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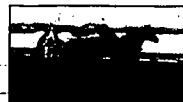
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# Going in heavy

## Officers mull use of force in the age of meth, Eden shootings

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Dressed in urban camouflage and packing weapons capable of spitting fully automatic fire, the S.W.A.T. team that moved in tight formation up a Twin Falls street on Jan. 26 was capable of swift, deadly action.

An armed suspect, holed up in a house near Lincoln Elementary School, surrendered peacefully a few hours later, so the S.W.A.T. team's full force was never unleashed.

But it's nice to know that force is there, area law enforcement commanders say.

As methamphetamine has introduced a new level of tension to drug searches, and in the wake of a gunfight in Eden that left two Jerome County sheriff's deputies and a suspect dead, commanders have a lot to consider as they decide what level of force to use.

### Send in the S.W.A.T.?

The Twin Falls Police Department and other Magic Valley agencies use a "risk analysis" form to determine what level of force to use against a suspect when serving a warrant or looking for drugs.

Using information from informants, concerned residents, surveillance or other sources, investigators try to determine how many risk factors are associated with a suspect. Risk factors can include a suspect's known association with extremist groups or violent criminal history.

Each case is assigned a point value. Special attention is paid to some risk factors. For example, if the suspect has a homicide on his or her record, the number of risk factor points is automatically quadrupled.

The Twin Falls Police Department uses the following scale to determine when to use S.W.A.T.:

- One to 24 points: Using S.W.A.T. is optional.
- 18 to 24 points: Using S.W.A.T. is recommended.
- More than 25 points: S.W.A.T. team is required.

High tension, high stakes

Hall - a 14-year veteran of the special team - said he remembers a time when officers got spotty training and rugged World War II relic weapons designed to spray lead all over European battlefields.

Now, officers regularly train with elite S.W.A.T. and counter-terrorist officers from all over the world, and they pack finely tuned weapons.

"One reason: Meth is on the scene."

"Meth makes people paranoid, a little more violent, unpredictable. It's definitely upped the stakes," Hall said.

Still, things have stayed the same as much as they've changed, said Capt. Jim Massey, who has administrative authority over the Twin Falls police S.W.A.T. unit.

"I don't think we're in a situation where there is a great deal more, or less, violence involved in serving warrants than we have dealt with historically," he said.

### The Eden gunfight

Jerome County sheriff's Cpls. James Moulson, 30, and Phillip Anderson, 23, died in a firefight that broke out Jan. 3, as they and other officers tried to serve a search warrant for drugs at the Eden home of George Timothy Williams, 47. Williams also died in the gun battle.

The officers at Williams' home weren't a S.W.A.T. team or similar unit, and they were after marijuana, not meth, according to court records and statements made by Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver.

Every police officer and deputy in Idaho gets some basic training in warrant service as part of the mandatory Peace Officers Standards and Training academy, said P.O.S.T. executive director Mike Becar.

Moulson and Anderson's training records remained sealed last week, as part of an ongoing investigation of the shootings, Becar said.

A total of 12 officers were on the scene the night of the Eden gunfight, and a semi-automatic, 9mm version of the fearsome Colt AR-15 carbine was among the weapons investigators later removed from the scene, according to Weaver's statements and investigators' records.

That means Moulson and Anderson were probably part of an operation that - in terms of the use of force - fell about midway between sending an officer or two to knock on a suspect's door and sending in a full S.W.A.T. team.

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## S.W.A.T. essentials

### Equipment:

The Twin Falls Police Department's S.W.A.T. team uses equipment similar to what's issued to teams around Idaho. It includes:

**Cotton camouflage** or urban camouflage combat fatigues.

**Military-style combat boots.** Steel toes optional at officer's discretion.

**Knee pads,** for protection against hard or rough surfaces.

**Bullet-resistant helmet** and vest.

**Fire- and chemical-resistant hood and gloves.**

**Goggles,** which are not bullet resistant. Officers leading an entry are often equipped with bullet-resistant face shields.

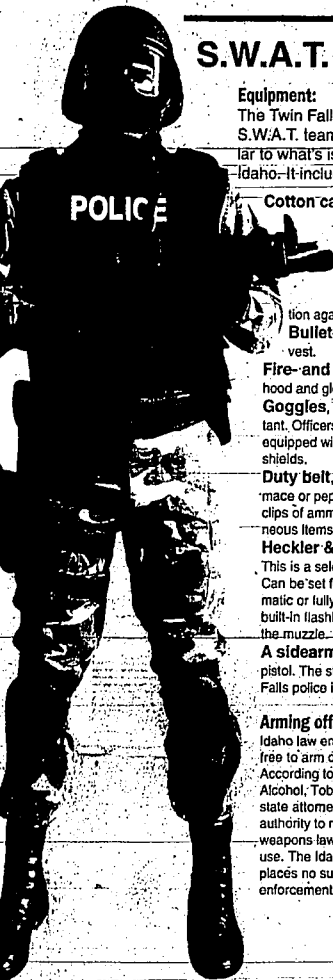
**Duty belt,** which usually contains mace or pepper spray, handcuffs, extra clips of ammunition and other miscellaneous items.

**Heckler & Koch submachine gun:** This is a selective-fire 9 mm weapon. Can be set for single shot, semi-automatic or fully automatic fire. Often has built-in flashlight mounted directly under the muzzle.

**A sidearm,** usually a semi-automatic pistol. The standard sidearm for Twin Falls police is a Glock .40-caliber pistol.

### Arming officers:

Idaho law enforcement agencies are free to arm officers as they see fit. According to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, only a state attorney general's office has the authority to restrict what types of weapons law enforcement officers can use. The Idaho attorney general's office places no such restrictions on Idaho law enforcement agencies.



### Training:

There is no mandatory special training for S.W.A.T. team members in Idaho, said Mike Becar, executive director of the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training academy.

All rookie police officers or sheriff's deputies are required to go through the basic P.O.S.T. course within a year of being hired. They must also complete on-the-job training with senior officers and complete a probationary period of six months to one year. After that, they may be recruited to serve on their department's S.W.A.T. team.

Even so, most S.W.A.T. officers are carefully selected and undergo regular specialized training, Becar said.

P.O.S.T. offers special S.W.A.T. training sessions each year. These feature instruction and seminars given by S.W.A.T. and counter-terrorist experts from all over the country. These are especially vital for smaller departments, which probably could not otherwise afford such training, Becar said.

Police departments and sheriff's offices in Idaho are also free to offer any in-house S.W.A.T. training they see fit and can afford to provide, he said.



S.W.A.T. team members move into position during a standoff in Twin Falls Jan. 26.

## More balance?

### Hydroelectric bill would streamline licensing process

By Megan Scully  
States News Service

**WASHINGTON** - With an energy crisis seeping out from California to Idaho and other Western states, the Senate is considering a bill to streamline licensing hydroelectric plants.

The legislation, introduced last week by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, would essentially decrease the role of federal agencies, such as the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in awarding and renewing hydro licenses.

Craig and the power industry tout the bill as a measure that will take out the middleman in the often-lengthy licensing process, when power is at a premium. This would allow the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission more discretion over balancing environmental and corporate interests.



Sen. Larry Craig

"We are looking to return some balance and to streamline the process a little bit," said David Tuft, a spokesman for the National Hydropower Association.

But environmental groups and many Senate Democrats argue that lessening the agencies' role could have a negative effect on plants and wildlife.

"To us, streamlining is just a buzzword for eliminating environmental regulations," said Roger Singer, an official with the Sierra Club in Idaho. "Federal agencies are going and cutting laws on the books need to be enforced."

Craig sponsored a similar bill in the last Congress, but it failed to win bipartisan support and died in committee. But with an energy crisis looming larger, the hydropower industry is hopeful that the bill will pass this time around.

This year's bill has yet to receive bipartisan support, however, with key Democratic members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee opposing it.

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## States rethink deregulation

The Associated Press

**TULSA, Okla.** - When California started going dark with rolling blackouts, unweary Oklahoma lawmakers took another look at their state's electrical deregulation plans - and roughed out the proposals.

In North Carolina, legislators blamed California's power crisis in saying they'll go no further this year toward opening electric markets to competition. And Vermont Gov. Howard Dean thanked lawmakers for blocking his push to deregulate 3.5 years ago.

How long did it take to change Dean's mind?

"About 5 minutes once I saw what was happening in California," he said.

Despite assurances that California's pitfalls are avoidable and that deregulation is working in other states, the Golden State's flickering lights are setting off alarms in more than a dozen states considering moves to let consumers comparison-shop for electricity.

Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia have approved deregulation laws since 1996, but more than half of those have yet to open power markets

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# Debate on tax cut plan intensifies

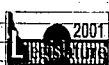
## Opposition hunts for alternate proposal

By Bob Fick  
The Associated Press

**BOISE** - The search for a new tax cutting plan is under way now that the \$140 million package put together by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has fallen prey to petty politics and bruised egos.

The administration has not given up yet since there appears to be no majority behind any alternative. It still considers its plan more fiscally appropriate as evidence of an economic slow-down mounts.

But there were indications that additional permanent tax cuts will have to be included if any package is going to pass the



House, and that sets up a repeat of last year's standoff with the Senate, where concern about the state's economic future has significantly tempered enthusiasm for any large permanent reductions.

Budget writers are expected to try to accommodate the tax

cutters by reducing Kempthorne's aggressive \$2.1 billion general tax budget. Some House members want up to \$60 million sliced from the governor's plan. Budget writers think about \$40 million is politically feasible.

The Senate got the better of the debate last winter, limiting the modest tax cut only to see the economy produce the largest

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

## IDAHO ALMANAC

**Idaho Extremes**  
 Yesterday: High 41° Low 16°  
 Chills  
 High/Low: 41/22  
 Normal: 41/22  
 Record: 15° in 1906

**Precipitation**  
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest.: 0.00"  
 Month to date: 0.00"  
 Normal month to date: 0.14"  
 Year to date: 0.22"  
 Normal year to date: 1.01"

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday at noon: 85%  
 Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 5 p.m.: 30.37 in.

**Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls**  
 Grass: Absent  
 Weeds: Absent  
 Trees: Absent  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho



## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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Clouds and occasional sun, mild. ▲48°	Mostly cloudy, a few snowflakes arriving. ▼32°	Chance of a rain and snow shower. ▲48° ▼28°	Partly fog; then partly to mostly sunny. ▲36° ▼16°	A mixture of clouds and sun. ▲36° ▼18°	Partly fog; then partly sunny. ▲38° ▼20°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Mostly cloudy across the north today with a few showers of rain and snow; dry across the south with clouds and occasional sunshine. Mostly cloudy tonight with showers of rain and snow.

**Basin:** Mostly cloudy today; although a shower or two cannot be ruled out, most of the day will be rain-free. Mostly cloudy tonight with a few rain showers that might mix with snow showers before ending.

**Northern Nevada:** Turning mild across northern Nevada, today, clouds and sunshine near the Oregon border and the Idaho border, while areas farther to the south are mostly sunny. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight.

**Northern Utah:** Clouds and occasional sunshine in areas near the Idaho border, while the area farther to the south is partly to mostly sunny. Partly cloudy tonight. Maybe a rain or snow shower tomorrow.

**Northern Idaho:** Mostly cloudy today with rain and mountain snow; some of the valleys will start this morning with snow, before a change to rain. Mostly cloudy tonight into tomorrow morning with additional rain and snow.

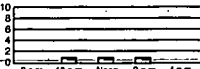
## SUN AND MOON

**Sunrise Today:** 7:49 a.m.  
**Sunset tonight:** 5:55 p.m.  
**Moonside today:** 2:05 p.m.  
**Moonside tonight:** 4:30 a.m.

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## UV INDEX TODAY



## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Calgary	10-16	9-10
Edmonton	20-11	11-10
Kelowna	20-23	24-4
Lethbridge	18-19	24-2
Regina	20-4	11-2
Saskatoon	20-3	8-6
Toronto	47-34	44-32
Vancouver	48-37	46-20
Victoria	47-34	46-20
Winnipeg	25-6	16-10

## WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Accapulco	90-72	93-70
Athens	51-48	59-47
Buenos Aires	83-68	88-70
Bangkok	90-78	94-75
Beijing	31-30	35-28
Berlin	32-31	41-40
Bombay	83-68	88-70
Buenos Aires	83-68	88-70
Calcutta	56-42	60-44
Hong Kong	63-67	72-64
Jakarta	83-68	88-70
Johannesburg	89-82	94-82
Lagos	83-68	88-70
London	50-46	49-48
Mexico City	64-41	65-41
Moscow	47-34	44-32
Paris	47-39	48-42
Rio de Janeiro	88-75	86-73
Rome	53-42	60-52
Sydney	38-30	45-39
Southern	88-76	85-72
Tokyo	53-42	46-32
Washington	56-45	58-34
Zurich	47-39	54-39

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Boise	44-32	44-24
Burley	47-33	48-17
Coeur d'Alene	38-29	38-20
Elko	48-21	48-16
Eugene-OR	56-40	52-30
Hageran	45-32	47-24
Idaho Falls	37-26	36-17
Kalispell, MT	35-26	39-16
Lewiston	48-38	48-28
Malta	29-22	28-18
Matta	35-15	28-7

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 90° in San Gabriel, CA Low -8° in Marquette, MI

## NATIONAL WEATHER



## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Arlington	56-35	45-29
Atlanta	43-38	48-34
Baltimore	44-38	48-32
Beijing	43-27	48-32
Birmingham	56-34	44-36
Boston	39-32	39-33
Chattanooga, TN	54-40	59-33
Charleston, WV	48-31	38-29
Chicago	34-26	30-24
Cleveland	38-33	38-29
Dayton	48-29	56-23
Des Moines	34-23	37-25
Detroit	38-28	38-26
Flagstaff, AZ	64-32	67-39
Fairbanks	6-9	18-5
Fargo	29-14	28-16
Honolulu	78-64	78-61
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Indianapolis	39-30	35-26
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Kansas City	39-24	45-31
Las Vegas	68-43	67-47
Little Rock	54-33	48-32
Los Angeles	64-52	78-52
San Francisco	64-52	78-52
Seattle	48-38	46-32
Tucson	79-46	81-45
Washington, DC	42-34	51-35

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# Second Gallaudet student is found dead

**The Washington Post**  
 WASHINGTON - A 19-year-old freshman at Gallaudet University was found dead early Saturday morning, his body discovered inside the same dormitory where a student was killed just four months ago, authorities said.  
 Police identified the student as

Benjamin Varner, of San Antonio, and said his death is being investigated as a homicide. No details were provided on the apparent killing, which again shocked the Gallaudet community and forced the renowned center for the deaf and hard of hearing to relive a tragedy that many hoped was behind them.

Varner's body was discovered at 4:15 a.m. in a room on the fourth floor of Cogswell Hall, three floors above the scene of the killing of 19-year-old freshman Eric Plunkett, who was found beaten to death, Sept. 28.  
 Police said residents were alerted by a fire alarm in

Cogswell, which houses about 150 freshmen. A resident assistant checking rooms after students were evacuated found Varner's body "in an unconscious state," said Sgt. Joe Gentile, a District of Columbia police spokesman, and medical and police authorities who arrived at the scene found "no signs of life."

# Tax

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 cash surplus in state history.  
 But there are even more signals this winter that the strong growth of the past is over despite the latest revenue update that on the surface suggests the opposite.  
 "The Division of Financial Management reported that tax collections in December were nearly \$13 million higher than expected under a revenue forecast that had already been dramatically increased a month ago.  
 But administration economists pointed out that the higher than anticipated collections were the result of a one-time \$6.6 million estate tax windfall, the second huge estate tax payment this budget year, and advance payment of millions of dollars in corporate taxes that would otherwise be paid this spring.

**Tax-cut fever - A5**  
 For the past six months, Bills could run \$2 million higher than originally expected.  
 "When there's a downturn in the economy and you have a person who loses his job," Blake Hall said, "he has to decide what he will forfeit first and often that's health insurance."  
 Finance Director Gavin Gee says Idaho's 75 state-chartered banks are sound.  
 "We've started to see an increase in nonperforming loans in the agricultural sector, but not an alarming increase," Gee says. "We're hoping we don't see a return of the mid-1980s when we had a real agr crisis that resulted in our last bank failure in Malad in 1986."  
 The state also has one of the highest bankruptcy rates, but the vast majority are individual bankruptcies tied to high credit card debt.  
 The latest report from the Labor Department on further confirmed the sluggishness that has been plaguing rural Idaho for some time. Employment in the state is just 1.3 percent over the past three years while urban employment was up 3.1 percent.  
 The average unemployment rate last year was nearly 6 percent in rural Idaho and less than 4 percent in the cities. And unemployment checks have been on the rise.  
 After paying out \$2 million less than a year earlier during the first half of 2000, Labor Director Roger Madsen said unemployment benefit payments during the last six months ran \$3 million higher than the year before.  
 The jobless rate is expected to rise this year in every county but Madison, where it should stay unchanged.  
 "So," Madsen says, "there's no question that there has been more than a subtle deterioration."

# Hydro

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 Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., and others in the Senate want to review recent attempts by FERC and federal agencies to resolve their administrative problems.  
 Under a 1986 law, federal agencies can insert mandatory stipulations into the licensing process to protect the environment surrounding the dam. The stipulations cannot be lifted by FERC, which has oversight of the licensing process.  
 In Craig's bill, the agencies' stipulations would be subject to more intense scrutiny, with

greater attention paid to the impacts the conditions would have on power plants and the local economy.  
 The bill would place FERC back at the helm of the licensing process, reinstating its authority to balance environmental and corporate interests under the Federal Power Act. That power receded slightly in 1986, when agencies were "thrown into the licensing equation."  
 "This bill injects fairness and balancing into the licensing process," Craig spokeswoman Sarah Berk said. "Right now, the

law is so tilted towards environmental interests that it completely leaves out other components."  
 As the law stands now, a company seeking to renew its dam license often gets tangled in a costly, bureaucratic struggle that can carry on for more than two decades.  
 For Idaho's Hells Canyon project, Idaho Power Co. estimates that relicensing alone will cost more than \$700 million.  
 "We have issues that we have to deal with, but I don't know about \$700 million worth," said Matt Eames, a lobbyist for the

company. "And you might just end up with a job that is an economic loser."  
 But a power plant that does not take into account the environmental implications of a dam can often leave disastrous effects on a community whose livelihood depends on fishing, said Scott Stoerner, a spokesperson with the League of Conservation Voters.  
 "You don't have to make a decision between protecting the environment or protecting the economy," Stoerner said. "But you have to be smart about it."

# S.W.A.T.

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 But Williams might have caught officers off-guard, Weaver said it was never reported to him that Williams might have kept a gun - although some friends and neighbors of Williams have said he began carrying a revolver a few weeks before his death.

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 "If you're just going to walk up to somebody and serve a search warrant to them on the street, you usually also need to have an arrest warrant for them, or you have no right to detain them for a property search."  
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**WILD CARD**  
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NATION

# Sec. Rumsfeld reassures Europeans

Defense secretary talks about missile defense, EU force



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld meets allies in Munich.

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld assured U.S. allies on Saturday that President Bush's plan for a national missile defense will be a "threat to no one" except aggressors. He did not provide a timetable for building a missile defense but left little doubt Bush will proceed.

On his first overseas trip since taking office Jan. 20, Rumsfeld also expressed concern at plans for a European military force that would respond to crises when the U.S.-led NATO alliance chooses not to, Rumsfeld, a former ambassador to NATO, said he feared this could destabilize the alliance.

"I'm a little worried," he said. "In remarks to a European security conference at a Munich hotel, Rumsfeld spoke forthrightly about missile defense and other sensitive subjects while admitting he had much to learn after just two weeks on the job."

"I'm brand spanking new," he

you think you're going to be able to make it out of bed today?"

Judging by his trip schedule, Rumsfeld is energized by his return to the Pentagon. He flew overnight Friday from Washington, went directly into a day-long series of meetings Saturday and planned a brief stop at Spangdahlem Air Base, also in Germany, to have dinner with troops before returning to Washington in early Sunday.

The topic expected to dominate the Munich conference — Bush's plan for a national missile defense system — was raised frequently but not with the hard-edged criticism heard in recent months.

Richard Burt, a State Department arms control official during the Reagan administration, noted that while the Europeans were "politely complaining" about missile defense, the Americans in Munich were doing the same on the subject of Europe's plan to create a military force as a subset of NATO.

Henry Kissinger, secretary of state when Rumsfeld was president Ford's defense secretary, told the conference that discussion of missile defense was

being approached "like a visit to the dentist." Speakers touched lightly on the topic, as if eager to move on to something more pleasant.

Missile defense is divisive because many European leaders fear it would leave their countries unprotected, thus creating a trans-Atlantic division. They also oppose it on grounds that it would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty with the former Soviet Union, a pact Rumsfeld has called "ancient history."

In an interview with reporters traveling on his plane from Washington, Rumsfeld indicated he believes continued defense to the ABM treaty would prevent the United States from building the most cost-effective and technologically effective missile defense system at the earliest possible date.

"You would very likely come up with something other than (the) if you can do it and try to design something that would fit within a treaty that was written 25 years ago when technology was notably different, when we were in a Cold War, when the threats in the world were vastly different."

Rumsfeld, 68, also was defense secretary during the Ford administration from 1975-77.

Rumsfeld said he is amused at news stories noting that he had been the youngest secretary of defense ever and now is the oldest.

"My wife, Joyce, has read so many of these articles that when I wake up in the morning she rolls over and says, 'Well, old timer, do

# Film industry workers brace for looming strike

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — The looming threat of a strike this summer by Hollywood's writers and actors is forcing many of the approximately 175,000 workers who toil behind the scenes making movies and TV shows to slash expenses, find ways to save and scout other job prospects and scout health insurance alternatives.

Blue-collar Hollywood — the often overlooked army of laborers who build sets, design costumes, move equipment and perform the myriad of tasks that make the dream factory run — is the likely collateral damage should Hollywood go dark. Fearful of los-

ing jobs, homes and health benefits, they are preparing for the worst.

"There's an old expression," said Norman Glasser, business agent of the local studio lighting technicians union "When two elephants fight, only the grass gets hurt. We have no control over it and it's very frustrating."

With the writers and studios far apart, the likelihood of a walkout grows each day. The parties continued talking on Saturday as they head toward a May 2 expiration of the existing contract.

Writers want big increases in the residuals they are paid when their work airs on foreign TV, cable TV, via the Internet and

when videocassettes and DVDs are sold. Studios say an explosion in costs has squeezed their profits. Besides financial issues, writers also want expanded "creative

rights" such as more access to film sets and editing sessions as well as a curbing in the use of "A film by" credits routinely given to movie directors.

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# Principal faces long recovery

FELTON, Pa. (AP) — An elementary school principal severely cut while fighting off a machete-wielding attacker may never fully heal from the wounds to her hands, a hospital official said Saturday.

Norina Bentzel and two teachers subdued the attacker until help arrived Friday at the school in rural central Pennsylvania.

"She's a real hero," hospital spokeswoman Amy Strong said Saturday. "The first thing she said when she woke up was, 'How are the children?' and the second thing she said was, 'How are the other teachers?'"

Surgeons at the Curtis National Hand Center at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore repaired tendons and reattached blood vessels and nerves in several fingers that were nearly severed by the machete's 2-foot-long blade. Metal screws were inserted in some of Bentzel's fingers, Strong said.

One of three teachers injured remained hospitalized. Six kindergartners suffered minor injuries.

William Michael Stankewicz, 55, was arrested within 20 minutes of the attack and charged with two counts of attempted homicide and assault and weapons charges. He remained jailed on \$2 million bail Saturday.

Stankewicz, an ex-convict and former history teacher in Baltimore, refused to say at his arraignment Friday why he was at the school.

"I had nothing in my hand. I will not admit that," Stankewicz said. Blaming U.S. immigration officials and congressmen, he complained about the treatment he had received during a divorce six years ago from his Russian mail-order bride.

"I begged for help and nobody gave me any help," he said.

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New Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe, left, takes the gavel from former DNC chairman Joe Andrew at the DNC's winter meeting Saturday in Washington.

# Prolific fund-raiser takes helm at Democratic National Committee

WASHINGTON - Terence McAuliffe, the most prolific political fundraiser of his generation, won election Saturday as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, taking the helm with a slashing address that accused Republicans of winning the White House only through an improper campaign of ignoring and suppressing votes in Florida.

McAuliffe, a close friend of former president Bill Clinton, won unanimous election after his only rival, former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson, bowed to McAuliffe's insurmountable lead Saturday morning and threw his support to him.

In sharp contrast to the rhetoric of bipartisanship that has prevailed in Washington in recent days, McAuliffe bluntly challenged the legitimacy of President Bush's election and pledged to turn Democratic grievance over the results into a mobilizing force to win Congress next year and the White House in 2004.

"We will transform the anger about Florida into energy about politics," McAuliffe told a DNC organizational meeting. "We will prove there is victory after denial, democracy after Florida. Justice after the Supreme Court."

Although some Democratic leaders have concluded that the public wants to move past the ill will over the post-election maneuvering that settled the close Florida contest, McAuliffe plainly believes that with some audiences - namely, the Democratic base of activists - he was addressing Saturday - a backward-looking appeal to resentment is for now the best way to motivate and unite an often-fractious party.

"You know this: If Katherine Harris, Jeb Bush, Jim Baker and the Supreme Court hadn't tampered with the results, Al Gore would be president, George Bush would be back in Austin, and John Ashcroft would be home reading Southern Partisan magazine," McAuliffe roared.

The audience roared back with approval at his references to the Florida secretary of state,

*"We will transform the anger about Florida into energy about politics. We will prove there is victory after denial, democracy after Florida."*

- Terence McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic Party

the Florida governor and presidential brother, and the leader of the Republican recount team. Attorney General John Ashcroft drew fire during his confirmation battle for giving an interview to Southern Partisan in which he praised the magazine, which celebrates the Confederacy.

"George Bush says he's for election reform," McAuliffe continued. "Reform this! I say, park the state police cars, take down the roadblocks, stop asking people of color for multiple forms of ID, print readable ballots, open the polling places, count all the votes and start practicing democracy in America again."

With that litany, McAuliffe endorsed complaints - many of them sharply disputed or otherwise unsubstantiated - about alleged voter intimidation in Florida and elsewhere. Republicans in Florida objected to Democratic efforts to hand-count ballots in selected Democratic-leaning counties, saying it was a subjective process. The most prominent accusation of unreadable ballots was in Palm Beach County, where Democratic officials approved the ballot.

The more familiar Democratic approach toward Bush and the unusual circumstances by which he won came immediately after McAuliffe spoke. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., did not dissociate themselves with

McAuliffe's invective, but nor did they match it. Already their party's most visible elected officials, both Daschle and Gephardt are mulling whether to seek the White House, and party officials said both saw today's remarks as an important occasion to show themselves as compelling leaders.

Daschle told the gathering that Democrats must concentrate above all on governing and "where possible seek common ground" with the GOP even while being prepared to "play defense each and every day."

Rather than accuse Republicans of stealing the election, Gephardt spoke a statistical truth: "The presidential race was a tie." He said the burden is on Bush to show that bipartisanship means "more than words" but also policy compromise. And he called on his party to focus on the problem of unfair election practices that create obstacles to some votes being properly cast and counted, as well as the low turnout and apathy that keeps far more people out of the democratic process. "We're going to work our hearts out to kill the disillusionment and cynicism," Gephardt said.

A White House spokeswoman, Claire Buchanan, said Saturday that she would check to see whether Bush or top aides wanted to comment on McAuliffe's attack, but she did not call back.

# Deregulate

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to all consumers, the federal Energy Information Administration says. Some are gradually phasing competition in; others now are talking because of California's troubles.

The deregulation movement caught hold in the mid-1990s, when natural gas prices were low and there was excess power to sell. Rhode Island was the first to allow retail power competition, just ahead of California, in 1998.

Now, "California has spoiled the restructuring well for every state that's considering it," said Pete Churchwell, president of American Electric Power-Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.

That's despite the success some other states have seen. Pennsylvania approved deregulation a few months after California, but with some key differences.

California's plan pushed utilities to divest their generating plants while forcing them to buy power on a volatile spot market. Rate caps prevented utilities from passing on skyrocketing fuel costs to consumers.

Pennsylvania utilities, however, had the option of divesting plants and also are free to enter into long-term contracts, which have served as a buffer to price spikes in the spot wholesale market.

And Pennsylvania set its "price to compare" - a base rate provided to consumers for comparison shopping purposes - high enough so new companies could offer competitive rates, said John Hanger, a former member of the state Public Utility Commission and now head of a group called Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future.

California's equivalent was set so low that customers had no incentive to shop around, he said.

Officials in other states, such as Maine and Maryland, point out that unlike California they are easing into deregulation with plenty of power on hand and more plants in the works.

"California entered this with a stressed system to begin with," said Matthew Brown, who runs the National Conference of State Legislatures' Energy Project.

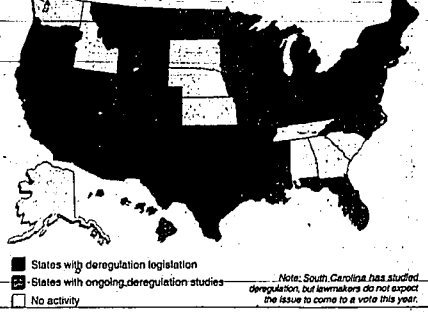
Texas, for example, has built 22 power plants since 1995 and has 15 more under construction. The Lone Star State expects to add at least 10,000 megawatts of power by next year, when deregulation is scheduled to begin, Brown said. California added only 600 new megawatts in the past decade.

No state expects to see a repeat of California's widespread catastrophe, but vulnerabilities exist. Real competition has yet to grab hold in most states because there's still plenty of regulation left in deregulation, Brown said. Rate caps and phase-in rules have limited the development of competitive retail markets.

And electric providers will continue to be subject to the whims of the soaring natural gas market

# The state of power deregulation in America

California's power crisis has prompted other states to reevaluate their own deregulation plans. Here is a look at where each state stands now.



Source: Energy Information Administration

because most new plants nationwide are gas-fueled, he said. Even in Pennsylvania, high natural gas prices are pushing up costs for alternate providers and driving some residents back to their old utilities, where rates are capped.

New England's strained power system could be just a hot summer away from coming up short, said Steven Ferrey, a Boston law professor and author of two books on electric market regulation.

New plants are under construction, but 6,000 megawatts of new power aren't scheduled to be available until the summer of 2002, he said.

States such as Idaho and South Dakota - where power already is cheap, have seen no need to move toward deregulation at all.

For those considering it, caution is the keyword.

California-wary lawmakers in Minnesota pronounced the death

of a deregulation plan that was the darling of the Legislature 18 months ago. Some Oklahoma legislators want to bump back a 2002 deregulation deadline to have more time to study the issue.

In West Virginia, "last year, I thought it was a slam dunk that we were going to do this," said state Sen. Walt Helmick. "But since then other concerns have come up, especially the situation in California."

Along with Oklahoma, delays in deregulation schedules have been proposed as a precaution in Arkansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Texas.

"We must learn from the mistakes in California, so that we never repeat them here," said Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn, who told lawmakers he wouldn't support deregulation until he's sure of adequate power supplies and protections for consumers.

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# Tax-cut fever heats up Capitol Hill

By Janet Hook  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Call it tax-cut fever.

President Bush has yet to unveil his ambitious plan to reduce taxes by \$1.6 trillion over the next decade but already members of Congress are bidding up the price tag with ideas of their own.

Two top GOP leaders want to cut the tax on dividends and other capital gains, even though that is not in Bush's plan. A bipartisan stampede by lawmakers in the House and Senate is pushing for expansion of tax-deferred individual retirement accounts. Business groups are leaning on Congress to do more than Bush proposes to help corporations. And just about every member of Congress has parochial tax-cut proposals to help home-state enterprises from timber to energy to education.

When Bush this week officially introduces the tax-cut plan that was central to his presidential candidacy, it is clear he will do so in a far more hospitable economic and political environment than during the 2000 campaign.

Not long ago, even some Republicans were wondering if Bush's tax cut was too huge to fit into a balanced federal budget. But the past few weeks have brought a spate of developments — from the encouraging words of Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan to a new bump-up in budget surplus projections. Tax-cut proponents have been so heartened that their wish-lists have begun to grow.

"There is a feeding frenzy at work in this town," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

"With so many ideas flourishing on Capitol Hill, a key question has become whether they will be

grafted-onto. Bush's plan — and thus drive up its cost — or whether parts of his plan will be supplanted by other, more parochial concerns. Bush may find that he faces more of a leadership challenge reining-in allies than winning converts to his tax-cutting cause.

Indeed, the debate likely will present Bush with an early lesson in an enduring principle of legislative politics: The president proposes and Congress, jam-packed with ideas of its own, disposes.

Bush already has bowed to GOP leaders on legislative strategy. He had urged Congress to consider his plan as one package but this week acceded to the leaders' insistence that they move the plan through the House, piece by piece.

On the merits, there is little daylight between Bush and congressional Republicans on the core planks of his tax plan. Provisions to phase out the estate tax and reduce taxes on couples who pay the so-called marriage penalty were passed by Congress last year by bipartisan margins but vetoed by President Clinton.

The biggest piece of Bush's plan is the proposed cut in income tax rates, which includes dropping the lowest rate from 15 percent to 10 percent and the highest rate from 39.6 percent to 33 percent. There is growing support, even among Democrats, for the idea of a rate cut, although not necessarily as much as Bush wants — especially in the upper brackets.

"I have some sympathy for across-the-board cuts if they are weighted toward the middle class," Conrad said.

Other elements of the Bush plan include an expansion of tax-deferred education savings accounts (a proposal that has passed Congress more than once in recent years, only to be vetoed by Clinton), an increase in tax credits for families with children, and a permanent extension of a tax credit for research and development (another popular item on Capitol Hill).

Previously, Democratic support was lukewarm to nonexistent for anything other than narrowly focused tax cuts. Many of the party's rank-and-file, for instance, voted for abolishing the estate tax because they knew Clinton would veto it. But as momentum has gathered for significant tax relief, Democrats have groped for a new strategy.

Democratic leaders, finding themselves on the defensive, have endorsed tax cuts that would total as much as \$300 billion over 10 years — far more than they supported in the past. Still, they hope to focus the approaching debate on who should get a tax cut and continue to urge caution about the bottom-line.

Some Republicans share that latter concern. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, has warned that Bush may have to settle for less than the \$1.6 trillion he wants because Congress is so narrowly divided.

But other tax-cut enthusiasts say that the sky is the limit.

"I believe Congress should provide tax relief beyond the level currently being discussed," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "If these surplus-

es stay in Washington, the money will be spent."

Army and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., both have advocated a cap on the tax cut — a GOP staple notable for its absence in Bush's tax-cut plan as he described it during the campaign.

Another candidate for early House action is a bill, which passed the House and Senate last year by wide margins but was vetoed by Clinton, that would raise the ceiling on contributions to individual retirement accounts. Although that proposal is not part of Bush's tax plan, the White House is not expected to be hostile to it — especially since its principal sponsor is Rep. Bob Portman, R-Ohio, a leading Bush ally.

The IRA bill is just one of several tax-cut measures approved by the House last year that are not part of the Bush plan. Others include repeal of the telephone excise tax, a reduction in Social Security taxes and a number of tax breaks for small businesses. If those were all approved in addition to the Bush tax plan, it would add some \$500 billion to the tax cut tab over the next 10 years, according to calculations by the Democratic staff of the House Ways and Means Committee.

As these various issues are thrashed out, lawmakers inevitably will bring their own pet proposals to the table to help their constituents and political supporters.

Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., is a big supporter of Bush's effort to abolish the estate tax — but she would love to see a cut in taxes on commercial shipping and an increase in a tax break for timber companies, both important to her district in western Washington state.

# Bush, Democrats address tax relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pursuing Democratic support, President Bush laid out his case on Saturday for a \$1.6 trillion tax cut, saying it will restore a limping economy and offer relief to every taxpayer.

"The economic news these days is troubling — rising energy prices, layoffs, falling consumer confidence," Bush said in the second radio address of his presidency. "This is not a time for government to be taking more money than it needs away from the people who buy goods and create jobs."

Bush, who spent much of the weekend at the Camp David presidential retreat in western Maryland, planned to carry that message to House Democrats in person on Sunday as they gather in Pennsylvania at their annual policy meeting. Senate Democrats got the Bush treatment on Friday in their own separate gathering at the Library of Congress.

Following through on campaign pledges, the president plans to make his pitch this week, his third in office, for his 10-year tax cut. Many Democrats appeared edging toward an endorsement of a tax cut, while others warned of indulging in "a tax cut binge."

"Democrats agree with President Bush, the American people deserve a tax cut; we strongly support a major tax cut this year," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said in the party's radio address Saturday.

"The tax cut must be affordable — and responsible," said Daschle, D-S.D. "It can't take up money we need for education, prescription drugs and other necessities." Daschle emphasized that while



President George W. Bush

Democrats believe that all taxpayers should get tax relief — working families should come first, "not the wealthy. He said Bush's tax-cut plan "shortchanges working families," with 43 percent of the cuts going to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans.

The Democratic Leadership Council, the voice of centrist "New Democrats," advised sticking with what it called the successful economic formula of the Clinton administration.

Democrats should avoid "a spending or tax-cut binge that will cut into efforts to reduce the national debt," the DLC said. "Now is the time to avoid the hype and — to lead both parties toward a path of long-term growth and fiscal responsibility," it said.

While Daschle and many other Democrats say reducing the debt should have first priority, Bush made clear he believes tax cuts deserve as much weight as debt reduction.

"There's a lot of talk in Washington about paying down the national debt, and that's good, and that's important; and my budget will do that," the president said.

"But American families have debts to pay, as well," he said. "A tax cut now will stimulate our economy and create jobs."



Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., left, shakes hands with Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, right, D-S.D., as Centrist Coalition co-chairs Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, standing to right of Lott, and Sen. John Breaux, D-La., obscured by Daschle, look on during a photo opportunity at the beginning of a closed meeting of the coalition with the Senate leaders Jan. 24. Applauding, at right, is Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah.

# MIDDLE GROUND

## Evenly split Senate, Bush spur interest in Centrist Coalition

By Jill Zuckman  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — On Capitol Hill these days, politicians of all ideological stripes are vying to see who can be more bipartisan, more middle-of-the-road and more collegial toward those with different political views.

In particular, senators are joining in droves what's called the Centrist Coalition, an ad hoc group founded in the early 1990s to bridge the partisan divide when bills become mired in conflict. With the advent of the 50-50 Senate, the group has become wildly popular with senators eager to show their constituents they can work with members of both parties. One-third of the Senate has signed up for the group's once-a-week meetings to discuss how to find areas of agreement between Democrats and Republicans on such thorny issues as education, prescription drugs, tax cuts and Social Security.

But as President Bush enjoys a honeymoon period during his first weeks in office, it's unclear whether the new dynamic on Capitol Hill is just an initial reaction to the close election or will be a significant factor in passing legislation.

Many lawmakers credit Bush with the changes in attitude in this notoriously partisan city. On Friday, Bush continued his good-will tour by visiting with Senate Democrats at the Library of Congress during their annual strategy meeting, an unprecedented gesture and later with House and Senate Republicans

at their policy retreat in Williamsburg, Va. Today, Bush travels to a Pennsylvania resort to talk with House Democrats at their policy retreat, another tribute that is virtually unheard of in modern political times. Behind closed doors in the ornate Library of Congress, Bush received a standing ovation Friday from the Senate Democrats. He talked about changing the tone in Washington and of his experience in forging friendships with Democrats in Texas. He said he knew there would be inevitable disagreements, but he said he hoped the two sides could work through it, according to participants inside the meeting.

"The differences are bridgeable," insisted Sen. Tom Carper, the Delaware Democrat who belongs to both the Centrist Coalition and to the New Democrats, another group dedicated to middle-of-the-road solutions. "Our voters want us to be centrist. Our voters want us to reach across the aisle."

A recent meeting of the Centrist Coalition included a number of senators better known for their conservative leanings than their moderate positions. For example, GOP New Hampshire Sen. Judd Gregg, who votes with the Republican Party 90 percent of the time, was there. So was Utah Sen. Robert F. Bennett, a Republican with close ties to his party's conservative leaders.

"This is starting to sound like a high school chess club, the thing you join because it looks good on your resume, not because you're

really committed to it," said John J. Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College in California. "If the center reaches to Sen. Bennett, it's a big center."

In a closely divided Senate, the action is in the center, as members of each party try to pick off senators on the edge of the other party to form a majority. For example, Maine Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe has long been a player on contentious issues such as abortion, campaign finance, reform and budgetary matters. The same goes for Jim Jeffords of Vermont and the late John Chafee, who served Rhode Island and founded the Centrist Coalition back in 1993.

On the Democratic side, Louisiana Sen. John Breaux is frequently a swing vote and often an architect of compromise on Medicare and the budget. Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut often joins Republican colleagues seeking middle ground on education and the regulation of health maintenance organizations. And Florida Sen. Bob Graham broke with his party to support the 1996 welfare overhaul.

With Snowe and Breaux co-chairing the newly inaugurated Centrist Coalition, senators are signing up in what may be viewed as proof that their voters that they are making the effort. "They're all trying to get in touch with their inner moderate," joked Marshall Wittmann, a scholar at the Hudson Institute think tank in Washington. But some worry that all the bipartisan niceties are just for show and

won't affect differences in philosophical principles.

"I don't think you can ever not want to sit down and talk with someone," said Sen. Paul Wellstone, the Minnesota Democrat who is not a Centrist Coalition member. "Is it symbolic or is it real? That's the question."

So far, the coalition is concentrating its efforts on finding consensus on education, tax relief, Medicare and the budget, said Sen. Snowe. With Bush poised to send his \$1.6 trillion tax cut to Capitol Hill next week, the coalition's members are already facing a major test.

But while the group is still relatively young, the Senate has always required an unusual degree of cooperation to accomplish anything.

To do anything, the Senate requires a supermajority of 60 votes to stop filibusters and shut down any opposition.

Over the years, odd-couple relationships between Democrats and Republicans have sprung up as they joined forces to pass bills. For example, Sens. Edward Kennedy, the liberal Democrat from Massachusetts, often works closely with Utah's Orrin Hatch, the conservative Republican.

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NATION

# Professors' love story comes to tragic end

Couple welcomed many to their home

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Friends say Dartmouth College professors Susanne and Half Zantop lived their final hours the way they would have wanted to be remembered.

