, which is more of a margin than almost anything ever gets.

The fury raised over the Benetton ad campaign, which included the Sears withdrawal of all Benetton products, at least reminded us that those on death row were real people, albeit flawed ones.

Then there was that damned movie. I wasn't going to see "The Green Mile" because I have witnessed real executions and I

thought I didn't need a movie to remind me of the horror that dwells in dark memories. Like scenes from a war, the clinical deaths of other humans imprint themselves indelibly on the mind.

But I finally did see the movie because I felt I had to. It wasn't the greatest film ever made, what with all of its glowing fiery miracles, but it did convey the shared anguish of state-mandated executions.

I came away shaken by the fact that we're still doing in reality what they did to the character portrayed so hauntingly by Michael Clarke Duncan on film. God help us all.

The executions I witnessed were those of Barbara Graham and two male cohorts in the gas chamber at San Quentin. I was just a few feet away outside the steel chamber and watched as they gasped and struggled, spraying the poisoned air with sweat and saliva, twitching in agony, and then dying.

Graham died alone and the two men, Jack Santo and Emmert Perkins, side by side. They had been sentenced for the murder of an elderly woman years before.

I remember standing outside the building between executions waiting in the cold sunlight in Marin County for them to preside the chamber again, and feeling that I was in some kind of dream.

It was all so surreal, the idea of walking healthy, living people into a cubicle and killing them. Make no mistake, I am not inclined to forgive those who murder. Under certain circumstances, I could call upon my own dark rage to go after them myself. But still, isn't there a better way?

After witnessing the executions, I said to the detective who had arrested the three that it wouldn't make any difference in the long run. "Others," I said, "will go on killing." He looked at me for a long time and replied, "But they won't."

That seems to be the prevailing attitude, that if we kill them off by one, eventually we will do every murderer in the land and maybe one or two who didn't kill but just got swept up in the enthralling sias of the crowd — too bad, I have no answers to the whole business of capital punishment, only questions. I'll try not to think about them on vacation for the next week or so, removing myself as much as possible from the realities that hover over us like dark clouds. But I know that I will still flash upon those executions a long time ago. And I will still think to myself that there's got to be a better way.

Killer spits up key during execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A convicted killer who twice escaped from his death row cell fought with guards to the end and stunned authorities during his execution by spitting out a small handcuff key.

"The secret is of Wilkerson," Ponchai Wilkerson mumbled as he spit out the key while lethal chemicals flowed into his body, said James Brazzil, a chaplain who stood next to the inmate in the death chamber Tuesday evening.

Seven minutes later, Wilkerson was pronounced dead.

Meanwhile, in San Quentin, Calif., early Wednesday, a serial killer who threw an 11-year-old girl off a bridge to her death was executed by injection. State corrections spokesman Bob Martinez said Darrell Rich's final statement was one word: "Peace."

Rich, 45, was sentenced to die for the death of the girl, Annette Selix, and the murder of 28-year-old Linda Slavik. He also was convicted of murdering two other women in and near the town of Redding during what prosecutors called a "reign of terror" in the summer of 1978.

Rich killed the two women by crushing their skulls with rocks and he fatally shot Slavik. He assaulted the girl and threw her 105 feet from a bridge.

Rich said he had reformed after discovering his Cherokee heritage in prison and he spent the hours leading up to his execution seeking legal permission to take part in a state lodge ceremony as a last rite.

His request was denied as unsafe.



Sharon Tidwell holds a picture of her daughter, Annette Selix, 11, in her home in Cottonwood, Calif., March 1. Selix was killed in 1978 by convicted serial killer Darrell Rich, who was executed Wednesday.

spray on Wilkerson when he refused to leave his cell at a prison near Livingston for the 40-mile trip to the Walls Unit in Huntsville.

Boy fatally shoots girl with air gun

MONROEVILLE, Ala. (AP) — A 7-year-old boy fatally shot a 5-year-old neighbor by firing an air gun at point-blank, but no charges are expected against him, authorities said.

Sacorya Johnson was shot just above the left eye just after she came home from school March 9, police Capt. C.H. Steen said. Police were not sure if the pump air rifle was loaded with pellets or BB shot, but a projectile entered the girl's skull. Sacorya was taken to Monroe County Hospital, then flown by helicopter to the University of South Alabama Women's and Children's Hospital in Mobile, where she died Saturday.

Investigators said the boy had been hidden from the girl after he was seen playing with it. He found it Thursday, authorities said.

Representatives of the county's Child Death Review Board will hear evidence about the case, and investigators were trying to determine who, if anyone, could be held responsible; District Attorney Tommy Chapman said.

But because the county ruled that a 7-year-old is too young to form intent to murder, charges against the boy are unlikely, Chapman said Tuesday.

Pataki proposes wide-ranging gun control

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. George Pataki called Wednesday for a "common sense" series of gun control measures in New York, including mandatory trigger locks and the taking of ballistic "fingerprints" before guns are sold.

Breaking with many fellow Republicans, Pataki said also called for the minimum age for handgun purchases in New York to rise from 18 to 21, for a ban on assault weapons and for instant background checks of gun buyers at flea markets and gun shows.

Pataki said at a news conference that while violent crime has fallen in New York, more New Yorkers are still being killed by guns than in car crashes.

"That must change," he said.

The second-term governor called the ballistic fingerprinting of new firearms, dubbed by the governor the "Gun DNA" program, a centerpiece of his proposal.

The barrels of guns leave tell-tale markings on bullets and shell casings. The gun fingerprinting proposal calls for gun manufacturers, or dealers who

sell guns in New York, to fire test shots from guns in their inventories and then transmit bullets and shell casings to the State Police's forensic lab. Computerized images would be kept on file and checked against bullets and casings recovered at the scene of shootings to help authorities track the weapons involved.

"The Gun DNA plan will provide police with an important tool that will give them an instant start on their investigations, enabling them to catch violent criminals quicker," Pataki said.

The National Rifle Association has opposed the taking of bullet samples for the government, contending that it is a preliminary step toward national gun registration.

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Celebrities help raise awareness of colorectal cancer

Los Angeles Times
 A couple of influential young widows, a major-league baseball star and some political know-how have converged to raise Americans' awareness of one of the deadliest forms of cancer — colorectal cancer.
 With a blitz of advertising and public service announcements peaking this month, Americans will be reminded that simple screening tests could save thousands of lives.
 The charge is being led by "Today" show co-host Katie Couric, who lost her 42-year-old husband in 1998 to colon cancer, a disease that killed 56,000


Americans last year.
 And while Couric may be the most visible, she is not alone at the forefront of the campaign to reduce deaths from colon cancer. Several advocacy organizations that have long fought for increased research spending and greater awareness of colon cancer have finally succeeded in bringing the deadly disease before the American public and Congress.
 Anyone who listens to these advocates should be disturbed by what they learn.
 For example:
 • While colorectal cancer screenings are recommended for everyone 50 and older, as well as high-risk people younger than 50, only about 20 percent of people

in those groups get the exam.
 • While Medicare covers most colorectal screening techniques, many private health insurers will not pay for more expensive tests, such as sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy, unless there are symptoms or a strong family history.
 • Even though the disease is a major killer, government spending for colorectal cancer research lags comparable spending for other diseases. For every death from colorectal cancer, the government spends about \$2,341 on prevention; the comparable figure for breast cancer research is \$12,610 per death, according to the Colon Cancer Alliance, an advocacy group. (Colorectal cancer includes can-

cers of the colon, rectum, appendix and anus.)
 Advocacy groups fighting breast and lung cancer, among others, have for years been successful at focusing public attention on those diseases. But advocates for colorectal cancer awareness were their first big battle only in November, when Congress designated this month Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.
 Until now, "colon cancer is something that people just haven't talked about," said Dr. H. Randolph Bailey, president of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and chief of colon and rectal surgery at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.



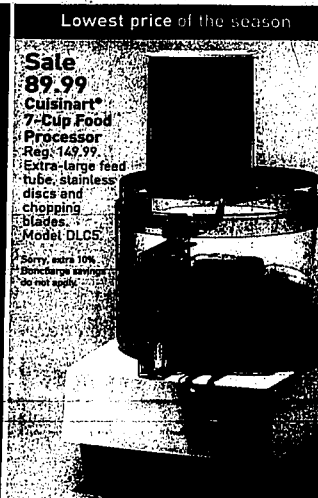
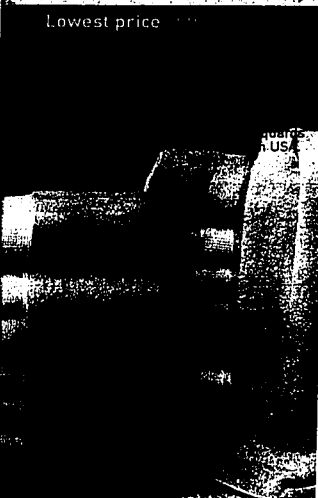
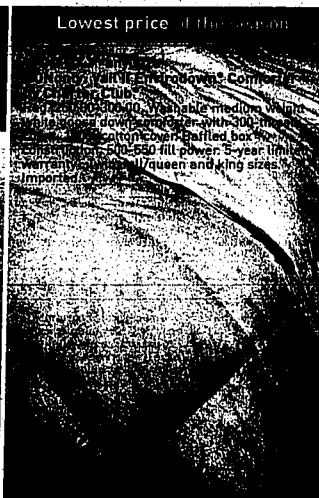

The disease attracted brief national attention in 1985, when President Reagan underwent surgery for a cancerous polyp.
 Advocates believe the current consciousness-raising for colorectal cancer may be a sustained effort because of the multitude of people and projects devoted to the issue.
 Couric has been joined by cancer fund-raiser Lilly Tartikoff, whose husband, Brandon, a former television executive and Paramount Pictures chief, died of Hodgkin's disease, a form of cancer, in 1997, and the Entertainment Industry Foundation, a Los Angeles-based fund-raising group.

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EDITORIAL

School districts should put spending priorities in order

The suit over state support for education, currently unfolding in Boise, is producing some interesting revelations.

That's because the attorney for the state, Michael Gilmore, is poking more holes in the plaintiffs' argument than a porcupine. On behalf of Idaho taxpayers from Bonners Ferry to Montpellier, Gilmore is asking a basic question: Why do some school districts spend money on non-essential things - such as stadium bleachers - when their basic educational needs aren't being met?

It's a good question, and it begs an even more fundamental one: Why should taxpayers elsewhere pay the bills for school districts that spend their money unwisely? It's like someone spending his last dollar on a dessert, then asking you to buy him a square meal.

The schools suit is this fiscal irresponsibility writ large. Just like people, school districts are free to prioritize their needs and spend their money as they see fit. They also are free to clamor for more money. But that doesn't mean prudent taxpayers in other school districts should give it.

Some Magic Valley school superintendents understand this, but others don't seem to see the connection. John Garner, superintendent of the Kimberly School District, says he doesn't want to pay for someone else's new building. Amen, brother.

Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donicht disagrees. Donicht presides over a district that has done an admirable job of keeping its old

schools - notably Bickel and Lincoln, both built before 1930 - in good shape. It's a system he inherited from former superintendents Keith Tolzin and Carl Snow, and from physical plant supervisors such as Dale Thornsbury and Doyt Simcoe, who are the unsung heroes of dollar stretching.

Though Twin Falls' house is in order, Donicht sides with the disgruntled school districts that are seeking money from the state. He dismisses a legislative effort to create a low-interest loan fund for beleaguered school districts, and another

to stretch out the repayment period for some property tax levies. "Those are not even good enough to say they are putting a Band-Aid on a gaping wound," Donicht said. "They are a pathetic excuse to cover neglect."

We'll bet local legislators and taxpayers don't see it that way.

And another thing ...

Complaints that Idaho is stingy on school construction don't square with a new congressional report. The General Accounting Office says Idaho spent \$762.88 million on school construction from 1990 to 1997. Wow, more than three-quarters of a billion dollars gets spent in eight years - and some school districts still want more!

By the way, 23 states spent less than Idaho on a per-pupil basis. Idaho's average was \$410 per pupil, which looks pretty good compared with regional peers. Montana spent \$275 per pupil (\$351.48 million total), Wyoming spent \$395 per pupil (\$315.18 million total).

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LETTERS

Turley has good character

About Gene Turley: I don't know the skateboarders or their parents, but I do know Gene since the day he was born. I have never known a better person, but none! He is a great family man, and it shows in the way he is raising, along with his wonderful wife.

If someone is telling the truth, my money is on Gene. Maybe the parents should have a good talk with their boys. Maybe the boys should read and obey the signs posted.

Gene, I know a lot of folks believe and trust you. Keep being the good and decent person you are!

VERGIL "BUK" SKINNER
CINDY SKINNER
Twin Falls

Dams throw it all off kilter

After reading the March 8 Times-News editorial and all the full-page ads warning the dams, I decided the editor knew about as much about the Magic Valley farm economy as I do about writing a newspaper.

Let's forget about the fish for a moment. A bushel of wheat in Portland is worth the same price, whether it came from Twin Falls or Lewiston. In the early '60s, our government, that's us, built those four dams to make Lewiston a seaport. Right then, we gave the farmers in eastern Washington and northern Idaho and western Montana a 50-cent advantage in selling wheat overseas; aren't we nice! Besides that, we helped pay for it and are still helping maintain it. So every time we sell a bushel of wheat, it's like

sending them 50 cents.

So instead of sending all those shovels to Elko, maybe we should have taken them up on the Lower Snake and dug out those dams ourselves to put things on an even keel again. Just a little food for thought.

JOE WISECAVER
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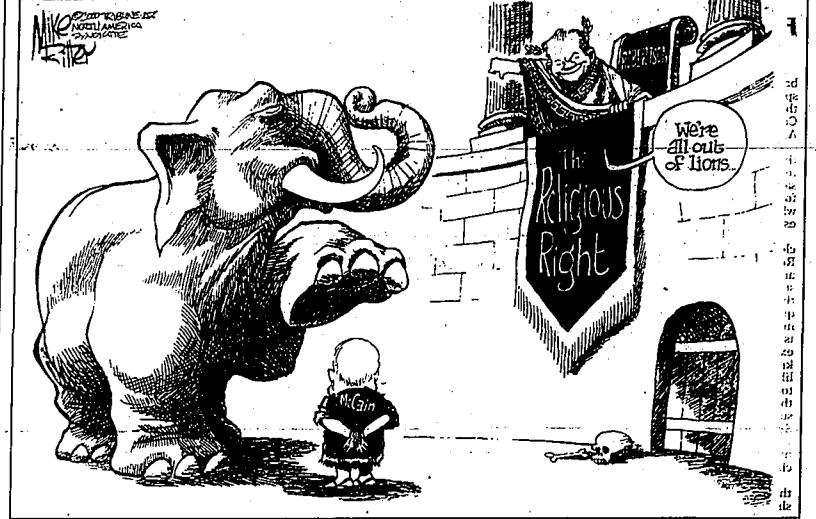
Coach, team, did awesome job

I would like to congratulate Coach Garr Ward and the Richfield Tigers on their accomplishment of achieving the State A-4 First Runner-Up distinction.

Their 25-4 season has brought the community of Richfield together with fast-paced playing and off-court courtesy and generosity. The Tigers won the hearts of grade-school children, classmates, alumni and senior citizens, as well as the general public. The Richfield High School gym filled with more fans and pride each night the Tigers won. Many Lincoln County fans showed their support by attending the district and state tournaments. In the locker room, the mirror was filled with "thank you" and "good luck" notes and letters from the people whose lives were touched by these fine young men and their coach.

As an employee of Richfield School District, I grew very close to the team and would like to thank them for making me a part of their magic. I can honestly say that the families and fans of the team are very proud of them.

Awesome job, guys!
ARNOLD ROSS
Richfield



Amid the prosperity, poverty still lurks

Behind one of the best economies in our country's history lurks the specter of poverty. Poverty affects all of us, directly or indirectly, and has an important impact on our community and nation.

In these generally prosperous times, much has been made of the successes of welfare reform in getting people into jobs. There has been a dramatic drop in the number of people on welfare. Across the country, more than 50 percent of those previously receiving welfare benefits are no longer doing so. And the U.S. Census Bureau's latest report shows a decrease in the number of Americans living below the poverty level, which is currently \$16,700 for a family of four.

Judging by these numbers, one would think that poverty has been ushered out of the country. But these numbers do not tell the whole story. The implied prosperity masks the reality that a significant segment of society is not enjoying the benefits of our nation's wealth. In fact, there are disturbing signs that many of yesterday's welfare participants are not much better off. They remain caught in the poverty net, working in jobs that have low pay and limited or no benefits. Most of the people we serve at South Central Community Action Agency work in jobs that pay the minimum wage, and the current minimum wage is too low to lift most families out of poverty. If you work full-time, year-round, you should not live in poverty.

There are 44 million Americans who do not have health insurance, and 1 million are being added to the number of uninsured each year. Of those uninsured, 10 million are children. Most of those without health insurance are workers or families of workers. Many are uninsured because they work in low-paying jobs that do not provide insurance, and they cannot afford to buy it themselves. Unfortunately, it is often difficult for many small-business owners to provide these benefits and wages for their employees.

Poverty in America was at one time a



READER COMMENT
Theresa Pendleton

story of cycles, with people moving in and out of poverty as their circumstances deteriorated or improved. Then successive generations of families became entrenched in poverty. Although welfare reform forced some individuals to break free of this "entrenchment," many families who were previously dependent on a publicly funded support system have been pushed into a life that is equally impoverished and insecure. Many of our clients find themselves having to choose to either pay the rent or buy their food, and they come to us for help.

Locally, we have some organizations, such as The Work Place Inc. and the Adult Basic Education staff at the College of Southern Idaho who provide support and education for people trying to break out of the poverty cycle. The newly initiated Workforce Investment Board has taken on the task of improving the employment climate in the Magic Valley. Those committed individuals and organizations are to be commended. However, opportunities to move up and out of the cycle of poverty are diminishing. Educational programs designed to help balance the inequities are scarce, as is the funding for such programs. Health care is increasingly unavailable, except on an emergency basis, and suitable, affordable housing is difficult to find. Transportation for workers continues to be a struggle for many low-income people in rural areas.

Most people who can work should work. But those who do should have sufficient income to provide for their families' basic needs. And those who are unable to work or work but do not earn enough to provide for their families should be assisted by programs and public policies.

