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# TABLETOP JOUST



Hugh Myers of Boise concentrates on his next move against his opponent Bill Mabry, also of Boise, in Saturday's 2001 Idaho State Chess Championship at the Weston Plaza in Twin Falls.

## 2001 Idaho State Chess Championship comes to Twin Falls

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A library would have been noisy by comparison. But within the silence, battles were planned and fought, wills were tested and hopes were realized or smashed.

Saturday, contestants in the 2001 Idaho State Chess Championship squared off, striving two-by-two to whittle the field of about 40 players down to only the very best.

**Eacker of Twin Falls.** During the first 90 minutes of each game, each player was allowed only 30 moves, he said. After that, the players were allowed another hour to finish the game.

As they stepped outside the conference room to review their game, Jim Wray of Filer said 13-year-old Karen Kohz of Mountain Home had proven to be a tough opponent.

## Finance ministers expect global economic growth

**PALERMO, Sicily** — Finance ministers from the world's richest nations expressed optimism Saturday that prospects for continued global growth remain good despite economic troubles in the United States and Japan.

Both U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, have said that the U.S. economy has ground to almost zero growth.

## Governor meets resistance to expansion of state payroll

**BOISE** — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's aggressive fiscal strategy has House tax cutters boosting the size of their tax relief package faster than legislative budget writers can check future spending hikes.

**Gov. Dirk Kempthorne** employees he proposed adding to the payroll this session.

# POWERFUL SAVINGS

**Interest surges in off-grid electricity sources, efficiency**

**SILVERTHORNE, Colo.** — Here at BigHorn Ace Hardware, down the aisle from the wingnuts and behind the coils of rope and chain, Don Sather thinks he has a fix for the nation's looming power crisis.



Don Sather, co-owner of BigHorn Center in Silverthorne, Colo., likes the fact that the retail complex, seen in the background, uses one-third less power than a conventional building of similar size.

## Power crisis puts future on fast track

Much like the fallout from the 1973 Arab oil embargo, the power crisis that is gripping California and looming over the rest of the country has sharpened focus on energy alternatives and efficiency of design. Architects for the future of power-hungry architecture, such as the visitor center at Zion National Park in Springdale, Utah, are getting a closer look from businesses and home builders. Here are some of the center's state-of-the-art, energy-saving features.

- Cooling tower** — During the summer, water is pumped over pads at the top of the tower. As the water evaporates, it cools the air. The most dense air then falls through the tower and exits at its base, cooling the building's interior and patio.
- Overhangs** — The roof extends over south-facing clerestory windows to block direct sunlight in the summer, when the sun is high in the sky, and allow for direct sunlight in the winter, when the sun is lower.
- Solar power** — Photovoltaic panels convert sunlight into power. Excess power is sold to the power company.
- Thermal mass floors** — Concrete floors absorb direct sunlight in the winter, store the heat and remain warm after the sun goes down.
- Trombe wall** — A southern-facing masonry wall 8 inches to 16 inches thick stores heat from sunlight during the day and conducts it inward slowly and evenly during night. The surface of the wall is coated with a dark, heat-absorbing substance. A sheet of glass a few inches away from the wall creates a space where heat is trapped. During the summer, the wall is shaded from the sun.
- Computer monitoring** — A computerized system detects when there is not enough natural light and activates energy-efficient electric lighting. The system also automatically closes windows when additional cooling and ventilation is necessary.