On Friday night a week ago, they brought flowers to a colleague who had just given birth, and invited other friends to dinner. On Saturday morning they sent e-mails to friends, urging activism for their favorite causes.

And sometime a week ago yesterday — as they had done for so many, so often — they apparently opened their secluded, off-campus home to a visitor.

Investigators now believe that visitor stabbed them to death and left their bodies on the floor of their study.

As investigators work to identify the killer, friends and colleagues in this rural, Ivy League town of 9,600 tell a love story about two people with a vibrant interest in seemingly everyone and everything around them. They recall the way Susanne would tilt her head and look lovingly at her husband whenever they had their picture taken. Or the way she would cry in the car after dropping him off at the airport when he traveled on business.

As how the couple would gather cushions and roast them over fires during vacations in Maine, the way Susanne caught flies that made sure that the frogs that lived in a pond in her back yard were well-fed.

"They were very dedicated to each other. They were very deeply attached," said Eric Esmentler, a visiting professor at Dartmouth who has been close to the Zantops for so long his children considered them relatives. But at the same time, they respected each other's individuality.

The Zantops were naturalized U.S. citizens. He was 62, she was 57.

Half was born in Germany just before World War II and spent much of his childhood in Spain. Susanne was born in Germany, too, at the end of the war. After fleeing the Holocaust until she was a teen-ager, and was orphaned. They said that awakening shaped her notion of justice and drove her to make the world a better place.

Susanne enrolled at Stanford University in California, where she met Half, then a graduate student in geology. They eventually married.

Half got his doctorate in 1969, and worked as a mine-industry geologist took the couple to South America.

In 1975, Half took a faculty position in Dartmouth's Earth sciences department to research and teach about valuable metals.

Susanne's career was on hold while she raised their daughters, Mariana and Veronika. But as they grew, she taught Spanish at



The home of Half and Susanne Zantop, two Dartmouth College professors who were found dead in their home Feb. 27, is seen the following day — a week ago today.



Half Zantop Susanne Zantop

Dartmouth and then began making the more than two-hour commute to Harvard, where she earned a doctorate in comparative literature and German in 1984. She landed a faculty position in Dartmouth's German department and in 1996 became chairwoman.

Over the years, the Zantops opened their home to their colleagues and students, making their house a center of both work and friendship.

"There was no transition there. The conversations around their dinner table were the books we were reading, the courses we were teaching, the books we were writing," said Marianne Hirsch, a professor of languages and comparative literature. "They were totally on top of what was going on in the world. They just made it part of their daily lives."

The Zantops created their own extended family. They befriended an international student and quietly helped pay his medical school tuition, according to Hirsch.

"They had several elderly couples who they had kind of adopted as surrogate parents; they took care of, going to fix things at their houses, inviting them to dinner, doing all the things children should do for their parents," she said.

"They did that not just to be altruistic, but because they saw

an interesting side to people and they wanted to be part of their lives. They kind of connected to people in a lot of different ways."

Susanne also volunteered for Amnesty International, sending letters to world leaders to complain about human rights abuses.

After the Zantops' bodies were discovered by a dinner guest who arrived to find the door unlocked, some speculated that the couple had made the mistake of opening their home to someone who wanted more than their generosity.

On the Wednesday before the slayings, Susannah Heschel, a professor of Jewish studies, sat at home, frustrated by a research project and expecting to give birth at any moment. One e-mail later, Susanne had invited her for tea.

"I came home after seeing her Wednesday and said to my hus-

band, 'I am so grateful to know her. I just grow from knowing her,'" Heschel said.

On Friday night, Hirsch and her husband and the Zantops went to a movie and had dinner at the Zantop home.

"When we parted later that evening we were in a wonderful mood, happy to have shared some hours together, pleased that we would see each other again Sunday morning at a cross-country skiing and snowshoeing birthday party in Vermont," Hirsch wrote in The Dartmouth, the school paper.

On Sunday, neighbors Audrey and Bob McCollum checked their e-mail and found a message that Susanne had sent Saturday morning, urging them to contact their congressmen and fight the nomination of John Ashcroft for attorney general.

## Prosecutor says investigation expands into other countries

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — The investigation of the slayings of two Dartmouth College professors has expanded to other countries, a prosecutor said Saturday as friends of the couple crowded a campus chapel for a memorial service.

Investigators are interviewing people who knew Half and Susanne Zantop both in the United States and abroad, Assistant Attorney General Kelly Ayotte said.

Both Zantops were born in Germany and frequently traveled overseas.

"The Zantops were not just members of the Dartmouth community, they also were members of the world community," Ayotte said.

She wouldn't give any details about the investigation, but said authorities have received new leads every day since the couple were found dead in their home Jan. 27.

Their bodies were discovered by a dinner guest who arrived and found the door unlocked.

The couple had been stabbed, most likely by someone they knew or had let into their house, authorities said. Friends said the

Zantops were known for opening their home to colleagues and students.

Authorities said a car impounded at the Manchester Airport this past week was one of many they plan to examine. An employee at the rental car agency told WNDU-TV that the driver may have been affiliated with a university in Arizona.

At the campus chapel, Dartmouth President James Wright told about 700 mourners that the Zantops would continue to be an inspiration to students and faculty at the close-knit, Ivy League school.

"Our good advisers and generous friends are gone," he said. "But their lessons remain."

Half Zantop taught earth sciences. Susanne Zantop was chairwoman of the German Studies Department.

"Who could think of one without thinking of the other," Wright said.

Richard Birnie, chairman of the Earth Sciences Department, said he was a better person for having known Half, whom he described as being as committed to learning new things as he was to teaching his students.

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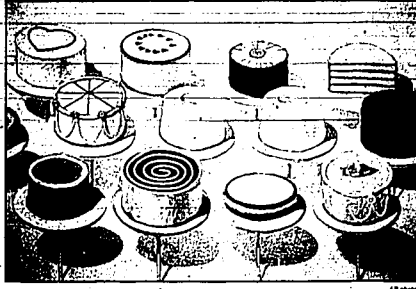
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NATION

# Cake artist gets recognition

Two museums feature works of food painter



Wayne Thiebaud's 1983 oil on canvas Cakes opened at Washington's Phillips Collection Saturday.

WASHINGTON (AP) - He depicts gooey cakes, hot dogs, bow-ties and paint cans, but Wayne Thiebaud at 80 insists he's no pop artist.

In 1997, his painting "Bakery Counter" sold at a New York auction for \$1.7 million.

Washington gets a double-barreled retrospective of Thiebaud this month. A show of his prints, "The Icing on the Cake," opened Saturday at the Corcoran Museum of Art, the nation's oldest. A week later, the Phillips Collection, the first U.S. modern art museum, presents a review of his career as a painter.

Pop artists loved doing pictures that looked slick and mass produced, like comic strips and magazine ads. Thiebaud never considered himself part of that movement.

"Of course, you're thankful when anyone ever calls you anything," he once said. "But I never felt much a part of it. I must say I never really liked pop art very much."

Critics debate where Thiebaud stands among contemporary American artists. Thomas Hess, writing in ARTnews, saw him as joining pop artists in a 'satiric' rebellion against American culture.

"Looking at these pounds of slabby New Taste Sensation, one hears the artist screaming at us from behind the paintings," Hess wrote. "Surging us to become hermits, to leave the new Gomorrah where layer cakes troop down air-conditioned shelving like cholesterol angels."

In the new catalog of Thiebaud's painting exhibit, Adam Gopnik calls that view "surprisingly unisightful."

"Every brush stroke refers to a world of painting and depiction that stretches right back to the beginning of art," Gopnik argues.

Thiebaud likes thick heavy paint for its own sake, like some old masters. A colleague con-

vinced him, he once said, that painting is more important than art.

A Twin Falls couple's adventure on an Alaskan trail  
See Family Life, page E-1

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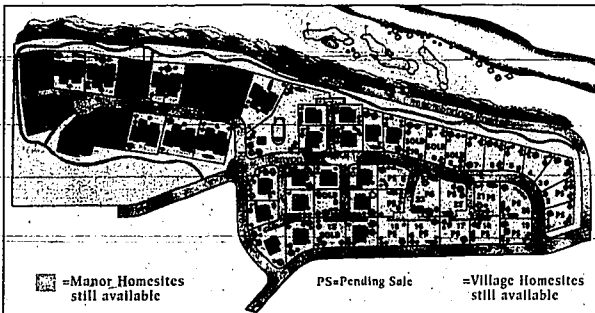
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## Santa's helpers vow to find teen

New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Flavia Goldson vows she'll never stop looking for the child who broke her heart with a "Dear Santa" letter sent to the Kennedy Airport post office in November.

The letter was written by a 15-year-old Brooklyn girl who didn't want expensive toys or electronics, just a few items of clothing.

"I was thinking that this is a household that couldn't afford basic things," said Goldson, 54. The retired social worker from Rochdale Village, Queens, is one of about 50,000 kindly New Yorkers who answered some of the more than 200,000 "Dear Santa" notes that flooded city mailboxes over the holiday season.

"I thought if I could help, I would," she said.

Goldson and her friend Roslyn Burrough, 54, a Brooklyn singer, spent \$200 on gifts for their special child. But somehow the letter with the child's name and address - vanished.

"I tore my apartment apart three or four times," Goldson said. "But this letter just disappeared off the face of the Earth."

A month later, Goldson and Burrough are still trying to find the girl even though they can't remember her name or her address, just that she lives in Williamsburg.

The two women asked the post office if there was a copy of the letter. There was, but it had been destroyed right after Christmas. So they printed up flyers and spent a weekend posting them all over Brooklyn, begging the 15-year-old girl who wrote to Santa's Workshop to call.

"Santa's helpers got you everything on your list, then messed up and lost your letter. Santa is upset and so are we," they wrote. When that didn't work, Goldson and Burrough contacted the post office again, and officials promised they would ask all letter carriers in Williamsburg if they knew about this girl.

"There's a possibility they might know something," said U.S. Postal Service spokesman Tom Gaynor. "But without any tangible information, it's kind of tough."

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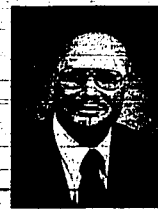
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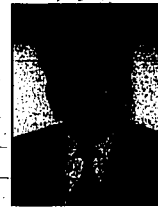
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# Man who was nearly electrocuted receives late Thanksgiving

**Knight Ridder News Service**

**WARNER ROBINS, Ga.** — Cameron Spence walked to the dinner table slow and shuffling limp, but he walked there on his own.

"I love you," said his mom, Judy Spence, who sat him at the head of the table.

"Never thought I would be able to do this," Judy said, as she opened a can of cranberry sauce. "This is awesome."

The Spence family sat down to Thanksgiving dinner Jan. 28, some two and a half months late. They missed the fourth Thursday in November because Cameron was in a coma.

"We sat around the hospital," Judy Spence said. "Waiting for a family member to die."

"We forgot to eat, we forgot to sleep. When we did sleep, it was on the hospital floor."

Spence was blown off a billboard Nov. 10, when a blast of electricity ran through his body, 200 feet some 30 feet to the ground. He was putting up a sign and investigators believe a pole he was using touched a group of power lines.

Georgia Power officials told his mother 1400 volts surged through his body, she said. He was in a coma for almost a month.

"I said, 'If we're lucky enough for him to come home, we're going to have Thanksgiving, even if it is in July,'" Judy Spence said.

Doctors initially said Cameron wouldn't live through that November day, his family said. His heart stopped four times during a seven-hour stint in

the emergency room. The fourth time, doctors looked up at the clock, noting Cameron's time of death, Judy said.

But he did not die. An anesthesiologist came out and told Judy Spence he knew her son was going to make it.

"He said, 'All of us doctors knew it was nothing we had done,'" she said. "He said, 'Do you have a Bible?' I said, 'No.' He said, 'Well, get a Bible.'"

Cameron's mom said she's not a religious person, but she attributes her son's recovery to prayer. She said friends and strangers from all over Houston County came to her family's aid.

She considers her son a "living, breathing miracle. Mom's miracle ate four servings of turkey Sunday.

He called it "perfect."

He had two rounds of green beans and potatoes, and two servings of ham. He dipped into the sweet potato souffle at least three times.

"More sweet potatoes," Judy Spence said on the second serving. "I thought you'd forget your Momma's sweet potatoes."

Cameron Spence's short-term memory is spotty, but he remembers old football games and his family. He can recall almost nothing about his brush with death.

"I think I remember seeing sparks," he said. "I don't even remember falling."

Cameron Spence's next memory is in the ambulance, he said. All he knows for sure is he was scared.

## Lunchroom table crushes five-year-old

**Knight Ridder News Service**

**PHILADELPHIA** — Two weeks ago, Angelina M. Uberti warned her 5-year-old son to stay away from the heavy lunchroom tables leaning against the wall in his school's cafeteria.

After dropping mother and son off at kindergarten, Uberti's boyfriend asked her, "Why are they leaning up like that? Is that safe?"

Her answer came Thursday. Her son, Jonathan Cozolino, was killed in the cafeteria after a 250-plus-pound lunch table leaned against fell on him in front of dozens of classmates.

The tragedy occurred about 11:20 a.m. as the last of four classes of kindergartners and first-graders filed out of the cafeteria at Disston Elementary School in the city's Tacony section.

The table had been folded and placed upright against a wall, said Paul Hanson, a spokesman for the school district.

The boy was rushed to Frankford-Torresdale Hospital, where he was pronounced dead from head trauma.

"This has to be the worst," said Uberti, 31, whose mother, son's father and grandfather have died within the last four years.

"My very own son, his first year of school, meeting friends, and this is what happened," she said in a telephone interview. "I keep thinking of where it happened, how it happened. It should never have happened. He should have been safe. The table should not have been up that way."

"He was a sweet boy, a good boy and didn't give me any problem. He loved going to school," said his mother, sobbing.

"He looked forward to going every day. Even if he was sick, he wanted to go to school."

"He was very excited about his 100-book challenge," said Uberti, who two weeks ago returned to school to study computer management information systems.

"He was coming close to his 100. He was coming home with little prizes and stuff for reading books in school, not just the books he read at home. He liked reading all of them."

Her two older children, Nicholas, 12, and Matthew, 9, were "not as enthusiastic as he was about school," she said. "He was a joy."

Deirdre Fambry, the school district's chief academic officer, said, "The entire school district family is saddened."

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# Kempthorne endorses new power, crop plan

Plan would dry up fields, save electricity

BOISE (AP) — Idaho faces huge increases in power costs in the days ahead, and its potato farmers are suffering with rock-bottom prices.

Under a plan Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and eight of his counterparts endorsed Friday, those farmers could help keep electricity costs lower and bring spud prices up by drying up some of their fields this summer.

Electric utilities would pay farmers and other big electricity customers for reducing their demand for power. It was one of 13 options they agreed on at the Western Governors Association energy roundtable in Portland.

"You may have a farmer, who may be willing to sell consumptive water and not plant crops and derive benefit from the water and not have so many commodities on the market," Kempthorne said.

Farmers would dry up a portion of their irrigated farmland, reducing their use of their electric pumps. The water they leave in the river increases generation at hydroelectric dams.

Farmers also could benefit by reducing the overproduction of potatoes, onions and other crops that has depressed prices.

"It could be a double benefit," said Terry Miller, who raises potatoes, wheat and sugar beets on 1,000 acres near Minidoka. "It may be what we need in the short term."

Historically, farmers and canal companies have been hesitant to support water sales that dry up farmland even on a temporary basis. But if electricity rates continue to climb, many

growers may be unable to afford pumping water deep from the ground or lifting it from the Snake River to their fields.

"I applaud the governor for taking a leadership role on this," Idaho Water Users Association Executive Director Norm Semanko said. "We don't want to do anything that threatens our water supply or hurts our members. We want to be a part of the dialogue."

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has encouraged state utilities to seek opportunities where customers can voluntarily cut power use. In December, five plants closed briefly and were given credit for the electricity Idaho Power Co. and Avista Corp. did not have to buy on the open market.

Idaho Power is exploring several options for reducing its demand for electricity, spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

"If we don't have to buy it or generate it through means other than the hydro system, we're further ahead," Lopez said.

Kempthorne urged the federal government and the states to streamline the process for getting new power plants on line.

Rural officials worry that when farmers dry up land they buy less seed, less fertilizer and use less equipment. But Miller hopes the deal can be made so that all farmers can cut back a percentage of their crops. That way all would benefit from the higher prices.

"The beauty of this is it doesn't kill the little towns," Miller said. "What's left is a healthy economy on fewer acres."



California Gov. Gray Davis speaks during a news conference Friday in Portland. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, left, also attended the conference.

# Power crunch poses political threat to California governor

LOS ANGELES — For two charmed years, California Gov. Gray Davis has been riding the political equivalent of a perfect wave: a resounding veto into office, huge budget surpluses, a friendly legislature, rivals in disarray and glowing public reviews.

Now, just as he is emerging as one of the nation's most prominent Democratic leaders, Davis is caught in a political rip tide jeopardizing his career.

The lights in the nation's richest and most populous state are barely on. Its biggest utility companies are broke and buried in debt. The Internet giants of Silicon Valley are nervous. Consumer groups are livid. Even Democratic lawmakers are questioning some of the governor's moves. And President Bush, whose campaign flopped here last fall, has no plans to come to the state's rescue.

There is no easy escape from

California's energy meltdown and little time to resolve the crisis before it gets worse.

Desperate to end almost daily brushes with blackouts and silence his skeptics, Davis rushed last week to patch together a \$10 billion emergency plan to keep power flowing into the state. Next, he has to find a way to keep utilities that have more than 25 million customers solvent.

"I don't have time for Beltway chatter. I expect to be judged on my results," Davis said in an interview. "We are going to solve this problem. It has my full attention. I'm not daydreaming."

As he struggles to protect California's prosperity — it has one of the most robust economies in the world — Davis is preaching optimism and urging calm, saying his administration is on top of the energy crisis "like white on rice."

# Lawmakers have some more work to end crisis

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's \$10 billion gamble to plunge into the energy-buying business was greeted at the Capitol with hugs, back slapping and plaudits from the governor.

When the lip service and glad-handing was finished, however, the crisis was far from resolved.

"The current panic is over, but that's not to say there won't be others," said Sen. Debra Bowen, D-Marina del Rey.

With dangerously low energy reserves, grim forecasts for a hot summer, drained hydroelectric resources and tight energy imports, the threat of blackouts will continue.

On Saturday, California was in a Stage 3 energy alert — imposed when reserves drop under or threaten to fall below 1.5 percent — and rolling blackouts were possible, although none were ordered. The state has been in a Stage 3 nearly continuously for three weeks.

The ambitious venture approved Thursday to continue buying electricity for consumers of the two largest utilities is just one piece of the energy puzzle being reassembled at the Capitol — five years after lawmakers voted to dismantle it in a deregulation scheme that fizzled.

The 1996 law — and the regulations it spawned — forced utilities to sell their power plants and buy energy on the open market. But rate controls prevented utilities from passing costs along to consumers when wholesale prices skyrocketed.

Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. claim they lost \$12.7 billion, causing them to default on payments to suppliers who shut off the juice, sending the state into the

wave of power alerts and blackouts.

The state waded into the crisis Jan. 17, committing \$40 million to \$50 million a day to keep power flowing.

Under the law signed Thursday by Gov. Gray Davis, the state is committing \$10 billion financed by revenue bonds to buy electricity for as long as a decade. Standard & Poor's, a credit-rating agency, has put the state on credit watch status, alerting investors that its AA rating could drop if electric bills continue to drain the budget surplus.

The bill, which creates the possibility of future rate hikes, did not pass without a fight — mostly from Republicans. Even Democrats who supported the bill did so reluctantly, with its sponsor referring to it as the "bill people love to hate."

As weary lawmakers retired for the weekend, a potentially more bruising political battle was on the horizon.

A sweeping bill to let SoCal Edison and PG&E recoup their losses is in the works. Utility executives met with Davis last week to discuss details of the plan that could leave the state with a stake in the utilities — an element the power companies are said to oppose.

Consumer groups have attacked the plan and have promised to take the issue to the ballot box if necessary.

"If they try to put through a bailout there's no amount of campaign contributions that's going to protect them from what the voters are going to do to them in the next election," said Harvey Rosenfield, president of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights.

# Kaiser claims profits may be shared

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Kaiser Aluminum Corp. official denied that the company is at impasse in negotiations for sharing some of the millions of dollars it is making by selling federal electricity, rather than producing metal.

Kaiser Vice President Pete Forsyth said Thursday the company has made an offer to the Bonneville Power Administration that is equal to one-third the value of profits the company will make from remarketing the federal power that Kaiser gets under a contract with BPA.

The company has no contractual obligation to share its power sale profits, Forsyth added.

BPA spokesman Ed Mosey said Thursday the company stands to make \$500 million from selling power through Oct. 1, when a new five-year contract takes effect.

"It's hard for us to conceive how they cannot share a part of that half-billion dollars with the region's ratepayers, pay their employees, pay any costs associated with their plant curtailments and invest in the future of their operations," Mosey said.

On Wednesday, Mosey said BPA and Kaiser were at impasse in revenue-sharing talks. But Forsyth said Thursday, "We're not saying there's an impasse."

Kaiser will continue to negotiate with BPA until a new power contract takes effect, he said.

Forsyth said BPA is taking a short view on the power sales revenues when it should be concerned about the health of the aluminum industry and other major customers over the long run.

"It really does trouble us ... that Bonneville has gone public on these discussions without trying to zero in on what the power outlook is in the next five years," Forsyth said.

Since 1996, Kaiser has paid BPA \$2.50 a megawatt-hour of electricity. The contract contains a clause that allows the company to remarket the power it doesn't use.

The current market rate for wholesale electricity is about \$355 a megawatt hour.

Late last year, Kaiser shut down its Tacoma and Spokane smelters and laid off more than 500 employees, in part because it could make more money selling its federal power allotment than producing aluminum.

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# Guardsmen serve in Balkan tinderbox

Americans occupy dangerous spot in ethnic clashes

Los Angeles Times

**OUTPOST GUNNER,** Yugoslavia — Dog bites and blisters are about the worst hazards Jeffrey Corella faces in his regular job delivering mail in Santa Barbara, Calif. A far cry from the risks he now takes on a hilltop overlooking the most dangerous patch of land in the Balkans.

The postal worker is a first lieutenant here, commanding 13 California National Guardsmen in a Kosovo radar installation on the front lines of a border war between ethnic Albanian rebels and Serbian police.

With an average age of 30-plus, several members of the peacekeeping unit are veterans of other foreign deployments. But they haven't been anywhere quite like this perch of converted shipping containers surrounded by razor wire that serves as a lookout for daily clashes in a tense buffer zone on Kosovo's border with Serbia proper. "It is not here and has the potential to get explosive, from what we hear every day," said Corella, 38. "At night, you can hear explosions and machine-gun fire. Even during the day you can hear it."

U.S. commanders estimate that about 500 ethnic-Albanian rebels are dug in among the wooded hills and valleys around Outpost Gunner. Serbian authorities insist that the number is at least twice that.

In more than a year of fighting to win control of a large swath of southern Serbia, the rebels have advanced far into the 3-mile-deep buffer zone. They've even established a foothold on the edge of Bujanovac, a Serbian town outside the zone. Nominally, at least, Kosovo is a province of Serbia, the dominant Yugoslav republic.

The continuing clashes are embarrassing, undermining Yugoslavia's newly democratic government and NATO's efforts to bring a lasting peace to Kosovo, and both insist that they have contained the conflict.

But the U.S. military's own reports suggest that the guerrillas who call themselves the Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja Liberation Army — are still a potent force and are regrouping, despite more aggressive NATO patrols to cut off supplies of arms and ammunition and arrest suspected rebels.

U.S. commanders praise Serbian police units for exercising restraint in the conflict, but Serbian leaders have repeatedly said they will use force to drive out the rebels if negotiations fail. Corella's unit uses radar to track mortar bombs as they arc across the hills surrounding Outpost Gunner, and it counted 47 apparent firings in 24 hours one recent Sunday, a fairly typical day lately in the low-level battle.

The firings aren't officially confirmed as real until specialists at the U.S. Army's main base in Kosovo say they are. But Corella and his men insist that some of the attacks in the valleys below are too close to miss. They have even heard the metallic thunk as mortar bombs left their steel tubes.

One firing about 8:30 on a recent Sunday morning was less than a mile in front of the U.S. camp. The mortar bomb's trajectory carried it a little more than a mile into Serbia, Corella said.

Most nights, Corella and Sgt. Rick Plumlee, 37, of Santa Maria, Calif., walk down the hillside to escape the noise of their camp's diesel generator and listen in bone-chilling wind for the explosions of bombs or gunfire in the distance.

On a recent Sunday night, they scanned the pitch-black horizon through night-vision goggles as a series of flares illuminated rebel bunkers and a vehicle drove along a dirt track near Serbian police positions less than two miles away.

"This is my little theater," Corella said.

Before ousted Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic fell from power in October, the peacekeeping force in Kosovo did little



Jeffrey Corella, a California National Guardsman, watches Serbia's border war through a laser range finder.

to stop the infiltration of guerrillas into southern Serbia. Rebel leaders based in the Serbian village of Dobrosin would openly drive back and forth across the provincial border through a U.S. Army checkpoint.

After Milosevic left office, and the ethnic-Albanian rebels launched attacks that killed four Serbian police in late November, peacekeepers in Kosovo were ordered to get tougher.

They stepped up arrests of suspected rebels and launched more aggressive patrols to deter weapons smuggling along dirt tracks in the mountainous border area. U.S. troops also closed the border crossing near Dobrosin to all traffic in November as the violence escalated.

By the end of last week, 62 ethnic Albanians were locked up in

the detention center at the main U.S. base in Kosovo, called Camp Bondsteel, on suspicion of being members of the rebel army fighting in the buffer zone.

The U.N. Security Council resolution that established the peacekeeping mission reaffirms Yugoslav law in Kosovo, which treats separatist groups as "terrorists." But Col. Thomas Gross, the U.S. force's chief of staff, said the ethnic-Albanian rebel army "is not an illegal organization" under the U.N. resolution.

The military is very conscious of human rights, and "right now we're detaining some people based on intelligence and not necessarily evidence that would be supported in a court of law," Gross said.

American troops have had at least one firefight in recent weeks

with ethnic-Albanian rebels, who shot at U.S. Army engineers when they blew up a dirt track to close off one of the guerrillas' supply routes. None of the Americans was injured.

# Milosevic blames West, criticizes Hague tribunal

TURIN, Italy (AP) — In a rare interview, toppled Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic compared the international war crimes tribunal seeking his capture to a "concentration camp," saying it was going after Serbs the way Nazis went after Jews.

"I've always considered the international tribunal at the Hague an illegal and immoral institution, invented as reprisal for disobedient representatives of a disobedient people — as once there were concentration camps for superfluous peoples and people," Milosevic told Turin's La Stampa daily in an interview published Saturday.

"This tribunal exists above all for the Serbs," Milosevic said. "It's the same form of intimidation that the Nazis used, first against the Jews and then against all the Slav people."

Members of Yugoslavia's new government increasingly talk of putting Milosevic on trial, either in Belgrade or before the international tribunal at the Hague, Netherlands, which indicted him for alleged war crimes in 1999.

Milosevic places blame for all the Balkan wars of the 1990s squarely on the West — particular-



Slobodan Milosevic

ly Germany, which he said was "drunk with victory in the Cold War" and bent on putting the East "under total economic and political control."

For any remainder of blame, "the responsibility of the Serbs is much less than the responsibility of the Croats, the Slovenes and of those who took part in the dismantling of the country," Milosevic said, naming some of the break-away countries in the former Yugoslav federation.

Milosevic has given few interviews since NATO's 1999 bombing campaign against Yugoslavia, and his fall from power in October. He spoke with La Stampa at his party headquarters in Belgrade, where he lives in a villa guarded by both the military and police.

He called his safety, as a former head of state, a matter for the "honor and morals" of Yugoslavia's new leader. "Maybe, however, also of the honor and of the morals of others, of all the people."

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# Divergent paths

**Ariel Sharon**

- 1942 Joined the pre-state Hagana Jewish defense force.
- 1949 Wounded in a battle to open the road to Jerusalem in Israel's War of Independence.
- 1953 Set up the "101 Unit" of paratroopers who carried out raids into Egypt and Jordan in retaliation for Palestinian guerrilla attacks.
- 1967 Commanded an armored brigade that fought its way to the Suez Canal.
- 1973 In 1973 war, defied orders and led his troops across the Suez Canal, cutting off part of the Egyptian army and helping turn the tide in Israel's favor.
- 1982 As defense minister, directed Israel's invasion of Lebanon, which was designed to expel PLO forces and install a pro-Israel government in Beirut, but deteriorated into an 18-year guerrilla war. Forced to resign when an inquiry found him indirectly responsible for a massacre of Palestinian refugees by a Christian militia allied with Israel.
- 1988 Appointed foreign minister by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; Sharon had previously served in various Cabinet posts.
- Sept. 29, 2000, Sharon visited a sacred site in Jerusalem, helping to spark violence.

**Ehud Barak**

- 1945
- 1950
- 1959 Joined the army.
- 1972 As commander of elite special forces, rescued passengers from a hijacked Belgian airliner at Israel's airport.
- 1973 Disguised as an Arab woman carrying explosives in a purse, took part in a raid on Palestinian strongholds in Beirut.
- 1982 Deputy commander of armored forces in the eastern sector of Lebanon after Israeli invasion.
- 1983 - 1987 Commander of military intelligence; commander of the central sector, including the West Bank; deputy chief of staff.
- 1991 Appointed military chief of staff.
- 1995 Entered politics, serving as interior minister and foreign minister.
- 1999 Elected prime minister in a landslide.
- 2000 Ended Israel's 18-year occupation of Lebanon with a pullout of Israeli forces. Shocked many Israelis with concessions he offered in peace talks with Syria and the Palestinians but failed to complete deals on both fronts, leaving him badly hobbled.

**Israeli soldiers crossing the Lebanon-Israel border, June 8, 1982.**

# Hero or villain, Ariel Sharon appears set to be Israel's leader

JERUSALEM (AP) - Ariel Sharon's first hostile encounter with Arabs came in 1929, at age 1, in a spasm of fighting tied to a timeless feud over Jerusalem's most disputed shrine.

Women and children in Sharon's farming village were herded into a barn for safety, while the men fought off Arab raiders. Sharon the child was unharmed, but rival claims on the holy site - the Temple Mount to Jews, the Noble Sanctuary to Muslims - still fester.

Last Sept. 28, Sharon visited the still-contested shrine to emphasize an Israeli claim of sovereignty. The Palestinians took it as a provocation, launched a full-scale uprising, and plunged Israel into a political crisis.

Bulky, and white-haired at 72, Sharon has been at the white-hot center of the Arab-Jewish conflict throughout his life as a soldier and politician. And despite a half-century career studded with controversy, Israelis appear set to elect him prime minister Tuesday in hopes he can extinguish a conflagration he helped to ignite.

Sharon has always denied being the cause of the violence, and an Israeli government report published Thursday tended to support his argument, saying

## Hard-liner set to oust 'peace camp' in favor of the 'security camp'

the Palestinians had planned the uprising in advance and used Sharon's visit to the holy site as a pretext.

Even though he has a seemingly unbeatable 20-percentage-point lead over incumbent Ehud Barak in the polls, Sharon is probably Israel's most polarizing figure.

Loyal supporters call him one of Israel's greatest war heroes, a natural leader in times of crisis. His fierce critics describe him as headstrong and reckless, a bull of a man who has embroiled Israel in wars and political battles, and would be prone to do so again at a pivotal moment in Israel's history.

Even former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who made Sharon defense minister two decades ago, was

quoted as referring to his controversial ally as "a wild horse."

"I've been demonized for many years," Sharon said recently. "But I don't see any reason people should be afraid of me."

He would be Israel's fifth prime minister in just over five years, as the sharply divided country swings back and forth from the "peace camp," which favors concessions to strike a peace deal with the Palestinians, to the "security camp" which believes Israel should seek peace only on its own terms.

Modern Israel, with its booming hi-tech industry, its tidy suburban communities, and its mushrooming shopping malls, bears little resemblance to the struggling agricultural state founded 53 years ago.

Sharon, who fought in Israel's 1948 war of independence, is a product of that earlier era. Critics say he hasn't adapted to a Middle East where Israel, with the region's strongest economy and military, no longer need fear for its existence.

Yet the recent violence has catapulted him to a leading role in a nation that has never been able to resolve its most fundamental dilemma: How should it live with its Arab neighbors?

Barak bet all his political capital on clinching a sweeping peace pact that would end decades of conflict with the Palestinians, and the two sides seemed tantalizingly close.

Yet come election day, it appears Barak will have no agreement in hand, and many Israelis regard his proposed concessions as too generous, while Palestinians see them as too stingy.

In a country where security overrides all other issues, Barak has committed what to Israelis is the gravest sin: making them feel vulnerable during four months of violence that has claimed some 380 lives, almost 50 of them Jewish.

Sharon, whose age and checkered past seemed long ago to have ruled out a comeback, now stands on the brink of his greatest triumph.

Mindful of his hawkish image, he insists he can restore calm, but doesn't spell out how. He believes he can negotiate with the Palestinians - but only for a limited, interim, "non-belligerency" deal. In his view, full peace may be a generation away.

"It's very hard at the present time, when we see all this hatred that exists, and the terrible incitement, to think we can reach an immediate peace," Sharon

told Fox News in one of his few interviews during the campaign.

In his lackluster campaign, Barak has sought to portray Sharon as extreme, claiming the former general could lead Israel into conflicts over marginal patches of disputed land that will ultimately be relinquished in any peace agreement.

Barak's TV ads hammer home Sharon's role in Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon and the 18-year quagmire that resulted.

But amid the current carnage, Barak's charges haven't stuck. Opinion polls consistently show Israelis' disillusionment with Barak outweighs any fear of Sharon and war.

Palestinians were initially reluctant to comment on the election. But with Sharon's victory growing more certain by the day, they have become increasingly critical of the man whose name stirs anger throughout the Arab world.

Sharon "seems to suffer from the illusion he can offer less than Barak's already unacceptable offer and miraculously invent a Palestinian counterpart who will jump for joy at the chance of relinquishing more Palestinian lands and rights," according to Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian spokeswoman.

# Russian Jews play key role in elections

**The Baltimore Sun**

JERUSALEM - Jews from the former Soviet Union helped topple Yitzhak Shamir in 1992, Shimon Peres in 1996 and Benjamin Netanyahu in 1999. Now many are preparing to do the same to Ehud Barak on Tuesday.

Coming from a nation where they felt officially persecuted, "the Russians," as they're known here, tend to take a dark view of political leaders generally, and in the last three elections have voted to punish incumbents rather than reward. With Barak,

they have particular scores to settle.

They tend to oppose his willingness to yield territory to the Arabs and share sovereignty in Jerusalem, and believe he caved in to pressure from the ultra-Orthodox while neglecting the unemployed and new immigrants.

Russians earlier turned against former Prime Minister Netanyahu because "the whole way things were conducted, there was a lot of balagan," says Yuli Edelstein the number-2 figure in Israel Bialya, one of three small

immigrant political parties. Balagan is Hebrew for a confusing mess. "Barak seemed to have a different style and offer hope, but he didn't deliver anything."

Numbering about 1 million citizens and one-sixth of Israel's voting population, the majority of the immigrant bloc backed Barak in his landslide win in 1999.

Now it forms an alienated Barak constituency about the same size as that of Israeli Arabs, many of whom are ready to boycott or cast blank ballots in this week's prime ministerial election.

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# Signs of epidemics emerge in aftermath of India quake

**KOTADI, India** — In a destroyed town near the Pakistani border, Dr. Anurba Ghose treated the sick and injured Saturday, providing the first medical care the villagers have had since the earthquake devastated this corner of western India eight days ago.

While tending their wounds, Ghose, a CARE India staffer, also discovered a new problem: Nearly all the children she saw had respiratory infections — a harbinger of possible epidemics to come.

"Pneumonia is the leading cause of child death in India. We are afraid these children will develop severe pneumonia," Ghose said, surrounded by children coughing as they waited for antibiotics.

U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo planes brought tents, blankets, water tankers and forklifts for clearing rubble to Ahmedabad, the largest city in devastated Gujarat state.

## Surgeons amputate first transplanted hand

**LONDON** — Surgeons in Britain have amputated the hand of the world's first hand transplant patient after he failed to follow the correct treatment, an Australian microsurgeon said Saturday.

Clint Hallam's transplanted hand was removed at his own request after his body rejected it, said the microsurgeon, Earl Owen.

Owen was among an international team that transplanted the hand onto Hallam more than two years ago in a groundbreaking 13-hour operation in France in September 1998.

Hallam, a New Zealander, infuriated his medical team by regularly losing contact with them and refusing to follow essential drug treatment.

## Officials link near-miss to air traffic control error

**TOKYO** — A rookie's mistake in the control tower appears to have been the starting point of a near-collision between two jets carrying almost 700 people, aviation officials said.

The air traffic controller in suburban Tokyo, who was in his third year of training, told the wrong airplane to reduce altitude less than a minute before the close call, officials said late Friday. His supervisor reversed the order 38 seconds later.

The two Japan Airlines jets flew as close as 33 feet of each other — west of Tokyo — on Wednesday, one pilot said. Forty-two people were injured aboard one of the planes when its pilot dived suddenly to avoid disaster.

## 'Mad cow' scare could create a leather shortage

**BERLIN** — Europe's "mad cow" crisis has drastically changed the way Germans eat. Soon it might alter what they wear and how their furniture and cars are upholstered.

Demand for beef has dropped as much as 80 percent since the discovery two months ago of German cows infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. Farmers have been sending far fewer cows to the slaughterhouse, contributing to a dearth of leather across the Continent.

The shortage is hurting prices for shoes, handbags, belts and clothing, and even steeper increases are forecast for the furniture and auto industries, the biggest buyers of high-quality leather produced in German tanneries.

BSE, known as mad cow disease because of its brain-destroying effects, has devastated meat industries throughout Europe as cases have been discovered in Britain, France, Spain, Austria, Italy, Germany and Denmark.

## Castro says he doesn't want 'little wars' with Sec. Powell

**HAVANA** — President Fidel Castro said that Secretary of State Colin Powell would in

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# CIA played role in Lockerbie case

Vernon Loeb  
The Washington Post

On orders from Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet, the CIA played an unusually high-profile role in supporting Scottish prosecutors in the Pan Am 103 case, providing dozens of secret operations cables and a foreign informer as a witness for the first time in a foreign court case.

But the CIA's most important contribution in helping secure the conviction of a Libyan intelligence officer on Wednesday may have come a decade ago when a CIA engineer was able to identify the timer that detonated a bomb

aboard the 747 jetliner carrying 259 people, shifting the focus of the probe from a Palestinian terrorist group to Libya.

The CIA, it turns out, had lost one of its own aboard Pan Am 103: Matthew Gannon, 34, a covert operative who had earlier married the daughter of a senior agency operations official, Thomas Twetten, and was returning home for Christmas after an undercover assignment in Beirut.

For an agency steeped in secrecy that zealously guards the identities of overseas "assets" and routinely fights Freedom of Information Act requests for documents in the name of pro-

tecting "sources" and methods, the CIA's overt participation in this case was highly unusual.

"I don't think they would have gotten even one conviction without the CIA," Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, said Thursday in an interview.

In convicting Libyan intelligence operative Abdel Basset Ali Megrahi after an eight-month trial at Camp Zeist, the Netherlands, a three-judge Scottish panel rejected the testimony of CIA informer and alleged Libyan double agent Abdul Majid Giaka, now in the U.S. witness protection program.

### World in brief

time learn the art of diplomacy — despite some "little darts" already fired at Havana. "We don't want little private wars with Gen. Powell," Castro said in a six-hour speech before international economists that wound up early Saturday.

Castro's comments were an apparent response to Powell's recent statement that the Cuban president is "an aging

startler who will not change in this lifetime." Commenting last week on the long-standing U.S. trade embargo, Powell added: "It is President Bush's intention to keep the sanctions in place."

"We do not want to throw the first stone" at Washington, Castro said, but Powell "gratuitously has thrown some little darts" at Havana. "We have not known the absence of the Cold War for one minute," Castro added.

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## EDITORIAL

# Preserve city's options on Auger Falls power

The Twin Falls City Council will hear a pitch Monday for the city to revive a moribund proposal for a hydroelectric plant on the Snake River at Auger Falls. The idea may draw some opposition, but city leaders should listen carefully to determine if the idea has merit.

City leaders should be cautious, but they also should be open-minded, given the current power crisis in California and the West. If the city needs to file some paperwork to keep its options open, then it should do so. Simply filing paperwork won't obligate the city to get into the hydroelectric business.

There's plenty of precedent for this. The city of Idaho Falls already wrings electricity from the Snake River. The city of Redding, Calif., also generates power. With rolling blackouts sweeping through California, Redding controls its own electrical destiny at a lot less cost. That's not a bad position to be in, and it's one the city of Twin Falls could be in a few years from now.

There are other potential advantages.

Land on the south side of the Snake River near Auger Falls, roughly 550 acres, would make an ideal park. It also would be a great place for the city to spill discharge water from the city sewer plant. Pouring treated sewage water onto the ground, rather than dumping it into the river, would give the sewer plant much more flexibility when meeting federal environmental regulations.

Are all these uses compatible? Does electrical generation preclude the

other potential uses? Those are questions worth exploring.

As before, the Auger Falls proposal may boil down to a question of aesthetics vs. electricity. When a previous proposal was debated in 1997, a lot of voices - including ours - said the area's aesthetic values outweighed the need to generate more electricity. But given the West's widening power gap, that perspective begins to sound naive in hindsight.

New technology, such as an inflatable weir fixed to the riverbed, could make the proposal less environmentally disruptive.

America has coasted along for the past couple of decades with no significant additions to its system of electrical generation. Many parts of the nation are paying for that lack of foresight through higher power bills. Here in Idaho, where electricity has long been relatively inexpensive, residential and commercial power rates will rise sharply at the end of April.

Are there pitfalls with the Auger Falls proposal? Absolutely. The last person who pushed the idea, Salt Lake City developer Steve Harmsen, was hit by a tidal wave of public opposition. The Idaho Department of Water Resources says the state water plan would have to be amended to make the city's idea possible. And there are private landowners to buy out. It could get expensive.

Maybe the city should do it. Then again, maybe it shouldn't. At this point, city leaders should keep their options open and keep asking questions.