It is time for our country to look close-

Talking about it

South Central Community Action is sponsoring a series of dialogues on poverty for the Magic Valley area during the months of April and May.

ly at the real meaning of poverty. Poverty has many faces in many places. We need to examine those faces and see them as they really are. Too often, those who know poverty best are the least involved in setting public policies. We need to have dialogues that involve those who know poverty first-hand, and those who have seen it in their families, schools, churches and neighborhoods. The dialogues must include all segments of our community, as well as government, private business and church leaders. We need to find solutions to the problems of poverty and bring those solutions to the attention of those at the local, state and federal levels who can bring about the necessary changes in public policy.

Over the next several months, South Central Community Action Agency will join hundreds of other Community Action agencies in conducting local dialogues as part of the national effort, "Dialogue on Poverty 2000: Leading Americans to Community Action." The local dialogues will be followed up by state dialogues and a national dialogue in Washington, D.C., in June.

These dialogues provide an opportunity to look at the economic and social forces that lead to poverty, the impact of poverty on individuals, families and communities, and actions that can result in meaningful and lasting solutions.

Through these dialogues, scheduled to be conducted in the Magic Valley this spring, we hope to focus attention and action on one of the fundamental principles on which our country is based - self-sufficiency for most citizens. It is our goal to empower the citizens who cannot help themselves. That is the American way. We should not settle for anything less.

Theresa Pendleton, MS, is executive director for South Central Community Action, serving in that position since 1998.

LETTER

Love, discipline save children

I was very disturbed while driving home from work recently to hear the talk about gun control from the president and Congress. If every gun was taken away from every law-abiding citizen in this country, it would not have prevented that tragedy in Michigan.

A little 6-year-old boy being raised in a crack house without a bedroom or even a bed but sleeping on a mat on the floor like a pet has not been taught right from wrong. Young people will never know right from wrong as long as they spend hours watching the violence on cartoons, playing violent video games or watching the violence on TV programs and movies.

Gun control is certainly not the answer. This child needs to be taught Christian love and compassion and to have a reverence for human life. The failure is not only in the home but in society for letting violence become such a way of life.

We need to get back to the fundamentals of life, teach our children that love is acceptable and to live the Ten Commandments. They are not outdated. They form the basis for all of the laws we have.

This young boy's uncle is being charged with involuntary manslaughter. Why isn't he being charged with possession of stolen property and possession

with the intent to sell?

When weapons are being used as a medium of exchange in illegal transactions like buying drugs, how can control measures affect the safety of society? I do not believe our leaders today are smarter than our forefathers who framed the Constitution, and they guaranteed us the right to bear arms.

This is an election year. We all need to find out what the candidates believe and will promote if elected. We need to get back to basics in this country and try to live with the same feelings of concern our forefathers had for their neighbors.

HELEN GILES
Filer

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

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George W. Bush needs McCain

The single best reason for George W. Bush to extend himself in salvaging the wounds of his head-fought primary battles with John McCain is the speech that McCain can give at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia next August.

Most of the talk about what the Texas governor needs to do to gain the support of the thousands of new voters who came forward to help McCain, and what Bush risks if they remain estranged, is just that — talk. McCain's friends have made it clear he will not sign up with Ross Perot's Reform Party or any other such effort, notwithstanding polls suggesting that at this moment he might be running as an independent. McCain is a loyal Republican and an experienced politician. He knows how fleeting those polls likely will prove to be. The senator from Arizona also knows that the moment he signaled any such intention, his critics in the Senate Republican Conference would be only too happy to strip him of his Commerce Committee chairmanship.

McCain cannot plausibly threaten Bush with jumping ship. Withholding his endorsement would cause Bush some — but not a lot of — grief. McCain will remain newsworthy for quite a while. But even as gifted a showman as Jesse Jackson found, when he was playing the wounded loser to Walter Mondale in 1984 and Michael Dukakis in 1988, that his cynicism in embracing the winner soon became a bore.

Come June or July, if McCain is still reminding people about the indignities he suffered at the hands of Bush surrogates back in February, the audience for his complaints will have shrunk considerably. No, the reason for Bush to enlist McCain's support has nothing to do with any of those supposed threats. It has everything to do with what McCain can do for Bush during convention week.

There are two — and only two — speeches in Philadelphia that will draw big television audiences. One is the acceptance address Bush will give. And the other (assuming someone other than Colin Powell is the vice-presidential nominee) the other is the McCain speech. You think mil-



DAVID S. BRODER

lions of Americans are going to tune in to watch Treat Lott or Dennis Hastert?

McCain would have to agree not to use his prime-time appearance to take another bite out of Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, lest there be a lynching party formed on the floor of the convention. But if he forgoes that pleasure, he is better positioned to validate Bush's candidacy to the millions of independent-minded voters who are wavering between Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

That is the main reason Bush needs him — not this instant, but soon enough that McCain can feel comfortable in this critical role.

But there are three other reasons that ought to make sense to the Bush strategists.

First, McCain can raise the tone of the convention and lift the level of the campaign by the quality of his rhetoric. There's not much poetry in George Bush's speeches. But McCain and his chief of staff, Mark Salter, frequently strike those missing grace notes. Look again at the nominating speech Salter wrote and McCain delivered for Bob Dole at the 1996 convention — far and away the best speech of that week. A sample: "Tonight we ask Bob Dole to answer his country's call again and stand a post for America — the first post of the land — not for his sake, but for ours; not for his glory, but for the dreams we dream for our children and for the dreams they will dream for theirs."

Second, McCain is the perfect choice to indict Gore for blatant hypocrisy in his newly chosen role as the apostle of campaign finance reform. McCain said at every rally from New Hampshire to California, "I am the Republican nominee. I will beat Al Gore like a drum" on that issue. He won't be the nominee, but he can still call Gore to account for the flagrant abuses of the last campaign.

And finally, if Bush gets McCain to address the Republican convention, that speech will certainly be contrast-

ed with the one delivered at the 1992 convention by the man who challenged Bush's father for the nomination, Patrick J. Buchanan. Buchanan's declaration of "religious war," his bellicent call to reclaim the country "block by block" from gays and "militant feminists" and other "liberals and radicals," set a tone of divisiveness and intolerance that plagued Republicans right up to Election Day.

How better to signal that conservatism really is compatible with compassion than to have McCain in the featured role once played by Buchanan, speaking of a party that is dedicated to reform, not to revenge?

If that is not incentive enough for reconciliation, then Bush is not the politician I think he is.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

Tigers are true champs

Champions are not born because of victories but in spite of them. The Richfield boys basketball team is, in every essence of the word, champions. Rarely is a school and community given the opportunity to support a more dignified group of athletes. Through triumph, they showed modesty and discipline, and in defeat, they showed courage and integrity. The Richfield Tigers have moved beyond standing still and have chosen to not limit themselves or their abilities.

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trusting in themselves and their coach with unwavering confidence. A season seemingly dissolved in an instant was filled with not only personal accomplishments but a group of athletes uniting together to become a team. Through the season, tournaments and state, the Tigers maintained their composure, sustained momentum and brought back to a community, excitement and pride.

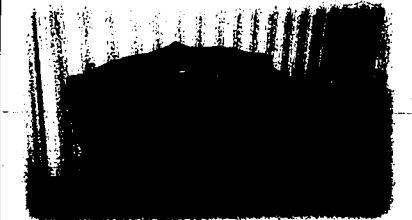
The Richfield Tigers truly epitomize athletics and are role models to those who recognize their character, capabilities and commitment. This team has redeemed its school and will

inevitably work hard and push themselves beyond their accomplishments of this season. The Richfield Tigers were triumphant by virtue of team cooperation, attaining goals and earning the distinction of respect and dignity. Champions are not born of victories but rather through dedication, self-respect and pride.

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NEW YORK - Getting a copy of Stephen King's new ghost story proved to be a task not for the faint of heart.

"Riding the Bullet" is available only on the Internet and was made available at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. Web sites including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com were swamped by high demand for the horror master's 66-page work, and downloading was downright impossible.

An Associated Press reporter began trying to download "Riding the Bullet" via Barnes & Noble and Amazon at 10 a.m. Tuesday and had not succeeded by 3 p.m. An attempt around 3 a.m. Wednesday also fell short, as well as a try on Amazon around 9:15 a.m. The story finally was downloaded from Amazon at 11:05 a.m.

All the servers have reached 100 percent capacity and gone over several times today, Pat Eismann, a spokeswoman for Scribner, the co-publisher with King's Plithrum Press. "Everybody is pretty much crashing and you can't get through."

The story went online at several book-related Web sites at a cost of \$2.50, although Barnes & Noble made it available for free on Tuesday and Amazon has no plans to charge for the download at all, according to company spokeswoman Kristin Schaefer.

Nation in brief

known as etanercept or by the brand name Enbrel, doctors said. The results suggest a long-

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Vermont lawmakers debate 'civil unions' for gays

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Citing decades of "mistreatment, discrimination and prejudice," the state Legislature on Tuesday passed a bill that would give gay and lesbian couples the same legal rights as married couples.

Spectators, some wearing pink badges for the bill and others wearing white badges against it, packed the state House as debate began. The measure was introduced in response to a state Supreme Court ruling that gays in Vermont were unconstitutionally denied the rights and benefits of marriage.

Both supporters and opponents say the bill would provide more rights and benefits for same-sex couples than any other state in the country. Backers said they believed they had just enough votes - 76 of 150 - to approve the bill. A final vote by the Democratic-controlled House was expected today.

Under the bill, gays could be joined by civil unions just as heterosexual couples can marry. They would seek licenses from town clerks and their unions would be solemnized by justices of the peace, judges or clergy. They would have the right to dissolve unions in Family Court.

New drug holds hope for children with arthritis

A study found that a genetically engineered drug works well in fighting children's arthritis, promising the biggest leap in drug therapy in more than a decade for the sometimes disabling ailment.

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Section B

Hutch has a lengthy reach

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — So it's Hutch. And I thought the term "podunk" applied solely to Idaho.

OK, OK, I'm not about to diss the home of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) men's national hoops tournament, held here every March since 1949.

For any hoop junkie, the tourney is the next best thing to this week's NCAA Big Dance. But I'd hate to think what would happen if the tournament was moved. I mean, what would the kindly folks of Hutchinson (population of 39,970) ever do with themselves?

SIDELINE VIEW

Kevin Hall

They could revert to the ways of their Amish neighbors — who are just over the plains a spell and across the Arkansas River in a little hamlet known as Yoder.

Perhaps they could coax a new national tournament or annual convention their way. The annual Crop, Duster's Aviation Extravaganza, the Big Beef Blowout or Torpedo Watchers of the World would be likely candidates.

I thought the latter of the three was taking place on Tuesday morning. Loud sirens screamed across the plain every 10 minutes or so, the kind you hear in old war movies that warn of impending air raids. Turns out the sirens were only tests for "severe weather awareness week."

College of Southern Idaho head coach Derek Zeck, a native of the Jayhawk State, said the reason the tournament is held here beyond the 50 years of tradition is probably because it's smack dab in the middle of the country. Plus, basketball, next to cow tossing and watching corn grow, is God here in the heartland of America.

Judging from the legions of senior citizens making their way across Severance and 11th streets, there's absolutely no doubt that it is the biggest show in town right now.

Be that as it may, basketball seems a million miles away when one steps onto the serene grounds of the Dillon Nature Center. Cozily tucked into the northeast corner of Hutch, this pastoral place is a hallowed ground for those seeking a break from the balling along with a breath of fresh air.

It's a sanctuary for owls, wildflowers and rat race dropouts, myself included. One can roam the 100-acre site of woodlands, marsh and trails to the hiker's content.

Other area attractions outside of the Sports Arena include an exotic animal farm where the zebras and kangaroos play; the ultra-cool Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, which houses the largest collection of Soviet space junk this side of the moon; and the renovated artecco Fox Theater, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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CSI falls at nationals

Comeback falls short for Golden Eagles

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — If not for both teams' being in the same bracket, Wednesday's game between the College of Southern Idaho and Southeastern (Iowa) Community College could very well have been for the national championship.

Instead, Southern Idaho will be playing to stay alive at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) men's national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., as the Golden Eagles fell for the first time in 12 outings, 74-71, to second-ranked SCC.

The loss puts CSI (29-6) into an 8:30 p.m. MST loser-out game against Indiana's Vincennes University (30-5), with the winner playing on Saturday at 1:45 p.m. for fifth place.

Meanwhile, SCC now advances to a Friday night semifinal game against Illinois' Kankakee Community College, a team the Blackhawks have already defeated twice this season.

For CSI, twelve missed free throws (7-for-19) spelled disaster in the game. Many came in key transitional situations.

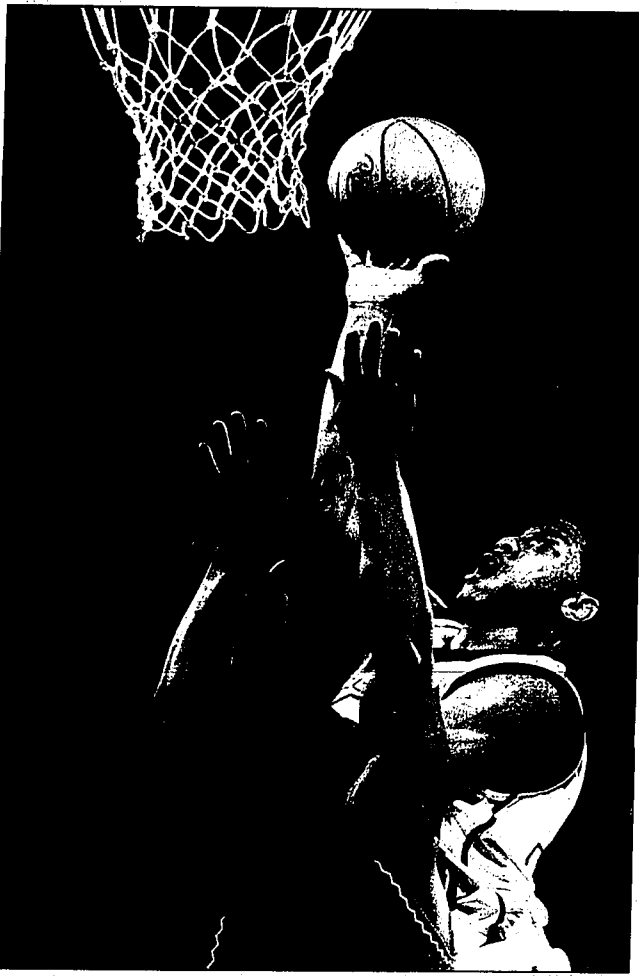
"That was tough," said CSI head coach Derek Zeck. "We were at the free throw line twice to take the lead, with a tie ball game, (and) we missed both."

Zeck pointed to one other key breakdown for CSI. After a Kenny Brunner steal and lay-up propelled Southern Idaho into a 71-70 lead with just 30 seconds left in the game, the Blackhawks, who had beaten three-time defending NJCAA national champion Indian Hills College three times this season, burned CSI's full-court press to find

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NJCAA national tournament

Today
CSI vs. Vincennes University (loser out), 8:30 p.m. MST
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Calhoun CC 92, Leeburg College 50
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Southern Idaho's Blandon Ferguson takes aim over Southeastern Iowa's Jamal Gooding during the second half of the Golden Eagles' 74-71 quarterfinal loss Wednesday at the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

Tourney pairings: Time for change?

The Times-News

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — The talk of the tournament has been upgrading the pairings to make the National Junior College Athletic Association's annual Division I national showcase a more competitive field.

Notes from Hutch

Currently, pairings are made via a blind draw each April at the annual NJCAA Board of Trustees meeting. Suggestions have ranged from going to some type of a seeding format to more

radical adjustments that might include an automatic berth for the defending champion or inviting some at-large bids.

Either way, most parties agree that due to the lack of district parity across the nation, some

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Sycamores try to make history in Salt Lake City

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Indiana State coach Roy Waldman sees nothing special about the Sycamores playing their first NCAA tournament game in 21

years in the same building as their last.

"It's a nice quirk, but I don't think it has much bearing on tomorrow's game," Waldman said Wednesday.

Anyone who remembers the

national title game in 1979 knows otherwise.

As 12th-seeded Indiana State (22-9) prepares for today's game against No. 5 seeded Texas (23-9), the Sycamores can't escape the link to the biggest moment in

their basketball history.

Twenty-one years ago, Larry Bird and the Sycamores fell to Magic Johnson and Michigan State in the NCAA championship

game in Salt Lake City.

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'Sleepwalking' Big Unit serves up Angelic feast

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Randy Johnson gave up 10 runs in an eight-start span last June 25 to July 31.

On Wednesday, he gave up 11 in three-plus innings.

"I stunk," he said after the Anaheim Angels pounded him for 11 runs and 12 hits in their 15-9 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The NL Cy Young Award winner failed to retire any of the eight batters he faced in Anaheim's 11-run fourth, getting chased by Tim Lincecum's two-run homer, his fourth of the spring.

"Everything I threw was down the middle of the plate, and they hit it," Johnson said. "I don't think I got too

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many quality pitches in today." Bengie Molina hit his third home run to start the inning, and Gary DiSarcina had a two-run double.

Anaheim sent 16 batters to the plate in the inning — 13 before Arizona got an out — and was helped by four errors in the inning. Fitcher Kent Mercker made the first out of the inning.

"I was pretty much sleepwalking out there today," Johnson said. "I just had a bad day. It was just a game that you put behind you."

At Dunedin, Fla., meanwhile,

Houston coach Jose Cruz Sr. got a rare opportunity to watch his son play for Toronto in the Blue Jays' 8-3 win over the Astros.

"Someday I hope he could play with a team that I'm coaching, but right now I just hope he has a good time and enjoys playing the game," the elder Cruz said after his son went 2-for-4.

Cruz thinks his son has the potential to hit 35 home runs. Last year, Cruz Jr. homered for Toronto while his father watched during a spring training game against the Astros at Kissimmee.

"He sees a lot of what I don't see," Cruz Jr. said. "He knows me the best and can watch me take a pitch and know right away how I am feeling."



Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson throws warm-ups prior to the second inning of the Diamondbacks' exhibition against the Anaheim Angels Wednesday.