SOURCE: National Renewable Energy Laboratory

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

## IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:  
 High 50°  
 Low 5°  
 Bear Lake

## ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday  
 Temperature  
 High/Low 42°/25°  
 Normal High/Low 49°/31°  
 Record high 60° in 1977  
 Record low 3° in 1993  
 Precipitation 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday 0.00"  
 Month to date 0.54"  
 Normal month to date 0.54"  
 Year to date 0.02"  
 Month to date 1.52"  
 Humidity Yesterday at noon 92%  
 Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.12 in.  
 Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls  
 Grass Absent Weeds Absent  
 Trees Absent Mold Absent  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
☁ Clouds and limited sun; a sprinkles. ▲ 45°	☁ Partly cloudy. ▼ 25°	☁ A mixture of clouds and sunshine. ▲ 47° ▼ 32°	☁ There could be a few showers. ▲ 43° ▼ 28°	☁ Clouds mixing with sun. ▲ 45° ▼ 24°	☁ Mostly cloudy. ▲ 47° ▼ 28°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: A few flurries and sprinkles in the west this morning, then partly sunny this afternoon. Clouds and a couple of rain and snow showers in the east. Partly cloudy tonight.

Bols: Mostly cloudy this morning with a light shower of rain or snow, then a mixture of clouds and sunshine this afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: A mixture of clouds and sunshine today with a mild afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow; a rain or snow shower possible late in the west.

Northern Utah: A sprinkle or flurry in a few of the valleys today, while snow showers leave a couple of inches across the mountains. Partial clearing tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: Mostly cloudy this morning with a few sprinkles and flurries, then some sunshine this afternoon with a few more snow showers over the mountains. Partly cloudy tonight.

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:31 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight 6:14 p.m.  
 Moonrise today 4:46 a.m.  
 Moonset tonight 2:04 p.m.

Now First Full Last  
 Feb 23 Mar 2 Mar 9 Mar 16

## UV INDEX TODAY

0-1. Minimal; 2-3. Low; 4-6. Moderate; 7-9. High; 10+. Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

8 a.m. 10 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.
Atlanta	50	29	h	42
Baltimore	34	16	h	37
Birmingham	50	32	h	44
Chicago	30	24	h	28
Cleveland	29	21	h	38
Denver	52	27	h	33
Des Moines	32	30	h	28
El Paso	56	42	h	72
Fairbanks	21	0	h	12
Fargo	28	13	h	20
Houston	58	42	h	70
Indianapolis	32	26	h	37
Jacksonville	63	43	h	71
Kansas City	44	35	h	54
Las Vegas	62	45	h	66
Little Rock	47	34	h	59
Los Angeles	61	48	h	69



## REGIONAL CITIES

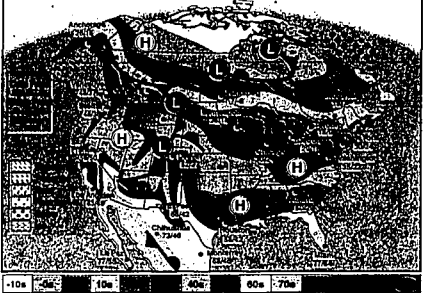
City	Today	Mon.	Hi	Lo	W	Mon.	Hi	Lo	W
Bolsa	46	28	h	48	32	h	45	29	h
Bonnara Ferry	38	29	h	42	25	h	39	22	h
Burley	46	30	h	48	30	h	45	27	h
Coeur d'Alene	36	26	h	40	22	h	36	20	h
Elko	44	24	h	44	26	h	41	23	h
Emery, OR	52	36	h	50	38	h	47	35	h
Hagerman	47	29	h	49	31	h	46	28	h
Idaho Falls	36	23	h	39	27	h	36	24	h
Katsopel, MT	33	26	h	37	18	h	34	20	h
Lewiston	48	34	h	48	34	h	45	30	h
Malden	40	28	h	43	31	h	40	27	h
Malta	27	13	h	18	4	h	15	1	h

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 89° in Miami Beach, FL Low -24° in Brainerd, MN

## REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are in degrees for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



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## Chess

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 her first tournament, explained her love of the game in simple terms.  
 "It's fun. I like it," she said.  
 At times, victory can be harder than defeat, she said.  
 "When I beat my friends, sometimes they feel sad."  
 Wray said he's been playing chess for decades and doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.  
 "It exercises the mind."  
 Eacker said that for hard-core players, chess indeed is totally engrossing and can be emotionally taxing.  
 "Chess is like being on another planet," he said. "It's the most wonderful game to win, and it's the most horrible game to lose."