*A few years ago, the river's beauty seemed to outweigh the need for electricity. Was that viewpoint naive?*



# Hog farms will ruin tourism industry

As most of you know, I have been a vocal opponent of Big Sky Farm Group's proposal to build this massive hog operation in the Raft River Valley of Cassia County. I am also a member of the Cassia Coalition group, which has been opposing Big Sky's proposal.

As a local, state and business leader over a lifetime, I have always supported environmentally and well-financed, reasonably sized business or industry that could locate in Idaho and the Mini-Cassia area. Good, community-responsible businesses provide good jobs for our citizens, and our communities benefit from the increased payrolls. But this proposal does not meet the criteria I could support in a business enterprise.

The health, social and economic consequences of building a facility of this kind are far more serious than Big Sky will ever admit. They promise to be good neighbors and promise to protect the clean air, pure water and environment we cherish here in southern Idaho. But will they? We don't believe they can fulfill the promises they are making. Large swine operations of this kind are not held in high regard wherever they are located in this country.

I have been in contact with a large number of businessmen and bankers the past two years, and from their experience with hog factories, they all warn us, "Don't let a hog enterprise of this size locate in your community. They don't make great promises but they don't and can't keep those promises. Just don't believe them."

I have worked over the years to increase Idaho's and Cassia County's tourism industry. With Interstate

Highways 84 and 86 traversing our county, we have a splendid opportunity for our businesses relying on tourism to continue to grow and prosper. The hotels, motels, restaurants and service stations all would suffer severely should a hog factory be located less than a mile from I-84.

Do you really believe that the tourists traveling along I-84 will stop in Burley or Rupert if they smell the stench of a hog factory in the Raft River Valley? I don't think so!

Since moving to Burley 16 years ago, we have seen tourism-based industry successfully grow and prosper. It is our second largest industry behind agriculture. The Pomerelle Ski Area, Mount Harrison, Lake Cleveland, City of Rocks, an enlarged Craters of the Moon National Monument and Lake Walcott State Park, just to name a few of Idaho's gem tourism attractions located nearby. Why would anyone want to risk degrading the environment and risk diminishing these fine tourism values?

Hunting, fishing, boating, water skiing, golfing, hiking, swimming, rock-climbing and other recreational opportunities are just a few outdoor pleasures we enjoy. Why would anyone want to risk this fine Idaho quality of life by allowing a hog factory of this size to locate nearby?

I served on the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Committee for more than 10 years. Recently, I received a confidential report that an industry, hopefully high-tech, that would hire 450 people is considering Burley for a plant. Wouldn't it be sad if they heard we are considering a hog factory here and then went elsewhere? This is another good reason to deny Big Sky's application.

And the major issue I want to emphasize is the potential economic plight of the farmers and ranchers who have spent their lives in the Raft River Valley building their families' future. Studies have shown that wherever a hog factory locates such as this to produce a million pigs annually, the adjacent land and home values drop from 30 percent to 50 percent, and we have received plenty of landowners' testimonials that as a result of owning land next to a hog factory, "No one will buy my farm for any price." Let me ask you, would you want to live next to a monstrosity as is proposed? Let's don't sacrifice our longtime friends and their families of the Raft-River Valley of their farm equity and livelihoods by authorizing Big Sky's proposed hog operation.

For all of the above reasons and many more already presented, we urge the planning and zoning committee to deny Big Sky's application for a conditional-use permit to build its mega hog farm in Cassia County.

Let me add one last question to you readers: Would you send your son or daughter on a mission and then recommend they go to work at the hog factory? I dare say not many of you would.

(John Evans Sr. is a former governor of Idaho and president of D.L. Evans Bank.)

## READER COMMENT

John Evans Sr.

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## LETTERS

### Research editorials better, T-N

In regard to your recent editorial about the Hunt camp monument status, while agreeing with your position on the way the camp was designated, I feel that you are revising history. I firmly believe that your research is lacking or limited to ultra right-wing revisionists who would like to rewrite history to make the relocation centers seem like a summer camp. You assert that America has unilaterally atoned for the relocations. The Japanese-Americans who were interned lost both homes and businesses. Economists have figured that they have received from 5 to 15 cents on the dollar. Some of the money was not received until 1993.

You spoke of the camp being a model of civility. I think the internees get the credit for that. They were plucked from their cozy homes and moved to quite possibly the most desolate portion of Idaho or any other state. Several families were placed in each open barracks, privacy limited to blankets strung up by the internees, bitter cold, sweltering heat, and barbed wire fences with guard towers.

Yet, they were models of civility. This is a tribute to the patriotism of these Japanese-American citizens, second, third- and fourth-generation American citizens, many who had never been to Japan. I also strongly disagree about whether racism played a role. It was all about racism. If not, where are the camps that held the Germans or Italians? Not even the recently emigrated were held in any great numbers. One point I will give you is that the relocation may have been necessary, not for national security, but for the protection of these citizens from hate crimes that may have been committed against them. The United States government could have done a much better job on both the relocation camps and compensation after the fact. All editorials should have better research. Yours sounded as if you had only read some white supremacy propaganda. The writer or writers of the Jan. 24 editorial need to do some soul-searching. Bigotry, even in one's subconscious, is a very ugly thing.

GREG LANTING  
Twin Falls

**Camps were for people's own good**  
I am getting tired of all these people saying the U.S. government put them in

internment camps, took them away from their comfortable homes. Yes, Executive Order 9066 forced the Japanese-Americans into camps. It was for their own good, and I am against a national monument for these camps.

But 1942-1946, the returning soldiers - Marines and sailors returning from combat in the Pacific Islands - would have killed these Japanese. I know, I was one of them. So internment saved their lives. End of story.

RICHARD ANDERSON  
Buhl

### We've become a theocracy.

Well, people, you asked for it. America has been Bush-wacked. Which means, of course, that the voting public has been duped by clever propagandizing to ordain a nucleus for installation in what used to be called the White House. But now more properly called the Holy Nut House. Within two weeks after being ordained, George Dubbya's ministry has set up an office to divert billions of tax dollars into the support of spiritual concessions.

Which means, of course, that church and state - under the guiding hands of constitutional mutineers - at last have come together under one nutty roof.

But why worry - just another cost-burdened, bureaucratic office to siphon off and manage more tax money in order to support the whims of an impish-looking, recently ordained minister of government gossip.

Giving money to support worthwhile charitable causes is a make-me-feel-good thing to do, but this giving should remain a personal decision managed by the giver, not by some government bureaucrat.

Good grief! I thought that GWB was a Republican. You know, like people who live in Idaho, who believe and follow a do-it-yourself kit, lifting-up-by-your-own-bootstraps way of life.

God bless America, the new theocracy of the West!

BERT EMES  
Heyburn

### Read the Bible for guidance

To Alan M. Dershowitz:  
Your commentary on Jan. 26 reminds me of what I'm reading about in the Book of James - how people reacted to Jesus. I pray you will make time to read it.  
JANICE S. NELSON  
Twin Falls

### Look at Big Sky's proposal calmly

Having attended the recent public hearings on the confined animal feed operation proposed in Cassia County by Big Sky Farms, I have a question regarding Sen. Darrington's and Rep. Newcomb's statements condemning the project.

If the swine CAFO poses such an environmental and health threat to our communities, why did the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality - after exhaustive study - approve the project? Are the scientists at DEQ incompetent, as the opposition (led by adjacent landowner Mike Garner) would have you believe? Or is another possibility that Garner is motivated by a no-in-my-backyard attitude, while Darrington and Newcomb are simply misinformed? A decision on this matter should be based on scientific fact, not inflammatory rhetoric and emotion.

Anyone who took the time to attend the public hearings in Cassia County learned that the proposed swine CAFO has only one thing in common with the large "mega hog farms" back east that have given the industry a bad name: They both raise pigs. The similarity ends there. For example, unlike the primitive facilities back east that use opened the pits to process waste, Big Sky will use state-of-the-art covered treatment plants much like those employed in municipalities (including Twin Falls) - with one exception: Big Sky will be held to a waste standard even higher than that of Twin Falls. Smell will not be a problem, just as it isn't a problem in comparable municipal waste-disposal plants across the country.

Further, Big Sky will not use land application to dispose of treated sludge and effluent, eliminating the possibility

for any other source of odor. In addition, the proposed facilities must be built in stages - each phase proving it operates exactly as designed before Big Sky can proceed with the next. And the project can be shut down at any later date if deemed to be noncompliance. What better guarantees can there be?

If allowed to go forward, Big Sky's project will undoubtedly have a considerable and beneficial effect on a depressed local agricultural economy, as well as the rest of Idaho. Can the development be built and operated in a safe and environmentally responsible manner? The DEQ clearly thinks so, as do many informed local citizens and business leaders of Cassia County. As such, Big Sky's proposal deserves to be considered in the light of reason and scientific fact, not the fog of half-truth, scare tactics and emotionalism.

STEVE GANNON  
Ketchum

### Sheriff should tell us more

I agree with Larry J. Franco in the Jan. 28 issue. We need to know the whole truth about what went on, and there is three people can tell us. The under-sheriff and Weaver should tell us more than the girlfriend. It should be their duty, too. It shouldn't matter how many bullets was fired. Three people had died for really no reason at all.

It's been almost a month. We need to know.  
MARLA CRANER  
Murtaugh

### Don't make us breathe foul air

Mr. Richard Carpenter (Jan. 26) wrote that odor problems from livestock operations were "completely and utter-

ly bogus!" While his experiences with and sensitivities to bad smells are matters of personal taste, the impacts of large-scale animal feeding operations on air quality are well documented.

The gaseous effluents include ammonia (pungent, suffocating, corrosive) and hydrogen sulfide (rotten eggs). Both are highly toxic. The NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards for hydrogen sulfide lists 100 parts per million as a level that is "immediately dangerous to life and health." The Minnesota ambient air standard for hydrogen sulfide is 50 parts per billion.

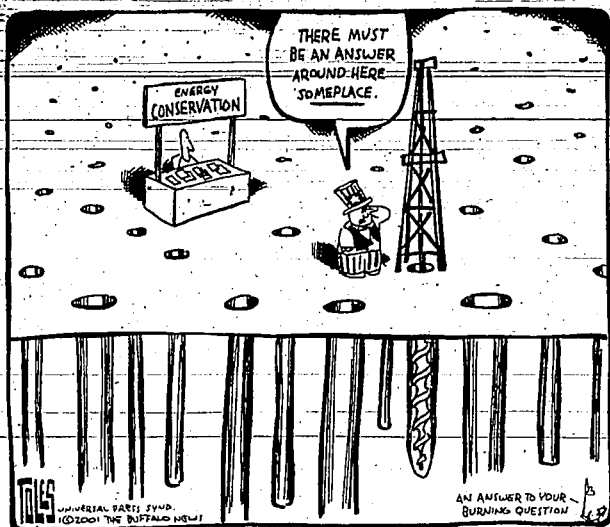
The proposed Big Sky Farms hog CAFO in Cassia County would, if operated, release about 8.4 million pounds of ammonia per year (220 million cubic feet per year) and 375,000 pounds of hydrogen sulfide per year (5 million cubic feet per year).

While these are the major noxious releases in terms of quantity, more than 150 other compounds, many of which are foul smelling at very low concentrations, would also be discharged from the operation.

They include acetone, butyric and propionic acids; indole; skatole; phenols; cresols, dimethyl and diethyl sulfide; methyl and ethyl mercaptans; aldehydes, esters, amines and nitrogen heterocycles. A little of any one of these can make daily life miserable.

Two of the more aptly named chemicals are cadaverine and putrescine. Both have odors like putrefying and rotting flesh.

No one should be forced to live in a place where every breath is disgusting. No one should have to leave their home because it has been befouled by the irresponsible acts of others.  
RUSSELL BROWN  
Idaho Falls



# U.S. Constitution just won't snap

**T**he Constitution of the United States is as flexible and durable as it is venerable. That's why it has endured for more than two centuries as the centerpiece of our system of representative government, the foundation for the rule of law.



DAVID S. BRODER

It has to be tough, because so often it has been stretched and bent in ways that would have sundered anything built to lesser standards.

In December, the Supreme Court, on a split decision, pulled out of the Constitution's "equal protection" clause a rationale for intervening in the Florida election dispute and, in effect, handing the presidency to George W. Bush. Never before had the high court inserted itself so boldly into a process where the Constitution had left ultimate authority in the hands of Congress.

Conservative lawyers expressed shock and amazement that the Supreme Court's conservative majority, normally so zealous in guarding states' rights, would turn about and pre-empt the Florida authorities with an edict from Washington.

January brought a second shock—a rash of last-minute pardons from President Clinton, issued just hours before he rode up to Capitol Hill to watch Bush be sworn in as his successor. The pardon power is clearly given to the Chief Executive in Article II, Section 2. It has been controversial before; President Ford's pardon of President Nixon arguably cost Ford the election in 1976. But for sheer arrogance of power, nothing came close to matching Clinton's exercise of the pardon authority at a moment when he was free of accountability

and immune from legal or political consequences. The more that is learned about some of the beneficiaries of his largesse, the worse it looks. The Justice Department, which normally reviews all applications for pardons and commutations, was cut out of the action.

Given Clinton's history of self-justifying rationalization, we know what to expect. The man who had his law license suspended for five years now maintains that his dogged obstruction of justice during the whole matter was "in defense of the Constitution."

By comparison, the proposal by President Bush to stretch the Constitution far enough to expand federal funding of social programs run by religious organizations looks to be almost decorous. His executive orders dealt only with matters clearly within his purview.

No power plays here, but nonetheless, the proposal raises serious constitutional questions. The federal government already subsidizes secular social work by many religious-oriented agencies. Bush's proposal to expand this stream of funding raises twin concerns. Parts of the religious community are concerned about the regulatory implications of becoming too dependent on government funds, and guardians of church-state separation worry whether the lines can be maintained if the relationship becomes much closer.

It's one more tug on a Constitution that seems to be tested afresh with alarming frequency.

David Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

## We can choose growth type

I have lived in the Magic Valley for 79 years and have been a volunteer at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce visitors center by the Perrine Bridge for 10 years. In all of this time, I have seen a lot of growth and change in the Magic Valley. The one fact that stands out is that as the world's population expands, this growth in population and change in environment is inevitable also here in the Magic Valley.

As the visitors at the visitors center continually remind us, we have many things here that are great. Things like clean air, abundant but not endless supplies of water, many different choices for outdoor activities, beautiful scenery and the list goes on. As this growth occurs, we have the assets to make it possible to make the decisions as to what type of area do we want the Magic Valley to become.

Those who are in positions of authority charged with making those decisions—county commissioners, state legislators, etc.—should take into account all of these things when deciding the issues that come before them. Experience shows that once you let the genie out of the bottle by allowing huge mega hog factories or other livestock operations to be built, you cannot put it back in the bottle.

We are in a position to choose what type of growth we want. IRVIN EHLERS  
Twin Falls

## LETTERS

accusations flying around. I am especially tired of all the excuses being made. Some of your letter writers are not setting a very good example for the youth of our community.

Whether you have half an ounce or a thousand ounces, drugs are illegal, drugs are dangerous and drugs lead to nothing but trouble and despair. No amount of excuses or rationalizations will ever erase this truth! No matter how wonderful we are in some aspects of our lives, we must accept the consequences of all choices we make, good or bad! It is up to each and every one of us to avoid even the appearance of evil.

The lesson we need to learn here is to stay away from drugs! Come on, people, let's get the right message out to our youth.

That is our responsibility as citizens of this great community. KRISTI DEWSNUP  
Kimberly

### Congratulations, T-N

I only subscribe to the Sunday paper. I really enjoy my time with The Times-News. In spite of all the negative, there is still some positive.

I love the potato head cartoons by Hunt. They are more down to earth than any cartoon I've seen. I appreciate the letters to the editor. Thanks for always printing mine.

It's a big job to print a newspaper every day. My hat is off to everyone involved in printing and distributing The Times-News. LOIS GEHRIG  
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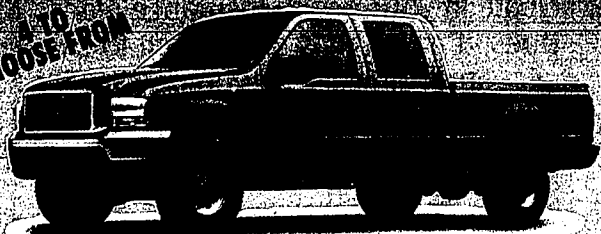


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Section B

## Bring Jell-O salad to my funeral lunch.

I went to a funeral last week, held in the Methodist church in Idaho Falls. As is the custom in these parts, the Methodist women's auxiliary prepared lunch for the mourners after the service.

The fare was tasty, but pretty standard for such events - including a couple of Jell-O salads. (Jell-O salads are not strictly required at non-Mormon funeral lunches in eastern Idaho, but highly recommended lest you be suspected of being a Californian and an unregenerate quiche-eater.)

The Jell-O at his particular funeral lunch was OK, but uninspired - leading a friend to a truly inspirational idea.

Why not ask Steve Crump's readers what kind of Jell-O salad they would bring to his funeral luncheon?

So we're announcing the First Annual Don't Ask Me Pick-a-Salad-for-Steve Crump's-Funeral-Lunch Contest.

Third prize for the best original recipe is a package of shredded, unpeeled carrots - the kind that make so many Jell-O salads so chewy. Second prize is a case of undrained fruit cocktail.

The grand prize is all the hard little marshmallows I can find in my pantry. Deadline is Feb. 28, and we'll announce the winners on March 4. Mail them to First Annual-Don't-Ask-Me-Pick-a-Salad-for-Steve-Crump's-Funeral-Lunch Contest, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83302, fax them 734-5538, or e-mail them to crump@magicvalley.com

There are a few contest rules:

1. All recipes must reflect the fact that all Idahoans make Jell-O salads, whether they can cook or not. Bonus points will be awarded for salads that don't quite set completely or that can be scraped back onto the plate and served after they've fallen off the back seat of the car and onto the dog.

2. Aesthetics count for far less than originality. This is a column, after all, which once ran a Jell-O contest whose winning recipe featured live guppies.

3. Steve Crump does reserve the right to come back and haunt you if your Jell-O recipe includes cubed Spam of any kind.

4. Idahoans are seat-of-the-pants sorts of cooks, so ingenuity will be rewarded in this contest. If you - say - only have a package of orange Jell-O and a can of Vienna sausages in your cupboard, why not combine those two ingredients into a salad?

To get you into the spirit of this contest, I've included the following from Alert Reader Terry Montague of Rupert:

"A woman in our ward was assigned to do the treats for Cub Scouts. She got a couple blocks of paraffin wax, softened them and put her fingers in them. She carefully removed her fingers and after the wax had re-hardened, she poured a combination of strawberry Jell-O and mayonnaise into the 'finger' molds.

The Jell-O 'fingers' had wrinkles on the knuckles and impressions of little hairs and one of them had a hangnail. She was very offended, when the little boys wouldn't eat them."

I'm offended too: Any Cub Scouts who won't eat finger-mold Jell-O aren't worth their Webelos badges. Besides, how do they expect to survive if they ever get locked in a Fred Meyer overnight with only a hot plate and a saucepan?

In an era in which the governor of this state does television commercials-with-animated-dancing potatoes, I think it's time to return to the values that made Idaho, well, Idaho.

Those values would include lime Jell-O salads topped with large-text slimped dollops of mayonnaise.

Bring them, by all means, to Steve Crump's funeral luncheon, whenever that may be. Steve Crump, after all, may not have to eat them.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump, not being currently deceased, is having nachos for lunch.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

# SWEET CHARIOT



Tanner Butler, right, and Jim Hamon competed in the chariot races during Richfield's 'Crazy Dayz' Saturday afternoon.

## Racing highlights Richfield's 'Crazy Dayz'

By Pat Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD - Vicki Johnson had it right when she explained why Saturday's chariot races here were called "Crazy Dayz."

With one of her best grandmotherly chuckles, she said: "Because we're crazy to be out here in this weather doing this crazy thing."

The weather was bitter and foul - chill factor temperatures probably in the low 20s with fog obscuring visibility to less than a mile.

The crazy thing, she said, was that grown men and women braved the cold to race their chariots on a muddy 440-yard straight-away course. And these were not the sturdy, wooden contraptions with large spoked wheels and devilish cutting knives one might remember from the film, "Ben Hur." These chariots closely resembled what

would result if a 55-gallon steel gasoline drum were sliced down the middle from top to bottom, then bent slightly to form a place for the rider to guide a horse or two. Add two bicycle wheels.

As best as one of Saturday's competitors, Frank Johnson, 61, remembers, Richfield's Silver Creek Chariot Racing Association has been staging Saturday chariot races at the bare-bones racetrack (dirt track, a no-fills refreshment stand, a wooden tower for the announcer) for more than 25 years.

"Crazy Dayz" is an annual fun event. But on other Saturdays in December through February, Saturday chariot racing is a serious sport where competitors try to earn enough points to qualify for regional competitions.

Entrants not only race large horses that spend their days serving owners as pleasure mounts or cowboy horses, but also lovable miniature horses

that weigh in at 250 pounds or more.

With Rose Pope calling the races and Donna Bush manning the photo finish clock and timer, the entrants and their steeds race down the broad dirt stretch in times that approach 40 miles an hour. In all, 12 races with some 30 entrants were staged. Competitors ranged in age from grandfathers and grandmothers to their adolescent granddaughters and grandsons. Winners took home blankets.

Despite the stunning sprint speeds of the races, only one mishap marred the day when a chariot tipped over and sent driver Hoyt Pugh diving into the mud.

Pope, who's been around chariot racing for 30 years and announcing for about seven years, laments that the sport is shrinking. Idaho once had 17 chariot racing associations. Now, only seven or eight still operate.

Still, she said, chariot racing continues not only in Idaho but also in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and California, providing a curious common gathering place for contrasting competitors. Many of the teams of horses and drivers are from farms and rural backgrounds. But other competitors who show up in Richfield for the weekly races are sportsmen with expensive horse trailers.

The origin of this form of chariot racing is remote, but Ms. Pope believes it began generations ago when owners of "feed teams" - teams of horses that pulled flaked wagons of bailed hay for cattle - began boasting to each other about the speed and power of their teams, and then staged sprint races to prove their claims.

Times-News writer Pat Murphy can be reached in Ketchum at 726-6423.

## CSI hosts equestrian workshops

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Horse owners liken the beasts to everything from cars to people, but the point is they are high-maintenance animals with individual styles that fall anywhere between couch potato and Olympic athlete.

The College of Southern together with corporate sponsors Pfizer-Animal-Health and Purina Mills Inc. offered a community Equine Education Symposium Saturday. It followed a continuing education lecture course Friday for local veterinarians.

Jim Knight, CSI equine instructor, said the college started offering a series of public workshops this year that have been well attended and have received positive feedback. This weekend's seminars focused on horse nutrition and lameness. A featured nationally-known speaker was Christian Rammerstorfer, an equine exercise physiologist and a professional reiner from Oregon State University, and veterinarian Ted Stashak of Colorado State University.

Local horse owners were enthusiastic about the seminars and couldn't say enough about the importance of learning as much as possible about caring for horses.

Mary Donald, a Rupert horse breeder, likened buying a horse without learning about the animal-to-turning-someone-loose behind the wheel of a car without any training.

And once horse owners begin to know their stuff, they still must keep current on the latest health and nutrition information.

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Big Sky Farms LLC twice has had to amend its water right-transfer application to the Idaho Department of Water Resources for a proposed hog farm in Cassia County. The department says if the application isn't completed by Friday, it will be sent back for reworking.

## Big Sky awaits water rights transfer

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The developers of a proposed swine facility in east-central Cassia County have until Friday to submit a complete application for a water-right transfer, or the application will be returned for revision.

It's not an unusual measure, Idaho Department of Water Resources officials say, and is fairly routine when complicated applications are concerned.

A letter dated Thursday from Water Resources to Big Sky Farms LLC said the entire application will be returned, along with an initial \$100 filing fee, if the application is not completed by Friday. Doing so "will not prejudice any future filing contemplated by you," the letter said.

"I think we just need to have our records represent what's proposed at the time. Some of these are getting kind of out of date, I think," said Norm Young of the department's Boise office.

Big Sky investor Clair Bosen said he wasn't aware of Thursday's letter, sent to one of Big Sky's Boise attorneys. But Bosen said it doesn't concern him, because he's had extensive experience working with the department and he knows its attention to detail.

"They have a difficult job to do and they have to be very careful," Bosen said.

Water Resources initially asked Big Sky to amend its application in April. A resubmitted application addressed several issues, but it still was not ready to go to a public notice.

"We're not concerned that we

won't get our permit," Bosen said. "I don't know of anybody that gets it the first try. It's one of those things where it's just a long process."

Corey Skinner of Water Resources said it's routine to ask applicants for clarifications and additional information.

According to Water Resources documents, Big Sky Farms LLC first submitted an application in April for a water right transfer for 5,090 acres of formerly J.R. Simplot-owned farmland.

On April 19, Water Resources wrote Big Sky a six-page letter describing several issues that needed to be clarified or addressed. Required information included analysis of proposed water use, estimations of drinking-water requirements, and the

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## Gardener program returns to Rupert

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - If you're going to garden, you may as well master the craft.

To that end, the University of Idaho is offering a master gardening course through the Minidoka County Extension Office, starting Feb. 20.

"I'm very big on this, for anybody that wants to be a gardener," said Richard Garrard, the Cassia County extension educator, who will teach one of the classes. "We cover every facet of gardening."

Other classes will be taught by extension educators, scientists, and specialists from Blaine, Minidoka, Camas, Twin Falls, Jerome and Butte counties. All the classes are held at the Minidoka County Extension Office at the county fair-

**Interested?**  
Classes for the University of Idaho master gardener program will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 4 p.m., and are scheduled to run from Feb. 20 through March 29. The classes will be held at the Minidoka County Extension Office at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds in Pocatello. For information, call the Minidoka County Extension Office at 436-7184.

working with area beautification projects," said Matt Schuster, the Minidoka County extension educator.

Usually about 15 people attend the program, Schuster said.

"It's open to the community, so we get a real mix of people," he said.

June Black attended the program last year, and said her reasons were simple.

"I enjoy gardening, and I wanted to know more about it," she said.

She's returning for a refresher course.

"Like all educational experiences, you don't remember everything," she said.

Tree Committee chairwoman Terri McAfee has been a part of the program, as both a student and an instructor, for more



AARON BROCK/The Times-News

Minidoka County Extension Educator Matt Schuster will teach several classes at the upcoming University of Idaho master gardener program.

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# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## Man pleads guilty in Utah teen slaying

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Steven Keomanivong has pleaded guilty to the 1998 slaying of 16-year-old Bethany Hyde in a case of mistaken identity.

Keomanivong and his friends were hunting for rival gang members when they pulled along the car containing Hyde, her sister and a friend in a dark Honda Accord returning from a party.

Prosecutors say Keomanivong fired six bullets into the car. One hit Hyde, ricocheting inside her.

On Friday, more than two years after the shooting, Keomanivong, 20, pleaded guilty to a second-degree felony manslaughter and attempted homicide in a plea agreement with prosecutors.

He had been charged with first-degree murder, and could have spent life in prison.

He will face as much as 31 years in prison when he is sentenced on March 28 by 3rd District Judge William Barrett.

Despite the reduced charges, Hyde's family said they were relieved the ordeal is over.

"It feels wonderful that he said those words, 'I'm guilty,'" said Hyde's mother, Merlinda Bradshaw. "This is the first step to getting over this."

Keomanivong's attorney, Glen Cella, said the deal gives his client a chance of a life after prison.

"We felt that the risk of conviction of 25 years to life was too great," said Cella. "We know

now he'll get out of prison someday."

On Nov. 7, 1998, Keomanivong and his fellow gang members left a party to find and kill their rivals, police said.

Hyde was leaning forward from the back seat, talking to her sister, when the car with Keomanivong drove by and the shots were fired. No one else in the car with Keomanivong has been arrested in Hyde's death.

Keomanivong has a long juvenile record, including vehicle burglary, possession of a handgun, criminal trespass and robbery. Police also suspect he was at a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Midvale when his brother allegedly shot 17-year-old Nicholas Dirksen in November 1995.

## Lawsuit claims faulty charts caused grounding

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — Owners of a freighter have sued the Coast Guard for \$96 million, saying navigational charts omitted warnings about unsafe conditions in the waters where the ship went aground and broke apart.

The freighter New Carissa went aground in a storm on Feb. 4, 1999, on the north spit of Coos Bay. About 70,000 gallons of the fuel oil that powered its engines spilled into the ocean.

The lawsuit, filed Friday, seeks damages for the amount of the cost of the cleanup and salvage operations.

The owners claim that charts provided by the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration didn't warn that the anchorage

was unsafe during winter and failed to indicate that dredge spoils from the mouth of Coos Bay had been deposited there, making the water shallower.

"Mariners the world over are required to rely on charts and guidebooks by the U.S. Coast Guard and they place their trust on the accuracy of those documents," said Brian Bell, a spokesman for the ship's owners, Green Atlas Shipping S.A. of Panama and Britannia Insurance Association of London.

A Coast Guard report in October 1999 faulted the ship's operators, saying the captain dropped anchor as a storm was approaching, using only one anchor and not letting out enough anchor chain.

## Idaho outlaw could get a chance at parole

**BOISE (AP)** — Idaho's most famous outlaw could get a chance at parole, although his victims' relatives want him to remain behind bars in Kansas.

Claude Dallas, who killed two Idaho Fish and Game wardens in 1981, has been characterized as part of the Wild West for evading capture for 15 months after the shooting, living a rugged desert lifestyle, and escaping from prison for 11 months in 1986-87.

Others consider him a throwback who brutally killed Fish and Game conservation officers Bill Pogue and Wilson Conley Elms.

A hearing officer for the Idaho Commission for Pardons and Parole will interview Dallas Monday at a federal prison in Kansas, where he is serving a 30-year sentence on two counts of voluntary manslaughter, in preparation for a parole hearing scheduled for late April.

"We will do everything we can

to make sure he doesn't get out," said Jodi Pogue-Turner, Pogue's daughter. "He will be getting out, whether we want him to or not, which is way too soon for me. That is the way it goes, I guess, but we are going to do everything we can to keep him in there now."

Olivia Craven, Pardons and Parole executive director, said Dallas' parole hearing will likely be held April 26.

The hearing officer will compile a report for the parole commission, which will review it before the hearing. If he is not granted parole, Dallas' sentence will be over Feb. 6, 2005, Craven said.

Dallas has been the subject of two books and a movie.

Pogue and Elms confronted him at his desert camp in Owyhee County during a poaching investigation in January 1981, accusing him of poaching game. They took a pistol he was wearing.

According to trial testimony, Dallas then pulled another pistol that was strapped to his leg, shot both officers, then shot them again in the head, execution-style.

"Dallas was charged with first-degree murder, but said he shot the officers in self-defense.

A jury acquitted Dallas of murder charges but found him guilty of two counts of voluntary manslaughter, concealing evidence, and using a firearm in the commission of a crime in 1982.

U.S. District Court Judge Edward Lodge, then a district judge, told Dallas the slayings were "totally unjustified" and gave him the maximum sentences for manslaughter, to be served consecutively along with a 10-year sentence enhancement for using a firearm in a felony.

After serving several years of the Idaho State Penitentiary in March 1986 by cutting through two chain link

fences.

An extensive manhunt ensued, but Dallas was able to avoid capture for almost a year, despite several sightings and an unsuccessful FBI raid on a suspected hiding place in Nevada.

He was eventually caught in Riverside, Calif., on March 8, 1987, but has never served an extra day in prison for the escape.

Several months after he was caught, a jury acquitted Dallas for the escape after he testified he had to leave the prison because the guards threatened his life.

Since then, Dallas has been incarcerated on his original conviction.

He will not be brought back to Boise for April's parole hearing, Craven said. The hearing will take place over a speaker phone.

Pogue-Turner said she is encouraging people to write letters to the parole commission to keep Dallas in prison.

## Police dog gets credit for nabbing robbery suspect

**POST FALLS (AP)** — A Kootenai County Sheriff's police dog is credited with nabbing a suspected bank robber.

Baron, a 70-pound male German shepherd, led officers from several local agencies on a 2 1/2-mile manhunt before knocking down the suspect and holding him at bay until police caught up Thursday night.

Lt. Greg McLean said the police dog was crucial in catching Victor A. Haworth.

Officers arrested Haworth, 44, whose last known address was Boise, about 8:30 a.m. in a field in northeastern Post Falls.

Haworth is suspected of robbing a Spokane Valley U.S. Bank earlier that day, said FBI agent Egon Dezhnan.

During a first court appearance at the Kootenai County jail on Friday, Haworth was charged with obstructing officers and eluding both misdemeanors.

Bail was set at \$1,000, but because of his criminal past in Idaho, he cannot bail out, a jail sergeant said. He faces possible bank robbery charges in Spokane County.

According to court records, Haworth has spent most of his life in prison.

He was wanted for absconding from parole for a 1989 robbery at First National Bank of North Idaho's Lakeland Branch in Rathdrum.

He was sentenced in 1990 on that charge to eight to 20 years in prison.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Earl E. Walker**  
RUPERT — Earl Edward Walker, 91, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility in Rupert.

2001, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.  
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Barbara J. Tubbs**  
IDAHO FALLS — Barbara Joyce Tubbs, 55, of Idaho Falls and formerly of Jerome, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, in Idaho Falls.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday and before the funeral on Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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## SERVICES

**Neva E. Robinson**  
TWIN FALLS — Neva Elaine Robinson, 56, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

**Dorothy Mae Freiberger**  
Paul, rosary at 6 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; friends may call from 5-6 p.m. today and one hour before the Mass on Monday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Ella Leona Anderson Stewart**  
Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Gooding LDS Church; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Betty Southwick**  
GOODING — Betty Southwick, 59, of Wendell and formerly of King Hill, died Friday, Feb. 2,

Glady's H. Deagle of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Keith LeRoy Tilton**  
Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls Reformed Church; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

## HOSPITALS

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Some names have been omitted at patients' request.

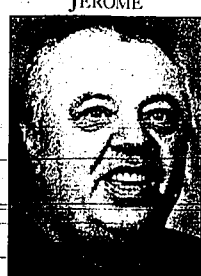
Admitted  
Joan Lancaster of Twin Falls

Released  
Rosa Rico of Burley.

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9331, 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**



**Tom Huber**  
Thomas 'Tom' Martin Huber, 61, of Jerome, went to be with his Heavenly Father on February 1, 2001.

Tom was born November 13, 1939, in St. Lina, Alberta, Canada, to Martin and Pauline Nutsch Huber. In 1948, he moved with his

family to Jerome, Idaho, where they farmed. In 1957, he purchased a farm north of town where he resided until his death. He was active in basketball, softball and Future Farmers of America in his youth and graduated from Jerome High School in 1958, and continued learning until his death. He was Idaho National Guard, Tom married his sweetheart Marilyn Swartley on May 22, 1965, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was very active in the Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. Tom farmed all his life and in the early 1980s he started Huber Feed Service, which he owned and operated.

Tom's favorite things were family and friends. He loved horseshoes and supporting his children in sports and music. He enjoyed eating, playing cards, and often seen in local restaurants eating, joking, talking with people about anything under the sun, or in the bleachers at local sporting events.

Tom loved the people of the Magic Valley, and always said that

they have been very good to him and his family.

Tom is survived by his wife, Marilyn of Jerome; his sons, Gary and Mike (Kim) Huber of Jerome; and daughter, Carol (Brent) Brown of Boise; five grandchildren; brother, Leonard (LaVelda) Huber of Jerome; sister, Martha Kaplan of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. His parents, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

A vigil service for Tom will be held Tuesday, February 6, 2001, at 8 p.m. at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 2nd Avenue East, Jerome, Idaho, with Father Ron Wolkoff officiating. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

Interment will be in the Jerome Cemetery. The family suggests that memorials be made in Tom's name to Jerome's Future Farmers of America or the Jerome High School Band, 4 North 100 East, Jerome, Idaho 83338. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

## Stabbing victim says it was hate crime

**LEWISTON (AP)** — A man who was stabbed during a traffic altercation in Lewiston claims he was the victim of a hate crime.

Ashanti A. Omowale, 25, originally from New Orleans, said Thursday's incident has capped his sense of an unfriendly and bigoted environment in Lewiston.

"I came from one of the roughest neighborhoods in New Orleans and that's never happened to me before," Omowale said Friday afternoon from his hospital bed at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. "I just say to myself, this is 2001, but here in Lewiston it's still 1965."

Trevor D. Cheff, 33, of Lewiston, made an initial appearance in magistrate court Friday and was charged with aggravated battery, a felony, for his involvement in the incident.

Omowale said he was stopped in the right turn lane at a busy intersection, waiting for the light to turn green.

Although it is a right-turn-on-red lane, Omowale said he could not see whether there was oncoming traffic and decided to wait for the green light.

Cheff pulled up behind him and began yelling for him to move, Omowale said.

According to the police report, Omowale flipped his middle finger at Cheff before turning.

Cheff then drove around in front of Omowale's car and stopped. Both men got out of their vehicles and met in the street.

Omowale said he tried to get Cheff to calm down and drive away.

"He said, 'Let me tell you something, nigger,'" Omowale said, "this isn't the way we do things in Idaho."

Cheff then kicked Omowale's car, breaking one of the headlights, and pulled out a knife, Omowale said.

As Omowale used his arms to push Cheff back, Cheff allegedly began swiping the knife at Omowale.

He also allegedly knocked Omowale's glasses off his face, cutting his nose and forehead.

"I was shocked," Omowale said. "It took for me to come to Idaho to a peaceful town, so they say, to get stabbed."

He drove home and his wife took him to the hospital.

After spending the night in the hospital, Omowale returned home Friday afternoon.

Plans to move with his wife and four children back to New Orleans, he said, will have to be put on hold while the case is resolved.

The incident was more than road rage, Omowale said, because Cheff continued to refer to him as "nigger."

Ame Q. Cochnauer of the Nez Perce County prosecutor's office did not comment about whether

the prosecutor will file charges against Cheff under Idaho's malicious harassment law.

The 1983 law says every person has a right to be secure against physical or verbal injury, intimidation or threat based on their race, color, religion or national origin.

Penalties include a prison sentence of up to five years and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Bail for Cheff was set at \$2,500 and a preliminary hearing date was set for Feb. 14.

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Keston Meyer, left and Salde Meyer build a snowman Saturday in Pocatello. The twosome couldn't find a good place for the snow shovel so they lodged it in the head of the snowman.

Ski hill could add amenities

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The operators of Lookout Pass intend to expand the family ski hill straddling the Idaho-Montana border, once they make their way through the bureaucratic maze.

The first rope tow started hauling skiers up Runt Mountain in 1934, joined later by a single chairlift.

Today a \$3 million expansion is in the works for Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area. With U.S. Forest Service approval, it would add two chairlifts and 10 runs to the hill.

Skiers from novice to expert now share some runs and the same lift, while the base area does not have much room for lines.

"Even with the expansion, we're going to be a small ski area," said Phil Edholm, who bought Lookout in 1999. "But it gives us a variety of terrain we just don't have right now."

The expansion includes a new guest services building, another parking lot, a bigger lodge and rental shop.

*"Even with the expansion, we're going to be a small ski area. But it gives us a variety of terrain we just don't have right now."*

—Phil Edholm, owner of Lookout Pass

The project has shrunk since it was first proposed, reflecting public comment and research last summer, officials say.

The Forest Service recently released a draft environmental impact statement.

Instead of nearly 600 acres, the 340-acre area would grow to 455 acres. Logging to clear ski runs shrank from 148 acres to 89 acres.

But the expansion is not out of the woods yet.

A Bush Administration moratorium on Forest Service paperwork could push it back by a

year.

To kickstart the required 45-day public comment period, the Forest Service must publish a notice in the Federal Register. But the notice is apparently being held up by a moratorium on new regulations Bush issued in late January.

If work this summer is delayed long enough, Edholm said, it could be another season before expansion goes through.

"From the financial perspective, it doesn't change the picture at all. It's just we'd like to move forward as quickly as possible."

The moratorium was enacted so the Bush administration could review broad national policies, Idaho Panhandle National Forests Deputy Supervisor Pat Aguilar said.

"My sense is a project like this, once they realize it's local and not affecting broad federal policy, it's a no brainer," Aguilar said.

"I don't see this one as something that's going to be delayed for long."

White supremacist plans class-action suit

SANDPOINT (AP) — Vincent Bertolini wants to hear from residents who feel they have been mistreated by Sandpoint or Bonner County authorities.

Bertolini, a self-described evangelist and head of The 11th Hour Kennant Messenger white supremacist organization, has sent out a mass mailing notifying residents of his plan to file a \$120 million class-action lawsuit against police, sheriff's deputies, prosecutors and other officials.

He also planned to run newspaper ads Sunday through Saturday. Bertolini, 62, was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving on Jan. 12 in Sandpoint. He claims a Sandpoint Police officer assaulted him as he was being taken into custody.

Sandpoint police deny the accusations. They say Bertolini ignored Officer Chris Bell when he attempted to pull him over.

Bertolini then drove to his home and attempted to flee into

his home through his garage to avoid the officer, police records said.

Police Chief Mark Lockwood said Bell grabbed Bertolini by the wrist to stop him and the white supremacist slipped on a small pool of water in the garage, hitting his head.

Bertolini, meanwhile, alleges Bell tackled him and smashed his head into the garage floor.

Bertolini is scheduled to appear on the drunken driving

charge, his fourth in Bonner County. He was acquitted on such a charge in 1996 but was convicted of the same offense in 1997 and 1998.

A third conviction would constitute felony drunken driving, punishable by up to five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine and installation of an ignition interlock device on the offender's vehicle, an apparatus that blocks operation of the vehicle if a breath sample indicates the driver is intoxicated.

Teachers' unions don't seem to pack a punch

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's teachers' unions appear to have a bark that is worse than their bite.

After the last legislative session, the teachers' unions committed to supporting and campaigning for education-friendly candidates.

Despite that vow and more than \$400,000 spent, led by the Utah Education Association, teacher-backed candidates challenging incumbents or going after an open seat lost more than 75 percent of the time, according to a copyright story in Saturday's Deseret News.

However, union-backed incumbents won 84 percent of the time,

and overall, the teachers' union-backed candidates won in 22 of 47 races.

"Actually, they aren't very effective at all if you look at the people (the TEA backs) who get elected," says House Majority Leader Kevin Garn, R-Layton.