Spartans tame Tigers

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Flying high after two opening-day victories, the Jerome High School baseball team crashed landed at Warburton Field Wednesday.

Minico scored 10 runs in the first three innings, including five in the opening frame, and pitchers Josh Bartlome and John Fennell combined for a two-hitter as the Spartans coasted to a 12-2 mercy-rule victory over the Tigers in both teams' Region III opener.

"We were still riding high from those wins Saturday against Madison and Rigby," said Jerome head coach Jay Ostler. "We held on to those wins a little too long and just came short of being prepared to play today."

In perhaps the shortest outing of the young season, Jerome starter Will Black lasted only eight pitches Wednesday. Black served up consecutive, first-inning doubles to Andy Coats, Casey Jensen and Jared Price and left the game without recording an out.

"Will is more effective as a reliever," Ostler said. "But he's been showing us some things in practice and we thought we might give him a start and see what he could do. ... Right now, we're a little young on pitching."

The Spartans' first four hitters came around to score in the inning before left fielder Jordan Mingo singled in Ryan Jensen to give Minico a 5-1 lead after one. Mingo finished the game 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Leading 6-2 entering the half of the third, Minico, beginning with a Bartlome double, got hits from three of its first four batters to chase Jerome reliever Jonathan Roberts. After a fielding error and a Coats lineup, Casey Jensen knocked a single to right off Tiger relief pitcher Blake Thompson to score Mingo and Nate Christensen and give the Spartans a 10-2 lead after three.

Minico forced an early finish when Brian Gee scored on a wild pitch with no outs in the sixth inning.

Casey Jensen went 2-for-2 with a double and three RBIs for the Spartans. He was also hit twice and scored two runs.

"I thought we hit the ball pretty hard," said Minico head coach Russ Wright, whose club improved to 3-0 overall (1-0 conference) with the win.

On the mound, the Spartans were equally effective as staff ace Bartlome turned in a solid four innings of work to improve to 2-0 on the season. Yielding two runs on one hit and striking out five, the 6-foot-1 right-hander retired the last six hitters he faced.

He threw only six pitches in his final inning of work.

"He was better (than Saturday)," said Wright, who had Bartlome on a 70-pitch pitch-count Wednesday. "He showed more command today."

Replacing Bartlome, Fennell finished the game with two scoreless innings of relief.

Jerome plays at Pocatello Friday, while Minico hosts Blackfoot next Saturday.

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SPORTS

Stack, Pistons quiet Orlando in the East

Detroit solidifies grip on seventh spot

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Jerry Stackhouse scored 32 points and Christian Laettner added 22 points and a season-best 17 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons defeated the Orlando Magic 113-91 Wednesday night.

Detroit solidified its hold on seventh place in the Eastern Conference to two games over Orlando.

Stackhouse is averaging 31.4 points in Detroit's last five games, helping the Pistons to a 4-1 record since George Irvine replaced Alvin Gentry as coach. Grant Hill added 24 for Detroit.

John Amaechi led the Magic with 27, hitting a career-best 13 free throws in 18 attempts.

Detroit pulled away in the second quarter to lead 59-51 at the half. Stackhouse had 19 in the half and Amaechi had 22, including 10-of-14 from the free throw line.

Celtics 121, Warriors 104

BOSTON — Antoine Walker scored 25 points and Paul Pierce added 19 as the Boston Celtics kept their playoff hopes alive by sending the Golden State Warriors to their eighth straight loss, 121-104 Wednesday night.

Boston, which has won five of

NBA

six, began the night three games behind Orlando for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Hornets 77, Bulls 74

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Eddie Jones and David Wesley had 18 points apiece and the Charlotte Hornets overcame 23 percent shooting in the fourth quarter for a 77-74 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

Elden Campbell added a career-high 20 rebounds and Derrick Coleman had 15 points for the Hornets, who built a 12-point lead before missing 10 of their 13 field-goal attempts in the final quarter.

Pacers 113, Hawks 107

ATLANTA — Jalen Rose tied his career high with 32 points, Reggie Miller had 28 and the Indiana Pacers took control with a 25-3 spurt, beating the Atlanta Hawks 113-107 Wednesday night.

The Pacers increased their lead in the Eastern Conference to three games over idle Miami and pushed six games ahead of Toronto, also off, in the Central.



Detroit's Lindsay Hunter (1) tries to steal a pass away from Orlando's Pat Garrity during the first half Wednesday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Hornets top Minico in tennis

Local sports

RUPERT — The Declo Hornets defeated Minico, a first-year program, 9-3 in a non-conference tennis matchup Wednesday.

Minico's only wins came from John Knopp in the boys' No. 3 singles match, Cindy Hanson in the girls' No. 1 singles match and the duo of Kyle Moon and Kyle Pasley in the boys' No. 2 doubles match.

Derek Moss led Declo with a 7-6 (7-5), (6-0) win over Ryan Heppworth in No. 1 boys' singles.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Former CSI pitcher takes first spring loss

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Jeff Kent hit a three-run homer in his spring debut and Chris Magruder had a game-winning sacrifice fly off former College of Southern Idaho pitcher Scott Eyre in the ninth inning Wednesday, leading the San Francisco Giants over the Chicago White Sox 8-7.

After Greg Norton tied the score at 7 in the ninth off winner John Johnston, Eyre (9-1) walked Calvin Murray and Bobby Esneella with one out in the bottom half. Wilson Delgado then loaded the bases with a single and Magruder flied out to medium right, with Murray just beating Steve Gilbrater's throw to the plate.

Eyre went two-thirds of an inning, giving up a hit and a run, striking out none and walking two.

Rupert Country Club tees off tourney season

RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club is hosting a five-person scramble this Saturday to kick off its golf season.

The tourney is open to all men and women with IGA handicaps, and all players can form their own teams. Teams will be flighted by the lowest handicap of the particular team. Entry fees are \$35 per person or \$175 per team. Send entries to Bob Lantz at the Rupert CC or call 438-9168.

TF Parks and Rec will hand out guide

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department will be distributing its Summer Recreation Guide to area students starting next week.

The guide will include information and registration forms for youth baseball and softball. Baseball is co-ed kindergarten through second grade — from third grade on, boys play baseball, girls softball. The leagues run through mid-July, with practicing starting in Mid-May.

Players must register by April 15. The program fee is \$12 within city limits and \$15 outside town. For more information, stop by the Parks and Rec office at 136 Maxwell, or 736-2265.

Sampras struggles, survives, but Serena loses

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Pete Sampras struggled but survived in the Tennis Masters Indians Wells tournament Wednesday, storming back from an 0-3 deficit in the third-set tiebreaker to beat Wayne Ferreira.

The second-seeded Sampras, plagued by 12 double-faults, edged Ferreira 3-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) on a day when other seeded players wilted in the heat, but including defending women's champion Serena Williams.

Sampras and Ferreira had split their previous 10 matches.

"Wayne has obviously played

Tennis

me very tough over the years," Sampras said. "He's a great shot-maker. I don't think we both played at a very high level, but it was exciting tennis."

"Wayne was putting a lot of pressure on my service game. I was going for big second serves, and I threw in some doubles (double-faults), which is going to happen."

Williams, the No. 3 seed, essentially played herself out of the tournament she won last year by beating Steffi Graf in the final.

This time, Williams, her timing off on her groundstrokes, committed 28 unforced errors in a 6-2, 6-1 quarterfinal loss to No. 5 Mary Pierce, who made just nine unforced errors.

Williams said she missed shots she normally makes, but that Pierce had something to do with that.

"Every ball that I put in play, she pounced on it," said Williams, the 1999 U.S. Open champion who had won both previous matches against Pierce. "I've never seen her make that many shots consistently in her life."

"There are just some days when

your opponent's on and you're not on."

Six seeded players fell in the second round of the men's competition — No. 3 Yevgeny Kafelnikov, No. 5 Gustavo Kuerten, No. 7 Marcelo Rios, No. 11 Tim Henman, No. 16 Lleyton Hewitt and No. 15 Greg Rusedski.

Sjeng Schalken defeated Kafelnikov 7-5, 6-2; Tommy Haas downed Kuerten 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1); and Mariano Zabelena beat Rios 7-6 (4), 6-3. Sebastian Grosjean beat Henman 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; Byron Black beat Hewitt, last week's winner in Scottsdale, Ariz., 6-3, 7-6 (5); and Max Mirnyi beat Rusedski 6-4, 6-4.

CSI

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reserve Carl Pullian underneath the basket.

Pullian attempted a lay-up over CSI's Uche Okafor, who swatted the ball away, but was called for goaltending.

"We got the steal, then turn around and don't get matched up, and just stand there," Zeck said.

After bringing the ball across midcourt, Zeck called timeout to set up a last shot. And the shot called ran perfectly. Brunner passed to Matt Siebrandt and the card, who bounce passed to Wendell Butler coming off a back pick on the baseline.

Butler took the ball, slicing his way to the hole. But as Blackhaws Jamal Gooding and Curtis McFall collapsed on Butler, who had the angle on both defenders, he did not dunk, choosing instead to short-arm a reverse lay-up that caught part of the rim.

"I don't know why he switched up," Zeck said. "He wanted to have the angle and he's dunked in that situation all year."

In the ensuing scramble for the loose ball, Brunner picked up his fifth foul. With 12.7 seconds still showing, Monte Cummings, still finished with a game-high 23 points and nine rebounds, sank both foul shots for the 74-71 margin.

With some life still in them, the Golden Eagles had one final opportunity.

One timeout later, Mike Hood intubated on the far sideline to three-point specialist Kendall Minor. Minor's shot from the corner rimmed high off the back iron but miraculously fell into Okafor's hands.

"The 6-foot-11 center had the presence of mind to dribble out behind the arc. But he spun and heaved an ugly floater that found the top of the glass, caroming off the red-clay opponent's outboard." Minor's shot from the corner rimmed high off the back iron but miraculously fell into Okafor's hands.

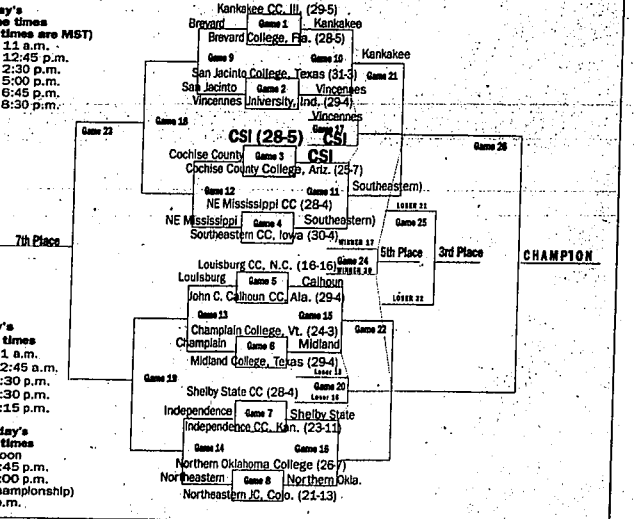
"I really thought in that first half, we really beat ourselves," Zeck said.

Freshman Blanton Ferguson led the Golden Eagles with 19 points and eight rebounds. Brunner and Siebrandt each contributed 14.

Johnnie Selvie and Chris Hester added 15 points apiece for the Iowans, who shot 52 percent (28-for-54) in the game. CSI con-

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nected for 47 percent on 31 of 66 shooting.

Asked how tough it would be for Southern Idaho to come back late tonight and try to muster a win against the Trail Blazers, Ferguson said the team will just have to regroup and play.

"We just have to bounce back," he said. "You find out a team's true character after a loss. Will they bounce back or will they stay down? We have real good character and we will bounce back."

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type of changes need to be made as the tournament steadily declines in competition.

Some examples this year were the College of Southern Idaho's 27-point win over Cochise College, Calhoun College's 92-50 thrashing of 16-17 Louisville College and Midland's 71-44 pasting of Champlain.

In other news:

- CSI's practice on Wednesday drew a string of NCAA Division I coaches from seven schools, including Duquesne, East Carolina, New Mexico, Rutgers, Idaho, Washington State and Colorado State. Among the hot properties: Mike Hood, Matt Siebrandt, Kenny Brunner and Kendall Minor.
- Ben Eze, who cut his left hand Saturday on the unpadded backboard of a Weber State University basket, said the gash required 11 stitches.
- CSI forward Matt Brown is nursing a sore foot again. Team officials don't know if it's yet another stress fracture.

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game in Salt Lake City.

"It's ironic that 21 years later, Indiana State has its first team back in the tournament and it's in the same place where Larry took his team," Sycamores guard Michael Menser said.

In Salt Lake's other first-round games, No. 4 seeded LSU (26-5) plays No. 13 Southern Missouri State (24-6), top-seeded Arizona (26-6) faces No. 16 Jackson State (17-15) and No. 8 Wisconsin (18-13) plays No. 9 Fresno State (24-3).

The Indiana State-Michigan State title game received the highest television ratings in NCAA tournament history. It also represented a watershed moment for college basketball.

Bird and Johnson went on to salvage an ailing NBA, and the

Hoyas paste Virginia with OT loss in NIT

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Gharun Hester hit a three-pointer from the right corner with 31 seconds left in the third overtime Wednesday night in Georgetown's 115-111 victory over Virginia in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

The Hoyas (19-14), who rallied to tie it in regulation and had last-lance shots in the first two extra periods, didn't need one this time as Hester's shot gave them a 112-109 lead and Anthony Perry added a free throw 17 seconds later.

Kitna signs one-year deal with Seahawks

SEATTLE — Quarterback Jon Kitna has signed a one-year contract with the Seattle Seahawks, the team said Wednesday.

Kitna, 27, who passed for 3,346 yards and 23 touchdowns during the 1999 season, is entering his fourth NFL season. He was a restricted free agent, meaning the Seahawks were entitled to compensation if Kitna signed elsewhere. That compensation would have been a first-round and third-round draft choice.

Former Broncos defensive star dies at 54

DENVER — Former defensive lineman Paul Smith, a member of the Denver Broncos' famed "Orange Crush" defense, is dead. He was 54.

Smith, who played 11 of his 13 seasons with the Broncos, died Tuesday night after having battled with pancreatic cancer, according to broadcast reports. He played on Denver's 1978 Super Bowl team and was inducted into the team's Ring of Fame in 1986.

Cancer claims 49ers' assistant coach

STANFORD, Calif. — Bobb McKittrick, the San Francisco 49ers' gritty offensive line coach who worked with five Super Bowl-winning teams in 21 years, died Wednesday of cancer. He was 64.

McKittrick was diagnosed with bile duct cancer in January 1999. The former Marine Corps officer was known for taking his military training onto the field, instilling the virtues of hard work and dedication in his players.

His on-field coaching duties were assumed by Pat Morris last season, but McKittrick stayed involved with the 49ers despite undergoing surgery and chemotherapy.

Sycamores

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Final Four grew into one of the year's biggest sports events. Last fall, CBS paid \$6 billion to broadcast the NCAA tournament for the next 11 years.

Yet Bird's legacy presents a double-edged sword for the Sycamores. As much as they embrace the link to his glory days, this year's team also wants to carve its own success story.

"Larry has been great to us. He even took the time to come to our last home game," Menser said. "But we're here now to play for the 2000 Indiana State team."

The Sycamores insist they're more focused on Texas, literally a tall order because of All-American center Chris Mihm. He will play despite the death Tuesday of his grandmother. "It's something I'm really just trying to put aside," Mihm said.

Stars nip Devils in Belfour's return

Dallas posts third straight victory... EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Mike Modano scored early in the third period with a goal off the skate of a Devils player and the Dallas Stars won their third straight with a 3-2 win over New Jersey on Wednesday night.

Lightning 4, Rangers 4... NEW YORK - Brian Leetch's third-period goal tied the New York Rangers a tie against Tampa Bay.

The point puts the Rangers in a tie with Montreal, Pittsburgh and Carolina for seventh place in the Eastern Conference. New York has just 10 games remaining. Theoren Fleury, Eric Lacroix and Valeri Kamenyev also scored for New York, which got 26 saves from back-up goalie Kirk McLean.

Capitals 4, Islanders 3... WASHINGTON - Chris Simon scored late in the second period

to complete Washington's rally from a two-goal deficit against the New York Islanders. The Capitals, with 86 points, hold a four-point lead over Florida Panthers atop the Southeast Division. It is Washington's biggest advantage this season. Ken Klee, Terry Yake and Peter Bondra also scored for Washington, 24-6-5 since Jan. 1, the NHL's top record.

Hurricanes 2, Oilers 2... RALEIGH, N.C. - Glen Wesley scored with 13:46 left as Carolina rallied to tie Edmonton.

Carolina (4-0-10) and St. Louis are the only teams this season not to lose in overtime. Edmonton is 2-8-16 in an NHL-high 26 overtime games. Rem

Murray and Doug Weight each scored less than a minute after a Carolina power play to put the Oilers up 2-0 in the second. Gary Roberts scored for Carolina on a rebound shot from Ron Francis, who extended his point streak to a season-high eight games.

Blackhawks 5, Maple Leafs 2... TORONTO - Steve Lusafovics scored twice as surging Chicago beat Toronto.

Alexei Zharnov, Michael Nylander and Josef Marha also scored for Chicago, which won its third straight road game and for the seventh time in 10 games. Keyon Adams and Steve Thomas scored for Toronto, which had won five straight.

Trio of young golfers highlight Arnie's tourney

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Mark O'Meara must have felt more like a chaperone Wednesday than a former Masters and British Open champion. In a final practice round for the Bay Hill Invitational, the 43-year-old O'Meara joined up with two younger players not even half his age - Sergio Garcia, the 20-year-old from Spain known as "El Niño," and Australian amateur Aaron Baddeley, who turns 19 on Friday.

The other guy in the foursome was the aging Tiger Woods, all of 24. "When I was 18, I was walking around with my eyes wide," O'Meara said. "I was just trying to get out the way. These guys expect to win." They played the front nine of Bay Hill, morning dew still on the grass, as they clowned around between shots that landed frighteningly close to the pin. Baddeley became the youngest winner in the 95-year history of the Australian Open by beating back challenges from Colin Montgomerie and Greg Norman. Garcia, a two-time winner of the tournament last year, is making his debut at Bay Hill.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings table with columns for team, W, L, PCT, GB, and Home/Away records.