The UEA alone, the 18,000-member statewide union, spent almost \$200,000 on legislative races in the past election cycle — among the highest of any lobby.

Other lawmakers don't appear intimidated, either. This year a bill is being rushed through the Legislature that would prohibit automatic deductions from state employees' paychecks — including teachers' — for political causes.

Agency warns Utah schools to shape up

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Nine Utah high schools have been told they need to shape up or they may lose their national accreditation.

The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges issued the warning to the schools for having too few teachers, counselors, librarians or administrators for the number of students they

serve.

If the problems persist, the association can drop the schools' accreditation status, said Connie Amos, accreditation specialist for the state Office of Education.

That could mean that students would be unable to transfer credits to accredited schools, including other high schools and colleges, and could also affect feder-

al funding.

It was the fourth warning the group has given to West High, Highland High in Salt Lake City, Cyprus in Magna, Grantsville, Jump in Nephi, Keams, Sky View in Smithfield, Snow Canyon in St. George and South Sevier in Monroe were also warned.

The association found that West High has three administra-

tors but needs five, allows 11 teachers to teach during their preparation hour, and has 52 teachers who teach more than 150 students.

One English teacher, for example, teaches 265 students.

Highland also has two too few administrators and allows 55 teachers to teach during their preparatory period.

Report deals blow to officials' plans to buy jail

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Prison officials' plans to buy Oxbow Jail from Salt Lake County could be trouble after a fiscal analyst deemed the purchase unnecessary.

"It's an honest difference of perspective between us and the department," legislative fiscal analyst Kevin Walters told legislators on Friday. "At this point

we just don't believe this is a valuable facility."

The Department of Corrections is seeking \$21 million to buy the 552-bed jail and renovate it into a facility for female inmates.

Currently, both populations are housed at Draper. The only thing between them is a see-through fence. Prison officials say separating the male and

female inmates would reduce security problems.

But the estimated \$35,000-per-bed price tag to buy and renovate Oxbow, had legislators questioning whether simply building a new prison would be better.

"If the cost comes down to \$20,000 to \$24,000 a bed, that would be a great deal for the state," Walters said.

But that kind of bargain is unlikely considering Salt Lake County officials refuse to go below the \$16.7-million price tag already quoted to the state.

"The mayor's position is that if we don't sell this it's no big deal," Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor Alan Dayton said. "We would be fine leaving it as it is but we did see this as an opportunity."

State's new bill gets much tougher on drunken-driving

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The fifth drunken-driving measure to crowd Utah's legislative docket this year would be the toughest: 30 days in jail for the first offense.

"I thought we would put more teeth in," said Rep. Paul Ray, R-Clearfield, the sponsor.

First-time DUI offenders now get 2 days in jail. Under House bill 353 that would jump to a minimum 30 days.

Second-time offenders would go to jail for 2 months instead of 10 days. And third-time offenders would stay behind bars for 3 months instead of 2 months.

Ray said the other four drunk-

en-driving bills at the Capitol aren't tough enough. Other legislators say they can do without his proposal.

"Yeah, we want to be tough," Senate Majority Whip John Valentine, R-Orem, said Friday.

"Yeah, we want to send the message that we won't tolerate drunken driving. But current statutes (and bills) do the job."

Other bills would toughen probation, put DUI offenders on a data base for 10 years instead of six years and require them to pay for an ignition interlock, a device that prevents intoxicated people from starting an engine.

Horse

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"There is so much to learn about them," Donald said.

"Just like people, horses are individuals," said Matt McElligott, southern Idaho district manager for Purina Mills. There are a number of things people need to know.

Things to know include what to look for in a horse, nutrition,

vaccinations and parasite control, said Susie Gunter with Pfizer Animal Health of Forest Ranch, Calif.

"The biggest thing is education. Knowing what to do and when to do it," she said.

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Garden

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she is looking into starting a Mini-Cassia master gardener group that would meet regularly.

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Water

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amount needed for cleaning activities or other possible uses by employees or for operating equipment.

Before Big Sky's February 2000 land acquisition, the property had been farmland for sugar beets, wheat, barley, hay and potatoes for 14 years. To use the site's water, Big Sky needed to transfer use from irrigated use to stock water and commercial uses.

In its initial application, Big Sky had only identified a transfer from irrigated use to stock water. Water Resources also requested clarifications about apparent discrepancies, and asked Big Sky to identify points of diversion and more thoroughly describe intended water use.

The application was amended and submitted to the department in November, along with an increased filing fee because the quantity of transferred water had been changed. The amended transfer application was for a total of 16.33 cubic feet per second.

Although many issues had been addressed, several clarifications were still needed, such as the number of wells Big Sky planned to locate, the nature of all uses and the places of use. A Nov. 30 department letter to Big Sky said:

"The new application also indicated that 85 acres of previously irrigated land would dry up. But the application did not clearly state which portions of the site would no longer be irrigated, the letter said.

Most of the proposed 5,090-acre site sits on the Raft River Critical Ground-Water area. That designation, in place since 1963, prevents new ground-water appropriations except for domestic use. Big Sky is not requesting additional water use, Skinner said.

The Department of Environmental Quality has

issued Big Sky a draft permit. A final permit depends upon several factors, including approval from the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission.

The DEQ also requires, as a condition of final approval, that a water permit be obtained.

The Planning and Zoning Commission likely won't begin deliberating on the \$95,000-hog operation until Feb. 15. Commissioners had expected to begin deliberations Thursday, but they lacked certain information they had requested the week before.

Bosen says the delay doesn't bother him.

"As long as they're spending this time educating themselves of all the facts and the science on it and everything, I don't have a problem with it. And I feel like that's what they're doing," Bosen said. "If I thought they were just delaying the project, then I would feel bad about it."

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Judge sentences shooter in boot robbery to prison

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 16-year-old who shot a classmate over a pair of suede boots was sentenced to up to life in prison.

Moments after Eduardo DeLaCruz was sentenced for the shooting, his mother burst from the 3rd District courtroom and began shouting at the victim's mother, who was being interviewed by reporters.

Bailiffs detained the woman long enough for prosecutor Carlos Esqueda to issue a stern warning against further contact with the victim's family.

"When a defendant's family runs out of a courtroom and makes threats, we're going to take that very seriously," Esqueda said later. "If she does it again, we will file charges."

Judge J. Dennis Frederick sentenced DeLaCruz to five

years to life in prison for shooting 15-year-old Kip Niles last year.

"That's about as senseless, that's about as worthless an attitude as can be in this society," Frederick scolded. "The use of a firearm is absolutely unconscionable. You could have caused this young man's death because his boots were 'bad.'"

Because he had absconded from a youth prison — a sentence imposed for a prior drive-by shooting — DeLaCruz was charged as an adult with first-degree felony aggravated robbery and second-degree felony counts of attempted murder and possession of a firearm by a restricted person.

As part of a plea-bargain agreement, he pleaded guilty to the aggravated robbery count.

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FOR THE RECORD

Cassia County

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included the following:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Charles Velasco, 18, 123 W. Sixth St., Burley; unlawful use of driver's license; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Jesse Salazar, 25, 1758 Grandview Lane, Burley; one count resting officers, one count false impersonation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Carroll Zamora Ochoa, 29, 601 Miller Ave., Burley; one count failure to appear for misdemeanor citation; one count invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Cristina MacKnight, 22, 115 N. Lincoln, Okley; petit theft; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Mary C. Gordon, 50, Box 613, 1708 Grandview, Burley; failure to provide proof of insurance.
Jose Molina Gonzalez, 25, 958 Burton, Burley; providing false information to officer; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Jose Elias Chairez, Jr., 24, 1042 Yale Ave., Burley; failure to provide proof of insurance; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Tad M. Barrie, 35, 813 Seventh St., Rupert; invalid driver's license.
Patricia Garcia, 22, 9 W. Main St., No. 21, Decid; invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Misdemeanor sentences

Ryan Dale Wassom, 23, 662 Janis Way, Burley; driving without privileges, amended to invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Paul S. Lindere, 36, 1937 Baltimore St., Muskegon, Okla.; motor carrier log book violations; pleaded guilty; \$26.00 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Danna Jean Rothwell, 37, 11132 W. Indiana Ave., Youngtown, Ariz.; failure to stop at checking station as required; pleaded guilty; \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Terrance W. Sanders, 37, 203 Kweyness Rd., Port Angeles, Wash.; failure to placard vehicle hazardous as required; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Ivica Pavicic, 23, 1634 W. Briar Rose Pl., No. 276, Salt Lake City, Utah; weight exceeding allowable gross loads; pleaded guilty; \$218.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Gonzalo B. Millan, 39, 738 Laguna Rd., Garland, Texas; vehicle over legal weight; pleaded guilty; \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Jeremiah Hain, 24, 9142 River Ridge Dr., West Jordan, Utah; failure to drive over size permit; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Adelino H. Mikaya, 45, 635 N. 900 W., Salt Lake City, Utah; failure to stop at checking station as required; pleaded guilty; \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Tracy L. Burroughs, 28, 2740 N. Mayfair, Springfield, Md.; motor carrier log book violation; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Fredrick Glen Bailey, 25, 410 E. 24th St., Burley; size of vehicle and loads restriction; pleaded guilty; \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Maria Villalobos, 32, 1410 Elba Ave., Burley; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Andres Silva Torres, 41, 743 Burton Ave., Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Vanessa Marie Scabbes, 27, 1901 O St., Heyburn; leaving the scene of an accident, amended to providing false information; pleaded guilty; \$142.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Valentin Silguero, Jr., 19, 224 1/2 E. Sixth St., Burley; possession of controlled substance, amended to possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; found guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, six months' probation, time credited; three days' Mini-Cassia work program; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Jorge A. Reyes, 35, 1331 1/2 E. Main St., Burley; one count battery, pleaded guilty; \$136.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 70 days in jail, 60 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; one count driving without privileges, \$121.50 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 365 days' driver's license suspension; one count resting officers, dismissed; one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Michelle L. Pickett, 38, 2233-Almo, No. 36, Burley; disturbing the peace; found guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 25 days suspended, six months' probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Daniel L. Reys, 21, 742 Malva Ave., Burley; contempt of court; pleaded guilty, one day Mini-Cassia work program; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Ruby Nevarez, 18, 910 Miller Ave., No. 2, Burley; one count invalid driver's license, dismissed; one count driving without privileges, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension; time credited; two days' Mini-Cassia work program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Eugene Naranjo, Jr., 26, 2031 Holsten, Heyburn; one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, 55 days in jail, 30 days suspended, one year probation, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway; eight counts of funds check fraud, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor driving under the influence

Tracy Daryl Jacobs, 25, 1333 Miller, No. 10, Burley; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, one year probation, six months' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Arlund Hugh Higley, 24, 200 W. 400 S., No. 48, Rupert; one count felony domestic violence/traumatic injury, dismissed; one count battery found guilty, \$120 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$15 delinquent fees, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, six months' probation, time credited, five days' Mini-Cassia work program in lieu of jail, anger management; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Timothy Oshane Bedke, 20, 2225 E. 400 N., St. Anthony; driving without privileges, amended to invalid driver's license; found guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Duane A. McClendon, 63, 1115 Albany, Caldwell; one count failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs; one count petit theft, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Margarita Gonzalez, 43, 730 14th St., No. 5, Heyburn; driving without privileges, amended to invalid driver's license; found guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, six months' probation, six months' driver's license suspension, four days' Mini-Cassia work program in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Drunken driving sentences

Roberto Leon, 24, 917 Fifth St., Rupert; misdemeanor found guilty; \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension, time credited, border patrol hold; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Oscar Robles Zobia, 23, 558 Oriental Ave., Burley; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$80.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension, time credited; one count failure to carry driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count attempt to elude a police officer, pleaded guilty, \$100 fines, \$63.50 court costs, 10 total days in jail, 5 days suspended, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Lorraine D. Hare, 34, 733 E. 22nd, No. 7, Burley; one count possession of alcoholic beverage by minor, dismissed; misdemeanor driving under the influence, found guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Baldemar Jose Gonzalez, 21, 313 Maple, Rupert; one count invalid driver's license, dismissed; one count

felony sentencing

Walter David Decker, 49, General Delivery, Twin Falls; burglary; pleaded guilty; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.
Joe A. Maddox, 17, 600 N. 230 E., Rupert; one count resting officers, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, amended to misdemeanor under age 21, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, one year probation, one year driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentencing

Joe A. Maddox, 17, 600 N. 230 E., Rupert; one count resting officers, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, amended to misdemeanor under age 21, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, one year probation, one year driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Mindokota County

RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Mindokota County included the following:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Jose L. Delgado, 19, 1016 Fifth St., No. 1, Rupert; one count possession of alcoholic beverage by a minor, one count battery; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Juan Alberto Avila, 45, Box 763, Paul; two counts contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Jeremy W. Wren, 25, P.O. Box 161, Heyburn; invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
Cecilio Trevino, Jr., 24, 1331 Hwy. 30, Heyburn; contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Dustin V. Staker, 24, P.O. Box 756, Heyburn; battery domestic violence; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Misdemeanor sentences

Johnny Ramos Trujillo, 20, 3035 Hillcrest, No. 1, Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, \$250 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 10 days in jail, eight days suspended, six months' probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension, two days' Mini-Cassia work program in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Raquel E. Juarez, 36, 634 Overland Ave., Burley; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Jesus Cruz Barrios, 23, Paul Housing, No. 32, Paul; one count invalid driver's license, dismissed; one count attempt to elude a police officer; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days in jail, 70 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
David L. Garcia, 35, 1602 H St., Rupert; one count failure to present identification for liquor, dismissed; one count providing false identification, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days in jail, eight days suspended, six months' probation, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, two days in jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
David Lee Cooper, 53, 217 E. Fifth, No. 18, Rupert; driving without privi-

leges amended to invalid driver's license

pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Theresa A. Draper, 31, 1617 Ginko Court, Rupert; one count resting officers, two counts contempt of court, dismissed; one count vicious dogs violation; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Rafael E. Montoya, 26, P.O. Box 39, Mindokota; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$60 fine, \$63.50 court costs.
Fernando M. Jimenez, 19, 1005 Fourth St., Rupert; battery; pleaded guilty; \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Isaac D. Bowen, 18, 330 S. 300 W., Heyburn; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 60 days in jail, 50 days suspended, one year probation, \$849 restitution due to victims, two days' Mini-Cassia work program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
Wesley A. Freeman, 25, 615 N. Fifth, Pocatello; inattentive driving; pleaded guilty; \$60 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Victor E. Nieves, 47, 7 N. Main, Paul; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$60 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Maria D. Coja, 50, 625 W. 200 S., Paul; leaving the scene of an accident, amended to failure to notify upon striking fixtures on highway; pleaded guilty; \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Drunken driving sentencing

Francisco Vicente, 33, 521 E. Baseline, Rupert; one count invalid driver's license, dismissed; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, once, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days in jail, 162 days suspended, 12 months' probation, 90 days' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony dismissals

Linda K. Cutler, 49, 2065 S. 100 E., Paul; insufficient funds check fraud; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Larry Thomas Gardner, 27, 728 E. Ave. F, Jerome; two counts forgery; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Bobby Lee Fairchild, 41, 622 N. W. Rupert; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs; two years' determinate penitentiary time, suspended, five years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended, five years' probation; District Judge John M. McLanson.
Louis S. Spevak, age unknown, 2328 Oakley Ave., Burley; insufficient funds check fraud; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs, one year determinate penitentiary time, suspended, two years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended, three years' probation; District Judge J. William Hart.

Felony sentences

Rick Granillo, 40, P.O. Box 584, Rupert; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs; two years' determinate penitentiary time, suspended, five years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended, five years' probation; District Judge John M. McLanson.
Louis S. Spevak, age unknown, 2328 Oakley Ave., Burley; insufficient funds check fraud; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs, one year determinate penitentiary time, suspended, two years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended, three years' probation; District Judge J. William Hart.

Juvenile sentencing

Brent L. Howard, 15, 90 W. 50 S., Rupert; contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.



An adult Harpy Eagle guards her chick at the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey just outside Boise on Friday morning. The endangered raptors from South and Central America are part of a breeding program at the center to help increase their population.

Center prepares for newest eagle arrivals

BOISE (AP) - If everything goes as planned, three downy white chicks will soon burst from their eggs.
Specialized incubators keep the harpy eagle eggs warm and moist while a mechanical arm rotates them hourly.
The hatch date is fast approaching for the rare endangered birds, whose adult claws are as strong as a Bengal tiger.
"I just came over here and wait," said Cal Sandfort, the biologist in charge of the project at the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey near Boise. "It's sort of the fear of the unknown."
Outside of their natural habitat in South and Central America, the monkey-eating eagles are less likely to hatch successfully.
"It's about a 50-50 chance," Sandfort says.
Like an expectant father, he rarely leaves the center and focuses on things he can control like the humidity level in the incubator during the 54-day incubation period.
"We have no idea why some hatch and others don't," biologist Bill Heinrich said.
But they do know that Panama's national bird has a slow reproductive rate, which contributes to its scarcity. In the wild, eagle pairs, which mate for life, only produce one egg every two or three years.
The biologists' goal is to raise the eagle chicks at the center for about nine months before liberating them in Panama.
Sporting a double crest, the adult harpy is one of the strongest and largest eagles in the world. Weighing about 12 pounds, the raptor has an 8-foot wing span and can lift its own weight.
The eagle likely derives its name from the harpy in Greek mythology, a winged monster with the head and trunk of a woman and the tail and talons of a bird.
The grayish raptor has a large hooked bill and talons. Its oversized talons pull-monkeys from trees, drop the animals, and later swoop down to pick them from the ground.
They hunt from tall trees, where they have a good view, and attack their prey by flying quickly between trees.
Their number is declining, in part, because of the destruction of forests and by humans who shoot them, the fund reports.

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MAGIC VALLEY

FOR THE RECORD

Internet enhances, but local sells

COODING - Recent activity in Fifth District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Wilson, Eden; malicious injury to property; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Arraignments and appearances

Lori J. Eberhardt, 37, 216 E. Avenue A, Shoshone; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; sentencing Feb. 1; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Donald R. Hand, 50, 463 S. 560 E. Dietrich; driving under the influence; change plea/sentencing hearing Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Deloris Brown Henderson, 62, 1048 E. 500 N. Hagerman; driving under the influence; sentencing Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Jamie Alan Holland, 27, 1041 Idaho St., Gooding; driving under the influence (second offense); racing on public highway; jury trial Feb. 12; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. William B. Hudson, 38, 5591 Marin Landing, Pocatello; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; arraignment continued Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Martin L. Smith, 25, 746 N. 850 W., Shoshone; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; arraignment continued Feb. 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Sentencings

Ronnie A. Daniels, 20, 3667 N. 3400 E., Kimberly; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$100 suspended, \$62.50 court costs; \$35 probation fee; \$30 public defender fee; 30 days in jail, suspended; six months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Juan Andres Diaz Garcia, 22, 734 Burac Ave.; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$30 public defender fee; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 160-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Cindy L. Johnson, 25, 1874 Shoup Ave. E., Twin Falls; resisting, obstructing police officer; \$200 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$30 public defender fee; 30 days in jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Gary Vernon Scott, 39, 2356 Main St., Hollister; malicious injury to property; \$200 fine, \$150 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 public defender fee; 30 days in jail, suspended; 12 months' supervised probation; assault; dismissed by prosecutor; battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Daniel Vern Sheepskin, 31, R. 6, P. O. Box 325, Pocatello; battery; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$30 public defender fee; 30 days in jail, suspended; six months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Sentencings

Keith Allen Conner, 47, 3557 S. 1600 E., Wendell; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$650 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 90-day driver's license suspension, 30 absolute/immediate; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Genaro V. Guzman, 25, 3997 N. 1300 E., Buhl; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Russell Lavon Hulse, 27, 229 12th Ave. W., Gooding; battery; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, suspended; 12 months' probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; domestic battery, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Sharon L. Looney, 60, 1734 Green Drive, Pocatello; inattentive, careless driving amended to failure to maintain travel lane; \$20.30 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Justin Allen Mowery, 18, 3065 Oster Lake Road, Hagerman; possession/intent to use drug paraphernalia; \$300 fine; \$50 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$200 public defender fee; 90 days in jail, 60 suspended; 24 month's probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; \$30 per month probation fee; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Jeffery S. Rietkrick, 18, 2003 E. 3050 S., Wendell; possession of controlled substance; \$500 fine, \$350 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; \$30 public defender fee; 180 days in jail, suspended; 12 months' probation supervised at the discretion of probation officer; possession/intent to use drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Darrell L. Dumas, 39, 160 E. ...

TWIN FALLS - Clicking "send" and placing a \$100,000 order online is enough to make one Buhl seed dealer's heart beat fast.



Even though the webpage where he places his seed order is as easy to use as it's still a challenge for Leonard Crismon. In the old days of ordering seed by phone or fax, there was always a person to double check if he really wanted that many bags of that variety. Now he just clicks how much of each variety and size he wants - and hopes he hasn't made a mistake.

As a dealer Crismon places his order online, but for his own farm he prefers to use the Internet to learn more about a chemical or a variety and then go to a local dealer to make his purchases. He hasn't seen his customers rush to the Internet either. In four years, he's only had one customer who's found him through the Internet.

"Most of us need the expertise of our seed dealers or chemical dealers," Crismon said. "We know we're going to pay a little more, but if we don't keep our local communities going we're not going to have them."

Buhl farmer and inventor Glen Gier has been using the Internet since the beginning. But except for purchasing some polyacrylamide online, he restricts his use to information gathering, banking and shipping his product, The Applicator.

"I can't believe how much leg work and phone calling it's saved me," Gier said. "The Internet doesn't answer all the questions, but it really speeds things up."

Studies have shown that up to 75 percent of farmers use the Internet regularly, said David Downey, director of Purdue's Center for Agricultural Business.

Pinther thinks the technique would work in the Magic Valley. Others produce product shopping and want to know if Pinther can match a price they found on the Internet.

That's not always possible. For one thing, Pinther isn't sure how old the product is with the cheap price or where it's coming from. Low prices often come with a volume requirement. For example, one Internet site is listing glyphosate for \$25 a gallon, but the farmer has to purchase a 30-gallon drum. Most of Pinther's customers buy 2.5 to 5 gallons of glyphosate at a time.

"Most of our customers still want some service, they still want us on the farm," Pinther says.

Controversy over breeding program erupts

FILER - Seminis Vegetable Seed, involved in a project to develop a certain disease resistance in beans, could be playing with fire, according to a local industry insider. While control of the devastating anthracnose fungus is the objective, the project nonetheless could introduce a dangerous pathogen into Idaho's anthracnose-free environment.

Bean breeder Bill Dean said the fungus can ravage a bean field, leaving plants devoid of leaves and pods useless. But probably because the disease flourishes in cool, humid conditions, it has not been found in Idaho - so far.

But, the former University of

Idaho plant pathologist said, a collaborative effort between the University of Idaho and Seminis could change all that.

Seminis breeder David Webster doesn't think so. "In 20 years I've never seen anthracnose in the fields in Idaho - even with sprinkler irrigation. The climate is too dry," he said.

He figures the project was just part-and-parcel of the ongoing work that Seminis does. "Because Idaho's bean industry relies greatly on seed production and because Seminis is a major seed producer, Webster said he is careful to control the organism."

Pork producers to consider state checkoff

KIMBERLY - The apparent - albeit disputed - end of a national pork promotion program has some farmers, including those in Idaho, considering a state-level checkoff to replace it.

"It'll be interesting to see" what course producers take when they consider the measure at their annual meeting Feb. 16 and 17 in Twin Falls, said Kimberly producer Dave Roper, who also serves as vice president of the National Pork Producers Council.

Pork producers nationwide voted recently to end the mandatory checkoff, of 45 cents per every \$100 of a pig's value when it is sold. The money goes to the quasi-governmental National Pork Board and pays for promotion, research and consumer information.

The National Pork Producers Council - partly funded through the program and representing about 40 of its member states - and several other groups, however, are suing in federal court, seeking to keep the checkoff program alive, claiming flaws in the voting process and the lack of authority by Secretary Dan Glickman to end the program, Roper said.

Checkoff supporters have already garnered a temporary restraining order against Glickman in terminating the program, with the court giving the USDA a little time to gather its paperwork and make the transition to a new administration before presenting its case, Roper said.

"The results of the national referendum - 15,951 to 14,396 to end the program - showed only a 1,500 vote spread, leading checkoff proponents to question the true outcome if voting procedures had been followed to the letter. Here in Idaho where turnout was admittedly lackluster, Roper said, the checkoff passed by a good majority.

Checkoff-funded programs for 2001 represent \$51.4 million, according to the National Pork Board.

Rural Housing Service offers ownership

RUPERT - A rural development program is getting people into homes.

Ted and Beverly Tompkins are in their late 60s and might have been living in a fifth-wheel the rest of their lives if it had not been for the help of Colleen Carson with United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service program.

The couple had been living in their fifth-wheel for seven years when they found out about the program through a real estate company. They were referred to Carson, rural development specialist, who helped them fill out all the paperwork, told them they qualified and sent in all the papers for them.

When they first saw the house they wanted to buy, Beverly Tompkins impression was that it was "really ugly." There was a weed patch completely around the house. Previous owners had fixed it up before the USDA program would even give them the loan, she said.

Low snowpack causes concern in Clearwater Basin

LEWISTON (AP) - Mega precipitation in January is adding to concern of a dry summer with low reservoir levels. Those conditions will mean less water for migrating salmon and steelhead, sub-par water recreation at reservoirs and a tight power supply.

The Clearwater Basin saw just 37 percent of its normal snow and rain fall last month.

That, combined with poor snowfall in November and December, has equaled the third-lowest snowpack since record-keeping began 40 years ago.

"Conditions have actually worsened from a month ago," said Phil Morrissey, a hydrologist with the

Natural Resource Conservation Service in Boise.

The Clearwater Basin is holding a little less than half its average snowpack for this time of year.

The Selway River Basin, holding 57 percent of its average snowpack, is a little better off. Spring stream flow forecasts will be updated at the next week, but hydrologists expect a grim outlook.

"With this kind of snowpack we can expect not a good runoff season," said Morrissey.

The snowpack across the entire Columbia River Basin is about 50 percent of average.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is drafting water from

Dworshak Reservoir to meet power demands in the Northwest and California. An executive committee composed of the heads of the corps, Bonneville Power Administration,

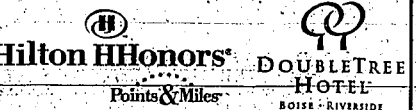
Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service and other agencies are expected to meet to reevaluate operations on the federal hydropower system.

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# Human rights advocate fights deadly battle

LEWISTON (AP) — Nearly 16 years ago Greencreek native Bill Wassmuth, a Roman Catholic priest and a leader in the northern Idaho human rights movement, survived an assassination attempt by a faction of the Aryan Nations at Coeur d'Alene.

These days, however, Wassmuth, 59, is facing perhaps the most perilous threat to his life as he battles amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

"I'm walking and talking and taking nourishment, so life isn't all bad," Wassmuth joked while being interviewed at his Ellensburg, Wash., home.

The prognosis, however, is grim. Most people who have been diagnosed with the disease die within two to five years as they gradually lose control of all their voluntary muscle functions.

Ten percent live beyond eight years, however, and Wassmuth is determined to be in that number.

"A cure is a little bit beyond hope," he said. "We're just hoping to slow down the progress or stop it."

Wassmuth gained national notoriety in September 1995

## Idaho priest who took on Aryan Nations contracts Lou Gehrig's disease

after his Coeur d'Alene home was nearly destroyed by a bomb blast that had been set by members of the white supremacist Aryan Nations. Wassmuth was in the house at the time, but escaped serious injury.

He had been an outspoken member of the Kootenai County Task Force that actively resisted attempts by the Aryan Nations to turn the Panhandle into a haven for white racists. The perpetrators were eventually arrested and sent to prison.

But a couple of years later Wassmuth acknowledged he had become an alcoholic. He started treatment, left the priesthood, married and moved to Seattle to continue his work in human rights as head of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment.

He retired from that position in October 1999, and now heads a small publishing company called Stand Together Publishers and Consulting. The

company has published a book entitled, "Hate Is My Neighbor," by Wassmuth and Tom Alibrandi.

He also continues to travel around the country talking about hate crimes, although his schedule has slowed since his diagnosis in October. The first signs of the disease, he said, started last summer when he noticed he couldn't squeeze a toothpaste tube.

Then he began experiencing some quivering in one of his biceps. In October, while working on his roof, he slipped and fell to the ground. Two days later, through a process of elimination, doctors determined Wassmuth had Lou Gehrig's disease.

"I was pretty shocked because it's pretty serious stuff," he said. "It's like the grieving process. There's denial, anger, frustration, acceptance and now we're in the fighting mode. If this gets me, it won't be without a fight."

Wassmuth said he has lost all

but 10 percent of his ability in his left hand and some loss of ability in his right hand. He also occasionally uses a cane to walk, "but that's to remind myself to be careful. I am able to walk, go swimming and still do house fix-up jobs. Buttoning a shirt is a real challenge."

Some of the treatment includes removing all the metal fillings from his teeth. "There's some indication that some heavy metals in persons with ALS is problematic, so I'm doing some heavy metals detoxification and getting the lead and mercury out."

Wassmuth said he is highly motivated to follow his doctor's regimen for dealing with the disease and he is gratified by the support from people all over the country who have heard about his disease.

"There is just overwhelming support pouring in from all over. I just got in the mail today seven cards and letters, so people are just saying from all over the country that they are thinking positive thoughts and they're praying and supporting me in every way they possibly can. That's very gratifying."

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## Utah dance hall law could curtail student activities also

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The city's new dance hall ordinance may also put a crimp into student dance parties.

The new ordinance requires surveillance cameras, metal detectors and state-certified security guards at dances, and mandates a 1 a.m. closing time.

It originally was thought to apply only to the city's sole dance hall, the no-drinking, no-smoking Club Omni.

The council voted Jan. 16 to approve the amendments to the dance hall ordinance, but agreed to take a final look at it Feb. 6.

Meanwhile, students are concerned over whether the ordinance applies to dance parties they might have at their homes or in rented facilities.

The answer is it depends on whether the party is a private affair or a public event.

The ordinance defines a public dance as a dance held in a building or outside, "to which the public generally may gain admission, with or without payment of fees."

This would apply to dances, or parties with music, that some students like to host. The students typically pass out fliers or post large signs on the lawn, inviting

everyone to join the fun.

"That's the key factor. Can the public generally gain admission?" council attorney Neil Lindberg said. "So if you throw your doors open and say anyone can come — and the whole world is invited — that is regulated."

"You'll just see more underground raves," said Utah Valley State College student and DJ Chris Seamons, 24. "People will be rebelling against this."

If a student throws a party and only invites some friends, it would not fall under the ordinance.

Also any dances or parties sponsored by the government, schools or churches are exempt. A person who wanted to throw a dance party theoretically could get a permit from the city by paying \$75 to get a license, but it's likely no permits will be issued because of the zoning ordinance, community development director Richard Scrist said.

"Frankly, there's a problem right now," Scrist said. City staff will be proposing amendments to the zoning ordinance in order to distinguish between a dance hall and a one-time public dance. But that may not happen for a few months.

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**Highway plan near SLG gains additional opposition**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A second suit has been filed and a third may be on the way to halt the proposed Legacy Highway in Davis County.

The Sierra Club filed the latest suit Wednesday in federal court. The first suit was brought by Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson and Utahns for Better Transportation, a coalition of 100 individuals and environmental, civic and public advocacy groups.

Another group, Utah Physicians for Clean Air, reportedly plans a suit of its own.

The Sierra Club's suit contends Gov. Mike Leavitt's proposed highway violates the federal Clean Air Act and is not the least-damaging solution to traffic

congestion north of Salt Lake City.

"The state is continuing this paradigm where you feel you can build more and more highways to relieve congestion," said Marc Heleson of the Sierra Club. "We just keep adding more and more cars and polluting the air we and our kids breathe."

The Sierra Club contends an analysis by the Wasatch Front Regional Council failed to properly evaluate the impacts of increased transportation on future air quality in Weber, Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake and Togo counties.

Opponents of the highway contend it will lead to further urban sprawl.

**Agency finds contaminants in Columbia**

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers has found unacceptably high levels of toxic PCBs in sediment samples taken from the Columbia River near Bonneville Dam.

Divers in November and

December took sediment samples near where electrical transmission equipment had been dumped into the Columbia near Bonneville Dam.

Tests indicate levels of the substance that has caused cancer in laboratory animals at between 5

and 8.3 parts per million near two pieces of equipment found, a level of 0.15 ppm near a third and one area that was clean, the Corps said.

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## Eagle baseball 2001 debuts this week

# ON THE RUN

By Joe Sumner  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — There's change on the horizon at Frontier Field. With a full year of experience swinging wooden bats behind them, and a young and aggressive pitching staff taking the mound, hopes again are high for the College of Southern Idaho baseball team.

Two years removed from winning their 12th Scenic West Athletic Conference championship, the Golden Eagles are coming off a disappointing fifth-place SWAC finish. But CSI coach Jim Walker feels

good about his team's chances of reclaiming a spot atop the conference standings and again contending for a national title.

"Games are much better in the league now," CSI coach Jim Walker said. "The wood bat has created really super parity. It's a different game now. The coaches understand that — now the kids need to understand that."

There is little question that nothing had a greater impact on the SWAC last season than the switch to wooden bats. Batting averages fell, earned run averages dipped and run production dwindled. If CSI learned

anything in the post-aluminum era, it was that three- and four-run innings were a thing of the past.

And scoring is at premium. "There no question that the short game is probably the biggest thing that's changed with the wood bats," Jim Walker said. "This year we just want to move the runner, that's the key. We want to move the runner up a station and get him into scoring position."

In other words, good-bye long ball, hello small ball.

### Squeeze play

Numbers in every offensive cate-

gory fell significantly last season, but wooden bats were only partly to blame. The Eagles fielded a young team in 2000, with only nine sophomores, and inexperience took its toll.

CSI hit 24 home runs in 2000, 1 fewer than the 84 hit in 1999. RBI dropped nearly in half, from 515 to 297, and total bases fell from 1025 to 630.

"What we found out last year is that a seven-inning game goes by very, very quickly and strategy comes into play a lot sooner," Jim Walker said. "We can't afford to

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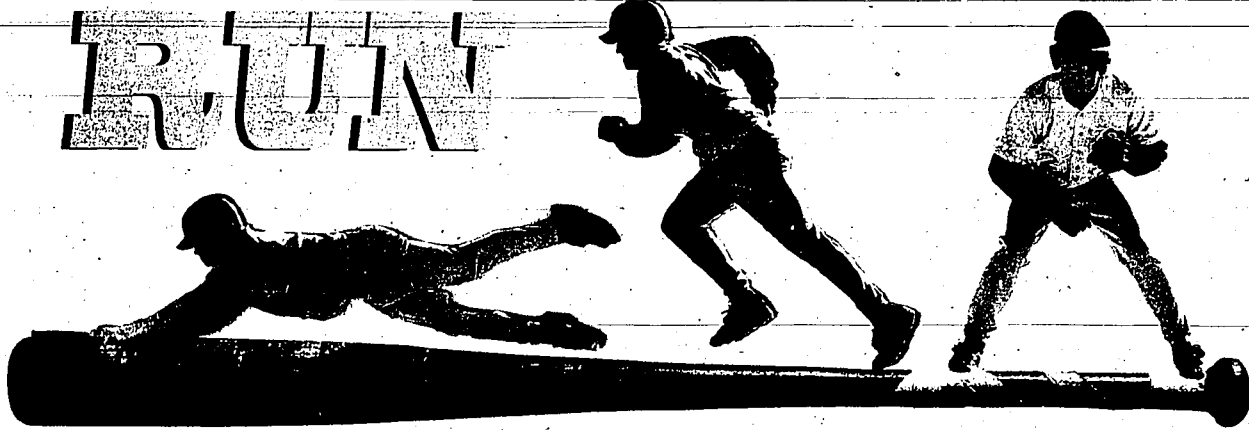


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## Holding serve

Weekend sweep leaves Eagles all alone in second

By Kevin Hall  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Something had to give.

In a battle of the Scenic West Athletic Conference's hottest two teams, No. 11 College of Southern Idaho erased a 10-point deficit with

17 minutes in the game to upend Snow College 84-74 Saturday at CSI Gymnasium.

**Women lose**  
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It was the seventh consecutive win for the Golden Eagles (20-3 overall, 9-2 SWAC), who are all alone in second place after knocking off the Badgers (18-4, 8-3). The loss snapped a four-game win streak for Snow, who was led by the 12 points of Travis Visentin and Brooks Smith.

Blandon Ferguson led six Golden Eagles in double figures with 15 points. Marko Popovic added 13 points, Uche Okafor scored 12, Cardell Butler had 11 and Ricky Clemons and Tony Bobbitt chipped in with 10 apiece.

After the Badgers shot a blistering 62.5 percent (15 of 24) in the first half to hold a 42-35 halftime lead, Southern Idaho's defense responded in the final 20 minutes by holding Snow to just 29 percent (11 of 38).

The Eagles also outboarded the league's best rebounding team 38-36, while shooting 45 percent (25 of 55) themselves and connecting on 21 of 25 second-half free throws to ice the game.

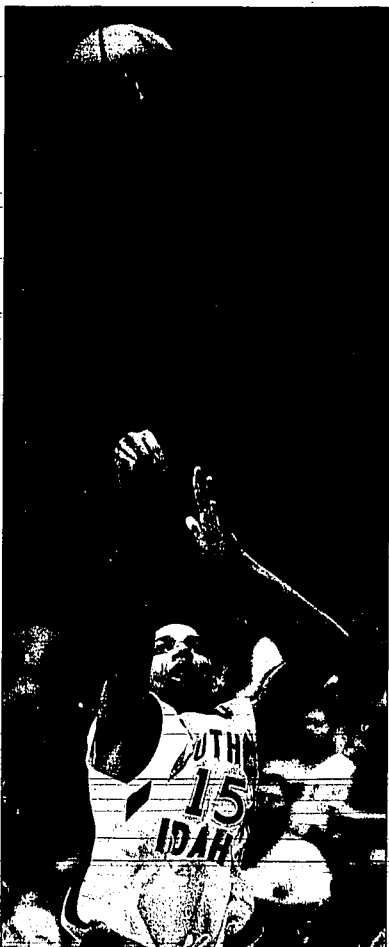
CSI coach Derek Zeck praised his team's gut-check win.

"We just came and talked about discipline," Zeck said. "They got a little bit tired but I thought our guys just sucked it up and came out and played in the second half."

The Eagles received a boost off the bench from their trio of gunslingers in Popovic, Bobbitt and Clemons, who rained down a combined four 3-pointers to lift CSI from a six-point deficit to a seven-point lead (57-50) with 8:42 to go. The shots came during a critical 3.5-minute span that all but did in Snow.

"(Those three) were awesome tonight," Zeck said. "Ricky Clemons, Tony Bobbitt, Tim Ellis, Marko Popovic — all those guys came in and got it

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The College of Southern Idaho's Tony Bobbitt scores during the first half against Snow College in Twin Falls Saturday night.

## The fast track

### Oregon Olympian coasts to Boulder title

By Karen Bosick  
 Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** — It was no contest. Thirty-two kilometers. Eighteen miles.

And four minutes. That's the margin three-time Olympian Justin Wadsworth had over his nearest contenders as he crossed the finish line of the First Security Boulder Mountain Tour Saturday morning.

"The Bend, Ore., man had time to take one ski off 25 yards before crossing the finish line and wave it in the air to get the Atomic logo in finish-line photographs. Then he conducted two TV interviews and began his retreat to the viewing area before his closest challengers showed up.

It was a cruise, not a race, for Wadsworth, who last week at Soldier Hollow became the first American male since 1984 to finish in the top 10 in a World Cup meet. Especially since Telluride, Colo., skier Carl Svendsen, who has won the last three Boulder Mountain Tours, wasn't there to push him.

"I skied pretty hard the first 5K to build up a lead, then I kind of eased off," said Wadsworth, who led by 41 seconds halfway through the race. "I'm going to Finland tomorrow to ski in the World Championships so I don't want to be wiped out."

The thermometer read 17



Olympian Justin Wadsworth crosses the finish line of the First Security Boulder Mountain Tour in Sun Valley Saturday. The Oregon native finished four minutes ahead of the pack to win the competition.

The sixth annual First Security Cross Country Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Galena Lodge, 24 miles north of Ketchikan. Participants will have the opportunity to try out the latest cross-country ski equipment, take free lessons from some of the top skiers in the Boulder Mountain Tour and enjoy a no-host barbecue on the lodge deck. Participants are required to buy \$9 trail passes.

degrees at Galena Lodge — balmy compared to subzero temperatures

of the past couple weeks — when a record lineup of 878 skiers dressed in zebra stripes, checkerboard squares and even the white camouflage of the U.S. Army biathlon team took off at 10 a.m. A daylong snowstorm the day before had dusted the course with an inch of new snow and the groomed course firmed up nicely under a canopy of stars that sparkled as profusely as the snow crystals on the ground.

Still, racers weren't a few. Please see BOULDER, Page C2

## Pro Bowl: Aloha with a bang

The Associated Press

**HONOLULU** — It's time for some offense.

Dennis Green and Jon Gruden, who watched a pair of dominating defenses eliminate their teams from the Super Bowl chase three weeks ago, look forward to some fireworks today in the Pro Bowl.

"The talent on their respective rosters and Pro Bowl rules should see to that."

"There's nothing wrong with having great offenses," said Green, the Minnesota Vikings' coach who will guide the NFC. "This game is made for the players to show their skill. It's not as much scheme as it is the skill of the players. I think it will be a wide-open game."

Last year's certainly was, although the star, Minnesota wide receiver Randy Moss, won't play

### Fireworks show

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Jon Gruden

this time because of bruised ribs. Moss had nine catches for 212 yards — both records — as the NFC beat the AFC 51-31 in the highest-scoring Pro Bowl.

"It runs in cycles," said Gruden, the Oakland Raiders coach who is mindful of the AFC's 23-10 win two years ago

in Green's other Pro Bowl coaching assignment. "There's often been a lot of offense. But I see guys like Ray Lewis, Junior Seau, Rod Woodson, Sam Adams, and I'm not so sure. There's a lot of talent defensively, too."