Tuesday's Late NBA Boxes table listing scores for various games like Toronto vs Boston, Philadelphia vs Orlando, etc.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

Baseball exhibition games including Detroit vs Boston, Houston vs Texas, etc.

ON THE AIR

Television listings for various sports events including Golf, Basketball, NHL, Tennis, and Hockey.

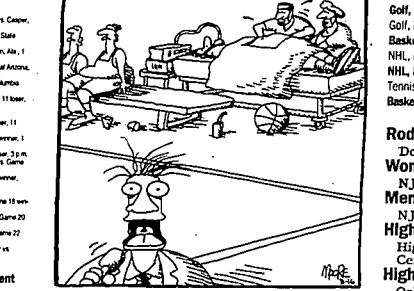
TENNIS

Indian Wells tennis tournament results and schedule.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"The team doctor says it's not a torn knee ligament, but merely blocked arteries. After a routine quintuple bypass, Dave should be able to return to the game by the third quarter." - Mark

Baseball exhibition game scores for Detroit vs Boston, Houston vs Texas, etc.

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YOUR SPORTS

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Kimberly freestyle wrestling hits the mat

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Pitbulls traveled to Hillcrest High School March 4 for a freestyle wrestling tournament.

Tucker Mullberry, Midget 65, and Sonny Silva, Schoolboy 75, placed first. Kolin Kenny, Bantam 45, and Trevor Mullberry, Schoolboy 85, took

second. Tanner Mullberry, PreBantam 45, Nick Mullberry, Novice 65, and Preston Higley placed third. Allen Hunt, Midget 70, finished fourth.

The following weekend, the Pitbulls went to the Mountain Man Tournament in Mountain Home. The team came home with five first place medals:

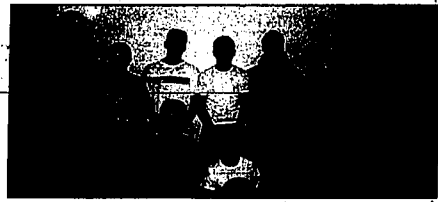
Kolin Kenny, Bantam 45, Buster Brown, Midget 60, Tucker Lierman, Novice 65, Sonny Silva, Schoolboy 75 and Joey Silva, Schoolboy 85.

The Pitbulls also brought home six second place medals: Tanner Mullberry, PreBantam 45, Zac Mullberry, PreBantam 45, Adam Hunt, Bantam 60,

Tucker Mullberry, Midget 65, Nick Mullberry, Novice 60, Anthony Weirheim, Novice 60 and Trevor Mullberry, Schoolboy 85. Chris Newberry, Cadet 143, finished third.

Anyone interested in joining the Kimberly Freestyle Wrestlers should contact Dustin Kenny at 423-4767.

WEST STAKE WINNERS



The Rupert Second Ward boys' basketball team recently won the Rupert West Stake Basketball Tournament. Team members included (front, l-r): Steven Pincher, Garrett Condie, Tyler Haynes, Kriessaa Vorrappittayaporn, Trent Pincher, (back, l-r) coach John Fennell, Ethan Evenson, Kyle Condie, Chris Cole, Aaron Catmull, Layne Rutschke and Nick Smith.

Congratulations go out to Twin Falls, Homedale

The Twin Falls Hi-Five team was declared the champion for the A Division last Saturday night following the 12-game baker system tournament.

A team members Shelly Leaser, Cheri Freeman, Melody Werry, Jenna Kingston and Tracy Hoffman scored 2,312. With a composite average of 193, they averaged 192.

The Mini-Cassia Team of Nancy Weech, Jessica Hieb, Deon Fasset, Alicia Bywater and Derry Smith was second with 2,262. Their composite average was 176, and they averaged 188.

Division II first place went to the Homedale Team — Dawn Whitney, Jana Driskell, Mary Ann Pogam, LaVonne Coleman and Carol Edwards — with 2,108. Homedale's composite was 166, and those bowlers averaged 175.

Grangeville took the second place spot for Division II with 2,090. Bowling on this winning team was Marsha Godwin, Nancy Wedley, Lynn Sonnen, Brenda McRoberts and Georgia Beck. Composite average was 165 and



They averaged 174.

The tournament was hosted by the Bowldrome, where there was standing room only to watch the top average ladies from the 34 women's bowling associations in Idaho.

It is quite an accomplishment for those ladies to qualify and represent their association in the tournament. It is an even greater achievement when the association's team takes home honors as the best in the state. Congratulations to Twin Falls and Homedale!

Week 1 — I.S.W.B.A. Tournament Update... The Berry Patch Team from Bear Lake took over the lead. Lydia Carney, Barbara King, Kathie Stevens,

Connie Hymas and J.C. Magee (substitute from Twin Falls) rolled 3,398. The Pin Toppers, Filer, Edie, Burdley, Pat Schweitzer, Mary Rankin, Jennifer Smith and Joyce Parks, moved to second place with their 3,379.

Team - Division II: Sensation Salon, Tamms Kiamt, Bebe Dods, Jeanne Wilson, Sandy Wilson and Elberta Rinker, Salmon, rolled 3,384 to take over the lead. 4-B Trucking from Lincoln County at 3,347 dropped to second place. Bowlers were Sara Wilson, Karen Burnett, Janet Ray, Kelly Edwards and Randi Edwards.

Doubles - Division I: A tie exists for the top spot. Connie Clements and Leisa Kelsey from Rigby and the Emmett team of Debby and Jennifer Clites both have scores of 3,800.

Doubles - Division II: Idalia Stam and Mary Clark, Nyssa, retained the lead at 1,433. Fran Skiles and Cindy Mendenhall, Grangeville, stepped into second place with 1,405.

Singles - Division I: Angie Willess, Twin Falls, held onto the lead at 775 and Lori Gallegos, Blackfoot took over second with 772.

Singles - Division II: Carrie Hansen, Twin Falls kept the lead with 747 and Karla Probst, Salmon, is second with 744.

All Events Handicap - Division I: Sandy Harrell, McCall, 2,100 followed by Julia Pivarnos, Challis, 2,077. All Events Handicap - Division II: Michelle Will, Twin Falls, took the lead with 2,119 and Flame Klundt, McTwin Falls, is now second at 2,114.

All Events Scratch - Division I: Leader is Mary Harvey, Boise, 1,688 and Cindy Brock, Boise, is second at 1,641. All Events Scratch - Division II: Flame Klundt, Twin Falls, held onto the lead with 1,532 and Jill Schmidt, Wood River, is second at 1,523.

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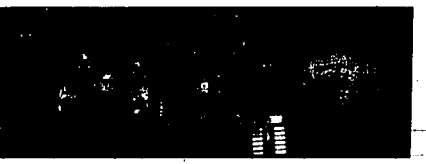
The Heyburn First Ward team finished second. Team members included: Sam Peters, Thomas Peterson, McKay Price, Timmy Girard, Tayne Peterson, Justin Eggleston, Tom Still, Casey O'Connell, Morgan Waite and coach Fernando Vala.

LITTLE HOLE IN ONE



LAS VEGAS — Brent Little, 12, hit a hole in one at Eagle Crest Golf Course in Las Vegas, March 13. Little made the 114-yard shot on the third hole with a pitching wedge. Witness to the event were Lou Little (his grandfather), Dave Little (his father) and Ken Boyer.

FIFTH-GRADE CHAMPS



TWIN FALLS — Mrs. Shockley's fifth-grade class at Morningdale Elementary won undefeated this season, taking first place in the basketball league. Pictured: Back row: Carl Legg (coach), Todd Gremier, Devon Jenks, Marcus Schall, Shaun Rasmussen, Gene Packer (coach). Front row: Blake Packer, Andy Legg, Derek Wiens, Jonathon Steinko.

BRINGING BACK THE PRIDE



The Richfield High School boys' basketball team brought a great award home, to the Richfield community last week. Winning the runner-up trophy in the state tournament was an outstanding achievement for a school whose boys' teams had never won a game at the state level. The last win at state for the girls was in 1979. The Richfield community has shown outstanding support for the team and looks forward to first place in next year's competition.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

Table with columns for 'VOLLEYBALL' and 'BASKETBALL'. Includes scores for various teams like 'M Spring Volleyball' and 'Report Parks and Rec'.

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Advertisement for Tina McBride Linfield lacrosse, featuring a photo of her and contact information for 'GUNS BUY • SELL • TRADE'.

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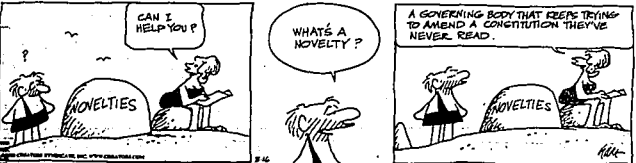
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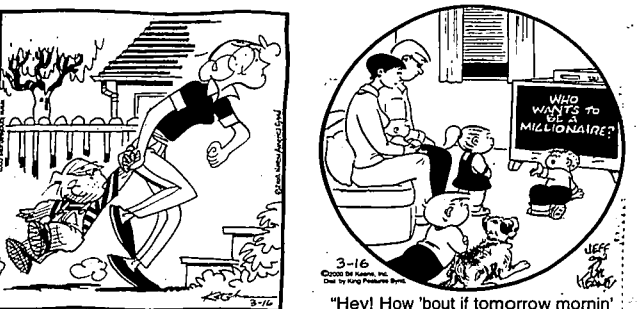


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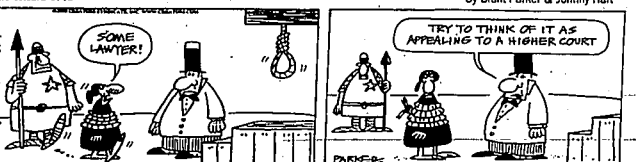
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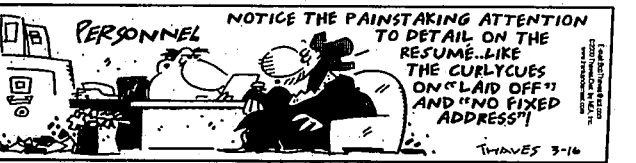
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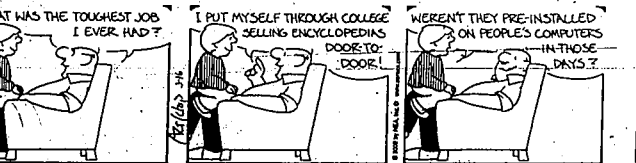
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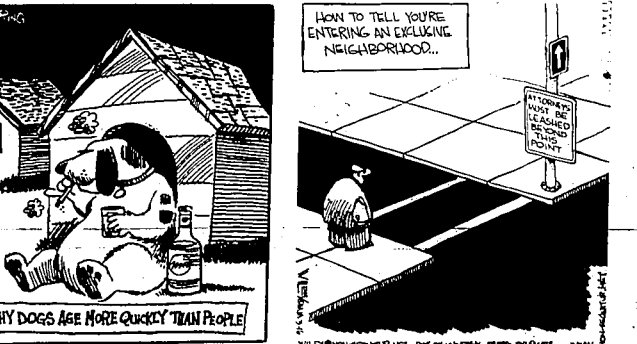


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Kimberly officer completes training

KIMBERLY - City police officer Stacy Buck recently completed a two-week Gang Resistance Education and Training course in Portland, Ore. Buck received training in public speaking, teaching styles and middle school education. Kimberly police officers have been teaching the G.R.E.A.T. program in local schools since 1997.

Kimberly dog licenses due, or price doubles

KIMBERLY - Karen Ute, the city's ordinance officer, said Kimberly dog owners who haven't purchased licenses for their dogs for this year will have to pay double to purchase them after April 1. License fees are \$5 per dog and owners must show proof of rabies vaccinations.

Hearing on dairy farm tonight in Burley

BURLEY - A permit application for a dairy farm in eastern Cassia County will go to a public hearing before the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission tonight. Under a new county ordinance, only those who can prove the facility would violate local, state or federal law will be permitted to testify. In order to testify, written support or objection must first be submitted to and approved by the planning and zoning office, located in the basement of the Cassia County courthouse.

The application is for the Ida-Gold dairy, which is proposing a farm of 5,520 milking and dry Holsteins and 4,700 calves and heifers. The dairy would be located at 400 S. 2150 E., just east of Interstate 84.

There will also be a hearing on Ida-Gold's application for a variance. Ida-Gold is requesting that a permit to mine gravel areas of gravel in prime agricultural property will also be held. The pit is located at 150 E. between 800 S. and 900 S.

If approved, the district would purchase the property from a private owner. The district plans to purchase three more parcels in the area by 2002, for a total of 77 acres. The area is in close proximity to the district's existing gravel pits.

Anyone may testify at a conditional-use hearing.

The hearings will be held at 7 p.m. at Burley City Hall.

Artists for Animals exhibit in Ketchum today

KETCHUM - Pet owners can pick up a new food bowl for Whiskers or Bow-wow at the Artists for Animals exhibit today at Big Wood Break in Ketchum's Industrial Park off Highway 75. Dog and cat bowls hand-painted by local artists will be on sale from 6 to 8 p.m.

CSI to offer mental health assistant course

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a course titled "The Mental Health Assistant" beginning March 29. The six-week course will meet from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Shiloh Lin Palmer. Palmer said the course is open to certified nursing assistants or students currently enrolled in the CNA program. Licensed practical nurses and registered nurses looking to enrich their nursing experiences, or high school students attending health occupations courses, are also welcome to register.

The course is designed to teach students the roles, functions, and responsibilities of the human service worker in a mental health setting. Students will learn about various therapeutic settings, how to care for mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed individuals, and how to work as a team member, according to a CSI news release.

The course fee is \$200 plus the cost of the required textbook and supplies. Students may register at the CSI admissions office inside The Taylor Building. For more information, call Jim Palmer at 733-8585, Ext. 218.

Compiled from staff reports



A suspect is loaded into a van by a Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputy following a drug raid south of Buhl Wednesday afternoon. Deputies raided two houses and found what they suspect was drugs in both residences.

11 busted in Filer drug raid

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

FILER - As the setting sun cast a golden shadow on the farm fields late Wednesday afternoon, Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies swept into a country home east of Filer and another home south of Buhl where they found suspected illegal drugs and made a total of 11 arrests.

The two homes, which are a few miles apart, were the focus of a two-month undercover sheriff's department investigation, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Capt. Dan Hall said.

Wednesday's drug raids were the culmination of that investigation.

"We've been working this case for a little while now," Hall said.

A total of 11 people were arrested during the two raids Wednesday. Charges ranged from frequenting a drug establishment to distribution of a controlled substance.

Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, said deputies confiscated what they suspected to be methamphetamines and marijuana in the two homes.

The amount and street value of the suspected drugs that were confiscated had not been determined as of late Wednesday evening.

Hall said the drug dealing from both houses was related.

"They were working together," he said. Among those arrested on unspecified

charges Wednesday were Jill Lynette Henstock, 36; Michelle Ann Egulior, 46 (both of Buhl); Joey A. Cabral, 30, of Wendell; Jacob K. Sisson, 21, of Buhl; Benjamin M. Trevino, 28, of Higgeney; Ruthanne Wilson, 28, of Buhl; Lynette L. Wood, 43, of Jackpot, Nev.; and Judy L. Brown, 43, of Twin Falls.

Lanny Ray Nelson II, 29, of Buhl, was charged with frequenting a drug establishment, parole violations and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The names of the other two people arrested Wednesday had not been released by sheriff's officials as of late Wednesday evening.

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Budget might include funds for CSI arts

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - Money could be on the way to expand the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center.

CSI requested \$5.8 million from the state, but legislative budget writers earmarked \$1.5 million for the project - a surprise, considering the outlook had not been bright for even that much. The appropriation exceeded the \$281,600 recommended by the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council, charged with drawing up a plan to divvy up state construction dollars. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had recommended nothing.

"We're pretty excited about the Legislature coming through and doing what they could for us," said Mike Mason, dean of finance at CSI.

Mason credited CSI president Jerry Meyerhoefer with going to bat for the project. Meyerhoefer was in Hutchinson, Kan., Wednesday with the men's basketball team at the NJCAA national championship tournament. CSI will return to Boise next

year to ask for the balance needed for construction, Mason said. The project is expected to cost about \$6.3 million.

In the 1998 and 1999 legislative sessions, the college received \$450,000 to design and plan the expansion, which will include addition of a state-of-the-art 250-seat auditorium for theater.

On other state funding items, JFAC squeezed the budget on public broadcasting, while approving a range of public works projects, including the CSI Fine Arts Center project and \$1.7 million for a new Idaho State Police district headquarters in Twin Falls.

The building council and Kempthorne had recommended no money for the ISP headquarters.

"This whole budget is a little squishy," Senate Finance Vice Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert admitted in justifying the manipulations. "It's all based on assumption."

There was only one vote against the public works budget that provided cash for projects on the campuses of all seven of the state's post-secondary educa-

tional institutions. Republican Rep. Don Fischer of Coeur d'Alene was the dissenter, casting a protest vote against the dramatic disparity in state support for the four colleges and the two community colleges, which get 25 percent to 30 percent of their operating revenue from local property taxpayers.

The approval of budgets for public television and public works wrapped up the budget committee's work until lawmakers reach some consensus on a tax cut and how to cover a proposed \$27 million settlement with the interstate trucking industry in the wake of its successful challenge to the truck tax.

The amount of state aid to public schools, which typically accounts for nearly half of all general tax spending, will be significantly influenced by those two issues.

"We have too many things boiling out there," Finance Chairman Lowell Parry of Melba said as he indefinitely recessed the House-Senate committee.

After twice defeating proposals to commit little or nothing in

the next year to federally mandated digital conversion, public television's allies lost bids for the full \$4 million sought for the first phase of the \$11.5 million three-year project and the \$2.5 million Kempthorne recommended. They finally secured \$2 million for the initial work. Advocates said the amount created some risk to the future of public television although not the death knell they claimed no cash would have sounded.

But in an apparent exchange, the committee voted to order the State Board of Education to enforce a policy on public television programming that prohibits any broadcast that supports violations of state criminal laws.

Critics saw it as a thinly veiled attack for airing a program last September on attitudes toward homosexuals, and the directive seemed to reinforce what some see as intolerance among state policy-makers - something Kempthorne has called a misperception that he hopes to correct with a \$100,000 image-polishing campaign.