Lewis, the NFL defensive player of the year, was the MVP in the Baltimore Ravens' 34-7 Super Bowl victory over the New York Giants last Sunday in a game where the teams combined for 21 punts and 293 total yards.

Two weeks earlier, Lewis led the way as the Ravens shut down the Raiders 16-3 in the AFC title game. Earlier that day, the Giants beat the Vikings 41-0 to win the NFC championship.

The starting quarterbacks are familiar with the respective systems, since Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper calls signals for the

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# Lady Eagles drop fourth straight

**By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS**—Cassy Cooke's running left-hander with 134 remaining in the game gave long-standing and 12th-ranked Snow College a lead it never relinquished as the Lady Badgers delivered a crushing 63-58 defeat to College of Southern Idaho Saturday at CSI Gymnasium.

It was Snow's 11th win in a row, improving the Lady Badgers to a perfect 11-0 in the scenic West Athletic Conference, 21-2 overall.

Cooke led all scorers with 18 points. Badgers Anna Beaman and Lacey Yates added 12 points apiece as Snow finished 42 points apiece (22 of 52) shooting for the contest.

Inexperience under pressure and the lack of a go-to shooter down the stretch spelled the fourth-straight loss for the Lady Golden Eagles, who fell to 4-7 in the SWAC, 14-8 overall.

Jinga Goschalk poured in 16 to lead CSI, despite scoring only three points in the second half. Southern Idaho finished with 39 percent (24 of 54) shooting, and hit only 35 percent in the second half.

The Jelly and Hyyle Eagles led most of the way in the game until a suffocating foulout press in the second half stifled by the league's second-ranked defense produced fits for the Eagles and steals for the badgers.

Another worrisome problem was CSI's inability to find a shot during the critical final minutes. And when the Golden Eagles did hit a seemingly wide-open look, they passed it up.

A reticent CSI coach Kendall Grant said the Golden Eagles will have to make some adjustments if they are to contend at next month's Region 18 tournament.

"I think we froze up a little bit because of their zone," he said. "I think we can make some adjustments on that fairly easily. And I think we can make some adjustments on the press too."

The adjustments are going to have to be learned quickly if CSI is to make a run at a top-four seed for the postseason tournament, and not limp in as they plummet toward the bottom of the SWAC.

CSI led 31-27 at halftime and opened up a 38-27 lead on a 7-0 run to begin the final half, and it looked like the Golden Eagles could pull off the upset.

But the Badgers chipped away at the deficit and found ways to score against the hosts' own punishing defense, which was first in the league coming into the game.

CSI still led by 11 on a Natalia Kortova 3-point jumper with 1:15 to go and was up by six at 53-47 on a pair of Holly Armstrong free throws with 0:49 left.

Snow cut the deficit in half at 53-

50 as Kamie Jo Massey made the front end of two free throws. Beaman sliced another point off with another free throw just under five minutes to play.

With CSI's offense out of sync, Yates picked up a pair of free throws with 2:52 to go. After each side failed to score on a pair of possessions, Cooke connected on a her baseline throw and the Eagles made only three free throws in the end as Snow celebrated its come-from-behind victory.

**Snow vs. CSI**

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# Tigers tumble against Blackfoot

**By John Dear  
Times-News writer**

**JEROME**—Not just yet.

The Jerome Tigers girls' high school basketball team's hope for a trip to the state tournament was put on hold Saturday in a tale of two halves.

Jerome was up by as much as 17 points late in the first half, but Blackfoot went into high gear after the break and grabbed one of two guaranteed berths to state with a 54-44 victory in the Class A-1, Division II District IV-V-VI.

Blackfoot, who have now beaten the top two seeds in consecutive games, advances to the championship game Thursday, which they host. The Tigers play Century 41-34 Tuesday in Jerome. The loser of that game plays the fifth-place team out of Boise Saturday for the final berth while the winner moves on to face the Broncos.

"Blackfoot played great. They came in with a plan and executed and we didn't know what we needed to do to win," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles. "We have got some work to do. Our backs are against the wall."

After a slow first quarter where the teams combined for just nine points and the Broncos' patient offensive attack ran several minutes off the clock, Jerome got things going. Brandi Escobar nailed a 3-pointer, Jennifer Pond converted in the paint and Dusty Schvaneveldt connected from beyond the arc for a 13-4 lead early in the second period.

After another Escobar bomb, Kendra West and Andrea Davis both hit a pair of free throws as Jerome led 24-12 and looked to be in control. The Tigers' fullcourt

pressure was effective, forcing 10 Bronco turnovers in the first half.

But things changed quickly as the Tigers went the next eight minutes without a basket. In the final three minutes of the quarter, Blackfoot, which shot out Century over the last five minutes of the game Thursday to earn a shot at the Tigers, went on a 5-1 run and cut the deficit to seven points at the half.

The momentum changed completely the opening minutes of the second half as the Broncos went on a 14-0 run and took the lead for good. At the three-minute mark of the third quarter, West scored inside to finally break the Tiger drought.

Up by four to start the final period, the Broncos went to the layup. Spreading the floor they waited until the had their shot. Each Tiger basket was answered, and by the stretch Blackfoot led 7-8 from the line to tie the victory.

Jerome finished the game shooting just 27 percent (17-of-63), including 5-of-23 from beyond the arc, as they tried to get back into it late with the 3-ball. West was the only Tiger in double figures with 11 points, while Schvaneveldt and Escobar each had eight.

"We have had a tough time shooting lately," Skyles said.

# Spartans eliminate the Lady Bruins

**By Jeff Behlman  
Times-News writer**

**RUPERT**—The Twin Falls High School basketball team's season came to an end in a 46-30 Region III tournament semifinal loss to Minico Saturday night.

With 20 points from Clare Bodenstener and a team rebound, the top-seeded Spartans earned themselves another shot at Poateville. The Spartans lost to the second-seeded Indians on Thursday.

The Bruins, who defeated Minico earlier in the season, couldn't muster the same offensive flair that led them to victory the last time they played.

"We just had trouble executing our plays," said Bruin coach Patience Pfeiffer. "When we beat them back in December we took much better care of the ball."

It seemed both sides had trouble

**Region III touney**

in that department in the early going, with the possession arrow changing every three seconds, or every three feet the ball traveled—clocking in at 1:35.

Overcoming a style of game resembling that of a soccer match with take-away goals, Minico managed to take a seven-point lead at the end of the first quarter. And with neither team setting up much of an offense going into the second, it was Minico who dominated the seemingly endless fast-break game tempo.

The Lady Spartans amassed 18 steals in the game and a healthy portion of those came in the second quarter. Three back-to-back Bruin turnovers led to Spartan points in the form of layups, free throws or both.

The Bruins were simply being outscrapped.

Minico began running a more controlled offense early in the second half and put together a convincing 8-0 run in the first minute, prompting a Bruin timeout. Then, Minico didn't score for six minutes, but the Bruins put up only five third-quarter points, allowing the Spartans to go into clocking in at the four.

"The Bruins had success when they slowed things down and patiently waited for 6-foot-4 senior Kerl Coats to open up inside. Coats had 15 points, 14 of which went uncontested directly under the basket."

Had Twin Falls been able to connect more often, the fourth quarter might have been different.

As it was however, the Spartans spent the last six minutes of the game practicing their perimeter passing while the Bruins remained in a zone defense, choosing not to foul.

Minico was able to put 12 fourth-quarter points on the board just waiting for the mis-match or the open

layin off fast breaks or turnovers.

"We did a great job all around, but I think we were a little out of sync," said Spartan coach Clint Stratum. "Our sophomore, Whitney Martin, had a good night defensively, as did Claire."

Minico will head to Poateville on Tuesday for the championship. The Spartans have a real chance to face the Indians again at home for the championship—they'd have to beat Poateville twice now for the Region III crown.

Win or lose the region title—and it's accompanying state berth—Minico has earned the right to play a Boise-area team for a final shot at state. That game will be next Saturday.

# Beavers leave mark on Duals

**By Jeff Behlman  
Times-News writer**

**BURLEY**—The predictability that ran in abundance during last week's R-1 Halverson State Wrestling Invitational began to wear thin on Saturday at Burley High School as Class A-1 Minico nearly pulled off an upset against A-2 leviathan American Falls.

In their last meeting of the season, American Falls defeated Minico 32-23 to win the Burley Duals.

"Yeah, I was nervous towards the end there," said American Falls coach Jim Gunder. "This was very uncharacteristic of our team. We had five kids drop matches we should have won. If it were one or two guys, we still would have been all right. But five is too many."

Things started looking good for Minico early on after the Spartans swept five weight classes from 119 to 140. They then took two losses in the 145 and 152 classes but got a boost from Joey Vail at 160.

Vail had his hand pin against rival Eric Boomer, who had pinned Vail in both of their previous meetings.

"He pinned me in the semifinals at the Red Halverson tournament and in the semis at American Falls," said Vail, who added that his losses were due mostly to costly mental mistakes.

"I had him in a double arm-bar today which is exactly how he pinned me those other two times," Vail said.

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"Watching my teammates go out and get the job done was a big help. With the match on the line, it got me pretty fired up."

The Minico fans were equally fired up after Vail's early first-round pin, knowing what it meant for Vail and the team as a whole.

Another giant momentum builder for Minico was the 130 class, which saw Minico's Justin Hunter face Austin Hill of American Falls. Hunter had a narrow lead until late in the third round.

It looked like Hill had put it away with a takedown in the last minute to give him the lead. But with less than 10 seconds remaining, Hunter executed a reversal and took the lead for the win by decision.

American Falls, winner of not only the Halverson but the Bear-Cat in Twin Falls and Jerome earlier this season, did not lose a team dual Saturday.

"In other action, Twin Falls beat Burley 47-27 and Jerome 39-36. The latter victory was not secure until the heavyweights bout, where the Bruin Spencer Wilden decimated Kenny McCoy, 9-3."

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**By Nathan Jerke  
Times-News writer**

**MURTAUGH**—The Raft River Trojans girls' high school basketball team trailed the entire game Saturday, but came back to take the lead in the second quarter and dominated the Hagerman Pirates for a 43-6 victory that clinched a state-tourney berth.

The Trojans (13-11 overall) won the right to play the Northside Central Oregon team in Dietrich next Wednesday at the Shoshone District IV touney to determine state-tournament seeding. Hagerman also heads to the District IV touney, where it will over Carey would earn the area's final state ticket.

After a slow first half, the Pirates took a 12-7 lead in the second quarter. Wished game with nine points and 13 rebounds.

Raft River kept in the game by making free throws, hitting eight of 10 in the second quarter.

The second half continued slow and steady for both teams as Hagerman held onto a 23-21 lead.

The fourth quarter, however, was a back-and-forth game where no team led by more than three points until the final buzzer.

With under-20 seconds-to-go in the fourth, and a 33-32 Hagerman lead on the board, Amber Nyv grabbed two rebounds but missed two shots to take the game down to

**District IV-VI touney**

**JEROME**—Not just yet.

The Jerome Tigers girls' high school basketball team's hope for a trip to the state tournament was put on hold Saturday in a tale of two halves.

Jerome was up by as much as 17 points late in the first half, but Blackfoot went into high gear after the break and grabbed one of two guaranteed berths to state with a 54-44 victory in the Class A-1, Division II District IV-V-VI.

Blackfoot, who have now beaten the top two seeds in consecutive games, advances to the championship game Thursday, which they host. The Tigers play Century 41-34 Tuesday in Jerome. The loser of that game plays the fifth-place team out of Boise Saturday for the final berth while the winner moves on to face the Broncos.

"Blackfoot played great. They came in with a plan and executed and we didn't know what we needed to do to win," said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles. "We have got some work to do. Our backs are against the wall."

After a slow first quarter where the teams combined for just nine points and the Broncos' patient offensive attack ran several minutes off the clock, Jerome got things going. Brandi Escobar nailed a 3-pointer, Jennifer Pond converted in the paint and Dusty Schvaneveldt connected from beyond the arc for a 13-4 lead early in the second period.

After another Escobar bomb, Kendra West and Andrea Davis both hit a pair of free throws as Jerome led 24-12 and looked to be in control. The Tigers' fullcourt

pressure was effective, forcing 10 Bronco turnovers in the first half.

But things changed quickly as the Tigers went the next eight minutes without a basket. In the final three minutes of the quarter, Blackfoot, which shot out Century over the last five minutes of the game Thursday to earn a shot at the Tigers, went on a 5-1 run and cut the deficit to seven points at the half.

The momentum changed completely the opening minutes of the second half as the Broncos went on a 14-0 run and took the lead for good. At the three-minute mark of the third quarter, West scored inside to finally break the Tiger drought.

Up by four to start the final period, the Broncos went to the layup. Spreading the floor they waited until the had their shot. Each Tiger basket was answered, and by the stretch Blackfoot led 7-8 from the line to tie the victory.

Jerome finished the game shooting just 27 percent (17-of-63), including 5-of-23 from beyond the arc, as they tried to get back into it late with the 3-ball. West was the only Tiger in double figures with 11 points, while Schvaneveldt and Escobar each had eight.

"We have had a tough time shooting lately," Skyles said.

# Shoshone nips Carey for North No. 2

**By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer**

**CAREY**—The Shoshone-Indian basketball team's season slid to a three-point victory past the Carey Panthers in Carey Saturday night.

The game determined the second and third seed in the Northside Conference high school standings.

"It was a one-point game several times," said Carey coach Steve Jackson.

Jackson Utah had a game-high 18 points for the Indians. Tony Howard led the Panthers with 16.

The Panthers (8-4) go into the Northside Conference tournament in the second seed, traveling to Shoshone on Thursday.

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by the slimness of margins Saturday night, nipping the Malad Dragons by hitting a 3-pointer with 2.3 seconds left on the clock.

Senior Derek Malone hit the shot to give his team the victory. Malone had 18 points for the Vikings.

"It was an absolutely well-played athletic basketball game," said Valley coach Roger Caretta.

The Vikings (17-1) host Glenns Ferry on Thursday.

**Salmon 72, Wood River 51**

**WOOD RIVER**—Wood River fell on their home court at Salmon Saturday night.

"I was proud of our team," said Wood River coach Jeff Larson. "They never gave up and they played as hard as they could for 32 minutes."

Sky Wolfe and Adam Marcetti teamed up for 14 points apiece.

Wood River hosts Kimberly Thursday.

**Declo 55, Kimberly 38**

**KIMBERLY**—Senior Dillon Christensen led the Declo team to victory over the Kimberly Bulldogs with 18 points Saturday night, erasing what had been a Bulldog advantage.

"We had a three-point lead at the half," said Kimberly coach Roger Keller. "The turnovers are what hurt us—they made a big difference in the game for us."

J.J. Flew scored 12 points for the Bulldogs. Kimberly is 9-9 overall and 6-2 in conference and travels to Wood River Thursday to battle the Wolverines.

**Dietrich 65, Bliss 51**

**DIETRICH**—Dietrich came out triumphant on the Blue Devils' Senior Night against Bliss Saturday.

The seniors played a fantastic game tonight. Dietrich coach Simon Thompson, "along with Chris Kaufman, 25 added points to cap it all off."

Thompson also wanted to thank the players for their season. "They are good kids off the court too."

The Dietrich Blue Devils are 6-6 in conference play and travel to Camas County Thursday for the start of the Northside Conference touney.

with a time of 1:21:09. She was followed by two-time Olympian Suzanne King of Oregon, who led 1:21:37.

"It was a tough race," said Baughmann, a combination of frost and sweat beads dotting her face.

"The last few kilometers I just had no energy left."

"You had to work all the time," agreed Odgaard. "It seemed as if there was no downhill."

Skiers weren't the only ones executing themselves, though. Announcer Jody Zarkos kept her own little verbal marathon going, making sure every one of the 858 skiers was recognized as they crossed the finish line.

"Among them: Ketchum veterinarian Randy Acker, skiing in his 17th Boulder Mountain Tour, and Ben Young, of Ketchum, who skied the course in 1959 and 21 minutes, passing several of the first wave of skiers, even though he started nearly a half hour later.

Others included 72-year-old Charlie French of Ken Cam, 78-year-old Paul Pucher of Bellevue and 74-year-old Jean Cooper, of Ketchum.

The youngest skiers were 12 years old.

**Peter Friday wrestling Kimberly 37 Shelley 35 Snake River 48, Kimberly 24**

**BLAFOOT**—The Kimberly wrestling team took a split home

Bourque welcomes newcomers McMahon's XFL debuts in Vegas

DENVER (AP) - Even with 14 first-time NHL All-Stars, it would take five more to equal the experience of Ray Bourque.

Bourque, the longtime member of the Boston Bruins, still looks swifter in a Colorado Avalanche sweater than the 40-year-old defenseman will be in his element when he suits up today for his 19th All-Star game.

"You come in, you try to establish yourself as a solid NHL player, and years go by and you keep coming here and it's really surprising in some ways," said Bourque, who was dealt by Boston to Colorado last March after 19 seasons with the Bruins.

"In other ways, you never take anything for granted and you always have something to prove," he added.

The newcomers will be on the ice at the All-Star game held at the Pepsi Center - Bourque's new home arena - and they intend to look for help from the regulars.

"Those guys have been here and know just about everything and how it works," said Bourque forward Sergei Samonov, a late injury replacement to the world team for leading vote-getter Jaromir Jagr.

"There's a lot of guys that are here for their first year like me," said Samonov, Bourque's teammate for 2.5 seasons. "I have no idea what's going on. I just have to take my itinerary and kind of go through and know what's going to happen. It's going to be fun I'm sure."

Samonov's linemates with the Bruins, Bill Guerin and Jason Allison, are two of the five American All-Star rookies along with Philadelphia's Simon Gagne, Donald Audette of Atlanta and Vancouver defenseman Ed Yanovskov.

"It's pretty amazing, it's wild," said Guerin, in his 10th NHL sea-

Super Mario

Despite missing the Penguins' first 36 games, Mario Lemieux is having no problem catching up. If he maintains his scoring pace for the remaining 39 games, he's on track for a great year.

Table with 3 columns: GP, G, A, Pts. Rows for Current, 48-game projection, 82-game projection, and Average attendance.

Source: National Hockey League

NHL All-Star Game

Today, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

son. "There's a lot going on. I'm kind of overwhelmed a little bit with all the people around and seeing all the guys. It's great. It's been a lot of fun so far."

That is not an aspect lost on Bourque, even after all these years. "I'll have plenty of time to rest when I'm done playing the game, so as long as I get to come to these things, I'm going to enjoy them and take them the right way," he said. "It's an honor and a privilege

to be here, and it always will be for me." Dominik Hasek, a five-time All Star, will be the starting goalie for the World team - which has nine first-timers. Hasek will be backed up in net by Philadelphia's Roman Cechmek and San Jose's Evgeni Nabokov - both in their first NHL seasons.

The other World team rookies include Ottawa's Marian Hossa, Tampa Bay's Fredrik Modin, Alexei Kovalev from Pittsburgh - all forwards. The defenseman are San Jose's Janne Niinimaa and Edmonton's Jarne Conacher of Washington.

McMahon's XFL debuts in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Moments before the XFL's first red-and-black football was kicked into the desert night, Vince McMahon stood alone at the 50-yard line of Sam Boyd Stadium. Deafening cheers poured down from the packed stands.

"We welcome you to our game!" McMahon shouted. "Thank you for the privilege of competing before you tonight!"

Both sport and entertainment, the XFL muscled its way onto the national sports scene with its first two games Saturday night. With well-wounded cheerleaders and trash-talking players sharing center stage, the Las Vegas Outlaws trounced the New York/New Jersey Hitmen 19-0, while the Orlando Rage beat the Chicago Enforcers 33-29 in Florida.

Though the slow, choppy and one-sided game in Las Vegas - which included a scoreless second half - left much to be desired, the XFL's scores and highlights might be secondary in the spectacle of McMahon's creation.

Only the World Wrestling Federation impresario would have the audacity to script something like this upstart league, which unveiled its unique combination of old-fashioned football, technological innovation and a heavy dose of marketing savvy.

"This is the culmination of a lot of dreams and a lot of hard work for everybody out here," McMahon said. "This is all about football, pure and plain and simple."

Actually, it was anything but. From the on-field cameramen to the ubiquitous wrestler-politician in the NBC broadcast booth, the XFL looked like the furthest thing from simple football to the 30,389 fans who watched the

Aloha

NFC and Oakland's Rich Gannon for the AFC. Both had long days in the conference tie games after terrific seasons, when they combined for over 7,300 passing yards and 61 touchdown throws.

Backing up Cullpepper are Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb, second-round draft pick in the regular-season MVP voting, and San Francisco's Jeff Garcia. Indianapolis' Peyton Manning and Kansas City's Elvis Grbac are the reserve AFC quarterbacks.

Faulk is also sitting out the game because of injury, as is St. Louis teammate Isaac Bruce, chosen to start opposite Moss at wide receiver. However, the NFC seems in good hands with Chris Carter, Terrell Owens, Joe Horn and Torrey Holt.

Among the AFC starters is 35-year-old Miami defensive end Trace Armstrong, a first-time Pro Bowl player, who said winning is important, no matter what people might think. "Heck, yeah it is," he said. "You want to win, you want to play well."

You don't want to look bad. The guys have been talking about wanting to win since the first night. There's a line that's probably not going to be crossed in the game, but everybody's going to play hard."

The NFC has a 16-14 lead in the series since the Pro Bowl went to the present. It's the first time the 22nd time Hawaii has hosted the game, and every one has been a sellout at Aloha Stadium, which has a capacity of slightly over 50,000.

AUTO RACING

Rolex 24 Running Series

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College Baseball Scores

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BASKETBALL

Association

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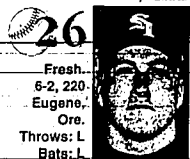
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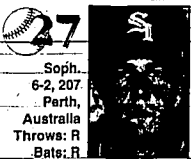
# CSI BASEBALL 2001

**JEREMY BARNES**



**26**  
Fresh.  
6-2, 220  
Eugene, Ore.  
Throws: L  
Bats: L

**TOBY BARNETT**

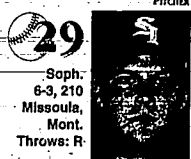


**27**  
Soph.  
6-2, 207  
Perth, Australia  
Throws: R  
Bats: R

**JIM "SKIP" WALKER,**  
**HEAD COACH**

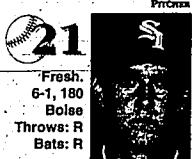
Enters his 27th season at Southern Idaho having won 914 games. Eight trips to the JUCO World Series and one national title under his belt; guided 1999 team to the program's 12th Region 18 crown with a remarkable three victories in one day. Earned B.A. in psychology from Idaho State and masters in P.E. from Lewis Clark. Played three years in the Phillies' farm system; hitting coach for U.S. Olympic team in 1980; head coach of U.S. Junior Olympic team in 1987-1988.

**PAUL BOYD**



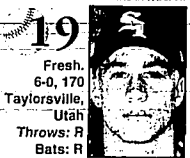
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Missoula, Mont.  
Throws: R

**JOE BROWN**



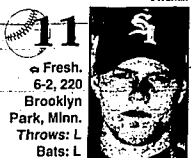
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6-1, 180  
Boleae  
Throws: R  
Bats: R

**BRAD BURROW**



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Fresh.  
6-0, 170  
Taylorsville, Utah  
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Bats: R

**JASON CIERLIK**

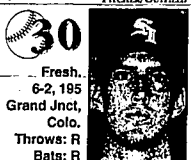


**11**  
Fresh.  
6-2, 220  
Brooklyn Park, Minn.  
Throws: L  
Bats: L

**BOOMER WALKER,**  
**PITCHING COACH**

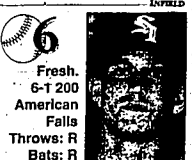
Becomes full-time pitching coach after working for the past five years as defensive coordinator and base running coach. Only son of Jim and Jelene Walker's two children, starred at Twin Falls High School, earned All-Region honors as a Southern Idaho shortstop in 1991 and 1992 and went on to play at Northeast Louisiana University, where he also earned a degree in sociology. Was named Region 18's Coach of the Year in 1999.

**DONNY CLEMENT**



**30**  
Fresh.  
6-2, 195  
Grand Jct., Colo.  
Throws: R  
Bats: R

**CHRISTIAN COLONEL**



**6**  
Fresh.  
6-1 200  
American Falls  
Throws: R  
Bats: R

**TREVOR DAVIS**



**34**  
Fresh.  
6-4, 195  
Idaho Falls  
Throws: L  
Bats: L

**SIDNEY DEJONG**



**24**  
Soph.  
6-2, 180  
Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Throws: R  
Bats: R

**MIKE FEDERICO,**  
**ASSISTANT COACH**

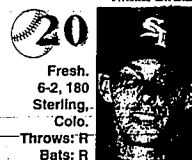
It may be his first year coaching at CSI, but he is no stranger to the area's baseball teams or the College of Southern Idaho. Coached the Twin Falls High School baseball team and the Twin Falls American Legion Class AA team. Was an outfielder on the CSI baseball team that won a national championship in 1984. Will work as the first base coach providing leadership and insight to baserunners.

**ED DILLAHAY**



**8**  
Soph.  
6-0, 195  
Winston, Ore.  
Throws: R  
Bats: R

**JUSTIN FRANK**



**20**  
Fresh.  
6-2, 180  
Sterling, Colo.  
Throws: R  
Bats: R

## 2001 SPRING SCHEDULE

Date, opponent, time, number of games (DH = two) and site.

All home games are in bold, and are at Frontier Field unless noted otherwise...

2-8	Utah Valley	1 p.m.	Las Vegas
2-9	Salt Lake CC	3:30 p.m.	Las Vegas
2-10	Snow College	9 a.m.	Las Vegas
2-10	Eastern Utah	1 p.m.	Las Vegas
2-17	Morraine Valley	10 a.m.	Las Vegas
2-17	Southern Nevada	2 p.m.	Las Vegas
2-18	Morraine Valley	10 a.m.	Las Vegas
2-18	Southern Nevada	2 p.m.	Las Vegas
2-19	Morraine Valley	10 a.m.	Las Vegas

## Feb. 22-24: CSI Tournament

2-22	Eastern Utah	2 p.m.	Frontier Field
2-22	Dawson CC	5:30 p.m.	Frontier Field
2-23	Snow College	5:30 p.m.	Frontier Field
2-24	CSI touney 3rd place	11 a.m.	Frontier Field
2-24	CSI touney championship	2:30 a.m.	Frontier Field

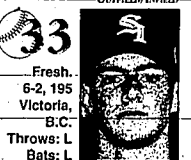
## FEB. 28-MARCH 3: McDONALD'S SLUGOUT

2-28	CSI vs. Northlake CC	2 p.m.	Frontier Field
3-1	CSI vs. Lane CC	5:30 p.m.	Frontier Field
3-2	CSI vs. Douglas	5:30 p.m.	Frontier Field
3-3	Seeded games and Championship TBA		Frontier Field
3-4	Lane CC	5:30 p.m.	Frontier Field

## Scenic-West Athletic Conference Play

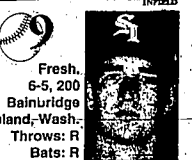
3-9	Utah Valley S.C.	1 p.m.	DH	Orem, Utah
3-10	Utah Valley S.C.	noon	DH	Orem, Utah
3-16	Snow College	3 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
3-17	Snow College	1 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
3-23	Salt Lake C.C.	1 p.m.	DH	Salt Lake City, Utah
3-24	Salt Lake C.C.	noon	DH	Salt Lake City, Utah
3-27	Weber State	2 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
3-30	Colorado NW	1 p.m.	DH	Rangley, Colo.
3-31	Colorado NW	noon	DH	Rangley, Colo.
4-6	Dixie College	4 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
4-7	Dixie College	1 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
4-13	North Idaho	4 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
4-14	North Idaho	noon	DH	Twin Falls
4-20	Ricks College	1 p.m.	DH	Rexburg
4-21	Ricks College	noon	DH	Rexburg
4-27	Eastern Utah	4 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
4-28	Eastern Utah	1 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
5-4	Treasure Valley	4 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
5-5	Treasure Valley	1 p.m.	DH	Twin Falls
5-10-12	SWAC Touney			TBA

**MATT GUNNING**



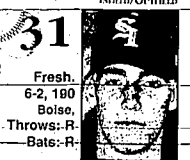
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Fresh.  
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Victoria, B.C.  
Throws: L  
Bats: L

**TOM HENSHAW**



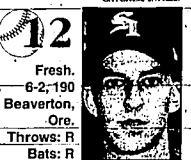
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**CREIGHTON FUSS**



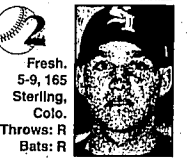
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Bats: R

**JEFF GILL**



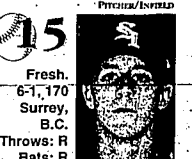
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Beaverton, Ore.  
Throws: R  
Bats: R

**TOM MYERS**



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5-9, 165  
Sterling, Colo.  
Throws: R  
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**ANDY MYETTE**



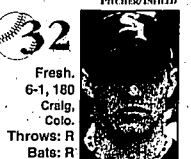
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Surrey, B.C.  
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**CRAIG KILSHAW**



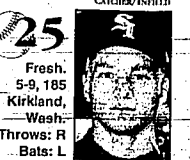
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Victoria, B.C.  
Throws: L  
Bats: R

**JARROD KUNKEL**



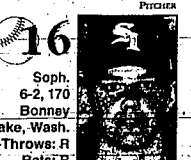
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Craig, Colo.  
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Bats: R

**STOSH PALUCH**



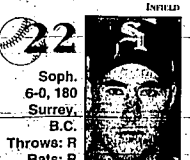
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Kirkland, Wash.  
Throws: R  
Bats: L

**NICK PARKER**



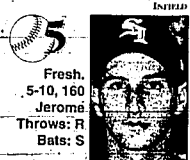
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6-2, 170  
Bonney Lake, Wash.  
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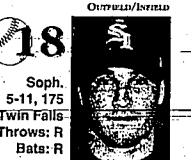
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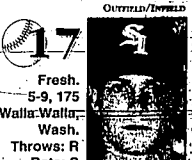
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**JOSH WOLFRAM**



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Throws: R  
Bats: S

Skip says: "As a left-handed hitter he can carry a team on his back. He has good power and a good swing. He's going to be important against right-handed pitchers."

Skip says: "Barnett is one of the best athletes we've ever had. There's no question that he has a Major League throwing arm. If he can stay back on the ball and let it come to him he will lead us."

Skip says: "He's a big kid that has to learn stay within himself and not overthrow the baseball. Should be a good role player for us."

Skip says: "I'm not sure where he's going to fit in on the staff yet but he could be another good role player for us."

Skip says: "Burrow is a funky slinger-type with good command of the plate and a lion's heart. He probably had the most success and most innings during fall ball. He's just hard to hit."

Skip says: "A great left-hander that needs experience. He's coming off an injury and he still needs to prove that he can throw strikes."

Skip says: "Could be the first guy coming out of the bullpen. He throws hard and has a good second and third pitch."

Skip says: "He can run, throw and swing the bat for us. He's going to be a real good player."

Skip says: "He walked on in the fall and can really put a jolt in the ball. It doesn't matter if it's a wooden or an aluminum bat. If he can drive the baseball, he's going to get a lot of at-bats."

Skip says: "He probably had the best fall of anyone on our club. He's one of our co-captains and provides great leadership for this team."

Skip says: "Ed has great pitches, throws above average and has a super curveball but he needs experience on the mound."

Skip says: "Justin has batted injuries but has a chance to be a really good pitcher for us if he can get healthy."

Skip says: "He can run well and throws well but he needs experience. He could be a good role player for us."

Skip says: "Jeff knows how to help the pitchers and calls a great game. He blocks the plate well and didn't miss an attempt at throwing out a runner last fall."

Skip says: "Matt is one of the hardest workers I've ever had. He swings well, he's aggressive and he loves to play. He should be a good one for us."

Skip says: "As an infielder, Tom can play first or third and he can also play shortstop if we need him to. He might even see some time on the mound if we have a lot of injuries."

Skip says: "Craig should be either a No. 1 or a No. 2 on our staff this year. He's a lefty that knows how to pitch and he really has a competitor's heart."

Skip says: "Jarrod has a good arm and we're going to use him on the mound. He can swing the bat and is a natural third baseman, but this year we need him as a pitcher."

Skip says: "Tom plays hard and has a lot of grit in him. He plays well in the middle and could lead off for us. If he can get on base and we can move him to second he could score a lot of runs."

Skip says: "Andy has a chance to be our No. 1 guy. He has great stuff and he'll definitely be a starter. He could be a pitcher that has a chance to win every conference game he goes out and throws."

Skip says: "A good left handed hitter that has the potential to help us offensively. Should challenge out in left field."

Skip says: "Nick has to be a control pitcher that throws to a location. If he can do that he'll get a lot of innings in."

Skip says: "Kevin is one of our most talented guys. He has a good arm, above average fielding ability. He has the potential to be the best hitter on the team."

Skip says: "Matt spent two years away from the game on an LDS mission and will spend a lot of time learning this season."

Skip says: "Chris is our best outfielder. He needs to be more consistent offensively at the plate and playing the short game should help him to do that."

Skip says: "Josh has a good chance to be our center fielder. He's a switch hitter and I think by the end of the year he'll be the type of player that helps us win."

CSI BASEBALL 2001

# Logjam behind the plate

By Joe Sonnen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When College of Southern Idaho sophomore backstop Toby Barnett decided not to sign with the Montreal Expos last season after being selected as the 1,214 pick in the 41st round of Major League Baseball's First Year Player Draft, it created a problem that every coach in baseball would like to have.

Finding a way to fit three capable catchers into the lineup. "We really thought Barnett would sign," Jim Walker said. "So during the fall last year we felt like we needed a catcher to go with Sydney deJong, and then when Barnett didn't sign it created this good problem."

Getting deJong and Barnett's bats into the lineup at the same time is the first dilemma. Barnett hit .329 with 39 RBIs and deJong hit .319. Both could spend some time at first base — or possibly in the outfield — and both will no doubt take turns as designated hitters.

Complicating things further is freshman Jeff Gill from Beaverton, Ore. When CSI went looking for someone to replace Barnett's pop and presence behind the plate, they landed Gill — and he turned out to be better than expected.

"Gill is just a pitcher's catcher," Walker said. "He handles them well, he calls the game well and he's been around the game so much that we have great confidence in his ability."

Adding Gill to the mix should benefit Barnett and deJong in the long run. Because both are foreign players (Barnett is from Australia and deJong hails from the Netherlands), their experience calling games isn't as extensive as Gill's.

The Eagles rely on their catchers almost exclusively to make the calls behind the plate.

"Barnett and deJong are both very good athletes," Walker said.



Hard-hitting Australian Toby Barnett, drafted as a catcher last summer by the Montreal Expos, will probably see more time this spring at first base, in the outfield and as a designated hitter than he will behind home plate.

"But they need to understand that they can help the pitcher win as easily as they can help the pitcher lose if they aren't doing their jobs. And just by watching this fall (during team scrimmages), they're already better."

As if having one Major League prospect behind the plate wasn't enough, Walker feels deJong too has blossomed into a player suited for the next level. DeJong dominated during the fall pseudo-season and has impressed his coaches with the progress he's made.

"He has come so far this year as a catcher and a player that it's unbelievable," Jim Walker said. "He is a good player and he has a chance to go on professionally."

# COMING UP ACES

## Picking a No. 1 is no easy task

By Joe Sonnen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Don't ask College of Southern Idaho pitching coach Boomer Walker who the ace is on this year's Eagles staff.

As far as he's concerned, whoever takes on the mound on a given day is the best his team has to offer.

"If you have one ace of the staff and you have 11 guys on the staff, where are the other guys on the team?" Walker said. "The guy that's throwing at that time is the ace of the staff, no matter who it is."

This season, CSI returns just four sophomores with pitching experience: Of those, only Craig Kilshaw was a starter. And he had his season cut short due to injury. But what the Eagles lack in practical knowledge, they plan to make up for in confidence and controlled aggression.

"We found out that the team that won the conference last year was third or fourth in batting average and first in earned run average," Boomer Walker said. "I think they were first in ERA because not only did they have good arms but they didn't walk people. They went right at guys and didn't give any extra base runners. I told our guys that if we can go out and allow only

three walks a game, then we should win."

The pitching rotation isn't set yet. Kilshaw will likely be a starter and British Columbia freshman Andy Myette and Utah freshman Brad Burrow have a good chance to join him. The fourth starter will depend largely on who's pitching well after the first few weeks of the season.

Walker said sophomore Ed Dillahaay has a good curveball but has struggled with his control. Transfer students Jarrod Kunkel and Justin Frank both have experience at the college level, but not in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

"We don't have a whole lot of guys from last year that logged a lot of innings for us," Walker said. "We're actually going in with a real inexperienced staff."

In a perfect world, the bullpen would just be a rest home for sore-armed starters who pitch complete games. But that's not the case. Though Walker would like his staff to go the entire game on the mound, relief pitching will be critical if the Eagles are to be successful this season.

"We have more depth on our pitching staff this year than we've had in a few years," he said. "We should be able to win the games in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings, and a lot of our conference games are lost because pitching depth and quality goes down."

"We're still going to have quality guys out there late in the game, which is key."

## NJCAA Top 20

Preseason poll compiled by the NJCAA national office through a coaches survey;

Rank	Team	Points
1	Volunteer State Community College, Tenn.	46-8
2	Indian River Community College, Florida	36-9
3	Grayson County Junior College, Texas	42-10
4	Galveston College, Texas	41-10
5	Central Arizona College, Ariz.	41-14
6	Dixie State College, Utah	42-7
7	Spartanburg Methodist College, S.C.	36-7
8	Wallace State Community College, Ala.	33-9
9	Seminole State College, Okla.	38-12
10	Hutchinson Community College, Kan.	38-11
11	Trinidad State Junior College, Colo.	43-11
12	Central State College, Okla.	43-11
13	Meridian Community College, Missouri	36-15
14	Indian Hills Community College, Iowa	36-13
15	Midwest State Community College, Florida	35-11
16	Community College of Southern Nevada, N. Las Vegas, Nevada	46-8
17	Wabash Valley College, Tenn.	41-13
18	Barr College, Texas	36-10
19	Truett College, Ga.	36-14
20	Molloy State Community College	46-10

# Debut

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have had bad innings and give up three or four runs, because we may not get the ball back."

"With the aluminum bat, we could bunt runs. With the wooden bats, we learned that we aren't going to bunt a lot of runs. We're going to play for that one run an inning and hope that we have more runs than the opponent when the game is over."

One of the few statistical constants was stolen bases, which slipped only eight (from 88 to 80) since the championship season. But that's something the Eagles know they have to improve to be contenders.

"When I give someone the green light to go, I know that they're going to take advantage depending upon the read that the pitcher is giving them," Walker said. "And once they get the timing down, I want them gone. I want my players to take that extra base and I don't want them to be afraid to do it. If they get thrown out, so what. Just go get them next time."

In a league where the difference between victory and defeat could be as simple as a club's ability to advance the runner, being able to lay down a bunt and steal a base becomes critical.

"To me the cardinal rule in baseball is that you don't bunt or have a guy move a runner if he's a No. 3, 4 or 5 hitter," Walker said. "Now our 3, 4 and 5 guys have to be able to bunt and hit and run to move that runner. We'll give up an out to get the runner in scoring position."

## The new breed

For the second time in as many years, the Eagles are loaded with freshman talent and limited in second-year seasoning.

Only eight players are returning from last season's team that finished 32-24 overall and 21-16 in SWAC play. Conference champion Dixie College ended up 49-11 overall, 27-7 in the SWAC.

Dixie again has the early jump, having beaten Yavapai College of Arizona 2-1 on Thursday. But the CSI staff is confident that their team's learning curve won't be as steep this season.

"We tried to recruit some guys that are more physically mature and a little bit stronger so they can swing the wood bat or throw a strike," said CSI pitching coach Boomer Walker. "If guys aren't throwing strikes or they aren't strong enough to swing the wood bat, then they aren't going

to be successful in our conference."

Finding a leadoff hitter among the new crop of freshmen is a high priority. With a small-ball mentality, the Eagles need someone with a high on-base percentage and enough speed to steal second. The likely candidate is freshman Tom Myers, a compact player with speed who runs the bases well. Whether or not he has enough patience at the plate to draw walks remains to be seen.

"I'm looking forward to being able to run, especially since I'm not a real big hitter," Myers said. "The wooden bats have changed the whole concept of the game and I'm looking forward to it because I'm that type of player."

Another option at leadoff is freshman Josh Wolfram, who runs well and is a switch-hitter but has struggled some at the plate. His inability to get on base during scrimmages last fall could hurt his chances. If Wolfram isn't the leadoff man, he's a likely No. 2.

"We need a guy that can get on base and be a potential base running threat at leadoff," Jim Walker said. "He has to let the count get deep and he has to be a guy that understands the strike zone. I don't care if he gets on with a hit or a walk or an error."

Along with the leadoff hitter, strong defense up the middle becomes key with the wooden bats. A freshman duo of Myers at second base and American Falls' Christian Coloné at shortstop will have the responsibility of not only turning double plays but holding runners. "At least two-thirds of the balls are hit towards the middle," Jim Walker said. "So they're going to get more chances than most of the corner people will. Just that alone makes those two positions the keys to our defense."

## Ones to watch

The Golden Eagles are deep at most positions this year, something they haven't always been in years past.

And not only are they deep in offensive talent, but they're deep in young pitching talent — something that can be both a curse

and a blessing.

"We have a lot of question marks because we're so young on the mound this year," Jim Walker said. "But I also think we're fairly mature, so that's going to help us."

Two Eagles new to the pitching staff could have big impacts

pretty strong, and we should be able to throw strikes and swing the bat."

On offense, the Eagles are expecting Matt Gunning from British Columbia to be an impact player this year. He could bat near the middle of the lineup and has both the power and skill to be

a glut of talent at designated hitter. It also means keeping everyone happy and focused on the game that he has to play.

"The toughest job we as coaches have is to be able to shuffle this deck and throw out good hands each game," Jim Walker said. "It's going to be a real tough job this year because everybody wants to play, and everybody feels that they have worked very, very hard to play."

Sophomore catcher Toby Barnett has a good chance to bat cleanup and could see some time at first base when he isn't behind the plate.

Sophomore Kevin Sytko led the Eagles in RBIs and batting average last season and is anchored in at third base on defense. But where he'll fall in the lineup is still in question. Since the CSI coaches are looking for their No. 3 hitter to bunt a little more, that might not be the most ideal position for him.