Input from the community is important, but the council did not expect everyone to show up for the first meeting, said council member Layne Rutschke. Rutschke is in the process of moving his business, Magic Valley Tire Inc., to a location outside the city limits in an area that would be included in the annexation. Rutschke said he would feel a lot more comfortable if sewer and water services were available at the new place, which is the former United Electric location.

"There have been factories that have come to Rupert and

Court file trouble

Bondsman faces charge of stealing document

By Jay Houser
Times-News writer

JEROME - A local bail bondsman and private investigator has entered a plea of innocent on a felony charge of theft, mutilation and destruction of a public record.

Patrick Ray Parker of Jerome was arrested in connection with a March 7 incident. Investigators say a Jerome County court file was left in a trash receptacle in a restroom.

According to a police report, filed with court documents, deputy clerk Robin Oliveira said Parker arrived at the clerk's office between 11 a.m. and noon. Oliveira helped Parker, who agreed to view a series of court documents.

Parker followed Oliveira to the court filing vault and she showed him the documents. She noted Parker was acting suspiciously, and said she heard the sound of crinkling paper. She asked what he had removed from the file, and he denied removing anything, the report said.

Upon leaving, Parker told Oliveira to tell his wife, Leis, that she hadn't seen him that day, if she should happen to call, the report said.

Moments later, Parker's wife entered the room. Parker stepped into the men's room across the hall, and when he came back, Parker's wife asked to see the same file Parker had just seen. Parker denied having seen it, the report said.

Parker's wife noted a proof of service court document was absent from the file, and Oliveira confirmed the document should have been there. After the Parkers had gone, Oliveira approached County Commissioner Roy Prescott and asked him to check the restroom for a trash receptacle. She found the item near the bottom of a trash receptacle, the report said.

Parker was arrested March 8 and posted a \$2,000 bail bond March 9 in relation to the incident, entering a plea of innocent the same day. A preliminary hearing is set for April 6 at 2:30 p.m.

The Elton Baxter, who is representing Parker, declined comment about the case.

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Poles, paws and prizes in Sun Valley

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Pet owners are invited to bring their space-age critters to the 15th annual Paw N' Pole X-Country Millennialthon.

Bob Rover and Fido up in their best Jetsons, Star Wars, Star Trek or otherwise out-there outfits and bring them to the annual Paw N' Pole races and relay on Saturday at the Sun Valley Gun Club on Sun Valley Road across from the Sun Valley Lodge.

"You'll fall down laughing," said the organizer. "Last year someone dressed their dachshund up as a little wiener wagon with a chuck wagon on its back. We had a dog and its human companion dressed up like Harley-Davidson bikers. And we had a bull dog running around with a longhorn on its head."

The year's Paw N' Pole has a cosmic theme. Prizes will be presented for futuristic animal costumes, futuristic human costumes and cataclysmic canine perils.

Prizes also will be awarded for best race times in the 4-kilometer 2001 Space Odyssey, the 1/2-

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MAGIC VALLEY

New ordinances raise ire in Hazelton

By Julie Ponce Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON - Changes are happening in Hazelton, and some residents aren't happy about it. The Hazelton City Council got an earful Tuesday night as citizens made it clear they are confused about how the city will be run in the future. Complaints centered on issues ranging from a new nuisance ordinance to the city's police force. ... "The way this thing is worked, I'm wondering if I could be arrested for sitting in my house and cursing while I'm drinking beer and getting drunk as a pig," she said. Mayor Ervid VanSickle explained that the newly passed nuisance ordinance was modeled after a state statute. Hazelton copied it because it fit the town's needs. He said as long as Floyd

was drinking beer in his own home without bothering the neighbors, the police would not bother her. ... "How do I know that?" she said, going on to say that because she had voiced her opinion at a City Council meeting, she feared retaliation. ... "People around here don't feel like they live in a free society any more," she said. ... "We've talked about this before," he said. ... Jerome Police Chief Bill Reid, who was in attendance, said more crime happens during the day than at night. ... "You're pretty lucky if you can get someone who can wear seven hats," he said. ... "We've got a police force and

we don't even know why," city resident Ron Kline said. ... "If there had been more public notice that a police force was to be established, Kline said, more citizens would have attended meetings. He also wanted to know why the police never patrol at night. ... Taylor agreed. ... "We've talked about this before," he said. ... "Everything nobody our partners. ... Jerome Police Chief Bill Reid, who was in attendance, said more crime happens during the day than at night. ... "You're pretty lucky if you can get someone who can wear seven hats," he said. ... "In other business Tuesday, the council voted to purchase dog-catching equipment at a cost of about \$500.

Blaine schools eye mentoring program

By Barb Newert Times-News correspondent

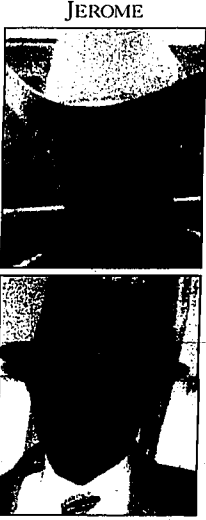
HAILEY - A pilot program in Idaho - called Friends of the Children - will be in place by the fall if funding can be found. Steven Rumpff, executive director of the Portland, Ore., nonprofit organization Friends of the Children, said the Blaine County School Board has an overview of plans to get the mentorship program off the ground by fall. ... "The phenomenal success" and proven results of the program in the Portland area give it credibility, Blaine County School Board member Kate Farnes said. ... "Everyone needs a friend," Rumpff said of the program's philosophy. ... "In preliminary work at Bellevue Elementary School, social workers have already identified 18 to 20 children who are the first grade who are 'at risk.' Initially, the program would

select the eight most critical boys and girls who are at risk. A male and female mentor would be hired on a full-time basis to mentor students in school, after school and evenings. Rumpff said salary would be the same as the starting salary for district teachers. ... "If it succeeds in Blaine County, Rumpff said Friends of the Children would expand to other Idaho school districts. ... "Elections for trustees in Zone 2 and Zone 4 will be held May 16. These seats are held by Lita Sullivan, the board's chairperson, and Farnes. The board approved printing the ballot in both English and Spanish. ... "The board accepted the resignation of Ellen Morrill, principal of Hailey Elementary School for the past 26 years. Her resignation will go into effect in June. ... Reemmer objected to plans to levy a \$40 million plant facilities levy on May 7, saying the district cannot afford the current budget means to pay for new buildings and improvements.

Superintendent Jim Lewis disagreed with Reemmer's interpretation of statistical data that Reemmer had collected. Lewis invited Reemmer to sit down with school administrators to gain an understanding of school finance theory in order to clarify statistics the school district is using to promote the plant facilities election. ... "Teacher John Blackman reported that the summer school program is on track for its second year of operation. Summer school uses five school buildings within the county and will expand to the Carey School so students will not have to travel by bus to Hailey. Successful aid will be added this summer, and a \$100 incentive will be given to returning summer-school teachers to avoid high turnover rates. ... "The board approved proceeding with Achievement Level Testing. The pilot program would provide valuable pre- and post-test information on students, enabling teachers and administrators to tailor curriculum to students. ... Times-News correspondent Barb Newert can be reached in Hailey at 788-9530 or wrnconnection@sunvalley.net

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



JEROME

quoto could be no more true of anyone than it is of Dale Schvanveldd, since he is survived by his beloved spouse, Annis; and their five children, Paul B. (Kostal) Jimmy Dale (Rita), Dan Lee, Alan (Debra) Carney, and JoAnn (John) Harding. From the seventh child, spring nine grandchildren: Jesse, Annie, Dusty, Casey, and Kevin Schvanveldd, Jake Harding, Kandise Rosen, and (Shawn) Ward and Shalynn (John) Crumrine. These nine grandchildren have given him two great-grandchildren, Shelby Lynn Hurd and Sammantha Schvanveldd. Five brothers and four sisters also survive him: Theo, Blaine, Jerry, Phil, Sidney, Bronco, Tracy, Janice, Janel, Veda and Lila Kay, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Proceeding in his death are his parents, two brothers, and twin great-granddaughters. Services will be conducted at noon, Friday, March 17, 2000, at the Jerome Seventh Ward LDS church, located at 520 N. Lincoln, with Bishop El Ray Bingham conducting. Friends may call from 2 p.m. Thursday at the Howe Robertson Funeral Chapel, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church. Memorial donations may be made in memory of Dale to Hospice Visitation, 1300 Kimberly Road #11, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

ing the records for her kindred dead. She served in the Rollief Society Presidency while living in the Monte, Calif., LDS Ward. She served 18 months as a missionary in the Northern States Mission for the LDS Church. This was the same mission in which her husband had served many years previously. Mrs. Hanson moved from Eugene, Oregon, to Ridgecrest in April 1957, to live with her daughter Vivian and her husband, Julius W. Dalley, after suffering a fractured hip. Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2000, at Hanson Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, with Bishop Samuel Sanderson officiating. Friends and family may call at the Mortuary at 710 Sixth St. on Saturday morning between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in the family plot in the Rupert Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hanson Mortuary.

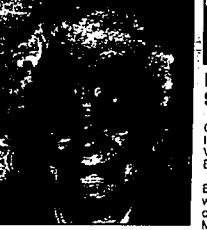
TWIN FALLS



Ethel Lavina (Matson) Sparks Glenn

Ethel Lavina (Matson) Sparks Glenn, 100 years and 11 months, a longtime resident of the Magic Valley, died March 14, 2000, at Bridgeview Care Center. Ethel was born 6 April 1899, in Elk Point, Union, South Dakota. She was the second daughter of four children born to Edward Elmer Matson and Elizabeth Cornelia Harrison. When she was born, bread was five cents a loaf and President Benjamin Harrison was in office. She lived in three different residences. She was married to Walter Sparks in 1915, and they had three children, Edward, Ned, Dorothy Mae and Elizabeth. She became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1926, and then moved with her children and parents to Buhl, Idaho, in 1928. She met Wendell Glenn and was married to him in 1932, in the Salt Lake Temple. They lived in Kimberly, Lost River, Hazelton, and Hansen, Idaho. She worked in the Primary, was Young Women's President, was Rollief Society President and was on the Sunday stake board and Genealogical board. She was a great candy maker, flower grower (especially roses), loved to crochet and embroider and make ceramics for her loved ones. She moved to Twin Falls to live with her daughter Betty (Sparks) Holmquist in 1959. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Larry Matson; her husband Wendell; her son Edward; and her daughter Dorothy. She is survived by her daughter Betty (Elizabeth); and son Jim Glenn. Her descendants include 12 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and 39 great-great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at the LDS Stake Center on Maurice Street. Viewing will be from 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and one hour before the funeral.

RIDGECREST



Vadius Westover Hansen

Vadius Westover Hansen of Ridgecrest, passed away at 8:45 March 13, 2000, at the Beverly Health and Rehabilitation Center, at the age of 97 years. Mrs. Hansen was born June 24, 1902, to Joseph Ernest and Mariam Alwira Walker Westover in Layton, Idaho. She was the seventh of 12 children. She married John Vadius Hansen on February 2, 1921, in the Mantle LDS Temple. They were blessed with five sons and two daughters. He was a rancher and was the owner of the sport in Jerome. Also, he helped to start horse racing at the Jerome Fair Grounds. In 1964, he was voted the "Grassman of the Year." This is an award given to the person that maintains the highest quality pasture for the year. He was a rancher as well as a carpenter until his health declined in 1970. Despite his ill health, he lived his whole life as one of the good old boys. In his life, Dale was a man who enjoyed a great many things. One of his greatest passions was watching all of his grandchildren participate in activities such as baseball, basketball, football, rodeo and track. He was a frequent face at all of the events that his beloved grandchildren participated in. He was also a well-known face throughout the town of Jerome, at places such as the Jerome Cafe as well as Jerome Simcard. "Verly, Verly a seed fallth to the ground and die. But if it die it bringeth forth much fruit," this

Safety concerns pop up in Gooding

By Almoe Wilson Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Resident Margaret Sjostrom would like to prevent an accident before it happens. Citizens walk along a canal on Seventh Avenue on their way to school every morning. Sjostrom told the City Council on Tuesday, and she would like to see a fence go up along the canal to keep children off. She said she's appealed to city leaders before and is now asking the community to join her in the effort. She encouraged her fellow residents to come to a meeting March 29 to discuss fencing the canal.

Community meeting

A community meeting will be held at 12:15 p.m. March 29 at the Gooding Grange. Also Tuesday, Sue and Roger Johnson requested a meeting with the School Board and the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind to discuss expanding the existing "snack" program. Currently there is one team for boys and girls and the Johnsons would like to see separate teams for boys and girls. Other School Board business: Police Chief Paul Brown and

Gooding County Sheriff Sean Gough discussed ideas for improving relations with law enforcement in the area. Gooding High School teacher Heather Williams told the board the high school science fair will be held March 23-24 at the school. The board approved resignations from teachers Jane Epps and Jenn Murley who are both moving from the area, and from teachers Cheryl Reed and Colleen Bonney who are both retiring. Times-News correspondent Almoe Wilson can be reached in Gooding at 934-9541.

Richfield will get grant for new police officer

By Sandra L. Calkins Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD - The city will have more police protection thanks to a federal grant aimed at hiring more police officers in communities across the United States. Kevin Ellis, a deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, told the City Council on Monday that the city has been awarded a \$55,285 federal Cops Grant that will help pay for an officer, police vehicle, uniforms and training for

three years. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office works with the city to provide law enforcement. The council will update its budget at the next meeting to include the grant. He hopes to have the officer patrolling the streets by May 1. In other action Monday, the council approved combining the city and county mobile home ordinances. The area of impact ordinance was sent to the city's attorney for review. The ordinance, if passed, would put the city in charge of

property under 20 acres in the area of impact and give the county control of property over 20 acres in the area of impact. Zoning in the area of impact would be the natural except for a few exceptions. Also Monday, the council postponed action on a city ordinance on truancy and curfew until the city's attorney finishes reviewing it. Times-News correspondent Sandra Calkins can be reached in Richfield at 487-3212.

SERVICES

Congregational Church, 121 N. Second, in Paul, Friend will call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, and at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday. Jon R. Schell of Olympia, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds) Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert Melvin "Mel" Snow of Wendell, services at 2 p.m. today at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel). Bonnie Nell Williams of Malta, services at 11 a.m. Friday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley; friends may call one hour before the funeral Friday at Payne Mortuary. Arthur Gordon Bourner of Twin Falls, rosary at 7 p.m. today at the Guadalupe Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Friday at Guadalupe Catholic Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls). Hertha Katherine Stimpson of Burley, services at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Paul

73, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley. Vern E. Walquist: HEYBURN Vern Emil Walquist, of Heyburn, died Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at the Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2000, at Heyburn LDS Church, with Bishop Gene Price officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary-Burley Chapel, and one hour before services Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn with military graveside rites.

HOSPITALS

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IDAHO

Senate kills contractor license bill

BOISE (AP) — Ardent opponents of licensing thousands of Idaho contractors finally torpedoed the legislation on Wednesday, essentially killing it before it could come to a formal vote in the Senate.

The bill needs to be worked on a little further into next year or maybe a year or two down the road," Republican Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert said.

On a pair of unrecorded 16-14 votes, the Senate rejected attempts by licensing advocates to narrow the application of the legislation. They hoped to pick up the last few votes they needed to pass the bill by exempting thousands of small operators from the



It estimated 17,000 people the original bill would cover.

But the narrow Senate majority refused to adopt exemptions for so-called handymen who do projects worth \$3,000 or less and clarifying the exemption of people helping a property owner on a project.

Some supporters still wanted to put the measure to a formal Senate vote to get each member

on the record, but the coalition of contractors that developed the bill authorized pulling it from further consideration. Spokesman Paul Fusey said they would use the summer and fall to try to iron out the remaining problems for another run at passage in the newly elected Legislature next year.

Licensing promoters claim it will weed out charlatans and protect consumers. Opponents contend it is an attempt by big contractors, many of them already holding licenses required for government projects, to limit their competition. Idaho is one of just 16 states with no licensing or registration requirement.

Governor's plan irks some

BOISE (AP) — House debate on a \$2 million spending plan for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office degenerated into an argument about the merits of the chief executive's Parents as Teachers program and how he has gone about pursuing it.

And running just beneath the surface was a strong current of resentment among conservatives about Kempthorne finally coming out a day earlier against the core of a \$41 million House-passed tax cut plan certain to be gutted in the Senate.

The tension got so thick on Wednesday that First Lady Patricia Kempthorne and the governor's chief of staff, legislative liaison and policy director all gathered outside the House chambers to talk legislators down.

That jawboning session came during a lunch break after debate broke down when Republican Rep. Bill Sall of Boise moved to split the Parents as Teachers language from the appropriation's bill. That effort ultimately failed.

Earlier, Speaker Bruce Newcomb aborted a bid by angry tax cutters to hold the bill hostage by reminding lawmakers of an informal agreement between the Legislature and the governor not to meddle with each other's spending plans.

— LEGISLATIVE LOG —

Completes for Wednesday Sent to governor

SB1533 (Finance) — Increases the sales tax distribution to the Permanent Building Fund to \$5 million.

SB1532 (Finance) — Appropriates \$730,100 to the Human Rights Commission for the budget year that begins July 1.

SB1538 (Finance) — Appropriates more than \$2 million to the Executive Office of the Governor for the budget year beginning July 1.

SB1539 (Finance) — Appropriates \$47,600 to the Idaho Women's Commission for the budget year that begins July 1.

SB1540 (Finance) — Appropriates almost \$432.5 million to the Transportation Department for the budget year that begins July 1.

SB1541 (Finance) — Appropriates more than \$4.2 million to the Public Utilities Commission for the budget year that begins July 1.

HB560 (State Affairs) — Exempts jail and prison plans from public disclosure laws.

Introduced in Senate

SB1572 (State Affairs) — Includes managed care organizations under the Idaho Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

Introduced in House

HB750 (Ways and Means) — Diverts 25 percent of premium tax proceeds above \$45 million to the Individual High Risk Reinsurance Pool.

Possible snowmobile ban worries senator

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — National Park Service officials should rethink their decision to end the popular recreation activity of snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park, said U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo of Idaho.

The federal agency on Monday announced it will finally ban snowmobilers altogether in two years and shift winter traffic to snowcoaches because of con-

cerns over air pollution.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said the only acceptable alternative in a draft environmental impact statement on winter use of the parks calls for immediate prohibitions on snowmobiles until they meet strict noise and emissions standards.

The ban would affect not only Yellowstone, but also parts of

Grand Teton National Park.

The Idaho Republican, a member of the Senate committee with jurisdiction over the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said public sentiment and science are not on the side of the agencies.

"The notion that there ought to be no snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park is inconceivable," Crapo said.

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Nighttime star Philbin skunked in Emmys

NEW YORK (AP) - Now that Susan Lucci has won, Regis Philbin is the new lovable loser searching for his first Daytime Emmy award. Strangely enough, he can win this year with a show that airs in prime-time. The host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" earned Daytime Emmy nominations on Wednesday for best game show host and best talk show host. Philbin has been nominated seven times before for his role on "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee," but has never won an Emmy. Caught flat-footed by the success of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," Emmy administrators hunted the show off to the Daytime Emmys, even though it is routinely the top-rated show in prime-time. They said it's because there's no game show category in the prime-time Emmys, but there is in daytime. The decision aggravated ABC, the show's producer and Philbin, who called it "silly." "These things have aggravated me for years," Philbin said on Wednesday. "Who cares?" The National Academy of

Nominees for major Daytime Emmys... "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" will be eligible for prime-time awards in the future, a spokeswoman said.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved... 1. LEAGUE OF ILLUSTRATED LETTERS, 2. EPIQUE, 3. HELINA, 4. FAAL, 5. LANE, 6. ENLIST, 7. INSPECT, 8. PATS, 9. HONOR, 10. CLAM, 11. RAISE, 12. LABOR, 13. REPORTS, 14. FAULTY, 15. DEO, 16. SOPHIS, 17. STRAINER, 18. BIBULET, 19. BIANCHI, 20. OLD TIME, 21. AGREED, 22. EZRA, 23. NOBEL, 24. NOBEL, 25. TROY, 30. Creative answer?, 39 Flock female, 50 Thick pieces, 51 Basobono, 52 Station's mate, 57 Gon, Bradley, 58 Maken a choice, 60 Also, 62 Island garland, 63 Ex-Gov Dawson

'Grotesque' started off with a cave-in

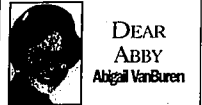
In the 15th century, an excavation cave-in near Rome's Colosseum exposed weird paintings on the walls and ceiling of an underground grotto. Such pictures came to be described as "suitable for a grotto." Or in a word, "grotesque." A hopping kangaroo takes one breath per hop.

Today's birthday kids can't stand fools

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omar... SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Some fool you, "Come down off your high horse." Continue to stand tall. Your demands are reasonable. Many are envious, resentful. Don't be afraid to fight.

Child's play on ice ends up in tragedy

DEAR ABBY: Feb. 4 was a sad day. One less child is going to come back to school. He will never eat pizza, play games or laugh again. He passed away last night. William Brown died on Feb. 3 in an icy pond in Chesapeake, Va. He and some other boys were playing on an ice-covered pond when the ice broke. Three of the boys got out, and 911 people pulled one boy out of the pond. Sadly, William could not be revived. He died after 45 minutes in the freezing water. He wasn't even a teenager yet. I had seen William in the halls at school, and he was probably in my class at one point or another. When I heard he had died, I started to cry. How could this happen to someone so young? I want to make sure no more children die the way William did. Please, Abby, warn your readers about the danger of ice. Even if the ice looks thick, it often isn't. It may break, and you could drown. William learned the hard way. No laughter was heard in school today. The flag will be raised only halfway. One less person will come back to school - because of thin ice. KRISTEN MC CARTHY, AGE 12, CHESAPEAKE, VA.



WHAT'S S WHAT L.M. Boyd

DEAR KRISTEN: My deepest sympathy goes out to William Brown's family. Your heartfelt warning deserves space in my column. Thank you for writing.

Among high school graduates, the men can expect to work 40 years, the women 30. Among college graduates, the men work 41 years, the women 35. So reports one statistician. Interested? See what a college education does for you? Makes you work longer. Newfoundland's locals have a vernacular of their own: a "bungalow" is a maternity dress and a "fidder" plays the accordion. Q. What's the fastest a land vehicle has ever gone? A. Fink's 632 mph. A rocket-powered sled driven by medical researcher Jean Paul Stapp in 1954. Infant kangaroos in their mother's pouch nurse from two nipples, and two babies of different ages commonly nurse at the same time. Newspapers started and folded continually in the Old West. Between 1835 and 1900, estimates believe, about 10,000 published at least a few editions, then gave up.

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "I'm tamped," the girls' high school coach in California, I had to write. I would like to urge him to remain calm and cool. He should take "that look" some of his students are giving him as a compliment - and handle it gracefully. Girls that age quickly develop crushes, and sooner or later they get over them. I would not bench anybody or report her to the principal. To do so would be an overreaction and too harsh. I would let them flirt all they want (after a while



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Author backs controversial document

OROFINO (AP) - The author of a document that has provoked the Nez Perce Tribe and been disavowed by the North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance stands behind his words.

"If there is anything in this document that needs to be corrected, I stand corrected," said Rick Laam, administrator for the city of Orofino and author of what he calls a public education document.

But, he said, no one has opposed the specific jurisdictional points made in the paper.

The document came under fire last week for some inflammatory statements. It describes issues that led to the formation of the alliance, which is composed of governmental entities that question some tribal jurisdictional claims.

But at the end, Laam writes, "if issues keep escalating between the tribe and non-tribal members on the reservation, and we are unable to sit down at a table and openly discuss these differences in order to resolve these conflicts, eventual bloodshed is inevitable."

In a written response to a Lewiston Morning Tribune article, Laam said, "the tribe has distorted the intent and purpose of this document and has taken the word 'bloodshed' out of context."

The statement of impending bloodshed also was dismissed by the alliance's executive director, Dan Johnson. He said the document is Laam's opinion and not an alliance publication.

Laam said he did not write the paper to start a fight but as part of the Orofino city administration's attempt to educate the public about why the alliance was formed.

"I don't mind taking the heat on this," he said. "I know me better than anybody. I am not a racist or a bigot."

The conflict between the alliance and the tribe has served to heighten the tension between Idaho tribes and government officials on a series of issues, most notably gambling on the reservation.

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Nampa Parks and Recreation employee Debbie Aldrich, left, gets a little more than she wanted after taking a duck from Tonna Woolsey on Friday, to be taken from the Lakeview Park in Nampa. Residents along the rim of the park complained the fowl were damaging their houses duck droppings. About 30 birds were captured.

Veteran reporter Chamock dies at age 69

PHOENIX (AP) - Richard Charnock, a former veteran reporter and editor for United Press International who covered such events as Ernest Hemingway's death, died Tuesday after a brief illness. He was 69.

Charnock started as a part-time reporter with UPI while attending college but went on to a full-time job in Salt Lake City. During his 32-year career with UPI, he headed bureaus around the West, including in Montana and Idaho. He became the UPI bureau chief in Phoenix in 1979 but left the company when it closed its operation here in 1985.

During his UPI career, he also covered the earthquakes in Yellowstone National Park and the 1964 Republican convention.

After leaving UPI, he worked as a copy editor and assistant state editor for The Arizona Republic, retiring in 1992.

"He really enjoyed the challenge of uncovering evil, so to speak, and finding the stories that other people hadn't found and finding them first. He always wanted to be first," his daughter, Gayle Sherill, said Wednesday.

She said he was passionate about politics and state government. While still UPI bureau chief in Boise, Idaho, he wrote a political column for The Idaho Statesman, Sherill said.

Conservative wrestles with salmon, water issue

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - In the 1940s, Lane Hansen went with his dad to see his first wild salmon on the East Fork of the Salmon River.

The fish were so thick wriggling upstream to their spawning grounds that the holes looked black in the daylight. At night, the salmon moving through the riffles sounded like cattle crossing.

"Salmon fishing was pure stuff," said Hansen, a 59-year-old insurance salesman from Arco.

Three of Hansen's youngest children were born too late to know the thrill of catching a salmon on their home ground.

"It makes me sad and it makes me mad - we just didn't know back then," said Hansen, who describes himself as a conservative Republican. "There were concerns when the dams went in. We said we're going to lose our fish. They said no we're not. We're going to do everything to save those fish."

Since 1991, four species of

Snake River salmon and steelhead have been listed under the Endangered Species Act. A few steelhead face a high chance of extinction within the next 10 years.

Now, the federal government is looking at ways to bring those fish back to healthy levels. Options include altering or breaching the four dams on the Snake River.

Other ideas include restoring habitat, freezing harvest levels or reducing the number of fish produced in hatcheries that compete with wild salmon and steelhead.

There are three states, nine federal agencies, Indian tribes, countless industry groups and environmental advocates all fighting to protect their interests as they fish out a plan.

For Hansen, whether the salmon survive isn't a question of biology, politics or economics.

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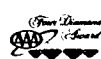
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WORLD

Path that Jesus traveled gets facelift

JERUSALEM (AP) - The Via Dolorosa, the winding cobblestone path that tradition says Jesus took to his crucifixion, got a million-dollar facelift...

All over Jerusalem's Old City, workers were repairing streets and sandblasting facades to get ready for the pontiff.

Palestinian officials, however, complained that Israel's security preparations were limiting freedom of movement for Palestinians and preventing them from attending events with the pope.

The preparations are costing Israel \$10-15 million, not including millions more invested by private groups and churches.

Renovators unveiled the spruced-up, smooth-surfaced Via Dolorosa on Wednesday but left the path bumpy enough to remind pilgrims of the difficult journey.

Serbs clash with peacekeepers, vow civil disobedience

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia (AP) - NATO peacekeepers swept Serbs from a bridge Wednesday during a clash in which two people lost limbs to stun grenades, prompting Serbs to call for a campaign of civil disobedience against the attempt to reunite the city.

The clash - in which stun grenades fired by French peacekeepers forced the amputation of two people's feet - came after the troops of the NATO-led force established a foothold at the Serb-controlled northern end of a key bridge.

Planned as the first step toward uniting this ethnically divided Kosovo city, Wednesday's operation quickly turned into a confrontation as crowds of angry Serbs surged into the roped-off "security zone" at the bridgehead.

"We don't accept people on the northern side creating trouble, and so they have to get out," NATO's commander in Kosovo, Gen. Klaus Reinhardt, told reporters. "They didn't want to get out, so we had to apply a little more power."

At least 15 Serbs and an unde-



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

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termined number of peacekeepers and journalists were injured. Nine of the injured Serbs were hospitalized, said Dr. Radomir Jankovic, chief surgeon at the Serb-controlled hospital.

Two of them, including a mother of three, each had one foot amputated because of injuries

suffered when stun grenades exploded near them, Jankovic said.

Serb leaders threatened to break off all cooperation with the peacekeepers in retaliation for the eviction of Serb residents and "bridge guards" from the security zone in the Little Bosnia neighborhood.



A Danish KFOR peacekeeper stands on top of a tank to help secure a bridge that divides the town of Kosovska Mitrovica on Wednesday.

"They didn't expel the troublemakers, they expelled the victims," community leader Oliver Ivanovic said. "If they insist on implementing the decision about the safety zone in Little Bosnia, they will face a complete civilian disobedience."

"We will not cooperate, we will not respect the curfew and every-

thing else that goes with it," Ivanovic said.

The Serbs say their guards are necessary to protect them from ethnic Albanians on the south bank, but Albanians who fled their homes on the north side said they were afraid to return as long as the Serb guards were there.

Flood victims ignore warning, start rebuilding

CHOKWE, Mozambique - The corn fields were steamrolled by flood waters, the shops on main street are still ankle deep in mud, and when you turn on the water taps in this farming town all you get is an angry hiss.

Mozambique's government insists that all homeless flood victims, including the 50,000 residents of hard-hit Chokwe, should remain in aid camps until the nearby Limpopo River recedes to safe levels.

But an estimated 20,000 people have left the camps anyway, determined to start rebuilding despite the absence of basic services in Chokwe, 125 miles north of the capital, Maputo.

"We understand that people want to go home. We know that life in the camps is not pleasant," Foreign Minister Leonardo Simao said Wednesday in Maputo. "But conditions for their return are simply not yet in place."

Two cyclones and nearly four weeks of rain that began in early February wrought the flooding

World in brief

that killed at least 492 people, left 330,000 homeless and caused an estimated \$250 million in damage to roads, bridges, railways and buildings across the country.

Bus carrying Americans overturns in France

VERDUN, France - A bus carrying American military personnel and their families on a day trip from Germany to Paris overturned on a French highway early Wednesday, injuring 29 people.

Police said the tour bus was traveling on a highway six miles west of the town of Verdun in northeastern France when it keeled over. Eight of the injured were hospitalized, but no one was critically hurt.

The initial investigation suggested that the driver was dozing at the wheel when the bus tipped

over at 4:50 a.m. local time, police said.

A statement from Ramstein Air Base in Germany said the bus was carrying 61 passengers on an express tour to Paris. The Americans came from military bases in several German states.

Serial killer sentenced to 1,340 years in prison

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - A man convicted of 27 murders, 26 attempted murders, 14 rapes and 41 armed robberies was sentenced Wednesday to 1,340 years and three months in prison.

Cedric Maake, 36, watched couples have sex before usually killing the man and raping his female companion, Judge Geraldine Borchers said. She said Maake had to be permanently removed from society. There is no death penalty in South Africa. Maake, a married father of four, started his killing spree in April 1995 and was arrested in December 1997 in Johannesburg.

Pakistan says militants don't pose threat to Clinton

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - U.S. officials are pressuring Pakistan's army rulers for a crackdown on militant Islamic groups ahead of President Clinton's visit next week, but senior Pakistani officials have resisted, saying the militants pose no danger to the U.S. president.

Instead, the Pakistani leadership has ordered the militants not to make provocative statements or threats against the United States or rival India, against whom the groups are waging a bitter secessionist battle in Kashmir.

"We have told them they should behave and not make irresponsible and baseless statements," Pakistan's Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider said in an interview, adding that the groups also were ordered not to organize rallies or weapons displays.

- compiled from wire reports

Police look for suspect in killing of U.S. women

PUERTO VIEJO, Costa Rica (AP) - Police investigating the slayings of two Americans were hunting Wednesday for a man who was seen with the women shortly before they vanished near a Caribbean beach town.

The bodies of Emily Howell of Lexington, Ky., and Emily Eagen of Ann Arbor, Mich., were found Monday along a highway near the town of Cahuita, 90 miles east of San Jose, the capital. Both were 19 years old.

Francisco Ruiz of the Judicial Investigation Organization told a news conference that the two women were seen with a man shortly before they vanished late Sunday and police were hunting for that suspect.

He gave no details, but said the number of footprints in the scene raised the possibility of two attackers.

In the area near where he bodies were found, police have circulated leaflets with photos of the victims, seeking information from anyone who had seen the man with the women on Sunday night.

Howell, a student at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, was in Costa Rica on a photography project, according to the school's dean of students, Scott Warren.

Eagen and another Antioch student, Sharon Sellers, had come down to visit her and the three were spending a weekend in a tourist cabin at this Caribbean beach town.

The manager of the cabin,



Antioch College students Jessamyn Thompson, right, hugs Shannon McCarville Tuesday in Yellow Springs, Ohio, after hearing a follow student was murdered in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Charlie Wanger of Boston, said Howell and Eagen left at about 10:30 Sunday night, heading to the El Dorado restaurant in the town's center.

"This was a sad thing. They were two very good kids," he said.

Ruiz said Eagen had been shot twice in the head and once in the shoulder. Howell had been shot in the head and back. He said the murders occurred between 10:30 p.m. and 1 a.m.

While he said the women were killed where they were found, local residents said they did not hear any gunshots and the site is

only about 200 yards from a police checkpoint along the highway.

A woman who gave her name only as Joanna, who lives in a house about 60 yards from where the bodies were found, said she heard the noises of somebody unloading something from a car very late Sunday night.

Police believe there was a sexual attack, Ruiz said, noting that valuable goods were not taken. Credit cards, clothing and other belongings were found near the bodies.

A sport utility vehicle the women had used was found burned Monday on a major highway just outside San Jose, said judicial police spokeswoman Margarita Morales. The car had been rented by Sellers, a 20-year-old Canadian, the newspaper La Nación reported.

"I can't speak. I feel very bad, very confused, very stricken," Sellers was quoted as saying.

Ruiz said the FBI office in Miami had offered help in the inquiry, but said, "for now, it is better to wait" and perform the investigation with Costa Rican agents.

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Measuring the memories of loyal friends

Field Woodland can hit me with an observation so hard I have to jump over inside just to keep my composure.

Like on Saturday. We were talking and the subject of a dog's life span came up. We talked about how many human years equal one dog year. The ratio is commonly 7 to 1. So a 1-year-old dog equals a 7-year-old kid.

The word "kid" sidetracked Field. The transfer from dog to kid is never discussed. It comes automatically with the arithmetic. And the implication is that a dog should be treated as a human of equal age and gender. So in this bizarre world, in a single year a dog goes from digging in the sandbox to driving the tractor. Wow.

Field said there's something wrong with that formula.

DOG-EARED TALES Bill Studebaker

On the average, a sporting dog lives to be 13 or 14 years old. Using a 7 to 1 ratio, that works out to be 91 to 98 in human years. That's not so old. If the dog is a bitch and she follows the years projected for women today, she should live to be about 76. That's only 5.99 human years to one dog year. If the comparison is dog to man, it's less, about 5.7 to one.

This reduction in the ratio means dog will be older in dog years than it drives the tractor, and it will be younger in human years when it dies.

I thought it was amazing, and I told Field so.

"And what's even more interesting, as we humans live longer, so do dogs in human years. We just bump up the math. Doesn't help dog years though. Dogs still die at 13 or 14," Field said.

There was a pause, then Field added, "What this means to me is that in 13 years I go through all of the emotions of a human lifetime."

My mind spun, keeping up with Field's formulas. By the time I recalculated all the data, Field was justifying his conclusion.

It started with puppies. I love a pup. There's something about one. Just have to reach down, pick it up and rub its fur against my cheek. Just the small charms me. I can't get enough of a pup.