Sophomore Sydney de Jong also has to fit into the heart of the order somewhere, and the Eagles would like to find a place for Colonel and Gunning. Colonel hit .601 in American Legion Baseball last summer and had a solid fall.

"We don't want to use Sytko or de Jong in the two-hole because that spot is going to be asked to play the short game a lot," Jim Walker said. "If we had to juggle it up I think (the lineup) will be a guess the first few games."

"Filling out the bottom of the order will be just as hard as filling out the top. The No. 9 hitter takes on a more significant role with the new hitting philosophy, and the coaches aren't sure yet who the best player is for that spot either."

But the Eagles don't see that as a problem. "We have speed pretty much throughout the lineup," Boomer Walker said. "We have a lot of guys that are either going to hit two or six and we have a few guys that are either going to hit leadoff or hit nine. That will be good for us. We're



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Chris Westburg, a Twin Falls native, beats out a throw to the bag during a game last season.

immediately — freshmen Andy Myette, from British Columbia, and Brad Burrow, from Taylorsville, Utah. Myette was good enough to be drafted by the Texas Rangers, and Burrow had an excellent fall season. His funny delivery simply makes him hard to hit.

Freshman Justin Clerik could also play a big role for the Eagles as a pitcher. The 6-foot-2, 220-pound southpaw is an imposing presence and was drafted by the Kansas City Royals.

"One are the days when we could recruit a guy that weighs 140 pounds and hope he gains 20 pounds by the time the season starts," Walker said. "If you look at our guys, we're pretty big,

a fierce hitter. "I learned a lot during fall ball," Gunning said. "I'm glad we're using wood bats. The games are a lot closer — they aren't home run derbies. It's more of a small-ball game that relies on fundamentals."

"It's a lot more fun," he added. "If everyone buys into it we should have a lot of success playing hit-and-run and playing small ball."

## Order of business

But the Eagles face another problem: How do they get their best hitters in the lineup and on the field?

Many of their big bats play the same positions, and that's created

going to have a lot of different lineups and see who plays well together."

Finding the right place for each player on defense has also been a challenge. Gunning is a natural first baseman but could see some time in the outfield so his bat can be in the lineup. De Jong might spend some time in the outfield as well. Another converted catcher, freshman Stosh Faluch, has also wound up in the outfield.

"Just getting some experience will be key," Boomer Walker said. "We want to have all of the catchers in the lineup at one time, and obviously they can't all catch. So there's going to be some people playing out of position. I'd say that's a weakness right now that may hurt us a little bit in the beginning."

## Sky's the limit

It won't take long for the Eagles to find out where they stand among the rest of the conference. CSI opens the season on Thursday with a four-game swing in Las Vegas against four SWAC opponents. A little rest aside, the trip should begin to lay the foundation for how this season will shape up.

And give the CSI de Jong a better idea of what it has to work with.

"When we get about halfway through the season we'll have an idea where people are going to hit and what's the best hole for them to hit in," Jim Walker said. "But right off we're going to throw the dice on the table and guess a little bit."

Something CSI isn't guessing on is the potential and excitement surrounding the club. Where all the pieces fit may be fuzzy, but the Eagles feel they have the most important ingredient for success — a group of hard workers.

"Our kids this year are very, very close and love the game of baseball," Boomer Walker said. They work hard and the aura around our clubhouse and field has just been night and day compared to last year."

"Guys are coming to the field with something in mind that they want to get and doing and they're going and getting it done. If we can all just stay on that same page, I think the sky's the limit."

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KID KOBE

Bryant's under-pressure on one-man team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant is getting a taste of life as a one-man show. His record so far: 1-2.

Coach Phil Jackson had hoped the Los Angeles Lakers' recent three-game road trip would be a bonding experience, a chance for Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal to start mending their rift.

Instead, because of O'Neal's foot injury, Bryant and his teammates are learning what it's like in other NBA cities, where teams have one star, not two.

At 28-16 going into the weekend, the Lakers have already lost more games than they did all of last season. And with O'Neal out at least another week with a strained arch, it could get worse.

"This will be good for the guys," O'Neal said with a smile after the Lakers lost badly to the Timberwolves and Bryant struggled through a 6-for-17 shooting performance. "Once they've mastered the art of playing without me, when I come back we'll be better for it."

Minnesota coach Flip Saunders called the Lakers predictable. Indeed, they looked like an ordinary team, one that also happens to be the defending NBA champions.

"I don't think I have much to say," Bryant said. "We stunk it up."

Bryant's mood and demeanor have changed this season, especially in recent weeks. Somewhat distant from his teammates since Eddie Jones was traded two years ago, he has been criticized this season by his coach and teammates for trying to do too much instead of following the winning formula — running the offense through their 7-foot All-Star center.

"I don't want to put my index finger, the gun, to the head of either one of those young men," Jackson said. "I still want them both to be determined and tremendously confident in what their ability is. Yet, I want them to understand that the team is bigger than the individual efforts."

Bryant and O'Neal will have time after the All-Star break next weekend to try to work out their differences on the court. Until O'Neal returns, however, Bryant will continue to try to carry the team, as he did in scoring 47 points in the Lakers' lone victory on their road trip, 102-96 over the Cavaliers.

The 22-year-old Bryant joined



The Lakers' Kobe Bryant goes up for two of his 24 points in front of T'wolves' LaPhonso Ellis in the fourth quarter Wednesday, in Minneapolis.

the Lakers in 1996 right out of high school and is older than most any one player on the roster — 21-year-old rookie Stanislav Medvedenko.

Even though it's too early in his career, Bryant has been compared to Michael Jordan, whose competitive streak helped him and the Jackson-coached Chicago Bulls win six NBA titles.

"Somebody asked me if I felt intimidated by Michael, I said no," Bryant said. "Maybe I should have said yes — everybody would have shut up about it."

Bryant's eyes widened as he discussed his off-court passions, perhaps relieved the subject didn't involve basketball or his relationship with O'Neal.

"I'm a daredevil, man," he

said with a big smile. "I love to do stuff. I love parasailing, bungee-jumping, riding a motorcycle. I love scary movies."

Bryant says two of the people closest to him are fiancée Vanessa Laine, who graduated from high school last year, and cousin John Cox, who plays basketball at the University of San Francisco.

In difficult times, like the situation with O'Neal, Bryant said he often will get "real quiet."

"I'll talk to Vanessa about it, try not to dwell on it too much," he said. "Vanessa and my cousin Vanessa's right there with me every day."

"I'm the type of person who's not going to get down over something like that."

The Lakers hope he stays that way.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mark Chmura acquitted of sexual assault

WAUKESHA, Wis. — Mark Chmura, the former Green Bay Packers tight end accused of sexually assaulting a former baby sitter, was acquitted of third-degree sexual assault and child enticement Saturday.

Colombia baits U.S. soccer team's streak

MIAMI — Fred Grisales scored on a counterattack eight minutes into the second half as Colombia beat the United States 1-0 in an exhibition game Saturday to stop the Americans' six-game unbeaten streak.

Lady Bengals keep win streak intact

POCAATELLO — The Idaho State women's basketball team beat Sacramento State 62-45 Saturday night at Holt Arena behind Mandi Carver's 29th career double-double.

Favored entry extends Rolex lead

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The pole-winning prototype of Englishman James Weaver and Andy Wallace and American Butch Leitzinger took a firm grip on the lead Saturday night as the Rolex 24 sports car endurance race reached its 10th hour.

Yankees, Jeter break off after progress

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter's agent and the Yankees made more progress Saturday on what will be a \$189 million, 10-year contract, then recessed talks until next week.

Twin Falls Legion Baseball meets Monday

TWIN FALLS — A meeting for Twin Falls American Legion Baseball will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in Room G2 at Twin Falls High School.

Minico High hosts Legion meeting, too

RUPERT — There will be an American Legion meeting regarding the upcoming Class AA state baseball tournament on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 11 at Minico High School.

All parent volunteers and anyone else interested in helping out are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information, call Russ Wright at 436-4721 or 436-6875.

Compiled from wire reports

Jazz sink Payton-less Sonics in Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone scored 20 points on 12-of-12 shooting and Donyell Marshall added 22 points as the Utah Jazz beat the Seattle SuperSonics 111-91 on Saturday night.

John Stockton had 15 assists in the 1304th game of his 17-year career, moving him past Elvin Hayes for fifth place on the NBA's all-time list.

and six rebounds in 27 minutes. He hit 10 of 15 shots before taking a seat late in the third quarter with the Bucks comfortably ahead by 25.

left to secure the victory. Van Exel, who finished with 23 points and 11 assists led four Denver starters who posted double-doubles as the Nuggets snapped a three-game losing streak.

38 seconds left in overtime, and the Pistons overcame a brutal shooting night by Jerry Stackhouse to hand the Cavaliers their fifth straight loss.

Mavericks 101, Warriors 95

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and nine rebounds and Howard Easley had 20 points and eight assists while starting at point guard.

Nuggets 105, Wizards 100

WASHINGTON — Nick Van Exel hit a 3-pointer to give Denver a 105-100 lead with 40.8 seconds remaining, then drove for a three-point play with 12.6

T'wolves 108, Raptors 105

TORONTO — Tracy Murray's game-tying 3-pointer was ruled a split-second too late, giving the Minnesota Timberwolves their 10th straight victory.

Pistons 88, Cavs 81, OT

CLEVELAND — Joe Smith scored 22 points, including a dunk to finish Cleveland off with

Dana Barros finished with 17 points and made huge plays late in regulation and overtime for the Pistons, who outscored Cleveland 9-2 in OT and won for just the sixth time in 22 games despite Stackhouse missing 27 shots.

Spurs 90, Rockets 88

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 28 points with 11 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs made seven free throws in the final 1:35 as the Spurs held on for their 12th straight win against the rockets.

Magic 96, Hawks 84

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady had 26 points, Darrell Armstrong added 22 and Orlando defeated Atlanta to even its record for the first time since early November.

Bucks 104, Pacers 85

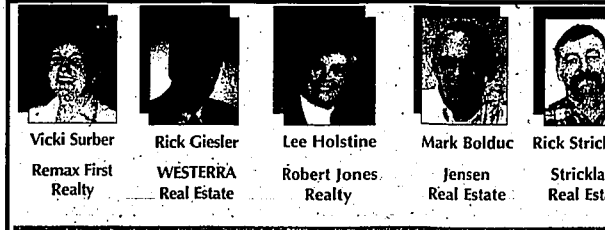
MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell, agitated about being left off the All-Star roster, led the Milwaukee Bucks' 104-85 rout of the Indiana Pacers on Saturday night with 23 points, nine assists

Spurs 90, Rockets 88

Duncan had his 34th double-double of the season, tying him for the league lead with Denver's Antonio McDyess.

Magic 96, Hawks 84

Orlando (23-23) has won four consecutive games, while Atlanta has dropped three of its last four



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# Bruins knock off No. 1, again

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — For the second straight season, UCLA came to Stanford and beat the No. 1 Cardinal — this time, defeating the nation's last unbeaten team.

Billy Knight had a career-high 22 points and the Bruins used an 11-0 run midway through the second half to win 79-73 and end Stanford's school-record 20-game winning streak.

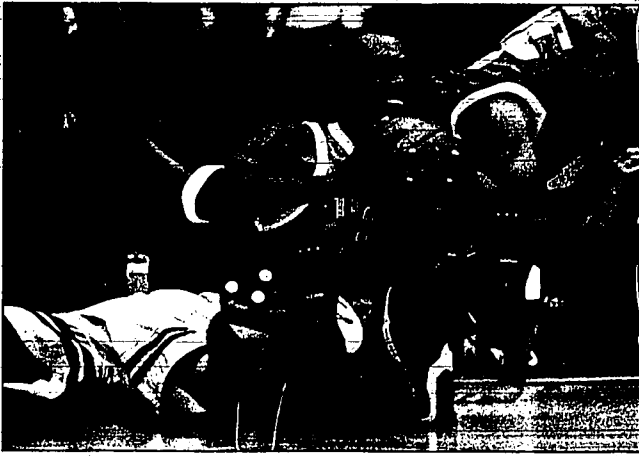
Earl Watson added 20 points and Jason Kapono had 14 points and nine rebounds for UCLA (13-6, 7-2 Pac10), which defeated the top-ranked Cardinal 94-93 in overtime last year at Stanford.

Casey Jacobsen had 17 points on 4-for-18 shooting and Michael McDonald had 15 for Stanford (20-1, 8-1), which had been defeating opponents by an average of 30 points on its home court this season.

The Bruins led by three at halftime, and Knight had eight points during a 10-2 run as UCLA built its lead to 50-41 with 17:24 remaining. But UCLA then went five minutes without a basket, and let Stanford back in the game.

The rally began with Cardinal center Jason Collins, slowed by the flu and forced out by his fourth foul, watching from the bench. With a smaller lineup, Stanford scored 10 straight points — including consecutive 3s by Jacobsen.

Stanford took its first lead, 53-52, since midway through the first half on Jarron Collins' slam with 11:58 left. Knight responded with a long 3-pointer as the 35-second clock was expiring, and Justin Davis had a dunk for Stanford, making it 55-55 with 10:11 left.



Billy Knight of UCLA comes up with the loose ball after scrambling on the floor with Stanford's Matt Lottich their Pac-10 game Saturday at Stanford, Calif. Knight was the game's high scorer with 22 points as UCLA upset previously undefeated Stanford, 79-73.

UCLA then scored 11 straight points, including a 3-pointer by Kapono and a 3-point play by Watson, following a steal. The Bruins led 66-55 with 7:45 left.

Stanford still trailed by nine points with 2:39 left, but hit five consecutive free throws, pulling within 72-68 with 92 seconds remaining.

Watson hit a pair of foul shots with a minute left, and Stanford got no closer than three points the rest of the game.

UCLA used pressure defense and pinpoint outside shooting to take a 40-37 halftime lead after leading by as many as nine points late in the first half. The Bruins forced usually surfer Stanford into eight turnovers, and only 1-for-7 shooting on 3-pointers, before halftime.

# Mickelson enjoys view from the top

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Spectacular sunshine at the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am must bring out the best in Phil Mickelson.

Three years ago, Mickelson scorched Pebble Beach to win the tournament on a picture-perfect day on the Monterey Peninsula. Of course, that was in August, the starre end of a tournament that was pushed back nearly seven months because of rain.

With sea lions basking on the rocks below, Mickelson enjoyed another glorious day by shooting a 6-under 66 at Pebble Beach to share the 54-hole lead with Olin Browne, who had a 65 down the road at Poppy Hills.

"This is a pleasant surprise," Mickelson said. "It's really been a spectacular week, which is great — for this tournament because it's been really hurt by the weather and so many things have been questioned about it."

The only questions Saturday was what happened to Matt Gogel and John Daly, who each suffered through shocking collapses. And where was Tiger Woods? A year after his incredible comeback on a gray and drizzling Monday afternoon, Woods never got on track in his round of 69 and wrote six strokes back, in need of the biggest comeback of his PGA Tour career.

It was his first time in competition at Pebble since his historic 15-stroke victory in the U.S. Open last June. Woods bogeyed the first two holes in pristine conditions, and had a 4-foot birdie putt horseshoe around the cup on the final hole.



Phil Mickelson hits out of the sand onto the 36th green of the Pebble Beach Golf Links at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif., Saturday. Mickelson shot a six-under-par 66 to finish a total 14-under-par.

champion making his first senior start, scored 15 points under the Modified Stableford system to take a 1-point lead over Larry Nelson and Tom Kite in the Royal Caribbean Classic.

Gilder earned 5 points with an 85-foot eagle putt on the par-5, 14th hole. He also had four birdies on the back nine en route to a 22-point total.

Under the Modified Stableford system, players receive 8 points for double eagle, 5 for eagle, 2 for birdie, 0 for par, minus 1 for bogey and minus 3 for double bogey or higher.

## Gilder takes lead at Royal Caribbean Classic

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Bob Gilder, the six-time PGA Tour

# Jayhawks win ugly against Texas

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — In a foul-filled game, marred by a technical against Kansas coach Roy Williams for throwing his coat into the stands, the third-ranked Jayhawks beat Texas 82-66 Saturday.

Williams, upset with officials throughout the game, tossed his coat several rows behind the Kansas bench when Drew Gooden was charged with his fourth foul, with 6:08 remaining.

Darren Kelly, who led Texas with 19 points, missed both free throws. A moment later, Jeff Boschee's fourth 3-pointer gave Kansas (18-2, 7-1 Big 12) a 70-55 lead.

Gooden, only 1-for-6 in the first half, was 6-of-7 in the second and finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds as the Jayhawks stretched their home court winning streak to 13 games.

## N. Carolina 82, Georgia Tech 69

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Joseph Forte scored 23 points and No. 4 North Carolina erased any thoughts of a letdown with 23 straight points in the first half as the Tar Heels beat Georgia Tech, North Carolina, which beat No. 2 Duke just two days earlier, staked a claim to the No. 1 rank-

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ing as the only team in the top four not to lose this week.

## Ill. 84, Northwestern 59

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Backup guard Sean Harrington hit a pair of 3-pointers to finish off a 20-0 run in the first half and Illinois beat Northwestern. The Illini (17-5, 7-2 Big Ten) made a season-high 12 3-pointers in 22 tries, with Harrington shooting 4-for-5.

## Tenn. 72, Vanderbilt 50

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Terrence Woods scored 14 points and Vincent Yarborough added 13 and seven rebounds as Tennessee stopped its two-game losing streak.

The Volunteers (18-4, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) raced to a 15-0 lead in the first 5:12 and never gave it up.

## Wisconsin 60, Michigan 41

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Kirk Penney scored 23 points for Wisconsin in a matchup of teams looking to rebound from bad per-

## performances.

The Badgers (14-5, 5-3 Big Ten) lost to Butler by 11 points and the Wolverines (9-11, 3-6) by 27 to Michigan State at home on Tuesday.

## Virginia 82, Wake Forest 71

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Donald Hand scored 21 points, Roger Mason Jr. added 19 and Virginia used a 15-6 run midway through the second half and tough defense to pull away for an 82-71 victory over No. 16 Wake Forest on Saturday night.

Coach Pete Gillen called it the best victory of the year for Virginia (16-4, 5-4 ACC).

## Syracuse 54, N. Carol. St. 53

RALEIGH, N.C. — Preston Shumert scored 25 points, and Damon Brown got the game-winning layup with 17.6 seconds left.

The Orangemen (18-3) shot 29 percent in the first half and trailed by 11 points with 5:26 left, but went on a 16-4 closing run to pull it out on the road.

## Florida 82, Georgia 71

ATHENS, Ga. — Brett Nelson scored 18 points and Matt Bonner

added 17 as Florida extended its winning streak to four games. D.A. Layne led the Bulldogs (13-9, 6-3 SEC) with 23 points.

## Georgetown 94, W. Virg. 77

WASHINGTON — Mike Sweetney matched his career high with 20 points, and Georgetown forced 23 turnovers while ending a three-game Big East losing streak. Sweetney scored 12 points in the second half.

## Iowa St. 84, Kansas St. 78

AMES, Iowa — Jamaal Tinsley scored 21 of his 26 points in the second half to match his career high and Martin Rankic added 18 as Iowa State fought off Kansas State.

Iowa State (19-3, 7-2 Big 12) survived Larry Reid's 30 points for Kansas State to win for the 32nd straight time at home.

## Oklahoma 72, Texas A&M 63

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Aaron McGhee scored 22 points to lead Oklahoma to its 11th straight victory.

The Sooners (17-4, 6-3 Big 12) were perfect from the free-throw line in the second half, making 16 of 16 tries.

# No. 1 Lady Irish set record vs. BC

BOSTON (AP) — Top-ranked Notre Dame set a school record with its 21st straight win as the Lady Irish beat Boston College 81-65 behind Ruth Riley's 24 points and 13 rebounds Saturday.

The Fighting Irish (21-0, 10-0 Big East), in their second week in the No. 1 spot, led only 46-40 with 15 minutes remaining. But the 6-foot-5 Riley got the next two baskets on turnaround, and Notre Dame led by at least eight points the rest of the way.

## Women's college basketball

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Notre Dame's Meaghan Leahy battles for a rebound against her sister Maureen Leahy of Boston College during the first half at the Conte Forum in Boston Saturday. It's the first time the two sisters have had to face each other as opponents.

the nation's leading scorer, had 32 points and Tara Mitchell added 24 as Southwest Missouri State used late second-half runs of 12-4 and 8-4 to seal the win.

Southwest Missouri (16-4, 10-1 Missouri Valley), which was 0-6-9 from 3-point range, shot 25-for-34 from the foul line.

## Texas Tech 92, Tex. A&M 79

LUBBOCK, Texas — Plenette Pierson scored 25 points as Texas

Tech extended its home winning streak to 41 games, the longest in the nation.

The Lady Riders (17-3, 8-1 Big 12) used a 15-8 run in the final four minutes to seal the win.

## Utah 59, Air Force 29

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Lauren Beckman scored 16 points as Utah won its seventh straight game.

Lindsay Herbert and Amy Ewert each scored eight points for the Utes (18-2, 7-0 Mountain West).

## Kansas 70, Texas 60

AUSTIN — Brooke Reeves had 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Selena Scott added 15 points as Kansas (9-11, 3-6 Big 12) snapped Texas' four-game home winning streak.

Stacy Stephens scored 11 points and Meg Brown finished with 10 for Texas (16-7, 4-5).

## Arizona St. 73, Oregon 63

TEMPE, Ariz. — Melody Johnson scored 20 points and freshman Betsy Boardman added 19 as Arizona State won its sixth straight game and moved into first place in the Pac-10.

Jamie Craighead scored 17 points and Lindsey Dion added 13 for the Oregon Ducks (12-7, 5-4).

## Colorado 85, Baylor 66

BOULDER, Colo. — Britt Hartshorn scored 17 points and Mandy Nightingale had 15 as Colorado earned its 500th victory.

The Buffaloes are the 46th team in NCAA history to win 500 games.

# Comunidad

A page for and about the Latino community.

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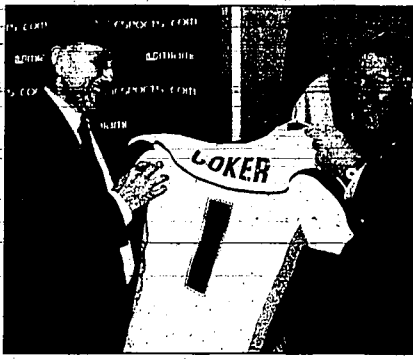
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## SW Missouri St. 81, Ill. St. 69

NORMAL, Ill. — Jackie Stiles,

SPORTS



Miami athletic director Paul Dee, right, gives Larry Coker a jersey after Coker was named head football coach, Saturday.

# It's Coker's turn at Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Spurned by Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez, Miami stayed home to find its new coach, hiring Larry Coker on a permanent basis Saturday to run one of the country's top programs.

The 52-year-old Coker replaces Butch Davis, who resigned Monday to take the head coaching job at the Cleveland Browns. Coker got a three-year contract.

"Even there had been 500 people, I knew I was going to get this job," Coker said.

The Hurricanes' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach since 1995, Coker emerged as the leading candidate for the job when Alvarez pulled out of contention Friday night. Alvarez, highly coveted and strongly courted by the Hurricanes, agreed to a contract extension with Wisconsin, saying he plans to finish his coaching career with the Badgers.

Coker was robbed the Hurricanes' interim coach Monday and received strong endorsements from Davis, Miami players and several others, including Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt.

But he never was Miami's top choice. Athletic director Paul Dee made offers to Alvarez and Wannstedt before turning to Coker.

Best described as honest, sincere and extremely laid-back, Coker briefly lobbied for the head-coaching job. Then he went back to work, spearheading the Hurricanes' recruiting efforts in a week-filled-with-uncertainty.

Coker was recruiting in Arkansas on Friday night when Dee called him and told him he needed to travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with Miami's president-elect Donna Shalala.

She approved, and Coker became Miami's first coach in more than 25 years to be hired from within the current staff. Assistant coach Carl Selmer was promoted to head coach in 1975.

## Hingis finds Davenport in Pan Pacific

TOKYO (AP) — Defending champion and top-seeded Martina Hingis moved a step closer Saturday in her bid for an unprecedented third straight Toray Pan Pacific Open title.

The world's top-ranked women's player defeated eighth-seeded and 25th-ranked Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva 6-3, 1-6, 6-0 in the semifinals of the 18th annual women's tournament.

In today's final, Hingis meets second-seeded and second-ranked American Lindsay Davenport, who ousted third-seeded Anna Kournikova of Russia 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-0.

Hingis, the runner-up in the Australian Open last week, first won Toray in 1997 at age 16, and Davenport triumphed the next year before Hingis won in 1999-00.

For Davenport, it is her first time in three years to reach the Toray final. She skipped the tournament with leg injuries last year.

## Boutter defeats Rusedski in semifinal match

MILAN, Italy — Sevens-seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland upset No. 2 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-3 in a semifinal of the Milan Indoor tournament Saturday.

In today's final, Federer will face France's Julien Boutter, a 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3) winner over Britain's Greg Rusedski. The unseeded Boutter started the match with a double fault and ended it with an ace in reaching his first ATP career final.

### New faces

- NCAA Div. I coaches listed with new head coaches and old coach in parentheses:
- Auburn — Darrin Franchione (Mark Dubeck, resigned)
  - Arizona — Gene MacLeod (Dick Tenney, resigned)
  - Arizona State — Don Coker (Don Swyer, fired)
  - Baylor — Dan Hawkins (Don Coker, resigned)
  - Bowling Green — Ulfar Meyer (Gary Beckley, resigned)
  - Butler — James Johnson (Gary Coker, fired)
  - BYU — Gary Croton (Lal Edwards, resigned)
  - Cal State — Jim Healey (Jim Cooper, fired)
  - Harvard — Ralph Fragon (Ron Vandermeer, fired)
  - Miami — Larry Coker (Butch Davis, resigned)
  - Michigan — Loren Heat (The Schreyer, fired)
  - Michigan State — Gary Pender (Lynn Smith, fired)
  - North Carolina — Jimmy Johnson (Don Coker, fired)
  - Ole Miss — Stan Keen (Jim Groce, resigned)
  - Oregon State — Jim Healey (Jim Cooper, fired)
  - Queens College — Laszlo (Bob Simpson, resigned)
  - South Carolina — Fred Campbell (Fred McCabe, fired)
  - San Jose State — F.C. Hill (Dave DeBarnett, fired)
  - South Carolina — Fred Campbell (Fred McCabe, fired)
  - TCU — Gary Patterson (Dennis Franchione, resigned)
  - Texas Tech — Gary Pender (Lynn Smith, resigned)
  - Virginia — Al Gorn (George Head, resigned)
  - Wake Forest — Jim Groce (Jim Groce, resigned)
  - West Virginia — Ron Thompson (Don Hawkins, resigned)

"It's a great decision by the university," defensive tackle Matt Walters said. "There was a lot of concern on the team about continuing on with what we've been building. We have a national championship in our sights, and I know coach Coker is the man who can get us there."

Coker's rise to the top wasn't easy.

He had been the focus of much criticism for Miami's offensive struggles in recent years. Just five months ago, following a 34-29 loss at Washington, fans were calling for Coker's resignation.

Somewhere in the next 10 games — all wins — that ceased. With Coker's offense, Miami set the school record for scoring, averaging 42.6 points per game. The offense also produced 469.8 yards per game and ranked fifth nationally.

Quarterback Ken Dorsey thrived, completing 58 percent of his passes and throwing 25 touchdowns and just five interceptions.

"This is exactly what the players wanted and I know we're all extremely happy about coach Coker being named the new head coach," Dorsey said. "He's the best man for the job, not just for our offense, but for the entire program."

## Weekend downhill races are postponed in Austria

ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) — The two-day postponement of the world championships shouldn't have much impact on the ski team led by Daron Rahives, seeking to become the first American to win two gold medals.

"We go through this all the time. The downhillers are used to this," Bill Egan, coach of the men's team, said Saturday. "You cannot let it get you down or let it affect you. If you can't deal with it, you cannot be a downhiller."

Heavy snow and high winds in the Alps forced organizers to call off the weekend's showcase downhill races.

The men's downhill, slated for Saturday, was postponed until Tuesday. The women's race originally planned for Sunday, also was moved to Tuesday and will precede the men's downhill.

## Rostovtsev of Russia wins sprint title

POKLJUKA, Slovenia — Russia's Pavel Rostovtsev outpaced the field in the 10-kilometer sprint race Saturday to claim

his first gold medal in a world biathlon championship.

Rostovtsev, whose previous best was a silver at last year's championship in Holmen, Norway, clocked in at 24 minutes, 40.3 seconds, and was accurate in both shooting rounds. Second was René Cattarini of Italy, 46.6 seconds behind. The women's 7.5-kilometer sprint provided another surprise, with Kati Wilhelm, who led a strong performance by German racers, winning the gold medal in 21 minutes, 56.2 seconds.

## Kantee wins despite Malaysia's 150-meter jump

WILLINGEN, Germany — Finland's Ville Kantee won his first ski-jumping World Cup event of the season Saturday, spilling a 150.5-meter leap by Poland's Adam Malysz.

Kantee finished with 293.2 points to win for the first time since 1999. The pole was second with 284.3.

Malysz now has 851 points in the overall World Cup standings, 219 more than Germany's Martin Schmitt, who finished-stumbled to 44th Saturday.

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### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### JP Realty share prices rise in fourth quarter

SALT LAKE CITY — JP Realty Inc. released operating results for the fourth quarter ended Dec. 31: Funds from operations (FFO) per diluted and fully converted share increased 3.6 percent to 86 cents per share from 83 cents per share for the same quarter of 1999. Total FFO for fourth quarter 2000 decreased 1.4 percent to \$17.126 million from \$17.369 million a year earlier. Revenues for fourth quarter 2000 increased 2.9 percent to \$39.848 million from \$38.718 million in fourth quarter 1999. Net income decreased 7.7 percent to \$8.548 million from \$9.261 million for a year earlier.

#### CSI offers intro courses for accounting program

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's Small Business Development Center will hold two introductory courses to QuickBooks Pro 99 this semester.

QuickBooks is designed specifically for small-business accounts payable, accounts receivable, tracking and aging. Students will learn how to maintain inventory and complete financial reporting, audit files and more. Instruction in this accounting software package will help businesses save time and organize their business finances, CSI said. Some experience with Windows 95 or a newer version is required before taking this class.

The first section will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays for five weeks, beginning Feb. 15. The next section begins March 29. Classes will meet in Room C53 of the Evergreen Building at CSI. Cost is \$100 per person. Preregistration is required.

For information, call Sherry Rust at 733-9554, Ext. 2450.

#### CSI center plans class for those starting anew

TWIN FALLS — To assist with the preparation needed to plan a career, the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering "WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning Skills."

This class is for people who want to identify their personal values, interests and existing skills. Information will direct participants through their education and job options.

"Whether you are currently employed or not, you can take the first step in developing your personal and career goals," a center announcement said.

"WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning" is scheduled 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 8-22. Registration deadline is Tuesday. One credit is offered. Cost is \$66.50; scholarships and financial aid are available. Call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

#### Utah regulators OK \$70 million rate hike

SALT LAKE CITY — The state Public Service Commission granted a request Friday by Utah Power's parent company for an immediate 70 percent rate increase to offset rising electricity costs.

Utah Power, a subsidiary of PacifiCorp, said the rate hike would add \$3.85 each month to the average residential bill, based on 650 kilowatt hours of usage. The increase affects all Utah customers.

"We are gratified that the PSC recognizes this is an extraordinary situation that requires immediate signals be sent to customers," said Utah Power vice president for regulation Matthew Wright.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

#### Weekly watch

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Danna Mogensen helps her 5-year-old twins, Dylan, left, and Jordan, with their kindergarten homework on the kitchen counter of their rented home in Jerome. Mogensen hopes to buy a home through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

# Becoming self-sufficient

## Area moms use state program to get ahead

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If she owned a home, Kristin Gerber would buy the cute bathroom-tissue holders she saw on clearance at the Target store where she works.

Her children would choose the paint colors for their bedrooms. The 25-year-old single mother would have washer and dryer hookups at home. And Gerber hopes, her house would have a door she could close between kitchen and living room.

"You're the boss," said Gerber, speaking with excitement about her vision of that life. "You say, 'That fence comes down,' you say, 'That carpet comes out.'"

But for Gerber, the American dream of homeownership really is about a better life for her children — sons ages 7 and 1, and a 4-year-old daughter.

When a landlord declined permission for a pet gerbil in the family's apartment, Gerber's children got three fishbowls instead. They really want a dog.

So with the help of an Idaho Housing and Finance Association program, Gerber in July embarked on an ambitious five-year agenda: Earn the general equivalency diploma she'll need for promotions at Target. Catch up on unpaid bills and learn to budget. Clear her credit. And buy a house.

That's the real purpose of Gerber's participation in IHFA's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)



Kristin Gerber puts up advertisement signs in the seasonal department before opening hours Thursday morning at the Twin Falls Target store.



Jody Ashcroft is a graduate of the program. She has owned her house in Twin Falls for several years.

Program, open to people who receive IHFA rental assistance now but want to be independent of most welfare programs.

She said she doesn't want to live in an apartment forever — periodically deciding whether to sign another lease or move. Waiting for a landlord to determine whether the water heater is really broken. Never putting down roots.

"My goal is to be able to have a home for my kids," Gerber said. "I like everybody else with their little houses."

When the children grow up and live elsewhere, she wants them to be able to come home to the place they knew and — like in the movies — find a doll on the bed where Mom left it.

She has the confidence now to articulate that dream. But not long ago, Gerber was progressing in the opposite direction.

After getting pregnant and dropping out of school, she created bills she couldn't pay then let

Here are the stories of three Magic Valley women in different stages of making their families self-sufficient. One is just beginning the Idaho Housing and Finance Association's Family Self-Sufficiency Program. One is nearing the program's final goal — purchasing a house. The third is enjoying the results after finishing her FSS efforts and becoming a homeowner.

them pile up when she moved. Payment notices were thrown in the corner.

Gerber obtained a "level 2" full-time job at Target as a team leader over checkout lanes and some seasonal merchandise, for which she now earns between \$7 and \$9 per hour. She likes her employer and wants to progress at the store, but she can't climb farther on the Target job ladder without a GED.

The GED is one of the first steps in her FSS contract. She studied GED course work at home last summer, trying to balance it with helping her oldest son with homework or caring for the younger ones.

"It's just hard trying to get through it with kids," said Gerber, who plans to make her first effort at passing the GED tests within two months. "I just want it to get it over with. It's dragged on too long already."

Though her credit still is as "less than perfect" (that's as specific as she's willing to be), Gerber said she now pays bills when they arrive in the mail instead of spending the money elsewhere. And based on increases in her wages, IHFA started an FSS escrow savings account on her behalf, toward her eventual down payment on a house.

"They're helping people get on top and be like everybody else," said Gerber, adding that she's eager to survive without rental assistance.

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## Program helps participants improve financial situations

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS — Now she is featured in an encouraging video promoting the Idaho Housing and Finance Association's Family Self-Sufficiency program to single mothers and others with financial struggles.

But Jody Ashcroft of Twin Falls was on the other end a few years ago, at her first meeting of FSS participants. One person there had just bought a house, and the excitement of hearing that success helped

self in a better position in five years?" Stolberg said.

Here are the nuts and bolts about how FSS gives folks a boost:

- Anyone who is receiving IHFA Section 8 rental assistance — and who wants to be free of certain welfare programs — may participate.
- It's a voluntary program for those who aim to be financially independent within five years. Not all of them choose to buy homes.
- The head of a participating household

motivate Ashcroft toward the FSS, goals: homeownership and welfare-free living.

The five years allowed for each person's FSS participation are going to pass in any case, Nancy Stolberg, IHFA's Family Self-Sufficiency coordinator, told a small Twin Falls gathering of potential participants recently.

"Doesn't it just make sense to put your-

self in a better position in five years?" Stolberg said.

• To help the person find full-time work, the caseworker uses a combination of remedial, vocational and post-secondary education; job training; counseling; and

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## MILESTONES

## CAREER MOVES

### New computer service offers repair, sales

**RUPERT** — Dudley's Computer Repair has opened inside The Second Hand Store and Auction Service, formerly the Rupert Bowl, 906 S. Oneida St. in Rupert.

Dudley's will offer computer and printer sales and service. It will provide free troubleshooting consultation by phone; call Jerry M. Dudley at 436-0701. It guarantees that if it cannot fix the computer or printer the work is free. Plans are being made to add Internet service.

Business hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Hours are for all services offered at the address, including computer sales, service and troubleshooting, second-hand store, auction service, small-engine repair and antiques and collectibles.

The business will add a flea market and food wagon in the spring.



Jerry M. Dudley

exceeding dealership performance standards in 2000 and taking extraordinary steps to ensure their continued success, Lindsay said.

"Circle of Excellence dealers made major financial and personal investments in their dealership this past year to help guarantee that their customers continue receiving top-quality service," said Bob Snoozy, Lindsay vice president of sales.

Lindsay provides several product education and training seminars to the dealers who in turn pass the information to their customers.

### Carrier launches website to make shipping easier

**TWIN FALLS** — Viking Freight Inc., a less-than-truckload carrier providing Western regional transportation service and a subsidiary of FedEx Corp., has launched a new website called iShipViking.com and other e-tools including a bill-of-lading generator and e-mail delivery notification to make freight shipping easier and bring customers closer to their own account information.

Viking Freight has operations in Twin Falls.

In the password-protected website, users are able to:

- Build an online address book of shipping and receiving locations so there's no need to re-enter frequently used information and errors are reduced.
- Obtain instantaneous access to custom rate quotes without using a code number.
- Create, print and e-mail bills of lading using an online generator and the click-and-drop address book.
- Select instant custom shipping activity reports for inbound, outbound or third-party shipments, or a collective summary of all shipments, based on any pick-up or delivery dates within the past month.

### TWIN FALLS — Willis Stone was named Top Producer for 2000 at Irwin Realty.

Stone grew up in the Magic Valley and has worked in real estate for the past 11 years.

He is an associate broker at Irwin Realty and has Graduate in Real Estate Institute and Certified Residential Specialist designations. He was named Realtor of the Year in 1998 for the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors. He has served as a state director, president and on several different committees for the local association. He is serving for the Idaho Association of Realtors on the Public Policy KRG and the Committee GRU/Education Task Force.



Willis Stone

### TWIN FALLS — Ronald D. Wilson, a financial consultant with the local office of A.G. Edwards & Sons, completed training for the title of Accredited Asset Management Specialist.

This program is offered through the College for Financial Planning, a provider of financial planning education.

"Financial consultants who are awarded the Accredited Asset Management Specialist title are not only prepared to identify opportunities in investments but also such areas as insurance, tax savings, retirement and estate planning," said Fred Nelson, branch manager of the A.G. Edwards office in Twin Falls.

AAAMS's have in-depth knowledge of the financial planning process and understand that as clients gain wealth, they have more complex financial needs, Wilson said.

Wilson completed 120 hours of training on subjects such as asset allocation, retirement planning and risk management and agreed to abide by a comprehensive code of ethics.

Wilson lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Lidia.



Ronald Wilson

### BOISE — Bill Mitchell joined D.L. Evans Bank as a senior commercial loan officer for the Boise office at 3845 W. State St.

Mitchell received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Montana and attended graduate courses at Boise State University. He has more than 25 years' banking experience in the Treasure Valley.

Burley-based D.L. Evans Bank will hold an open house from Mitchell from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Boise branch.



Bill Mitchell

### TWIN FALLS — Canyonside Realty Inc. GMAC Real Estate announced the association of three new agents to its Twin Falls office, which can be reached at 735-0590 or 203 Third Ave. E.

• Jeff Hammack and his wife, Sandra, have four children and have lived in the Hagerman area for two years. Hammack grew up in Beaverton, Ore., worked as a retail grocery's meat department manager, then went into the food brokerage business where he owned a brokerage for the past 32 years. He can be reached at 543-5232.

• Darlene Upton has lived on a Murtha farm with her husband, Kenneth, since 1986. She is the mother of three children and owns a home-based consulting business for the steel construction industry called Upton Inc. A former floral designer, she can be reached at 432-6010.

• Dave Ross is a longtime Magic Valley resident. A general contractor and home builder, he has 30 years of experience in the building industry. He can be reached at 837-6614.



Jeff Hammack



Darlene Upton



Dave Ross

### Irrigation equipment maker honors MV businesses

**LINDSAY, Neb.** — Lindsay Manufacturing Co., makers of Zimatic irrigation equipment, recently honored Sliman & Butler Irrigation Inc. of Gooding and Butte Irrigation Inc. of Paul with the company's Circle of Excellence award at Lindsay's annual convention in San Antonio, Texas.

This award recognizes the two Magic Valley businesses for

### Red Cross Chapter sets classes

**TWIN FALLS** — The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first-aid classes — designed for workplace application — in February and March at the chapter office, 718 Shoshone St. E.

Participants will learn how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults (ages 9 and up).

Four sessions of the "Workplace Training Standard First Aid" course are scheduled:

- One-day courses at 9 a.m. Saturday and again March 3.
- Two-evening courses at 6 p.m. Feb. 26 and 27 and again March 19 and 20.

Pre-registration and prepayment are required. For information, call Liz Hudson or Dolly Wilson at 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321.

### BOISE — Members of the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association Inc. elected the 2001 officers and board of directors for their group.

• Serving as president for 2001 is Lee Leslie of Butte Irrigation in Paul.

• The six-member board of directors includes Dwight Davis of Rain For Rent in Paul.

• Several local members will serve as committee chairmen for association activities: Wayne Haffner of Eresno Valves & Castings in Jerome as summer meeting chairman and Howard Nesbitt of the University of Idaho in Twin Falls as education chairman.

### TWIN FALLS — Dr. Gary P. Walker was named the 2000 Idaho Optometrist of the Year at the November 19 Congress in Sun Valley.

The award is presented to the doctor who has served the profession and the profession in the most exemplary manner and one who is a leader in his profession, community and personal life, a press release said.

Walker is a past president of the association and a current member of the Idaho State Board of Optometry. He has practiced in Twin Falls for the past 25 years.



Gary Walker

### KIMBERLY — David Lamure Jr. of Dave Lamure Jr. Art Studio in Kimberly was selected by the 2001 Western Design Conference jury to exhibit work in the 9th Annual Western Design Conference, scheduled Sept. 19-22 in Cody, Wyo.