So, there I was dreaming of a pup and Field was saying how they come into our homes and possess us. They wiggle and waggle, they romp and stomp, they pee and spill, just like babies.

Then they grow into kids. Go to school. Learn their names. Learn to play in "their" yard, and to sit and my and stop and give hugs.

Soon, they are teenagers. Testing our nerves. Running away. At the neighbors all the time. A few end up in the dog pound and have to be pulled out. But they're helpful. They hunt, bark at strangers and add enthusiasm to every event.

Then they settle down when they're 5 or so. That's about 23 in human years. For the next 4 or 5 years they are good friends, dependable, alert and confident.

But at 10 they start to slip. Some can't see as well as they did. Some start to lose their hearing. Maybe by choice, but they don't obey like they once did. Food is harder to chew. They smell.

Everything slows down. Except you. Say you got your dog when you were 25. Now you're 35 and your dog is 50. In three more years, then you're 38, she'll be 76 and aging. But you're still young and vigorous.

In 13 years, you've watched a lifetime come and go. You've seen our friend from infancy to the grave. And if you really love dogs, you'll be part of four or five lifetimes as your friends come and go.

"It's what we dog owners have to live with," Field said. "We have to love it all. It's a joyous and sad business, but every footprint is worth it."

That's when I humped over inside. It was a lot for me to take.

I had to go home and give my 3-year-old female and my 4-year-old male a hug. We had to head for the desert. Build some memories. Take some pictures.

We aren't getting any younger. Bill Studebaker knows of what he speaks. When he isn't writing columns that make you hump over inside, he can be found directing the Outdoors Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

Casting with a fly rod can be ...

POETRY IN MOTION

By James J. Kunkich
Times-News correspondent

Casting with a fly rod is akin to conducting an orchestra. It's a mixture of the sublime, and when everything is synchronized, the orchestra plays as the cast is delivered.

When the cast isn't synchronized, it disintegrates into a jumble of wasted movements.

Just as orchestras must practice to make beautiful music, so must fly casters practice their techniques. The simple truth is that the most capable anglers often are the most proficient casters.

Wristful thinking

Keeping a locked wrist is probably the most crucial aspect of fly casting. A locked wrist allows the angler to put power into the cast for an accurate delivery of the fly. A locked wrist also helps keep the backcast high in the air and out of streamside bushes. Finally, a locked wrist is necessary to establish a consistent rhythm and fluid motion. So lock the wrist.

Each cast should begin with a proper grip. The hand should be placed in the middle of the handle. If the hand is too far forward or too far backward, the natural inclination is to bend the wrist. To add power to the cast, the thumb should be on the top and center of the handle.

Unfortunately, casting with a locked wrist doesn't come naturally. People bend their wrists for almost everything, from sipping a cup of coffee to following through while swinging a baseball bat. An easy way to keep your wrist locked while casting is to wrap the thumb around the rod and place your index finger on the handle. This adaptation somewhat restricts the natural movement of the wrist.

Another adjustment is to purchase a Velcro wristwatch band and fasten it around the wrist with the butt of the rod secured beneath.

After some practice, keeping a locked wrist becomes ingrained.

Odd as it may sound, the position of the elbow greatly influences one's ability to keep a locked wrist. If the elbow is kept roughly at waist level and tucked close to the torso, the wrist is much more easily controlled.

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Cast your faith ...

Casters should focus on throwing the line up into the air and not behind them. This diminishes wrist problems and adds height to the backcast, which means more power. Also try to imagine stopping the rod abruptly over your head. If your wrist is bent, an abrupt stop cannot be made.

Stopping the rod abruptly is crucial for good technique, so visualize it halting above your head at 12 o'clock. In reality, most people follow through to about 1 o'clock or 2 o'clock. Because the upward force of the cast and weight of the rod create momentum, trying to stop it directly overhead means it will halt in the proper position.

The cast should begin with the rod at waist level and always culminate with the rod at waist level. This serves several purposes. Greater distance is achieved and a fully extended rod allows the angler to quickly gather slack when the rod is raised again. The odds of hooking a fish also rise.

For every cast that lands on the water, there are many more that never touch down. False casts as they are known, are used for two reasons. A false cast with abrupt stops helps shake water off a dry fly, thus allowing it to float longer. False casts also allow the angler to build momentum and line speed, which add distance.

False witness

For a false cast, the rod must be moved slightly toward the shoulder. This assists with the loop of line unfolding outward, away from the angler's body and also away from the rod. A false cast that is straight back and straight forward will result in the line hitting the rod, which means tangles and the need to dodge a hurting fly.

The timing of a false cast is crucial. As the line moves over one's shoulder and the loop begins to straighten out, the motion is to stop the rod at around 10:30 or 11 o'clock and abruptly pull it backward. The rod must be stopped at a slightly angled position around 1 o'clock or 2 o'clock to maintain the height of the backcast. Try to stop the rod just before the loop straightens out in front of you. If the rod is pulled backward too quickly, the line will jerk and accuracy will suffer.

It's showtime

One of the best ways to improve your casting technique is to videotape yourself. The best approach is to make only a half dozen or so casts and then review them. The idea is to correct your mistakes, not ingrain bad habits.

A final note on movies: The film "A River Runs Through It" may have been great publicity for fly fishing, but it was terrible for casting. Brad and his buddies used way too much wrist.



Twin Falls resident Tony Bryan shows the results of using proper casting techniques.

Photos by JAMES KUNKICH/The Times-News

The proper way to cast



The cast should always finish with the rod at waist level.



It's crucial to abruptly stop the rod on the backcast.



The normal hand position with the thumb on top of the handle.



An adaptation: Using the index finger helps lock the wrist.

OUTDOORS

TRAPPING SURVIVES

Despite low prices and fur protesters, many run lines

FORT BENTON, Mont. (AP) — Mornings, autumn through winter, find Don Judkins tending his trap line.

One recent day, with new snow spread like ermine and the sun shining through a windless blue sky, Judkins took seven coyotes from 40 snares on Highwood Creek east of Great Falls.

It was enough to move even a 30-year veteran like Judkins.

"Didn't the Lord give us a fine day?" he asks. "Just imagine seeing all of these surprises and people having to go to work, and I get to go out trapping."

But it isn't all blue skies and new snow for Montana's 2,000-plus trappers. Prices are flat; trapping remains under attack as cruel; and new regulations have trappers grumbling.

Even the good news is gloomy. At last month's fashion shows in New York City, model after model wore fur. But most of it was ranch-raised or used as trim — not enough to raise prices in Montana.

The coats also re-ignited the fur debate. Protesters from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals crashed the fashion shows. They threw tofu pies spilled red paint on a runway and held up "Fur Shame" signs.

Still, the number of people buying trapping licenses in Montana has increased gradually over the past 10 years.

There are 2,600 Montanans licensed to take furbearers this season, according to Brian Giddings of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. That is an increase of 35 percent since 1990.

Nationally, there are an estimated 150,000 to 165,000 trappers, Steve Greene of the National Trappers Association said. But because trapping often involves families, he believes the



Trapper Don Judkins uses a feather to attract a predator to an area where he set a snare last month near Fort Benton, Mont. These are tough times for many trappers because prices are flat and trapping remains under attack as cruel.

NTA represents close to a million people.

"It's hard to count, because some states don't have separate hunting and trapping licenses," Greene said.

Back in the late 1970s and '80s, many more people were trapping because fur prices were, as Judkins said, "through the ceiling."

Prices now — \$30 for a coyote compared to \$150 to \$180 in the heyday 20 years ago — are keeping all but the hardcore trapper out of the woods these days.

"Price-wise, it's pretty slim for a trapper to make any money," said Fran Buell, who edits the Montana Trapper Association newsletter from her home in Gildford. "When prices go down,



Judkins approaches a coyote caught in a snare near Fort Benton, Mont.

the weekend trapper doesn't trap. Right now we have the dyed-in-the-wool, hardcore long-liners trapping, and they will trap no matter what."

Trapping in Montana is older than the state itself. Europeans made forays into Montana before, Lewis and Clark, but the great period of beaver trapping in the Rocky Mountains — the mountain man era — began in about 1820, when beaver hats were highly fashionable. It lasted only a decade or two; fashion changed and beaver populations fished.

Now, most trappers do it because they love the outdoors, and for some, it supplements their income.

"When I'm on my trap line, it's like opening day at Christmas time," said Dave Vidrich of Butte, who has been trapping for about 16 years. "It's a challenge all the time."

This year Vidrich trapped a wolverine in the Highland Mountains south of Butte. It took more than a week and several trips into the mountains from the time a friend told him of seeing the tracks until he caught the elusive animal in a foothold trap.

Herman Hankins of Geraldine traps the Big Sag Ranch and the

Highwood Mountains east of Great Falls. "Herb," as he is called, concentrates mostly on predators. So far this year, he has taken 19 beavers.

"I turned four of those loose because it was before Dec. 1 when the season opens," Hankins said. "It's like gold mining. If it gets you, it really takes hold."

Everybody thinks there is a ton of money in it, but I like the outdoors and I love to be around animals," Clement said. "You don't get rich off of it."

Jim Buell of Gildford, the Montana liaison with the National Trapper Association, thinks the health of trapping is good right now.

"As we trappers are doing a better job of determining the impact of what we are doing and how we are doing it — controlling excess population and nuisance animals — the health of trapping is very good right now. We are not perceived as being cruel," he said.

Buell cited a four-year "best management practice" program under way to determine the most humane way to trap animals. It's being conducted by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the National Trapper Association and the Fur Takers of America.

F&G official will speak tonight in TF

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Fish and Game Commission Fred Wood will be the guest speaker at tonight's meeting of the Magic Valley Fly Fishers. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W.

Wood will bring club members up to date on this year's legislative session, including proposed changes in Fish and Game regulations. He will describe how new members of the commission are adapting to their new roles. He also will give his impression of Rod Sando, the newly selected Fish and Game director, who starts work on April 1.

Outdoor in brief

North ski club plans full-moon outing

HANSEN — Anyone who enjoys good food and cross-country skiing under a full moon should plan to be at the Magic Mountain Ski Area Saturday night.

The High Desert Nordic Association will dish up a Dutch oven lasagna dinner at 7 p.m. and then depart on a full-moon ski excursion at 8 p.m. Cost is \$7 for HDNA members and \$8 for non-members.

The outing is for intermediate to advanced skiers; it is not suited for beginners. Headlamps are required. For more information, call Dave Bjorneberg at 423-4097.

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Hiking with young family members has its rewards

By Barbar Egbert
San Jose Mercury News

Not many 5.5-year-olds get to play on the shores of Smeedberg Lake in Yosemite National Park. It is deep in the back country, along a rugged section of the Pacific Crest Trail.

But an eagle flying over the lake last October would have seen my daughter, Mary Chambers, at the edge of the water, chattering away happily at a little girl 50 yards away. Even after walking 12 miles that day, with an altitude gain of 3,500 feet. Even after five days and 50 miles of strenuous hiking, sleeping in a tent and wearing the same shirt every day.

The fact is, wilderness and children are a natural combination. They love it out there, and the farther out "there" is, the better.

Few parents think of first grade as the perfect age for a wilderness expedition. But a family backpacking trip can be enormously rewarding. And with proper preparation, even something as ambitious as our 76-mile trip can be tackled.

Ours is not an exceptionally wild family. True, my husband, Gary Chambers, is an experienced, amateur mountaineer who has led the tops of Shasta, Rainier, the Grand Teton and Denali. But I am just a middle-aged woman who likes to walk in the woods. And Mary is in many ways a typical first-grader: alternately affectionate and defiant, energetic, and fond of playing dress-up.

Our eight-day trip wasn't perfect. At times, we chose the wrong trail or had to be backtracked caught in a storm; had arguments; and wondered (more than once) if we had bitten off more than we could chew. But preparation, experience and atti-

Backpacking tips

There are many books, articles and videos on how to hike, even a few on how to hike better. It's just common sense to know some first aid, test your gear and get in shape before heading into the wilderness. But here are a few tips that don't get nearly enough emphasis:

1. **Toughen up those feet.** Woe to the backpacker who has strengthened her legs with long Sunday hikes, but who has not hiked for three days in a row at least once a month. Only back-to-back hiking days will toughen your feet and show whether your footwear is adequate.
2. **Test your gear.** Nothing works in the field quite the way it works in the store or backyard. If you're planning a week's trip, try out your stove and water filter, and practice erecting your tent and repacking your backpack on a few weekend overnights.
3. **Call ahead about permits, rules and seasons.** Procedures for obtaining backcountry permits vary widely among jurisdictions and regions. Don't let a trip be canceled because (actual examples you couldn't get to the Forest Service office in time; brought your dog and didn't know it

4. **Kids need to play.** Schedule time for play, and bring along lightweight supplies like paper and colored pencils, paperback books, and small stuffed animals. The woods will provide rocks, pine cones, feathers, etc.
5. **Little kids may need to be entertained on the trail.** Whether carried on your back or walking alongside, be ready to tell stories and make up games.
6. **Get warm before you get cold.** When you stop for the day, put jackets and long pants on everyone before you set up the tent. Once it's up, get everyone into long underwear, pants, long-sleeved shirts, jackets, parkas, hats, balaclavas — whatever it takes to avoid getting chilled. Once you're cold, it is very hard to get warm again. Wear extra clothes to bed. It's easy to take off socks, hat, jacket in the sleeping bag, but hard to find them in the dark.
7. **Drink more water than you want and monitor each other and yourself for signs of dehydration, which can start with mild nausea and headache.** At the first hint, drink a pint.
8. **Plan a practice hike at the altitude you want to backpack.** I hardly

9. **Don't forget the medicine cabinet, especially if you're over 35.** Along with a first aid kit, take along whatever you need to ease the aches and pains of the trail. Youngsters are tough, but old folks like me need thick air mattresses and lots of insulation to make it through the night. A bottle of nasal spray can make the difference between a good night's rest and no rest at all.

— Knight Ridder News Service

itude take through for us. It's that last factor, attitude, that stops many families with small children from venturing more than a few miles beyond the visitors' center. Many adults have (or can easily acquire) enough backpacking experience to carry through at least an overnight successfully. And preparation mostly involves keeping the family in reasonably good shape, planning trips everyone can handle, testing gear and knowing what accommodations each family member needs, whether it's Advil for mom or a favorite treat for junior. The necessary attitude is one that says, Yes, we can survive even if we can't dial 911, or take

a shower, or retreat to our room and get a good night's sleep. It's an attitude that says the rules about privacy can be suspended for a little while (not to mention the rules about nutrition).

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Eagles and stress

Biologists study the effect of humans on birds

The Associated Press

In the Alaskan wilderness, bald eagles showed signs they were stressed out when people camped near their nests, raising concerns among some scientists that more people vacationing in the wild could ultimately mean fewer eagles.

Biologists floating the Gulkana River in Alaska between 1990 and 1992 found that when they camped as close as 100 yards from a nest, the eagles fed themselves and their young less, spent less time preening their feathers and maintaining their nests, and spent more time screeching — all signs of increased stress.

The eagles seemed to get more used to having people around after 24 hours, exhibiting fewer signs of stress, but return visits by the biologists triggered renewed signs of agitation by the birds.

"Human activity near nests caused clear and consistent changes in behaviors of breeding eagles, suggesting that frequent human activities near nests could adversely affect nestling survival, and therefore reproductive success," authors Robert J. Steidl and Robert G. Anthony wrote in the current issue of Ecological Applications, a quarterly journal of the Ecological Society of America.

Steidl, an assistant professor of wildlife ecology at the University of Arizona, and Anthony, professor of wildlife ecology at Oregon State University, said the work offered new insights into the effects of stress.

"Mostly when we study the effects of humans on organisms, we focus on the changes to habitat and how they influence organisms," Steidl said. "What we managed to show in a reasonably strong way is more subtle impacts can have impacts on organisms."

Widespread use of the pesticide DDT after World War II caused eagle populations in the lower 48 states to plummet, land-



A bald eagle flies over the Klamath Wildlife Refuge near Klamath Falls, Ore., last month. In the Alaskan wilderness, bald eagles showed signs they were stressed when people camped near their nests.

Since DDT was banned in 1972, bald eagle numbers have rebounded to more than 5,700 breeding pairs in the lower 48 states, prompting Fish and Wildlife to propose taking the national bird off the endangered species list.

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Since DDT was banned in 1972, bald eagle numbers have rebounded to more than 5,700 breeding pairs in the lower 48 states, prompting Fish and Wildlife to propose taking the national bird off the endangered species list. A decision is due this summer.

The behavioral changes observed by the study were significant. Preening dropped 53 percent per day, sleeping 56 percent, and nest maintenance 50 percent. Feeding by the eagles themselves and of their chicks went down 30 percent. Screeching went up 30 percent. Anthony said he did not think the eagles were being adequately protected from the subtle harms of people getting too close to them, especially if they no longer were protected by the

Endangered Species Act. "As human populations increase, I think we can only expect to have more conflicts with species like bald eagles," said Anthony. "I don't think that is being addressed very effectively right now."

Increasing recreational use is producing more conflicts with eagles. A proposal to build a ski resort on Pelican Butte, in Winema National Forest in Oregon, has raised concerns for 100 bald eagles that roost nearby in winter and 15 nesting sites along Upper Klamath Lake.

Responding to a draft environmental impact statement, biologists Patty Buetner and her husband, Mark Buetner, wrote that if the ski area is built, human activity will increase. Other nests have failed as development encroached, and the roost would likely be abandoned for a less desirable place.

Fish and Wildlife has considered the effects of disturbance on bald eagles, but their numbers appear to be resilient enough to overcome it, said Jody Millar, the agency's coordinator for bald eagle recovery.

In Florida and Chesapeake Bay, for example, eagles seem to have gotten used to nesting near people, she said. She added that eagles that choose to live in wilderness appeared to be less tolerant of people.

While declining would mean bald eagles were no longer protected by the Endangered Species Act, protection guidelines under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act would continue to prohibit harassment by people, she added.

The study was done for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Alaska. Anthony said he and Steidl recommended BLM prohibit people rafting the Gulkana from camping within 400 to 500 yards of eagle nests.

Elijah Waters, wildlife biologist on the BLM's Glennallen District, said he was not aware of any steps taken to protect eagle nests on the Gulkana as a result of the study, but added that the agency is studying the effects of increased use of the river, which can be reached by car from Anchorage in a few hours.

New Yorker gives birth to bird 'hunt'

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — The year was 1900, and Frank Chapman saw the dawn of a new century as an ideal time to begin a new era in man's relationship with his fine-feathered friends.

Chapman, a New York ornithologist and editor of a monthly publication called "Bird Lore," proposed a new kind of bird "hunt."

His editorial suggested that, rather than go out on Christmas Day and shoot birds, people simply identify and count the birds they saw that day.

A mere 27 readers heeded Chapman's call to submit tallies for that first Christmas Bird Census.

So Chapman could not have had any idea that his proposal would grow into a major international event involving some 50,000 participants in 1,800 different locales throughout the Western hemisphere.

Or that it would still be going, and growing, 100 years later.

But that is the case with the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count.

The early-winter avian census is no longer limited to Christmas Day. Local Audubon chapters are allowed to pick any day between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 to mobilize birders for the CBC.

In this area, bird watchers chose to make the count more of a New Year's tradition than a Christmas one.

They usually gather for the CBC on the first Sunday of the new year. This winter's count — the 55th for local birders — followed that pattern on Jan. 2.

Tens of birders spread out to predetermined areas that all fall within a standard Christmas Bird Count "circle," which measures 15 miles in diameter.

"Our counting circle is centered at Dancho School," said Herb Wisner, a University of Oregon professor emeritus of

biology who has served as chairman of the Eugene count for the last several years.

"So it gets into Springfield and includes Coburg, north to the airport, and south to the Fern Ridge Reservoir and south to Spencer Butte."

In addition, Wisner said, "we encourage people who feed birds in their backyard to report the maximum number of each bird species that they see at one time during the day."

Local involvement in the CBC can be traced back to 1913, when a lone counter turned in a tally sheet showing 15 different species of birds — including one Oregon towhee, one Sierra creopier, 50 western meadowlarks and golden-crowned kinglets.

As a result, Eugene shares with Corvallis the honor of conducting Oregon's first Christmas Bird Count.

We know this because the Audubon Society has kept the results of every Christmas Bird Count and recently posted the resulting data on the Internet.

The Audubon Society says the CBC database is important because it allows researchers to chart changes in bird distribution patterns and populations.

The records show Eugene's early involvement in the census was fleeting. After 1913, it was 30 years before the next local bird count. Since 1943, however, local birders have missed only two years (1948 and 1952).

Oregon had 43 active Christmas Bird Count circles last winter — including Coos Bay, Florence, Roseburg-Sutherlin and Santitas Pass (where 49 different species of birds were found in the deed of winter).

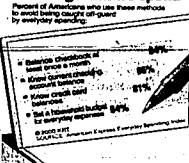
Many of the people who participate in the counts are dedicated regulars. Wisner, for example, has been involved since moving to Eugene in 1956.

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TWIN FALLS — Developers are interested in downtown and Old Towne, but city officials aren't saying who they are.

The city's Urban Renewal Agency will meet at noon Friday in the City Hall council chambers at 321 Second Ave. E. The public is welcome to the meeting, for which a bare-bones notice states this purpose: "to consider a proposal for downtown/Old Towne development."

The group has been approached about the possibility of a development, but don't expect to hear details or a specific location at the meeting, said Dave McAlindin, Urban Renewal's executive director and the city's economic development director.

Publicity about development plans can send real estate prices up at the target location and kill the plans financially, he added.

Wendell chamber hosts first banquet today

WENDELL — Today is a big day for the Wendell Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber's first banquet and officer installation — which the business group hopes to make an annual event — will start at 7 p.m. today at the Jerome County Club.

Cost is \$20 per couple. Call Paula Simerly at 536-6651 for reservations.

Also coming soon is the Wendell chamber's monthly board meeting at 8 p.m., March 23 in Wendell Elementary School's media room, and the board issued an invitation to any business people. Easter, Magic Valley Dairy Days and other chamber-sponsored events will be up for discussion.

JP Realty announces dividend of 48 cents a share

SALT LAKE CITY — JP Realty Inc. this week declared a cash dividend of 48 cents per share for the period from Jan. 1 through March 31.

The dividend will be paid April 13 to shareholders of record as of April 6.

JP Realty (NYSE: JPR) owns one property in Twin Falls — the 37,000-square-foot Twin Falls Crossing on Blue Lakes Boulevard, a former Ernst store facility. JP Realty predecessor company, Price Development Co., built the Magic Valley Mall.

Those with higher salaries could donate more

You don't need to be "rich" to share with those less fortunate. At least three-quarters of charitable donations come from individuals.

Stull, the Lutheran Brotherhood, a financial services provider based in Minneapolis, estimates that those earning the highest salaries could triple their donations and not feel a pinch.

Lutheran Brotherhood suggests you choose a cause and set a budget for donations. (The Philanthropic Advisory Service of the Better Business Bureau and the National Charities Information Bureau are good sources.)

After that, you shouldn't feel obliged to help other organizations; particularly if you're skeptical of the establishment.

Giving to charities is tax-deductible as long as the organization is tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue code. But if you're still strapped for cash you can donate your time.

Many volunteers say donating time is more rewarding than donating money.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Auto dealer nabs honor

Chamber lauds Con Paulos Inc.

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome business leaders Wednesday night honored a local automobile dealership as their best business booster.

At its annual banquet, the Jerome Chamber of Commerce named the Con Paulos Inc. team Business of the Year, chosen by the chamber's board of directors.

Dealership employees are involved in many sectors of the chamber, "and they're always available," said Linda Hadam, a banquet organizer. In short, she said, the business is "just a great community supporter."

"We have been very active in supporting the chamber," said LeAnn Sullivan, guest relations manager at Con Paulos Inc.

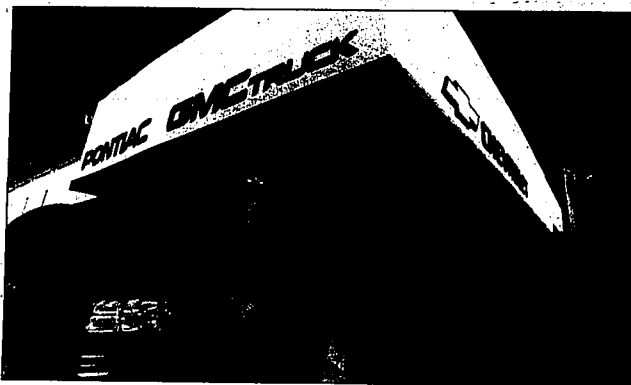
Three employees are chamber ambassadors, she said. Until Wednesday, the dealership's owner led the chamber as president. Con Paulos Inc. domestic goods for winners of the chamber's Extra Mile Award, every December hosts the chamber's Business After Hours social event, and in August brought a Corvette Caravan promotion to town and fed the drivers breakfast.

The dealership is just the second business to be thus honored. Best Western Sawtooth Inn last year netted the Jerome chamber's first Business of the Year award.

The spotlight shone on others Wednesday night, too.

Two couples — Richard and Delores Everson and Weldon and Caroline Weigle — received the chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor first given in 1994.

The Weigles, who both grew up in Jerome and are long-time residents, operated the former Jerome Lumber Co. for many years, Hadam said. Weldon Weigle now is active in the Jerome Development Corp.; Caroline Weigle helps at



Con Paulos Inc. won recognition from the Jerome Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night, in part for the automobile company's involvement in the business organization. Dealership President Con Paulos is the chamber's outgoing president. Business-vehicle account manager Kay Steiger, left, is a chamber ambassador, and LeAnn Sullivan, the dealership's guest relations manager, is president-elect of the chamber ambassadors.

Jerome's public library and tends the rose garden in front of the library, she said.

The Eversons' civic involvement includes the Jaycees, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, the chamber, Scouts, their church and a host of other community efforts, Hadam said. The couple gives a scholarship every year to a Jerome graduate, she added.

Barbara Darnall, of AmeriPride Linen and Apparel, Services in Twin Falls, was surprised with the Ambassador of the Year award.

"She attends every function that we have — she is right there either helping socially or volunteering donations or whatever from her company," Hadam said.

The ambassador extraordinaire was chairman during the past year for the Extra Mile Award program, she had a big hand in the barbecue for last spring's fiddling contest, and she always is a major mover when it comes time for the chamber's

holiday home tour each December, Hadam said.

Darnall and every one of her ambassador counterparts received the chamber's Lifesaver Award.

"The chamber has gone through a couple of personnel changes, and the ambassadors have been willing and able to fill the gaps that have been left open in times of need. And they've always had a great attitude about it; they've never complained. And we've really seen the ambassadors this year work as a team," said Sullivan, an ambassador herself.

The chamber Wednesday also announced its new ambassador officers for 2000: Hadam, of Washington Federal Savings in Jerome, is president; Sullivan is president-elect and will be president in 2001; Nancy Jackson, of Land Title and Escrow Inc. in Jerome, is secretary; Jennifer Traugher, of D.L. Evans Bank in Jerome, and Larry Goolsby are co-treasurers.

Also Wednesday night, the chamber announced its two new executive board members: Frank Arana, of Farmers National Bank in Jerome, and Robin Kinsey, owner of R & R Pharmacy in Jerome. Voted in by chamber members, Arana and Kinsey are taking the board seats occupied by Rick Bernsen and Bryan Craig Sullivan said.

Bonny Ross, an associate broker at Canyonside Realty in Jerome, took over Wednesday as the chamber board's president.

Usually the Jerome chamber gives its Citizen of the Year award to one person. But last fall, the chamber picked two couples for the honor, and it acknowledged them Wednesday.

J. Robin and Ann Kinsey of R & R Pharmacy, and Kurt and Linda Thompson of Jerome Homes.

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May conference will offer economic outlook

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Clouds or continued sunshine? A trio of economic experts are expected in Twin Falls in May to give locals a rundown on the Federal Reserve system and forecast the financial weather.

The Twin Falls Area of Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Reserve's San Francisco district will put on an economic outlook conference May 5 at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel, and anyone is welcome to come, the chamber's Executive Vice President Kent Just said.

An impressive expert lineup is planned.

Economist Joe Mattey, a research officer in banking and regional studies for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,



P. Wolcott, vice president in charge at the San Francisco branch, will discuss the role and functions of the Federal Reserve and how it relates to the economy.

John Church, an independent economist from Boise, will cover state and local economic outlook.

Introducing the three will be Barbara L. Wilson, chairman of the board of the bank's Salt Lake City branch and the Idaho and regional vice president of U S West.

Admission to the 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. event — which will serve as the chamber's monthly First Friday breakfast meeting — will cost \$15 for chamber members or members of the public alike, Just said. Make reservations at the chamber office, 733-3974, by April 18.

In another matter for the local business organization, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has approved the Twin Falls chamber for 10-year re-creditation, saying its "continued support for the principles of free enterprise has been a major asset in our efforts to promote pro-growth policies at the federal, state and local levels of government."

"And so we kind of celebrated that fact," Just said, following this week's chamber board meeting.

Roughly one in five chambers of commerce have been accredited,

the U.S. organization said.

It's a goal the local chamber has pursued since late last summer. A team led by Mary Lou Panatopoulos, of First American Title, conducted the chamber's required self-analysis. Then a U.S. Chamber representative visited to meet with the team, the chamber board and with community leaders outside the organization who could speak to public attitude about the chamber, Just said.

The major flaw that process uncovered: a lack of long-range planning.

So the chamber's Jody Tremblay, of Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, is leading another team, which seeks to assemble a minimum five-year plan that can be easily updated annually, Just said.

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Analysts predict fewer start-ups

Knight Ridder News Service

Small-business start-ups will decline, and many existing ones will close over the next 10 to 15 years as large numbers of baby boomers retire and the pool of new entrepreneurs shrinks, according to a study released Wednesday.

Despite the decline in entrepreneurship, this is one of the best periods in history for small business because of advances in technology and greater business-financing options for small companies, according to the study, "The Future of Small Business: Trends for a New Century."

The study is believed to be the first comprehensive look at where small businesses will be and what they will look like over the next generation.

"We're on the verge of a small business renaissance, and that's fueled by affordable technology," said Rick Oliver, a

Vanderbilt University management professor and author of the study.

The study was sponsored by American Express, IBM, National Small Business United and the Research Institute for Small & Emerging Business.

The findings are in contrast to today's environment, where small business is the backbone of the nation's longest economic expansion.

"This does create a bit of a worrisome cloud in the future," Oliver conceded, noting that the demographic changes will increase the rate of business closures (roughly 9 percent of small firms fail annually) by 2 percent to 3 percent and slow the number of openings as well.

Oliver said the study does not quantify how much of an impact these changes will have on the overall economy.

On a good note, he said: "You have to have three things to be

successful: technology, capital and people. And for the first time in history, all three are available to small businesses."

In addition to changing demographics and greater financial options, the study found that:

- The future work force will include more women, minorities and older workers.
- Consequently, small firms will need to adopt family-friendly policies already in place at large corporations.
- Small firms will no longer be able to function with just a desktop computer. Technology and wireless communication will contribute to the growth that does occur.
- Consulting will be hot as companies look for advice and ways to meet consumer needs.
- The Internet and e-commerce technologies will help small businesses better compete against large firms by making them more efficient.

Bus line plans to form separate unit for charters and bus tours

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — Greyhound Lines Inc., the nation's largest bus company, announced Wednesday it will create a separate unit for charters and bus tours as part of a plan to triple the revenue from this business over the next two years.

The move represents one of the first major initiatives undertaken at Dallas-based Greyhound since the company was acquired by Laidlaw Inc. of Burlington, Ontario, last year. Greyhound's Magic Valley bus terminals are in Twin Falls, Bliss and Burley.

Although Greyhound remains focused on its core bus operations, it is also seeking to grow profits by devoting more resources and attention to related areas, such as package delivery and the \$15 billion market for

North American charter auto tours.

"Charter and tours is a huge growth business," said Gordon Barr, Greyhound's new senior vice president of charter operations for North America who joined the company in February after serving as a top executive at Holland America Lines, a cruise ship operator based in Seattle.

Greyhound aims to grow revenue from its charter and tour business in the United States and Canada to \$250 million in fiscal year 2002, up from \$70 million in its latest fiscal year ended Aug. 31. To achieve this increase, the company is planning to acquire an unspecified number of charter and tour bus companies in both the United States and Canada, as well as grow its existing business.

In December, Greyhound purchased

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Problem in the books

BID director says bookkeeping help is needed

By Rachel Denny Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The bookkeeping system downtown BID Thompson says the district is looking at a \$7,000 discrepancy — the result of a bookkeeping mixup, and not the result of any criminal wrongdoing.

At a recent executive session of the Historic Downtown BID, Thompson said since he was elected chairman he has been studying the BID's financial status, according to board-approved minutes from that meeting.

"According to Ron's study, the books show approximately \$100,000 in revenue, expenditures totaling approximately \$107,000, leaving a \$7,000 discrepancy," the minutes said. "Additionally, Ron has determined that the budget proposed in May 1999 was probably \$10,000 less than what it should have been."

The \$7,000 has just been entered into the financial books incorrectly, Thompson said in a Times-News interview.

"The figures put in there, the \$7,000 discrepancy, is the way (BID Executive Director) Randy (Bombardier) has recorded the books in the budget," he said. "The budget needs to be amended because the entries have been entered incorrectly."

"No criminal accusation has been made whatsoever; there is no intrigue or drama to this, just a lot of clerical issues," Thompson added.

The problem with the bookkeeping system is that it is much too complex for the size of the organization, Bombardier said.

Bombardier is responsible for keeping the books in order, but he said he is not trained as a bookkeeper and needs help.

"I have some questions about some of the technical things," Bombardier said. "I've had those questions in the past time. I've talked to Gary (Evans, the financial director), for a year wanting some help."

But the city says downtown should be in the care of its own records, Evans said.

"We've talked about the need for some improvements outside there," he said. "It's just we feel you need to take care of their own situation."

The downtown BID is included in a yearly city audit, Evans said. As for the immediate problems facing the BID budget, he says he takes an accounting firm up to a month and up to \$3,000 to fix, according to minutes from

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Mon, Commodity, High, Low, Close. Lists various commodities like Soybean, Corn, Wheat, etc.

5,000 bushel minimum contracts per bushel

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SUGAR

Table with columns: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec. Lists sugar prices.

NEW YORK (AP)—Sugar futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange

Table with columns: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec. Lists New York sugar futures prices.

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Power plant construction to start

Avista Power, a subsidiary of Spokane, Wash.-based Avista Corp., will build a new natural gas-fired power plant...

KATHEDRAL (AP)

Construction of a 270-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant will begin next week outside this northern Idaho town...

Greystone

Continued from D4. chanced Hotard Coaches Inc. of New Orleans, a large tour operator in the southeastern United States...

Books

Continued from D4. The executive session. "The entries being made into our bookkeeping system have not been correct, we have to make those corrections," Thompson said...

BEANS

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GRAINS

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MINNESAPOLIS (AP)—Wheat

Table with columns: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec. Lists Minneapolis wheat prices.

CHEESE

Table with columns: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec. Lists cheese prices.

POTATOES/ONIONS

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METALS/CURRENCY

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PORTLAND (AP)—Bids at 12:30 p.m. PDT

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Table with columns: Name, \$100, % Change. Lists mutual fund performance.

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ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP.
P/B/S: Peterson, Trust Officer
PUBLISH: March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2000
ORDINANCE NO. 2847
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, CONCERNING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEEDS THEREON.
WHEREAS, DARREN BELIN and LYNN MESSMAN are the owners of the real property located at 1228 Betty Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho, and the property is currently vacant.

THESE SOUTH 378.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Sometime known as 1907 Highland Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of Trust from Rick B. Olander, Olander, husband and wife, as Grantors, to the Trustee, Trustee, and the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, as Beneficiary, as recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho, as modified by Modification #1 (150604), Idaho Code, No. 1998-00312, recorded in Book 07420, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, on February 2, 1998, as Instrument No. 1998-00312.

Trust executed by Kevin Ross and Lori Ross, husband and wife, as Grantors, in and for the County of Idaho, Idaho, an Idaho Corporation, as Trustee for the First American Title Company, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, as follows:
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