Lamure was selected from a pool of applicants across the nation to show his finest work. He will vie for the Switchback Ranch Award, which offers up to \$10,000 for the purchase of the winning piece to become part of the permanent collection of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody.

The 2001 conference includes the exhibition, a fashion show and educational seminars which will bring together artisans, interior decorators, architects, fashion designers, scholars, craftsmen and those with a love for the West to view the exhibition of western design. All events run concurrently with the Buffalo Bill Art Show and the Patron's Ball.

All events are open to the public. For information, call (888) 685-0574 or visit the website at www.westd.org.

### TWIN FALLS — Gem State Paper — and Supply presented its top sales award for 2000 to Shawn Walden.

The new Salesman of the Year competed against 17 other sales people statewide. His sales territory includes the Sun Valley area.

Walden and his wife will go on a "fantasy vacation" with the top award for 2000, a press release said.



Shawn Walden

### TWIN FALLS — Rob Ellis was named to the Farm Bureau Financial Services 2001 Premier Club because of his life insurance sales production and record of service to Farm Bureau members.

Ellis works from the Farm Bureau office in Twin Falls. He joined the companies in 1994, and this is his fifth year of qualifying for this award. He was named Agent of the Year for production in this region and also qualified for and attended Farm Bureau's All-American trip to Australia.

1,700 Farm Bureau agents eligible for the award.

Premier Club is based on life, disability income, annuity and mutual fund production, the company said.



Rob Ellis

### TWIN FALLS — Laurel Condon recently received her real estate license and is joining Nelson Realty.

She has 10 years of retail sales experience. Condon attends the College of Southern Idaho and is working on her associate's degree in real estate. She can be reached either at Nelson Realty, 734-3930, or at 280-7441.



Laurel Condon

## State funding encourages affordable housing

**BOISE** — About \$1.2 million in Housing Tax Credits, \$3 million in HOME Program funds and \$250,000 in Community Housing Development Organization operating assistance are available for affordable housing development, the Idaho Housing and Finance Association announced.

IHFA, which administers these federal programs on behalf of the state, is accepting competitive Housing Tax Credit and HOME applications until Feb. 15, the deadline for CHDO applications is March 2.

Eligible applicants for Housing Tax Credits include for-profit and nonprofit rental housing developers willing to designate a percentage of the development units, for lower-income Idahoans. Rental housing owners receive Housing Tax Credits annually over a 10-year period.

HOME funds are distributed in a competitive process to local governments, housing authorities and both for-profit and nonprofit developers. To receive HOME funds, developers must secure non-federal, permanent matching funds that can include cash or land donations, in-kind services or tax waivers. In addition to constructing or rehabilitating multifamily housing, HOME funds can be used to provide homeowner

### Money in brief

assistance or to provide housing opportunities for limited-income people with special needs.

All currently certified CHDOs and newly formed CHDOs that meet the criteria established by the HOME Department may apply for CHDO operating assistance.

Developers interested in applying for Housing Tax Credits may obtain a copy of the 2000 Allocation Plan and 2000 application form through IHFA's Multifamily Finance Department, P.O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899, or call (800) 219-2285. Both documents are available on IHFA's website at ihfa.org/multifamily\_taxcredit.

### Housing Tax Credit applications must be received at IHFA's Boise office no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 15.

Home Program funds may be used for any of the eligible activities described in the Idaho HOME Program Administration Plan. For a copy of the plan, go to ihfa.org/grants\_homeblk.html, call (877) 4GRANTS or fax (208) 331-4808. Applications for HOME Program funds must be received no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 15.

Applications for CHDO operating assistance must be mailed to IHFA's HOME Department at P.O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899 no later than 5 p.m. March 2.

### Electrical board states meeting Thursday in Boise

**BOISE** — The Idaho State Electrical Board has scheduled a board meeting for 9 a.m. Thursday in the Cottonwood Room of the Double Tree Inn at 1800 Fairview Ave.

The board meets quarterly throughout the state to prescribe and amend rules pertinent to electrical safety and electrical licensing. The board will discuss licensing and electrical installation issues.

The public and members of the electrical industry are welcome.

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- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Quotable business activities.
- Other business news.

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### Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magvalley.com



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Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the week.

Symbol	Description	Friday Close	Previous Friday	Weekly change	52-week High-Low	Annual Yield
ABB	ALBERTSON'S	28.49	26.65	1.84	20.25-30.25	5.0%
ARCA	AMERISTAR	6.12	5.716	1/16	5.00-7.3	NA
CAG	CONSOLIDATED	27.24	27.24	0	20.00-27.50	3.7%
COBT	COBITCO	43.18/16	41.1/4	2.11/16	30.1/2-26.1/16	NA
FED	FEDERATED	44.75	41.87	2.88	40.00-21.00	NA
HNZ	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	42.74	42.82	-.08	48.00-30.81	3.67%
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	44.55	42.75	1.80	40.00-32.12	2.2%
HD	HOME DEPOT	46.86	44.75	2.14	70.00-34.80	3.4%
IDA	IDACORP	21.00	21.00	0	51.01-20.82	4.51%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	14.91	12.81	2.10	20.75-9.42	NA
JPR	JP REALTY	16.50	18.00	-.50	18.00-15.38	10.70%
KEY	KEYCORP	21.00	21.00	0	20.50-18.86	4.37%
KM	KMART	8.83	7.81	1.02	14.00-10.00	NA
KR	KROGER	24.81	23.94	.87	27.94-14.06	NA
LFB	LONGVIEW FIBRE	13.07	13.89	-.82	11.81-2.50	3.51%
MCD	MCDONALD'S	29.43	29.00	.43	30.94-20.30	7.1%
MIL	MICRON TECH	41.25	39.84	1.41	97.00-28.00	NA
OMX	OFFICEMAX	3.68	3.38	.30	7.50-1.50	NA
PHA	PHARMACIA	57.81	58.81	2.00	64.00-34.62	8.3%
Q	QWEST	39.74	41.85	-2.12	68.87-32.12	13.9%
RAD	RITE AID	3.98	3.88	.10	6.44-1.75	11.82%
S	SEARS	36.00	36.80	1.20	43.50-25.25	2.42%
BKO	SHOPKO	9.00	8.25	.75	12.00-7.00	NA
SKWV	SKYWEST	24.15/18	25.5/8	1/16	30.3/8-21.7/8	8.0%
TOT	TARGET	36.97	36.38	.59	53.38-34.25	1.51%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	41.25	41.25	0	32.62-18.89	2.80%
USB	U.S. BANCORP	28.85	28.56	.29	34.00-11.00	4.4%
WMT	WAL-MART	54.78	53.82	.96	64.04-41.50	4.4%
WFB	WALBANCORP	27.81	27.81	0	29.71/8-15.88	3.93%
WNG	WASH. GROUP	11.38	9.75	1.63	12.19-6.18	NA
WFC	WELLS FARGO	50.24	51.80	-1.25	58.38-31.44	1.91%
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	55	57.00	-1	64-32	4.43%

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Robert Norman of Cooper Norman & Co. presents a check to Clara Davidson, center, and Lynn Widaman for the Twin Falls High School Extended Resource Classroom. Benjamin Cluff of Hepworth Lezamis & Honhorst, left, presents a check for the Extended Resource Classroom.

Companies donate money toward resource classroom

Cooper Norman & Co. and Hepworth Lezamis & Honhorst recently supported the Extended Resource Classroom at Twin Falls High School. The ERC provides extended services for students who have severe medical conditions or disabilities which limit the amount of time they can spend in a traditional classroom. To help provide a classroom environment conducive to all student needs, the two companies each donated \$100 to help buy new carpeting.

Alumni help establish program

John and Karen Rosholt of Twin Falls, University of Idaho alumni, donated \$100,000 to establish a program to bring visiting professors to the College of Law, to increase the Alumni Association scholarship endowment fund and to support the Lionel Hampton Center. "Karen and John literally have dedicated much of their adult lives to the University of Idaho," said UI President Bob Hoover. "In addition, they both have found time to be leaders in their community of Twin Falls and around the state." About half of the Rosholts' gift will establish an endowment to support the John A. Rosholt Roundtable at the College of Law. The roundtable will provide a way to bring visiting legal professionals to the college for the benefit of students, faculty and alumni. A \$40,000 donation went to the UI Alumni Association scholarship endowment fund, which provides a scholarship for all entering freshmen who are children of UI alumni. The remaining \$10,000 will go to the Lionel Hampton Center at UI.

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referrals for other local support services - including child care; transportation; money management classes; job-search and life skills training; placement assistance; self-esteem training; parenting classes; health care; and homeownership counseling. "I try to get them all into some kind of career assessment," Stolberg said. As the household's earned income increases, an interest-bearing escrow savings account accrues - until the household successfully completes its FSS contract and is able to function free of certain types of federal or state welfare for 12 months prior to the end of the contract. Once the household completes its contract, it can use the escrow account as it wishes, often toward a down payment on a house purchase. If the money goes toward a down payment, it can serve as the matching money for a bank's down payment-assistance grant.

As the household's portion of the monthly rent payment increases - due to higher earned income - IHFA deposits a portion of the rent increase into the non-taxable escrow account. The money comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "This is money you never see," IHFA told a 21-year-old single mother who attended the recent information session for people considering FSS contracts. The worst that could happen if an FSS effort goes awry, Stolberg told the young woman, is "you could lose money you never put in." IHFA sends out periodic reports so participants can track the growth of their accounts. In the Magic Valley, Stolberg also takes advantage of Job Service, temporary agencies and - if the participant is trying to start a business - the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Inside the numbers

- Here's a look at the Family Self-Sufficiency Program's participants in the Magic Valley alone, since the program began in June 1995:
- Program graduates ..... 25
- Of those, the graduates who become homeowners ..... 11
- Total escrows paid ..... \$44,788
- Average escrow paid ..... \$1,791
- Range of escrows paid ..... 0 to \$9,218
- Single female parents ..... 72%
- Two-parent households ..... 23%
- Single male parents ..... 5%

- Participants' total wages when beginning the program ..... \$115,121
  - Average beginning wage ..... \$4,605
  - Total ending wages ..... \$519,181
  - Average ending wage ..... \$20,767
  - Average years of school at contract beginning ..... 12
  - Average years of school at contract end ..... 13
  - Average time to complete contract ..... 21 months
- FSS's current active participants in the Magic Valley on Monday totaled 24.
- Source: Idaho Housing and Finance Association's Housing Escrow Program

The 21-year-old woman, who has a 2-year-old child, needs her GED but can't afford to stop working to get it. Stolberg planned to send her to someone here who will help apply for education grants and other schooling cost help. Participants maintain contact with their caseworkers and attend meetings with other participants - where they congratulate each other on their progress.

The Magic Valley meeting in November addressed budgeting for Christmas and giving inexpensive gifts, Stolberg said. For more information, contact IHFA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program at 1-800-458-2791; or P.O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83707-1899. The Twin Falls Branch is at 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, Twin Falls, ID 83401, and it can be reached at 734-8531.

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Gerber had a reason for her own for consenting to an interview for writing the story. She said she wants readers - including people who looked down on her when she searched for rentals accepting IHFA payments - to see that some folks are trying to better themselves. She doesn't want readers to say, "Oh, poor lady" or "oh, poor kids." "I hate that."

A big dream of mine

After almost two years in FSS, 43-year-old Dawna Mogensen of Jerome is filling out prequalification paperwork for a local bank's down payment-assistance program, and a real estate agent is eager to help her find a house to buy. "But it took a lot of work to reach that point. When Mogensen signed up with FSS in spring 1999, she had been a title assistant at Land Title & Escrow Inc. not quite a year after two unprintable years of home-based baby-sitting. An ex-boyfriend and an ex-husband, she said, both had left her with debts. "I ended up having to cover some of those once I started working," Mogensen said. "My money situation was really bad ... it was pretty slim pickings." She was receiving food stamps, IHFA rental assistance, Idaho day-care subsidies and other state and federal assistance for her children. Her debts were in the thousands. Her credit was bad. "I couldn't get a loan anywhere," Mogensen said. And she wasn't happy about her living situation. The rented house's landlord, she said, took his time about fixing things, and she spent a week or more lighting the furnace every night after work because it needed minor repair. FSS caught her eye because of the prospect of an escrow savings program. Mogensen said her own escrow account with IHFA has reached between \$300 and \$500. And she has made some progress toward clear credit status and financial self-sufficiency. Mogensen contacted the creditors who had written off her debts as uncollectible when she wasn't paying, she said, and paid her "bad-credit-bills." Using her certificate as collateral, she got a personal loan to pay outstanding bills so her credit would look good a year later with "nothing hanging over my head." She said her payments on the personal loan are

the landlord - a personal acquaintance - dropped the rent to the IHFA minimum for her family's size and city of residence. Mogensen pays \$485 of the \$555 rent, she said. "It's been a struggle to live here, but it's been such an improvement," she said, adding that the teen-agers have their own rooms in the three-bedroom house. "The twins still sleep with me." Sall a title assistant, Mogensen she earns \$1,400 per month for a 37 1/2-hour work week. "My job has turned into a worthwhile thing," said Mogensen, who takes title orders and records documents at the county courthouse several times a day. "It's a pretty highly responsible job." She wants to advance to title examiner, but said that isn't likely for now because of an industry-wide slowdown. "We're just kind of grateful right now to be holding onto our jobs, because we see layoffs at other title companies," Mogensen said. But she hasn't lost sight of her goal. "I have never been a homeowner in my whole life and it's always been, like, a big dream of mine to be a homeowner," she said. "To finally own my own house will mean so much to me." She wants it to be "big enough and nice enough" for her family. "It's going to happen one day, I know it."

'Looking pretty good'

For Jody Ashcroft, two years in the FSS program are a memory now. But she's still living with the results. Just over two years ago, she and her children moved into the house she bought in Twin Falls. The move was a week before Christmas, and they tossed up a tree. "We had a nice Christmas that year," said Ashcroft, 40. Before signing on to FSS in 1996 or 1997 - her memory of the date is hazy - Ashcroft already had been off welfare for a few years but was receiving IHFA rental assistance, she said. Working as a licensed practical nurse for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Ashcroft had received enough pay raises to boost her portion of the monthly duplex rent to \$350 or \$390 - approaching 100 percent of the rent, and approaching the size of a typical house payment. "And she wanted to own." A few things stood in the way: \$7,000 in student loans, \$3,000 or \$4,000 owed on a car, and a couple of thousand dollars or more in credit-card debt. "After her FSS efforts, she said with a smile, "I'm a little older, little wiser." Ashcroft said she's still paying on the credit cards. But the car payments, about \$300 each month, have ended. The tax refund she expects this year should wipe out one of the student loans. "It's looking pretty good," she said. The work training she completed during her FSS participation gets part of the credit for that improvement. After basic life support, electrocardiogram and intravenous therapy classes, she became qualified to work on a

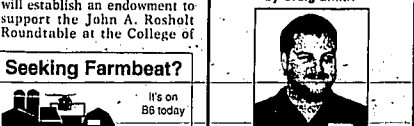
hospital's cardiac floor and in other areas she couldn't before. Ashcroft said her May move to a licensed-practical-nurse position at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome resulted in a pay increase of about \$1.40 per hour. She plans to enroll in the College of Southern Idaho's registered-nurse prerequisites this fall and take the RN challenge test in September. Professional growth is important, because hers always has been a single-income family. Still, Ashcroft said, house buying isn't as hard financially as she expected. She found it exciting to watch her FSS escrow account grow and eventually to hear, "Yes, you've been approved," after applying for a home loan. The escrow account reached \$8,800 - enough to make a 3 percent down payment throughout the house and still contribute \$4,000 toward the down payment, she said. Ashcroft said her monthly house payment is \$562. That's the price she pays to live with her 19-year-old and 15-year-old daughters, her 13-year-old son and the oldest daughter's 3-month-old son in a place where they have their own bedrooms and don't have to worry what the landlord thinks. "They like it now that they're in their own home," Ashcroft said. The mother said her own FSS experience taught her 19-year-old daughter - a part-time Subway restaurant employee who aspires to business management - that FSS is a great boost toward self-sufficiency. Ashcroft said the program is there for her daughter, too, and nothing to be ashamed of.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

The Times-News is accepting applications for part-time position in our mailroom. Mechanical aptitude & a dependable nature is essential. Must be able to lift 50 lbs., work nights and afternoons, & do a lot of production work.

## WAREHOUSE

Experienced forklift operator needed for Gooding Cheese Plant. Dayweek work required. \$9.00 per hr. exc. benefits. Apply at: Glanville Foods, Inc. Tues. from 2 to 4 pm. 1728 S 2300 E Gooding, Idaho AA/EOE

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**MAGIC VALLEY MALL STORE HAS OPENINGS FOR SALES PROFESSIONALS!**

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Certified Auto technician. Great opportunity for the right individual. Busy, new state-of-the-art shop. Must have own tools. Pay based on experience. Medical benefits, 401K. Contact Mark Hueselman, Service Manager.

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Min. 3 yrs. exp. all facets of structural fabrication, read blueprints. Benefits pkg/advancement. Orem, UT. La Grande, OR. 541-963-0139 ask for Pamela.

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Twin Falls Area Chamber is seeking the services of a coordinator for a summer 2001 fund raising event. The person(s) will be responsible for all phases of planning and coordination and will work with staff and a large volunteer base. The contract will last 180 days, from March 1 to August 31, 2001. For details contact Kim Just at (208) 733-3374

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200 Blk County Rd. 100 Blk Davis 100-600 North St. 100 Blk Ramsey

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Midway West 1000 Blk. 5th St. West 400-500 Calle 300-600 Golden Spur 100-200 Strip St.

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## \*\*\*\*\* TWIN FALLS (7) \*\*\*\*\*

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## \*\*\*\*\* ROUTE 700 \*\*\*\*\*

2200-2300 Castle Dr. 2200-2300 Hillcrest Dr. 2200-2300 Longbow Dr. 2200-



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**501 OPEN HOUSES**

**GREAT FILER - ACREAGE!**  
 The home features 2 1/2 acres, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, approximately 1733 sq. ft., central air conditioning, built-in dishwasher, water softener, garden spout, 2-car garage, full mud room, 200 and wood floor, carpet, patio and private well. Only \$149,500. #97322  
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 Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home in quiet neighborhood near CN Features include gas heat, fireplace, water softener, private well, full bath, size up large lot with fenced backyard and deck. RV parking. Only \$115,000. #97635  
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 This home features 1056 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. The property sits on one acre with fenced pasture and one half acre. The exterior is vinyl siding. A great first time homebuyer project. Priced at \$74,900. #98000  
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 Buy the Guaranteed Package and The Times-News guarantees to sell merchandise or automotive items in 7 days and real estate in 15 days or we will rerun the ad an additional 7 days. There is a \$3 extra charge for the guaranteed package. Ads may be cancelled early for customer convenience but the charge will remain the same.

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 • \$49,500  
 • 2 bdrm fireplace, greenhouse. Nice home in good area.  
 • \$59,000  
 • Good older 2 bdrm home on dirt lot, vinyl siding, gas heat.  
 • \$69,500  
 • 3 bdrm, one level, gas heat, metal siding, good area.  
 Call John Robins 543-6339  
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**502 HOMES FOR SALE**  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
 Sunday, February 4, 1-4 PM

**BIRWIN REALTY**  
 Feature of the Week...  
 BETTER THAN NEW - This home has been completely remodeled and updated, 1932 sq. ft. on main level with cathedral ceilings, new oak kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths plus new level with family room and 2nd bedroom and bath. New vinyl exterior siding and 2 cars. \$134,800. Call Gayle Anderson at 735-6526 or 734-8224. (98178)  
 MAINTENANCE FREE HOME on a quiet street in Buhi, 3 bedroom, 2 bath with some rooms repainted. Covered deck and spa, walk-in cooling and 18'x28' stone flower roof and 1 car attached garage. Hurry, what a great buy! \$99,250. Call Shaun at 734-4500 or home, 735-8681. (98193)  
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 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2001

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 Call John today at 833-9511 or 831-9511 (97940)

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 WELL LOCATED FARM...  
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**2484 PAINTEBRUSH DRIVE - 12:30-3:30PM**  
 JUST COMPLETED!  
 Call Toll Free outside Magic Valley 1-800-658-3863

**Open Houses**  
 \$59,900 - Kimberly - 802 Prairie Trail Circle  
 \$119,900 - Heidi - 2031 Birch 280-2830  
 \$265,000 - Twin Falls - 337 E.D. Drive @ Central Pt.  
 \$195,000 - Twin Falls - 1023 Wirsching Way, 4 Bdrms.  
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 \$18,500 - Kimberly - MLS#96510 - Handyman Special  
 \$175,000 - Twin Falls - 1023 Wirsching Way, 4 Bdrms.  
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**South Side Listings with Acreage**  
 \$114,900 - Filer - MLS#97460 - Inmate Home in Rural Setting!  
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 \$21,000 - Kimberly - MLS#97161 - Pleasant Valley Ranches  
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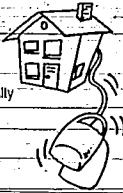


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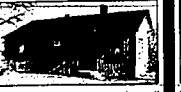
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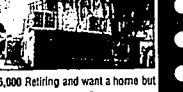
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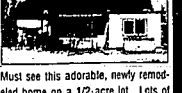
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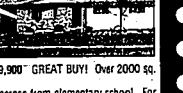
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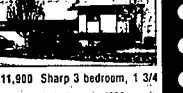


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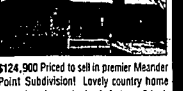
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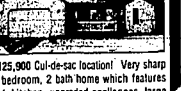
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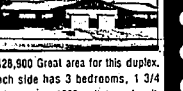
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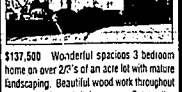
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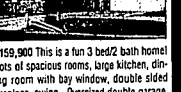
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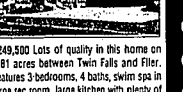
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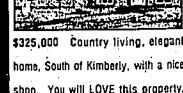
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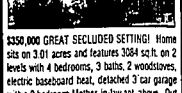
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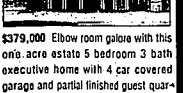
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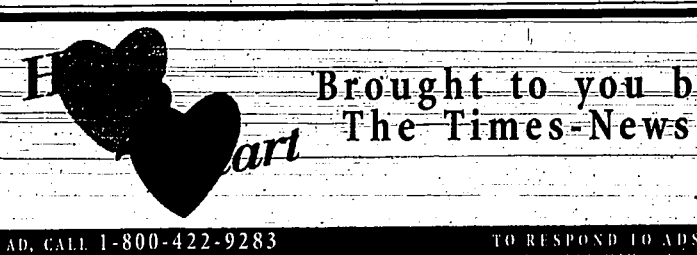
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**Dear Mr. Wolff:** Partner opens one heart in third chair, and I respond one spade. If he jumps to three clubs and I raise to four clubs, is a four-heart rebid by him a forward-going move? Might his jump to three clubs have been artificial? Should I bid again with ♠ 3-7-4-2; ♥ A-6, ♠ 10-3, ♠ Q-10-8-7-4?

Guesting Game, Sacramento, Calif.

**ANSWER:** Suppose you held the singleton diamond ace instead of the club nine. Would you bid four? I suspect you would. Since your void is as good as the ace, I favor bidding game despite partner's prior pass. With RHO opening the bidding, the value of your black-suit honors is promoted.

**ANSWER:** Yes, his three-club jump may have been aimed at creating a force and may have been on a short suit. Is four hearts a constructive move? I would guess not. He failed to cue-bid in diamonds, so unless you have valuable extras and a diamond control, a pass would be most prudent. I would pass with your holding.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:** Playing negative doubles, partner opens one heart and RHO overcalls two diamonds. What should I bid with ♠ 10-7-2, ♥ 8-3, ♠ K-J-10-8-7, ♠ A-Q-5?

Dripping Mouth, Inman, S.C.

**ANSWER:** If you play negative doubles, you cannot double for penalties. You are obligated to pass and hope that partner will reopen the bidding with a double. With short diamonds, he should. Then you can pass and collect your bundle.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:** At duplicate, our side vulnerable, LHO opens one spade in fourth chair, and RHO responds one no-trump. Should I risk a two-club overcall with ♠ 7-2, ♥ 9-4, ♠ 9-2, ♠ A-K-8-6-4?

Wrong Lead, Westchester, N.Y.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:** LHO opens one club and partner doubles. If RHO bids one spade, should I bid one no-trump or pass with ♠ K-10, ♥ 8-5, ♠ 10-9-7-5, ♠ Q-10-8-7-5?

Bidder's Game, Huntington, W.V.

**ANSWER:** I agree that it is a bidder's game. However, I would not approve of bidding one no-trump with this hand. It is not strong enough. If the hand belongs to your side, partner will gain again.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:** At duplicate, partner passes and RHO opens one diamond. I cue-bid two diamonds to promise both majors with ♠ K-10-8-7-5, ♥ K-10-8-6-4, ♦ A-K-J-9, and ♣ pass by LHO, partner jumped to three hearts. Was I worth a lift to four in spite of his prior pass?

Good Gift, Logan, Va.

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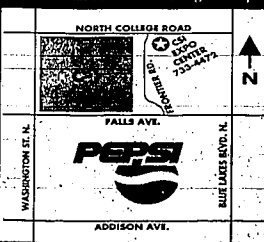
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And the question was... what again?

I was sitting at my desk the other day, starting off into space. "What was I just getting ready to do?" I asked a co-worker.

"I know the feeling," she said, "and I really don't think it's old age, because my 26-year-old niece says things like that, too."

About then, another co-worker wandered by mumbling, "I forgot where I was going."

It happens all the time.

My co-workers and I decided this has something to do with information overload - and with being born into the fastest-paced time in our nation's history. We're all trying to do too many things at once.

My husband has even been known to call people by the wrong names. And I know he's not "losing it," because he remembers - everything else much better than I do. (Well, he doesn't remember to pick up milk at the grocery store, but he didn't remember that when he was 20.)

My spouse's troubles usually occur when he "forgets" to wear his glasses. Like that day when he and I were out riding our bicycles. We stopped for a rest on a park bench, to watch the people go by. Soon, we spotted another bicycle enthusiast who looked to be about our age.

"Hi, Tom," my friendly spouse called out cheerily, as the man rode on by. But "Tom" was curious enough to turn around and come back.

"I'm Carl," the bewildered man said, as my son and I tried to stifle our giggles.

"I'm sorry," my husband said, with an embarrassed grin. "You look just like Tom."

Carl was very nice about the mix-up, especially considering the fact that we had interrupted his bicycle ride in order to act stupid. "He's probably thinking, 'At least I'm not that bad yet,'" I said, as Carl continued on down the road.

The next time we went bike riding around the park, we saw the same man again.

"Hey Dad, there's your new friend Carl," my son announced, and broke into a fit of laughter.

The moral: Don't expect to hide your mental lapses if you have kids around.

And in many ways, we're all in the same boat of mental lapses. As in, I know that guy's name is right on the tip of my tongue, my wallpaper my refrigerator with calendars and sticky notes, and then I forget to look at them.

If everyone around me would just slow down a little... but my days are so often filled with juggling impossible schedules and then getting up and starting to do it all over again the next day.

I'm too busy, but I haven't hit bottom yet.

Oh well, some of the by-products of rushing around are OK, I guess. I mean, I don't miss the "good old days" of 6 p.m. sharp home-cooked dinners, because I'd rather eat out than cook anyway. But I do miss some things about a slower-paced life - like sleep, for example.

My busy - and my forgetful - quents rose markedly when I became a parent, of course. That's when I began reading about parent burnout, too so I'd know what I was suffering from. It's also when I became a card-carrying member of the harried-mothers-club, consisting of a world full of moms who can't remember where they put the car keys, but can recite every word of the theme song from "Sesame Street."

One of my friends, who also had pre-schoolers at the time, once decided to take an afternoon off from everything. She would put the kids down for their nap, she said, have a cup of hot chocolate, let the laundry sit and do absolutely nothing. That was the day when her 3-year-old sneaked out of bed, pushed a small picnic table into the kitchen, climbed up on it and removed the heating elements from the stove.

Maybe we actually train ourselves to forget stuff. Maybe we shift our brains into neutral when the stress load gets too high. Maybe... Oops, sorry. I have to go now.

I just remembered that I forgot to stop for gas, and my gas tank is on empty.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

# No place like Nome

## The further adventures of Judy Felton at the Iditarod

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** - A year ago today - the day, in fact, after their 38th wedding anniversary - former Twin Falls County commissioner Judy Felton and her husband, Mike, a lawyer, set out on a little winter vacation.

Six weeks, to be precise, on the Alaskan tundra.

"We told them we were willing to do anything," said Felton, 58. They did.

She and Mike became volunteers on the Iditarod, the world's most famous - and certainly longest - dogsled race.

"We have done everything from count place mats for the banquets in Anchorage and Nome to assisting with food drops," Felton writes in a new self-published, diary-style narrative of their adventures, "Never A Dull Moment" (\$12.75).

And, of course, some time in the meanest stretch of winter in North America.

It took a tryout, in 1999, to get them there last winter - and like many of the thousands of volunteers in what is largely a volunteer-run race, they're headed back for this year's event, which starts March 3.

"At a time when many people are suffering the uncertainties of retirement, we have been given a wonderful insight into a life very different from the one we have led," Felton said. "Our expectations were exceeded by the actual experience."

The Feltons encountered moose who wouldn't take no for an answer and lots of charming characters. But this, after all, is a dog race.

"The quiet confidence of everyone that we have met working toward the running of this race creates a certain dignity. It is even carried over into the care and treatment of the sled dogs... They are carried in the musher's sled if they are tired or injured. They are fed before the musher eats."

- Judy Felton in her book *Never a Dull Moment*



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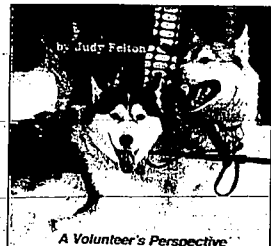
The Feltons spent much of their time at last winter's Iditarod working on a teacher workshop - not high adventure, but a venture enough, she says.

"We were told we could attend a training session for dog handlers," she said. "The instructor asked for eight volunteers to take the place of the dogs and assume the appropriate places along the tug line. She... then asked for eight volunteers to act as the dog handlers. Then she 'mushed.' The dogs began to run across the ice of the parking lot. The handlers were slipping and sliding and the whole group ended up in chaos. The instructor then said, 'This is pretty much what you can expect.'"

"I don't exactly remember the rest of the class. I tried as best I could to hide behind my camera and tried to avoid being chosen for an active participation."

Felton said she was surprised by the Alaskan weather, which was relatively mild.

"The temperatures have generally been in the high 30s during the day and the mid-teens at night. There is very little wind."



A Volunteer's Perspective  
**Never a Dull Moment**  
Behind the Scenes at the IDITAROD

That was last year. Thursday's high in Nome was minus-12.

Copies are "Never a Dull Moment" are available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Twin Falls.

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About the Iditarod

It's the world's most famous sled-dog race - more than 1,150 miles over jagged Alaska mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forest, desolate tundra and miles of windswept coast at the mushers and their dog teams. Add to that temperatures far below zero, winds that can cause a complete loss of visibility, the hazards of overflow, long hours of darkness and treacherous climbs and side hills, and you have the Iditarod.

From Anchorage, in south-central Alaska, to Nome on the western Bering Sea coast, each team of 12 to 16 dogs and their mushers covers more than 1,150 miles in 10 to 17 days.

The Iditarod Trail, now a National Historic Trail, had its beginnings as a mail and supply route from the coastal towns of Seward and Knik to the interior mining camps at Flat, Ophir, Ruby and beyond to the west coast communities of Unalakleet, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain and Nome. Mail and supplies went in. Gold came out. All via dog sled. Heroes were made, legends were born. In 1925, part of the Iditarod Trail became a life-saving highway for epidemic-stricken Nome.

Diphtheria threatened and serum had to be brought in again by intrepid mushers and their faithful hard-driving dogs. Anchorage is the starting line - at city of more than 250,000 people, street lights, freeways and traffic. From there the field of dog teams which grow in number each year, runs to Eagle River, Checkpoint No. 1. After a restart in the Matanuska Valley, at Wasilla, the mushers leave the land of highways and bustling activity and head out to the Yentna Station Roadhouse and Skwentna and then up.

Through Finger Lake, Rainy Pass, over the Alaska Range and down the other side to the Kuskoowik River - Rohr Roadhouse, Nikolai, McGrath, Ophir, Crapple, Iditarod and on to the Yukon - a river highway that takes the teams west through the arctic tundra.

The race route is alternated every other year, one year going north through Crapple, Ruby and Galena, the next year south through Iditarod, Shageluk, Anvik. Finally, they're on the coast - Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain and into Nome.

- Source: Anchorage Daily News

## Take good care of your teddy bear

Well-loved teddy bears deserve the best of care.

Bears with synthetic fur can be cleaned at home, but never try to clean a bear made of mohair or any other type of real fur, cautions restorer Hanna Hach. To determine the type of fur, check the tag if it's still attached. If not, carefully snip off a few fibers and burn them. If they smell like burning hair, they're real fur.

Bears with real fur should be cleaned only by a professional stuffed-animal restorer, not a dry cleaner, she says.

To clean synthetic fur, she recommends Bubble Gumd, a spray-on surface cleaner made by Gund Inc. - Bubble Gumd can be ordered from some mail-order sources, including Kumaclians.com. Collectibles

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(http://www.kumachians.com), Kat's Kloset (http://katskloset.safeshop.com) and Asnpe Bears (http://users.eroil.com/beargift or 703-841-2444). You can also e-mail Gund at askgund@gund.com to request the names of retailers in your area. Be sure to include your ZIP code.

Hach doesn't recommend washing a synthetic-fur bear in a washing machine, because it changes the nature and softness of the fur. If you must do so, however, enclose the bear in a pillowcase, and make sure

the case will stay closed throughout the wash cycle. Use cold water and a mild cleaning product such as Woolite, and wash on the gentle cycle.

Dry the bear with a blow dryer, or put it into the clothes dryer inside the pillowcase and use the coolest cycle.

Never wash a jointed bear in the clothes washer, Hach says. The joints are made of metal, and they'll rust.

If you have a dog, Hach recommends you never give it a stuffed animal to play with. Because a dog can't distinguish between its own toys and your precious teddy bear, mauling is common.

- Source: Akron Beacon Journal (Akron, Ohio)

## Organization to hold workshops for teens

**Friday and Saturday**

FILER - Walkin' The Talk will offer teen and family workshops during February.

The mini-Walkin' The Talk family communications workshop will be held from 5:30 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Filer High School.

**To do for families**

The mini-Walkin' The Talk workshop is for ninth-graders through 12th-graders.

The classes are \$50.

Walkin' The Talk is a non-profit organization that helps families and teens communicate better, organizers say. For more information, call Gayle Anderson at 734-8224.

Every week, To Do for Families list family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

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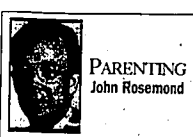
TECHNO FLASHBACK Find out what last century's technology was like at the Technology in 1900 Web site. Includes a photo of a telephone.

AskAmy@4Kids.org The Shortest Month of All Why is February so short? The Calendar Through the Ages Web site at http://zenbaseball.com/calendar/ages.htm claims that February was at the end of the Roman's original 10-month calendar with only 23 days.

SKY WATCH! Chris Anderson A glimpse of ghostly space dust Last week's moon-toured the plane of the planets' orbits. Starting late this week, we have an opportunity to see some of the solar system's tiniest denizens, also lying along the ecliptic plane.

Ritalin criticism balances what the 'establishment' maintains

I have become the target of those who confuse the messenger with the message. Two columns ago, I reviewed "Ritalin is Not the Answer" (S15, Jossey Bass), a book by professor and clinical psychologist David Stein. He presents not only a well-researched indictment of the use of stimulant medications (such as Ritalin) in the treatment of childhood attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder (ADD or ADHD), but also a nonmedical treatment plan called the Caregiver Skills Program.



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A good many professionals said Stein ignores the fact that many children have been "helped" by these drugs. He responds that while a dose of such medication will indeed relieve ADD symptoms for a period of hours, there is no reliable evidence that taking one of these drugs for years produces lasting benefit.

The most common complaint was that I did not present a "balanced" view concerning the controversies surrounding ADD. Right. It was my intention to present Dr. Stein's view, which is not "balanced" but rather balances what professionals who constitute what I call the ADD Establishment have been telling the American public for more than 20 years, much of which, according to Stein, consists of misinformation.

For example, Stein maintains that ADD does not qualify as a disease. This was affirmed by a consensus of participants at the 1998 National Institute of Health Conference on ADHD, so he is hardly alone in this opinion. There is, to date, no convincing proof that the symptoms of ADHD result from a physiological dysfunction or are inherited.

Stein simply proposes what is logical and rational: If ADD is not a disease, then it is not appropriate to treat it as such, with drugs. Furthermore, he says, the drugs in question are potentially dangerous to a child's health.

former light. Finally, some professionals claimed Stein (and by association, myself) is preventing parents from seeking appropriate treatment for children with ADD.

An contraire, Stein is encouraging parents to look at the full range of treatment options, presenting a viable alternative to the use of drugs, and trying to prevent parents from spending their hard-earned money on inappropriate diagnostic and treatment procedures.

Stein has plenty of evidence to back his claim that the Caregiver Skills Program, when employed conscientiously, works to the long-term advantage of parent and ADD child. Some professionals retorted that if a child does not need medication, he does not truly have ADD. This is circular reasoning of the sort Stein will address in his next book, as yet untitled, due out in the fall of 2001. He told me, "Anyone upset by 'Ritalin is Not the Answer' is going to be apologetic over the next one."

You may not agree with everything Stein has to say. Then again, you may simply not want to even consider that he has something of value to say.

In any case, his iconoclasm is thought-provoking and, for some, refreshing. Oh, he also asked me to inform my readers that anyone who wants to contact him may do so at dstein@longwood.lwc.edu. That's called intellectual honesty.

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Memories of our first pets put smiles on our faces

Now that we are officially into a new year and a new century, many people are getting ready to open their homes to a new four-legged family member. An antidote to today's high-tech/low touch world, a playful puppy or comforting kitty is like a pressure relief valve.

For some, this will be their very first pet.

As a veterinarian and speaker I've asked thousands of audiences from 'the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, about their first pet. Ninety-nine out of one hundred people erupt in smiles as they joyfully reminisce. "As one of our most memorable "firsts," recalling our first pets always puts a smile on our faces and a glow in our hearts.

My first dog, Skeeter, was an atypical farm dog. No macho, back-of-the-pickup hunting dog, this little toy Manchester terrier weighed in soaking wet at six pounds. But when Skeeter looked in the mirror he saw a 10-foot-tall Rotweiler. Really notwithstanding in spirit, I couldn't disagree.

At our small farm in southern Idaho, Skeeter was the first pet to cross the threshold from outdoors to indoor pet. Not just housed, but a house member, Skeeter forever seeded my memories and consciousness with his special gifts.

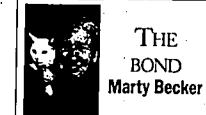
Think back to your own first pet. Instantly you'll recall its name, breed, sex, color and endearing or memorable characteristics that made it special. It doesn't matter how long it has been since you thought of Lucky, Lady, or Lassie; the warm flashback is instantaneous.

Skeeter was the smartest, fastest, most handsome dog of all. Of course, all my friends felt exactly the same way about their pets. As the anonymous quote says, "There is only one smartest dog in the world, and every boy has it."

Skeeter was extra-smart. Dinner bell? Forget it! Mom did something perceptible only to Skeeter and he would jump up on the chair and start to pray - head between his paws in a pre-dinner doggie devotion. We all followed with our own prayers.

As I was growing up, Skeeter was slowly growing old. Some days he could barely get around and needed help to get into the pickup. Although there was snow on the rooftop - an increasingly gray head and muzzle - there was still a play of fire in the furnace. With me, he did it at the next-door neighbors, a mile away, he escaped from the house and went jauntily off to investigate. Unfortunately he found himself the littlest guy at the party and was quickly attacked by REAL big dogs and morally wounded. He crawled the mile back to our house to get help. His blood mixed with my tears as he took his last breath. This was in the days when people were not as responsible about spaying and neutering their pets. Had we done so, his tragic death could have been prevented and Skeeter and I would have enjoyed many more happy years.

Today, his ashes blend with the flowers on our farm. Before our move to Almost Heaven Ranch in northern Idaho a few years ago, I revisited the family farm to say goodbye to precious things past and present. Pausing over his grave and reflecting on the love and joy my beloved first pet gave



THE BOND Marty Becker

to me, I was overcome with emotion. I realized at that instant that Skeeter was still a giant of a dog to me.

When I came home and was given a hero's welcome by my daughter Mikkel's first pet, the wire-haired fox terrier Scooter, and son Lee's first pet, the big Labrador retriever, Silo, I realized that there will be four-legged, furred or feathered best friends in our life - but each of us have only one first pet.

We learn a lot from them. We know what it's like to have a true, best friend. We find that nothing comforts like a warm cuddle. We experience the value of a listening ear. We realize that understanding comes from hearts, not from words. For the first time we experience unconditional love, limitless affection and to-die-for loyalty.

In this time of "firsts," remembering our first pets holds a special place. The good news is that there never have to be any "lasts." There is a world of home-less cats and dogs, eager to love and be loved, waiting to come home. Home to my house and yours; ready to build us a lifetime of new memories.

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'Wedding Planner' is best for teens, adults

"The Wedding Planner" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema, Magic Lantern Cinema of Keetchum, Century Cinema of Burley.

Best for Teens to adults What it's about: Mary Fiore (Jennifer Lopez) is one of the best wedding planners in San Francisco, whose chance to be promoted depends on getting the wedding of Internet tycoon Fran Donnelly (Bridgette Wilson-Sampras). Mary doesn't have time for her own love life, and to make matters worse, her father has arranged to marry her to a childhood friend, Massimo (Justin Chambers), recently returned from Sicily. On her way to a meeting, Mary is rescued from a collision with a trash bin by Dr. Steve Edison (Matthew McConaughey). They spend the afternoon and evening together and Mary thinks she's finally in love. When she meets with the wealthy bride who will get her the partner promotion, she discovers the fiance is Steve. Fran asks Mary and Steve to make



some important decisions while she's out of town on a business meeting and the two wrestle with their loyalty and feelings for each other. The good: McConaughey is charming and has leading man chemistry. Lopez is refreshingly real, and the two prove that romantic comedy mixed with great chemistry is still an audience pleaser. Critics will probably find fault with the syrupy clichés that don't usually make for exciting, modern, anything-goes romances (a woman who is a Scribble champion, listens to her father, allows him to meddle romantically with her life, respects the elderly and won't make a romantic pass under the influence of alcohol because she has principles). Plotwise, it's because of those differences

that these two lovers eventually come together and make the attraction and unusual situation believable.

The not-so-good: The only thing that separates this modern comedy-romance from the old classics is coarse language. It wasn't necessary.

Offensive language: Numerous mild curse words, a couple of anatomical references, a religious profanity.

Sexual situations: None, barely any kissing. A funny scene involves the genitalia of a nude statue.

Violence: None Other: Mary runs into her former fiance with her pregnant wife and ends up drinking too much, so Steve takes care of her.

Parental advisory: Language and a few mature situations make this best for teens to adults who can appreciate the ads who can appreciate the story. But again, this isn't a movie that's going for critical approval as much as audience approval. It's about getting married for the right reasons.

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# Harry Potter imparts linguistic skills

Knight Ridder News Service

Say you hear about a product that'll build your child's vocabulary. Not only that, it'll nurture a love of language and a curiosity about word etymology. It might even teach your kid a little Latin. Would you get it?

If your kids are reading Harry Potter books, you already have. Boy-wizard Harry Potter's adventures at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry have captured children's imaginations around the world because the stories are exciting and artfully told.

More than that, though, there are the words themselves. Weird, magical words such as "expelliarmus" and "mudblood" that just beg to be remembered, discussed with friends on the school bus and used whenever possible.

Maybe it's a stretch to argue that J.K. Rowling's four Harry Potter books are improving the vocabularies of America's children. But at the very least, they're spicing them up.

Consider: Charlotte (N.C.) Latin School humanities teacher Kari Wimbish asks her sixth graders about the meanings of "wizening," "bovine" and "lupine." Thanks to Professor Lupin, who happens to be a werewolf, several know that "lupine" means "wolflike."

Seven-year-old Gavin West finishes the fourth book and picks up a phrase uttered by Defense Against the Dark Arts Professor Moody, who's always worried about attacks by dark wizards. Gavin uses the phrase to describe how his family must monitor its mischievous dog. "Constant vigilance," Gavin says. "Constant vigilance."



Harry Potter books are filled with terms and character names which provides young readers with etymological puzzles and magical crash courses in vocabulary.

Fifth-grader Megan Randall prepares to go somewhere. Instead of saying she's going to leave, she announces she's going to "disapparate," the term wizards use when they disappear from one place and materialize elsewhere.

Students who explore word meanings in the Harry Potter books begin to discover that they can sometimes decipher a new word by examining its parts. Wimbish says, "The 'mal' in 'Malfloy' means bad, and offers a big hint about the character of Harry's classmate Draco Malfloy."

The books also prompt many children to explore word origin and development. Megan, who attends W.R. Odell Elementary in Cabarrus County, N.C., can tell you, for instance, that Malfloy's

## J.K. Rowling's name game

Collect unusual names, J.K. Rowling has said. "I've gotten them from street names, maps, saints, folklore, loads of different places."

Puzzling out the meanings behind these names, as well as other words, is part of the fun of the Harry Potter books. Some name sources seem pretty obvious. Rowling has explained others in interviews. And sometimes, it's just fun to speculate.

Reaumurians, French wizarding school - From the French for "beautiful wand."  
Dobby, a house elf - A "dobby" is a loom attachment used for weaving small figures. Seems fitting given Dobby's love of socks. Another source says "dobby" is an English term for a bowlike elf.

Albus Dumbledore, headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry - "Dumbledore" is an old English word meaning "bumblebee." Rowling has said she imagines Dumbledore humming to himself all the time. "Albus" is a Latin word meaning "white."  
Durmstrang, a European wizarding school that emphasizes the dark arts - Likely a word play on "strum" and "drang," German for "storm" and "stress."

The Dursleys, Harry's muggle aunt and uncle - Dursley is a place in Britain. Expecto Patronum, a charm that gives defense against dementors. "Patronus" is Latin for "protector." Hagrid, gameskeeper at Hogwarts - from an Old English word, "hagardan" meaning "having a nightmarish night."

Hedwig, Harry's owl - Name comes from a medieval saint.  
Remus Lupin, defense against the dark arts instructor, who also happens to be a werewolf - "Lupin" comes from Latin, "lupus," meaning "wolf." Remus may be from Romulus and Remus, the twin infants who were suckled by a she-wolf before eventually founding the city of Rome.

Draco Malfoy, a snobby, bullying Hogwarts student - "Draco" is Latin for "dragon." "Malfoy" comes from French, meaning "bad faith."  
Severus Snape, Hogwarts potions teacher - Snape is a place in Britain. Severus was a Roman emperor. The name also suggests "severe," and Snape is very strict.  
Sonus - Spelt used to magnify your voice. "Sonus" is Latin for "sound."

Lord Voldemort, the Lord of Darkness - From the French, meaning "flight of death."  
- Source: The Charlotte Observer (Charlotte, N.C.).

first name, Draco, is Latin for dragon.

The words are fun, she says, because so many "sound like they're supposed to be." Slytherin house sounds like a snake. And Gryffindor, the house where Harry lives, "just sounds like a mighty name," she says.

In a recent interview with talk-

show host Larry King, Rowling described herself as "a bit of a name freak."

"I collect them. You know, if I hear a good name, I have got to write it down. And it will probably crop up somewhere," she told King. Some names are based on famous people in history. Others are taken from place names in Britain.

# Making music with 3 strings

By Jack Riemer

On Nov. 18, 1995, Itzhak Perlman, the violinist, came on stage to give a concert at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City.

If you have ever been to a Perlman concert, you know that getting on stage is the small achievement for him. He was stricken with polio as a child, and so he has braces on both of his legs and walks with the aid of two crutches. He walks painfully, yet majestically, until he reaches his chair. Then he sits down, slowly, puts his crutches on the floor, undoes the clasps on his legs, tucks one foot back and extends the other foot forward. Then he bends down and picks up the violin, puts it under his chin, nods to the conductor and proceeds to play. By now, the audience is used to this ritual. They sit quietly while he makes his way across the stage to his chair. They remain reverently silent while he undoes the clasps on his legs. They wait until he is ready to play.

But this time, something went wrong. Just as he finished the first few bars, one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap - it went off like gunfire across the room.

Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a symphonic work with just three strings. I know that, and you know that, but that night, Itzhak Perlman refused to know that. You could see him modulating, changing, recomposing the piece in his head.

When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room. And then people rose and cheered. We were all on our feet, screaming and cheering, doing everything

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We could to show how much we appreciated what he had done.

He smiled, wiped the sweat from his brow, raised his bow to quiet us - and then he said - not boastfully, but in a quiet, pensive, reverent tone - "You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."

And who knows? Perhaps that is the definition of life - not just for artists but for all of us. Here is a man who has prepared all his life to make music on a violin of four strings, who, all of a sudden, in the middle of a concert, finds himself with only three strings; so he makes music with three strings, and the music he made that night with just three strings was more beautiful, more sacred, more memorable, than any that he had ever made before, when he had four strings.

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# Experts say lessons on race, tolerance should begin early

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - When her 3-year-old son pointed out a man in a restaurant, Danielle Howard was put on the spot.

"He said in a very loud voice, 'That man is really black,' and I tried to smile at him. Then I said, 'What's wrong? What did he say that was wrong?'"

"The man was very black, a beautiful black-skinned person," Howard, who is white, used the opportunity to teach Whit about color.

"I said, 'People have a lot of different colors, don't they, Whit?'" She made the difference positive and something to celebrate, she says.

It's important for parents to teach kids about race - diversity, tolerance and fighting bigotry - starting when they're young, says Dr. Berna Van Ausdale, co-author of "The First R: How Children Learn Race and Racism."

That way, parents impart their values and there's no room for misunderstanding, she says.

Whit Howard, now 8, has impressed his family with his discernment on racial issues. Van Ausdale says she has two other sons, 6 and 2.5, live in the mostly white Park Cities area and say teaching about race is especially important to them because the neighborhood is not diverse.

The Howards don't rely only on the schools to teach their children about race and history. "Hattie," a 6-year-old, came home from school the other day with a picture he'd drawn of Martin Luther King Jr.,

and I asked him what he had learned about him. He said, 'I know he was shot and killed.' And I asked why. And he said, 'Because somebody didn't like his rules.'"

Young children are capable of learning the big-picture facts if you break them down to their level, Van Ausdale says. The sooner you do this, the better. Little people have a strong sense of fairness, she says.

"They often are interested in assuring that everyone gets the same conditions or amount, whether it's ice cream or turns at bat." Age 3 is not too young to introduce basic facts such as skin color, eye shape and hair texture - things children visualize and can touch, Van Ausdale says.

In her recent work, Dr. Van Ausdale studied several multiethnic child-care centers where children as young as 3 revealed attitudes about race that often shocked their parents, she says.

For example, one mother who described herself as racially sensitive and an intellectual was surprised to learn that her 4-year-old daughter talked freely about the superiority of white people.

Most of the young children in the study, black and white, had had little interaction with people of other ethnic groups outside the center and probably had not been taught about race, Van Ausdale observed. Racial and ethnic differences became enticing areas to explore and experiment with using their own concepts. They also were getting their facts from television and other media, as well as their peer group.

beyond the drug screening conducted at school functions, including proms and sporting events.

It is drawing mixed reviews, even from Fingersome.

To Jamie Fingersome, 19, it smacks of a parental power trip; to Christen-Finger, 18, it could be useful for choosing safe drivers at parties.

The child may see the test as a breach of trust or something to be rebelled against, said Myrna B. Shure, a professor in the department of clinical and health psychology at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia and author of "Raising a Thinking Preteen."

"It suggests to the child, 'I thought you trusted me, but you don't,'" she said.

Officials agree that the test should not be seen as a weapon. Parents "should discuss this test with their children long before they use it," said Voorhees Police Lt. Jeff Nardello, who leads the unit that investigates drug and alcohol cases. "I

# The credit-card trap: Some kids flunk

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - This year Dierdre Kelleher paid off the credit card debt she ran up while attending Loyola University in Chicago. She graduated when she was 21; she is about to turn 31.

With Discover, MasterCard, Visa and a handful of department store credit cards, she peaked at \$12,000 in debt.

"I started getting solicited in my sophomore year," she said of credit card offers. "Then when I moved into an apartment from student housing in my junior year, that's when I started doing the spending. I wasn't going on big shopping trips. It was just day-to-day stuff. Occasionally I'd buy some clothes, but I certainly wasn't dressed to the nines."

Though she often made minimum payments on her cards, she never considered bankruptcy, because after graduating she wanted to buy a home, and besides, "My father would have killed me."

Now a middle school teacher at Emerson School in Oak Park, she eventually did buy a condominium,

and after eight years of teaching, she is virtually debt-free, having sold the condo and living in a home owned by her family. "I don't have any credit cards, and I threw away all credit card offers." And that's her advice to other college students: "Throw them

away." In the spirit of that admonition, there are moves afoot to deal with the problem of college students plunging into credit debt. From a proposal in Congress to an educational thrust by the Illinois treasurer's office, the issue is popping

up on the radar screen. Looking back at her middle-class upbringing, Kelleher said, she never had been forced to be responsible for money as a child. "I didn't even have an allowance," she said. "If I needed it, my parents bought it."

They are also expensive. And they don't fit in the category of pleasure travel. Intensity of feeling runs high for both students and parents on these trips.

To avoid family meltdown on the road, do the homework first. Dean of Admissions Joe Allen at the University of Southern California suggests that during the student's junior year, families have

a good ground-rules conference. "Both students and parents have to put out on the table what they're thinking about," Allen says. "Talk about cost limits. If your student has \$30,000 tastes that don't match your state college budget, it's time to talk it out. Time to talk, too, about the student's interests, which often differ from a parent's long-held dreams for that child."

# College quest: Plan to visit schools during junior year

Knight Ridder News Service

The Dairy Queen Jured Gwen Smith to Arizona State University.

"I thought it was the best feature," said Smith, now a freshman at ASU. Smith speaks only partly according to the script. When the 18-year-old from Pleasanton visited the school, she already knew it had the two programs she sought:

a marching band and a teaching credential in special education.

For the typical high-school senior, choosing a college is not unlike walking the plank: It's the first and biggest decision teens make in mapping their own lives.

And it's the college visit that often clinches the choice, students say. As important as college visits are, they are complex to plan.

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# Kits allow parents to perform home sobriety tests

Knight Ridder News Service

VOORHEES, N.J. - Gary Finger, father of two teenage daughters, was worn many stories of young lives cut short in alcohol-related accidents, and there was so much grief.

"My kids have had friends of theirs die," he said.

A solution, he concluded, lay in a little white pouch that many hospitals use to test some emergency-room patients for alcohol.

A cotton swab is saturated with saliva and inserted into the base of what looks like a thermometer. Within two minutes, a purple bar rises up a gauge and indicates blood-alcohol content.

What if parents could use the kit to keep their children safe?

Finger, a Voorhees councilman who was mayor at the time, persuaded the township to buy 1,000 of the \$7 kits for parents to take free. Township officials and groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving said they knew of no similar program in the area. It goes

wouldn't use it as a surprise. I would use it as a deterrent."

Nationally, one in five traffic deaths of drivers younger than 21 involves alcohol; a rate that has slightly increased from 1995-97, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. In 1998, 42 percent of 12th graders reported riding with a driver who had been drinking alcohol, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"People have to understand that alcohol is the number one choice of drugs in this country, and it's readily available," said Frank Winters, a member of the board of national directors of MADD and police chief in Clayton, Gloucester County, N.J.

"I think it's terrific" that they have the tests available, Winters said, noting that MADD does not endorse any specific test. The tests "will result in awareness for some body."

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# COMMUNITY

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## Promoting safety

### Contributions head to Safe Kids Coalition

TWIN FALLS - December was a busy month for the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. The nonprofit organization, which promotes children's safety, received donations from businesses and individuals and checked child car seats.

Pete Snyder, former Democratic candidate for one of the District 24 representative seats, presented a \$78 check to coalition director Kyla Kelly on Dec. 5.

Also on Dec. 5, the Kimberly High School Business Professionals of America club presented a check for \$85.

Members of the coalition, Twin Falls Police Department, South Central Health Department and



Photo courtesy of Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition

Left, Kyla Kelly, director of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition, receives a donation from Pete Snyder, a former political candidate. Right, Danny Pike, president of the Kimberly High School Business Professionals of America, presents a check to Kyla Kelly.

Con Paulos car dealership sponsored a car seat safety check-up event Dec. 8. The health department gave away more than 20 free bike helmets and members of the coalition checked 16 child car seats.

Of those, seven car seats were found unsafe and replaced with

new seats donated by the police department and the coalition. The Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition is affiliated with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and is funded by grants from the Magic Valley Regional Foundation.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Fullmer makes Eastern Oregon dean's list

Adrienne M. Fullmer of Twin Falls was listed on the dean's list for the 2000 fall quarter at Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, Ore.

Qualifying students must have

fulfilled a minimum of 12 graded hours through the term.

### Larsen receives bachelor's degree from Concordia

Staci Ann Larsen of Lincoln, Neb., daughter of Douglas and Joyce Larsen of Buhl, received a

bachelor's of science degree in education and Lutheran teacher diploma from Concordia University in Seward, Neb.

Concordia University-Nebraska is one of 10 academic institutions belonging to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

## Read Comunidad on Thursday. News for and about Latinos

### WinCo, Kimberly PTSO hold chili dinner, auction

KIMBERLY - WinCo Foods and the Kimberly PTSO will hold a chili dinner and silent auction from 4:30-7 p.m. Friday at the Kimberly Elementary cafeteria. The dinner will consist of chili, baked potatoes and cinnamon rolls. The cost is \$3 per person and \$15 per family. Children under age 5 years-old eat free. The dinner and auction are open to the public.

### Desert Sun Dancers schedules dance, pie social

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers will hold a pie social Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street in Shoshone. Round dances will start at 7:30 p.m. and square dances will start at 8 p.m. Members are asked to bring finger foods. The cost is \$3 per person.

### CSI offers class on astrology fundamentals

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the class, Astrology... the Language from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in Taylor 276 at CSI. The workshop will present beginners with the fundamentals of astrology. Students will receive and study their personal astrology natal charts. The class is the fourth in a series of five Saturday classes taught by Morgan Jean, a licensed cosmologist, certified Hatha Yoga instructor and licensed massage therapist. The cost is \$30. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

### Job Service representative assists veterans this month

TWIN FALLS - Job Service representative Roy Applewhite will assist veterans at several Magic Valley area locations this month. Assistance is available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday in room 220 of the Meyerhofer Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Services include work registration; job referrals; veterans' education, training and other programs; vocational guidance; and referrals to community-based organizations. Veterans are encouraged to contact Applewhite at any of the above locations or at the Magic Valley Job Service Office, 771 North College Road. For more information, call 735-2028.

### Order of Purple Heart meets at armory

TWIN FALLS - The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 678 meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the National Guard Armory, 1069 Frontier Road in Twin Falls.

### Call Robert Wagner at 324-4183 for more information.

### Disabled American Veterans group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans will meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the DAV Hall at Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue. All disabled veterans are invited. For more information, call Commander Nyle Jones at 733-7937.

### Amvet organization meets second Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Amvets meet at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Disabled Veterans office on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue in Twin Falls. For more information, call Richard Stone at 736-7640.

### Pleaser Button Club gathers for monthly meet

TWIN FALLS - The Pleaser Button Club meets at 1 p.m. the second and Saturday of the month at the Office on Aging Annex. For more information, call 423-5525.

### Western Days Committee meets first Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Western Days Committee will meet at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Twin Falls City Council chambers at City Hall. For more information, call 734-7510 during the day or 734-9075 at home.

### Special Friends group gathers first Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Special Friends support group for parents of children with special needs meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Twin Falls Reformed Church. Call Lori at 733-6128.

### La Leche League holds meeting second Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - La Leche League meetings will be held at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Southern Central Health District, Katz room at 1020 Washington St. N.

### Woman seeks information on Gooding organization

GOODING - Sharon Kelly is in need of information on an organization called the Jr. Deputies. The organization was active in Gooding county from 1948-1950. Kelly is doing research on Gooding county government and works with the Idaho State Historical Advisory Board. Call Kelly at 934-8935.

### Parents support group meets first Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - A support group for parents of children with developmental and learning challenges will meet for spiritual growth and mutual support on the first Tuesday of the month at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. For more information, call 734-4909.

### Off-road association gathers second Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Southern Idaho Off-Road Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. For more information, call Jeff at 732-5306 or Mike at 736-0118.

### Idaho Walleye Unlimited meets on first Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Walleye Unlimited, a nonprofit organization, meets on the first Tuesday of the every month at the Idaho Power building on South Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls. For more information, call Lila Rue at 324-2405 or Jeff Roberts at 678-1428.

### Alzheimer's family support group seeks names

TWIN FALLS - Organizers of Alzheimer's disease family support groups in Twin Falls and Buhl are compiling a list of people willing to talk with and support family members whose loved ones suffer from the illness. For more information, call Sandy Kevan or Mary Edgar at 736-2122. Bill Amoureux at 644-1383 or Jack Holt at 837-6252. The group also invites anyone sponsoring a dementia, caregiver or grieving for inclusion in its newsletter.

## SCHOOL LUNCH

### BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu: Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day. Monday: Cereal, granola crackers Tuesday: French toast, maple syrup Wednesday: Pancakes and gravy Thursday: Donuts Friday: Cereal, blueberry muffin Lunch menu: Salad bar and milk served every day Monday: Corn dogs, herbip, mustard, French fries, fresh fruit Tuesday: Turkey and noodles, green salad, ranch crackers, fruit, oatmeal cookie Wednesday: Peppercorn steak, French fries, bread sticks, popovers Thursday: Turkey meat and macaroni, fried rice, rice balls, pineapple, fortune cookie Friday: Taco, lettuce, cheese, nacho chips, corn, frito jelly

### CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu: Milk and juice served every day Monday: Donuts Tuesday: Scrambled eggs Wednesday: Pancakes Thursday: Pancakes Friday: Cinnamon-swirl roll Lunch menu: Monday: Hoagie sandwich Tuesday: Cheeseburger Wednesday: Hand-rolled pizza Thursday: French dip sandwich Friday: Chicken nuggets

### CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Taco salad, corn, cookie Tuesday: Sliced ham, baked potato, corn bread, peas Wednesday: Spaghetti, peas, garlic bread, peas Thursday: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, orange juice, pumpkin pie Friday: Peppercorn pizza, potato wedges, cinnamon bread, mixed fruit

### FLIER SCHOOL

Monday: Pancakes Tuesday: Cook's choice Friday: Ham and cheese sandwiches

### HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu: Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, toast, juice Tuesday: Cereal, juice, juice, fruit Wednesday: Pancakes, ham, juice Thursday: Maple fruit, juice Friday: Long rolls, cookies, cereal, juice Lunch menu: Milk served every day Monday: Chicken fajita, rice, tortilla, salsa Tuesday: Chicken fajita, rice, tortilla, salsa Wednesday: Chicken fajita, rice, tortilla, salsa Thursday: Chicken fajita, rice, tortilla, salsa Friday: Chicken fajita, rice, tortilla, salsa

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day Monday: Italian pizza on a bun, American cheese, potato planks, condiments, cherries, peanut butter Tuesday: French fries, french onion rings Wednesday: Baked potato bar, long bread, fruit sticks Thursday: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Friday: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Saturday: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Sunday: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk

### KIMBERLY SCHOOL

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### MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: No school Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Thursday: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Friday: Chicken nuggets, rice, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk

### MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Hamburger, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Tuesday: Hamburger, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Wednesday: Hamburger, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Thursday: Hamburger, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk Friday: Hamburger, green beans, mixed fruit cup, fruit milk

### ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu: Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, toast, juice Tuesday: Cereal, toast, juice Wednesday: Cereal, toast, juice Thursday: Cereal, toast, juice Friday: Cereal, toast, juice

### ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: No school Wednesday: Cereal, orange juice, apple Danish Lunch menu: Monday: Cereal, apricots, warm bread Tuesday: No school Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, mixed green salad, ranch dressing, chicken powder, Rice Krispie bar Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich or potato bar or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy and fruit jelly, butter, jelly Friday: Hot sandwich or salad bar or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fried rice, french onion sticks

### TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: No school Wednesday: Cereal, orange juice, apple Danish Thursday: Cereal, orange juice, popovers Friday: Hot sandwich or salad bar or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fried rice, french onion sticks Lunch menu: Monday: No school Tuesday: No school Wednesday: Peppercorn pizza, seasoned green beans, popovers, chicken, rice, french fries Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, french fries, hot fruit jelly, angel biscuits, jelly, chocolate milk Friday: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, hot paper, bread sticks, chocolate milk

### VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday: Cheeseburger, ham, lettuce, pickle, French fries, popovers, oatmeal cookie Tuesday: Taco, bread sticks, pizza sauce, mixed salad, fresh fruit Wednesday: Spaghetti, meat, cheese, green beans, French roll, butter, popovers Thursday: Chicken nuggets, French fries, vegetables, hot roll, butter, chocolate chip cookie, lettuce, pickles, mixed fruit, cookie Friday: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, hot paper, bread sticks, chocolate milk

### TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day Monday: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Tuesday: Cereal, orange juice, popovers, french fries, hot roll, butter, chocolate chip cookie, lettuce, pickles, mixed fruit, cookie

### School lunch menus are prepared at a public restaurant to have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed and menu is Sunday's evening menu. Call menu on The Times-News, P.O. Box 543, Twin Falls, ID 83401 or call 733-5555 Attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for next day's menu.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Desert Sage Quilt Guild gets together this month

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the KMVY Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Charlotte Malin at 543-6169.

### Parents, friends of gays group gathers

TWIN FALLS - The Parents, Family and Friends of Gays and Lesbians meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Call Connie at 733-9172 or Dick at 324-8480.

### Living with Chronic Illness support group meets

TWIN FALLS - Living with Chronic Illness support group meets from 5:30-7:00 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Center for New Directions. The purpose of the group is to help people face the common mental, emotional, physical and spiritual issues of living with a chronic illness. The group also welcomes family and friends affected by chronic illness. For more information, call Jodie at 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or Barbara at 734-7394.

### Psoriasis support group gathers on third Tuesday

BUHL - A psoriasis support group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Buhl Moose Lodge, at 1101 Main St. Buhl. For more information, call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516.

### AARP chapter gets together at Office on Aging

TWIN FALLS - AARP, American Association of Retired Persons, Twin Falls Chapter 4352, meets at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho campus. For more information, call

### Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516 or Jackie Shaffer at 737-5035 or Grace Crawford at 733-5258.

### CSI offers Life Movements to improve body strength

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a non-credit Life Movements class from 12 p.m. Saturday in the gym aerobic room at CSI. Life Movements is designed to provide students with the knowledge to improve strength and tone using resistance tubing. Students will learn techniques to target upper body, lower body, abdominal and the back. The class is designed for the beginning to advanced exerciser. Students will take home the resistance tubing used in the class. Instructor Jaime Tighe has a masters degree in health/education and is a certified personal trainer and fitness instructor and a lifestyle and weight management consultant. The cost is \$25 plus a \$10 fee paid to the instructor for resistance tubing. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

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ENGAGEMENTS

LAWRENCE-IHLER

**TWIN FALLS** - Ray and Barbara Sabala of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Marie Lawrence, to Wayne Allen Ihlcr, son of Lowell and Carol Ihlcr of Kimberly.

Lawrence is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Everybody's Business in Twin Falls.

Ihlcr is a graduate of Filer High School and attended CST. He is employed by The Car-Store in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for March 10.



Regina Lawrence and Wayne Ihlcr

TOLMAN SCHULTZ

**RUPERT** - Wayne and Marlene Tolman of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Marla Diane Tolman, to Grant Allen Schultz, son of Robert and Georgia Schultz of Madison Lake, Minn.

Tolman graduated from the College of Southern Idaho in 1996 with an associate's degree in nursing. She is employed at Idaho Home Health and Hospice in Rupert as a registered nurse.

Schultz graduated from Northwest Electronic Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1981, majoring in computer and systems products. He is employed by Sierra Imaging as a senior electronic technician in Bloomington, Minn.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.



Grant Schultz and Marla Tolman

Saturday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Rupert LDS Stake Center.

The couple will reside temporarily in Rupert before relocating to Bloomington.

KOCH-THRALL

**HAZELTON** - Steve and Jennie Koch of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Marie Koch, to Casey Johnson Thrall, son of Ted and Marylou Thrall of Burley.

Koch is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at Hub Plaza in Burley. Thrall is a 1999 graduate of Declo High School. He is employed by Eastern Idaho Railroad in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert



Casey Thrall and Melissa Koch

Christian Church. A reception to honor the couple will be held Saturday evening at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

AUFDERHEIDE-COON

**TWIN FALLS** - Gary and Linda Aufderheide of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Penni Shari Aufderheide, to Kevin Paul Coon, formerly of Livingston, Mont.

Aufderheide is a music teacher at Filer Middle School. Coon is employed at Hudson's Shoes in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Reformed Church in Twin Falls.



Kevin Coon and Penni Aufderheide

Here comes the bride; there goes the food

**DEAR ABBY:** My older sister (age 18 1/2) was treated to a lavish wedding and reception courtesy of our parents. As a favor to my mother, her cousin - a caterer - catered the wedding for free.

When my father was on his way home to change my infant brother's diapers (during the wedding madness, no one brought any), my sister and her new husband packed up all the finger sandwiches and most of the remaining food at the reception and left to spend their honeymoon in their new apartment. When my father returned to the reception, he was outraged to discover that the food was gone, and embarrassed by my sister's behavior in front of her guests who were trying to enjoy themselves without any food.

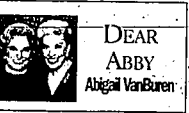
Dad drove to my sister's apartment and demanded the food and an apology.

My sister says it was "her" wedding and, therefore, "her" food. She won't forgive my father for disturbing her on her honeymoon. My father is sore at my sister for being so thoughtless, thankless, greedy and selfish as to take the food in the first place. Who is right?

**- HUNGRY IN PHOENIX**  
**DEAR HUNGRY:** Your father. To pack up the food from the reception before the wedding guests had finished eating was a major breach of good manners. If the newlyweds felt they needed fortification for their honeymoon marathon, they could have phoned a restaurant and had something delivered. Your sister owes her father and her guests an apology.

**DEAR ABBY:** Dad has been a widower for five years. Shortly after my mother passed away, he began dating women (girls, really) about 45 years younger than he is. He has spent more than \$20,000 on these girls - who quit calling after they get his money.

His house has been robbed three times, and it's a constant hassle to cancel his credit cards,



Abigail VanBuren

call the banks, etc., in the middle of the night after he discovers that someone has been in his house while he slept.

All precautions have been taken, locks changed, a motion-activated alarm installed in the hallway, but he's the one to blame.

He knew the latest girl who robbed him for only three weeks. He invited her into the house. She led him to believe she was going to stay the night with him, got undressed, and then told him she needed to tell the person who gave her a ride that she was staying.

She pretended she couldn't find her shirt, and when my father got out of bed to help her look for it, she grabbed his wallet and ran out of the house - topless. Her shirt was discovered later. Abby, how can I stop Dad from making such stupid mistakes? I've tried explaining what these women really were interested in, but it happens over and over. Please help.

**- WORRIED ABOUT DAD**  
**IN NEW MEXICO**  
**DEAR WORRIED:** You didn't mention how old your father is or what his mental capacity was before your mother's death, but it's possible that his ability to care for himself has diminished to the point where intervention is necessary.

Schedule an appointment with a doctor who specializes in geriatric medicine and discuss mental and neurological evaluations for your father. Since it appears that he has lost the ability to protect himself from being taken advantage of, also consider consulting an attorney with expertise in elder law about options for protecting your father.

RICHMAN-KAREL

**TWIN FALLS** - Jana Marie Richman and Cody J. Karel were married Dec. 29, 2000, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

Officiating was Jim Wright. Music was by the groom who sang to the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Burke and Ann Richman of Kimberly.

Parents of the bridegroom are Jerald and Nina Karel of Buhl.

Erika Richman, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Elizabeth Pack, cousin of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

Ushers were Jay Richman, Kyle Richman and Bryce Richman, brothers of the bride.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Jean and Keith Anderson of Ariv, and Sharon and LaVar Richman of Orem, Utah.

A reception was held Dec. 30, 2000.

Serving were RaDawn Pack, aunt of the bride, and Debby Brady, friend of the bride.

Gift attendants were Melissa Delpino and Jerusha Cox, friends of the bride.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of



Cody and Jana Karel

Kimberly High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Maxie's Pizza.

The bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Buhl High School and is attending CSI, majoring in premed. He is employed at Woodstone Heritage Retirement Home.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

TOLMAN-TORIX

**RUPERT** - Wayne and Marlene Tolman of Rupert announce the marriage of their daughter, Vicky Tolman, to Ben Torix, son of Alice Torix of Belgrade, Mont., and Terry and Jetton Torix of Nashville, Tenn.

Tolman is a 1990 graduate of Minico High School and a 1998 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Larry's Electric and Heating in Burley.

Torix is a 1989 graduate of Belgrade High School in Belgrade, Mont. He is employed by Arlo Lutt Trucking in Jerome.

The wedding was held Dec. 16



Vicky and Ben Torix in Rupert.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

THE LAMBS

**TWIN FALLS** - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lamb of Twin Falls will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday.

Lamb and Mable Clark were married Feb. 9, 1941, in Boise.

He served in the Navy aboard the USS Canberra during World War II. He was employed with Harris-Voeller Heaters in Jerome, Standard Oil in Boise, and Safeway Stores for 36 years in Boise, Payette, Buhl, Jerome, and Twin Falls before retiring in 1983. He was a member of the Buhl Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years.

She worked for Shields in Buhl, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance in Boise. The Buhl Herald, Asgrow Seed in Filer and the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital for 12 years before retiring in 1985.

The couple enjoys spending time with their family, taking organ lessons, being involved with the Twin Falls County Museum, and are members of First Baptist Church in Twin Falls.

Their children are Aleta (Lynn) Heard of Woodland, Wash., Brian (Margaret) Lamb of Pullman, Wash., and Robin (Curt) Strickland of Vancouver, Wash.

They have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Their family will celebrate the occasion with them in the summer.

Photos give glimpse of couples' lives

The Dallas Morning News

There's mystery in marriage, that unexplainable pull that brings two individuals together. Once bound by law, God or a simple commitment to each other, a couple in a good union often find that the threads of life weave them closer, allowing them to endure the storms throughout the years.

Look at an elderly couple and notice that one person resembles the other. Look at those mid-marriage and catch a trace of shared dreams, secrets and those threads that may have frayed almost to breaking point. Look at any couple who have weathered time and you can't miss the most obvious bond of all - the look of love.

It's something that photographer Mariana Cook has captured in her latest book, "Couples Speaking From the Heart" (Chronicle, \$49 hardcover, \$24.95 paperback). The fourth in a series, the book is full of photographs of couples whose stories of their lives together leap from their faces.

The photographs include the famous and the ordinary, the rich and the poor, straight and gay. There's even a self-portrait of Cook and her husband, Hans P. Kraus Jr. "What each shares is the ability to provide the briefest glimpse of the mystery that binds us together. It's really a theme of the book," says Cook. "Despite differences of age, gender, despite ethnic differences, everybody has the same concerns. Are they loved? Do they share interests? Are there shared values?"

On the page opposite the portraits, the couples speak for themselves, giving tips for happy marriages. But their words are second to the lessons they teach by simply posing. Cook has her subjects wear simple, dark clothing, items that disappear into the similar background. It's a formula she has used for her other books, "Fathers and Daughters," "Mothers and Sons" and "Generations of Women."

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Sometimes, even those who help themselves need help

There is a quote that reads "You can't choose all your circumstances, but you can choose to overcome them." I have a tendency to question the validity of this quote.

We are all born into different circumstances, certainly beyond our control. Some of us are born into affluence, some into poverty. Some are born with families that are close and loving, others are unwanted. Some are born healthy and strong, others with physical or mental abnormalities. To say that we can choose to overcome our circumstances may be a bit of a misstatement.

Certainly poverty is not going to be as serious a drawback as being born with an intellectual disability to overcome that problem. With enough intelligence people can lead a productive life even if they have physical disabilities. I have seen children overcome all kinds of difficulties throughout my years of teaching. But I have also seen those who have found it impossible to overcome their liabilities because they lack the ability to see how to solve problems that come their way.

A family comes to mind. Both parents work and they are good workers. But they have limited



AFTER CLASS  
Gay Petersen

education and limited capabilities, so their pay is minimal, and it takes all of their salary just to pay the bills. Should anything extra come up they simply do not have the money. They care deeply about their children, but are unable to help them with their schoolwork and have no hope of their children achieving more than they themselves have accomplished. These folks are good citizens - they try as hard as anyone could possibly try, yet they will never overcome their circumstances. The Magic Valley has a large number of families like this - one I have described. Everyone who reads this column undoubtedly will know a family who fits my description, where both parents work hard and do their best to raise a family in Spartan circumstances. Any government help they get, in my opinion, is, in most cases, well-deserved. "There, but for the grace

of God, go I" so to speak. Who are more privileged have often achieved those blessings by overcoming difficulties ourselves, but we should never forget that there are those who will be left behind, who will never achieve, who will live their lives forever on the edge because they are already doing the best they can with the talents they possess.

As parents, grandparents, teachers or just members of the community we should not necessarily help all of those who seek to overcome difficult circumstances, and we must never ignore those who, though they try their best, find it impossible to better their lives. Those who are inevitably entwined with our own, and we should appreciate the contribution these hard working folk make to society. I do not believe in helping those who are only takers, but I do believe in helping those who struggle daily to help themselves - to live, as they say, "quiet lives of desperation." They deserve our compassion, our concern and our help, never our disdain.

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Squirreling it all away: The hidden world of hoarders

The Washington Post

Nearly every square inch of the walls in Patricia Edwards' living room and virtually every surface - chairs, coffee table, love seat, piano - is covered with heaps of stuff. There are so many piles of junk mail, sheets of crumpled wrapping paper, 5-year-old newspapers still in their plastic sleeves, broken electric toothbrushes, stained brown grocery bags, yellowed receipts, old shopping lists - that it's hard to open the front door that overlooks a tree-lined street in Bethesda, Md. The only place left is a white leather sofa, reachable by a narrow path through the clutter. A thick layer of dust blankets the room, which hasn't been cleaned in 11 years.

The small kitchen is nearly impassable, its floor covered with ankle-deep piles of trash. Dirty dishes and empty food containers are heaped in the sink, obscuring the faucet. The stove and the counters disappeared from view long ago, buried under a foot of papers, bottles and other debris. Most of Edwards' meals consist of peanut butter spooned from a jar or yogurt retrieved from a refrigerator, so packed that its contents are hard to ascertain.

A narrow pathway down a dimly lit hall around a five-foot-high stack of old telephone books and past guest rooms too packed to enter, leads to Edwards' tiny bedroom. A riot of clothing spills out of closets and onto the grubby carpet; scuffed shoes stick out of a battered metal wastebasket. The sheets on Edwards' king-size bed have not been changed in at least four months: There's simply too much junk piled on the bed. She sleeps on a three-foot swath closest to the bathroom.

The surreal condition of Patricia Edwards' four-bedroom rambler is a reflection of her psychological malady, not her deficits as a housekeeper. Edwards is a hoarder, and her problem, which began in childhood, is impeding her health, jeopardizing her relationships with family and friends and making it impossible for her to lead a normal life.

She knows that most people, including her grown children, to whom she is close, don't understand why she saves almost everything she acquires or why she becomes acutely anxious at the prospect of throwing out things others discard without a second thought: junk mail, an empty CD case, decades worth of church programs.

"Discarding anything is a problem," said Edwards, who does "throw out smelly refuse, like banana peels." "People look at this mess and think, 'How could anybody let this happen?' I look around and I think, 'Oh my God.' I know in my head that I don't need any of it, but I just can't bring myself to throw it away."

At age 70, Edwards, a gregarious energetic, intelligent woman who sports fresh lipstick, clean clothes and well-tended nails, seems the embodiment of the term "active senior." She is active in several community groups, ushers at her church, travels abroad regularly, wears designer hats, a real estate agent and has many friends, some of whom date back nearly 50 years to her undergraduate days at Wellesley College.

But her hoarding, for which she has received several times therapy that proved ineffective, is getting worse. She spends frustrating hours searching for essential items, like her checkbook.

Her son and daughter have threatened to call the authorities or to send with a plumber. Her friends have repeatedly offered to help; several years ago she staged a surprise cleanup with disastrous results. Edwards doesn't dare call a repair person for a problem that is not urgent, fearing the fire marshal may be summoned.

So far, Edwards is stuck. She desperately wants to get better, but she's too terrified to let go, or to allow anyone else to do it. Why is that so hard?

Hoarding, a little-understood psychological malady, is not new - it has been documented as far back to ancient Egypt - but it is newly recognized as both a mental-health issue and a public-health problem.

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The tabloid press chronicled the discovery of their bodies and the excavation of their house, which contained 136 tons of junk. Among the things piled high were 14 grand pianos, the chassis of a truck, one of which rigged accidentally, entombing them.

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Visit your Social Security office

Q. My father has been incapacitated both mentally and physically since he suffered a series of strokes last year. My mother has been taking care of him at home with the help of me, my wife and friends from church. He and Mom both receive Social Security, he receives a small pension, and they get interest from some CDs. Mom and Dad have both signed powers of attorney, and Mom wants me to handle the finances for them. I am the only child. I have had no problem using the powers of attorney with banks, etc., but Social Security will not accept the powers of attorney and I can't understand why. Due to my work hours, I have not been able to get down to the Social Security office. I thought that a power of attorney would let me handle these matters by mail. How can I deal with this?



NEXT STEPS  
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

the past. If these procedures are followed, SSA cannot be held responsible for misused benefits.

Who can be appointed as a representative payee? Social Security will look to the applicant's relationship to and knowledge of the beneficiary. Even though SSA will give priority to a beneficiary's appointed legal guardian, spouse, parent, or other relative, in some instances, friends, institutions or social agencies may be chosen. If the beneficiary is able to express his or her choice, SSA should be notified. Except in rare instances, a beneficiary's creditors will not be appointed.

If a beneficiary does not want a payee appointed, he or she should contact Social Security and ask that any person seeking appointment be required to present evidence of the beneficiary's incapacity and the justification for the appointment.

Once appointed, the representative payee is required to use the benefits to assist the best interests of the beneficiary, including support, maintenance, and the cost of institutionalization. According to SSA regulations, the payee need not pay the beneficiary's prior debts unless the beneficiary's current and anticipated needs are met. If there is any surplus, it should be saved.

the beneficiary again becomes able to manage his or her benefits or that the payee has misused the benefits, Social Security has the discretion to terminate a payee and choose a new one.

Taking the Next Step: We suggest that you take the time to visit your local Social Security office to handle this situation in person. Based upon our experience with the Social Security personnel, we have found this to be a rather painless process despite the inconvenience of a face-to-face meeting.

Q. In an effort to spend down to qualify for Medicaid should I enter a nursing home, I gave \$35,000 to my only daughter two years ago. All I own is my home. I am 78 and a widow. My daughter promised to make the money available to me if I needed it. My home is in need of repair, but my daughter died a month ago and, when I went to my son-in-law to get some money, he refused to do anything for me. Is there anything I can do?

A. Probably not. By making what you clearly refer to as a "gift," you "let the strings" control the money, and the funds belonged to your daughter. When she died, her interest in those funds passed to her husband. This leaves you out in the cold. Giving away your money just in case you have to enter a nursing home is not a good idea unless it is part of a complete plan, which should only be provided by a qualified lawyer based on your circumstances.

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Some people pay taxes on Social Security

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Q. Are Social Security benefits taxable?  
A. About 20 percent of people who get Social Security have to pay taxes on their benefits. This provision affects only people who have substantial income in addition to their Social Security.  
Q. How can I get a replacement Medicare card?

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You can log onto Social Security's Web site at <http://www.ssa.gov> or call us at 1-800-772-1213. Make sure you have your Medicare number ready. You should receive your new card in about four weeks.  
Q. How can I find out if I have Medicare coverage?

A. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or contact your local office to verify your Medicare Part A and Part B coverage. This information can also be found on your red, white and blue Medicare card.

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