Four hours of planning can go out the window with one blunder."  
 In recent years, nationally-sanctioned tournaments have become too expensive for many, Eacker said. And the convenience of playing over the Internet has also kept some players from traveling for face-to-face contests.  
 Even so, state tournaments such as Idaho's should be around for a long time to come, he said.  
 "The great thing is that anybody can win it. You can have a guy who is 85 as the winner, or you can have a child who is eight years old win the whole thing."  
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## Critics decry Pentagon's buying habits

The Dallas Morning News  
 WASHINGTON - Some of the V-22 Osprey's problems result from a Pentagon practice of buying military hardware before it is fully tested, according to its critics.  
 "The V-22's an example of 'buy before you fly,'" said Franklin C. "Chuck" Spinney, a civilian weapons engineer whose job at the Pentagon is to take a hard look at defense projects. "It's been in production for four years and it's just completed its operational tests."  
 The Marine Corps so far has purchased 10 production V-22s - two of which were destroyed in crashes last year. Two pre-pro-

duction models also crashed in the early 1990s. A just-completed 11th craft is sitting at Bell Helicopter Textron's new V-22 assembly plant in Amarillo, Texas, but can't be delivered because the Corps has grounded the entire fleet for now.  
 Yet officially, the Pentagon hasn't decided if it will even equip the Marines, Air Force and Navy with the unusual helicopter-airplane hybrid, which carries a \$7 million-per-copy price tag.  
 The first full-scale evaluation unit took place last November. It turned up hundreds of problems, though Bell says many related only to early craft and are now fixed.

## Payroll

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 about the veterans homes meeting the federal care standards only by hiring temporary nurses because the Legislature refused to authorize full-time additions to the payroll. With the shortage of skilled nurses, officials said the state is paying 20 percent or 30 percent more than it would for a permanent worker.  
 "We have a phobia," Bunderson said. "So many of you don't like to see the increases in state employees in the agencies, but it is in many cases cheaper to use full-time employees."  
 Human Resources Director Ann Heilmann also warned that excessive use of contract workers could also run the state afoul of federal labor and tax laws.  
 Kempthorne contends lawmakers are looking at it all wrong. The fact is, he told them in his budget address, the state had 14.2 employees for every 1,000 people in 1992 and just 13.6 for every 1,000 residents this year and last two. It could be even less in the new budget with the cutbacks already made.  
 Some manipulation of the payroll numbers, however, has been needed to keep the ratio in check.  
 Still, Whitlock said the proposed employee increase this year is 3.8 percent, matching the state's growth-in-private-nonfarm employment.  
 The fact is, he said, 176 of the new workers are needed to cover enrollment increases at the colleges. Another 157 are needed at the juvenile and adult correctional facilities. The Health and Welfare Department will hire 80 to comply with a court mandate for increased developmentally disabled services and replace contract workers. The veterans homes would take on 44, mostly nurses. Twenty-six would be added to the State Police, and the rest, about 150.  
 "We have created an artificial situation because of the political pressure to hold down full-time personnel," Bunderson said. "We need to understand some very important principles here."  
 He made a similar argument

## Power

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 performance could be reproduced almost any place where energy costs and demand are rising.  
 Photovoltaics, extra insulation, efficiency windows, radiant heating in the floor." Sather recites the store's design features.  
 "If we're not using all of our power, the meter runs backward and we sell it to the power grid," he said. "With a little tweaking, we should reduce consumption by 62 percent."  
 A year ago, America's SUV culture would have dismissed Sather as an eccentric bedfellow by thin mountain air. Renewable and alternative energy systems could never pay for themselves in a world glowing with cheap fossil fuels, right?  
 Today, Sather is an emerging hero. California's first planned blackouts since World War II and spiraling utility bills nationwide

have alarmed Americans about something that previous generations took for granted - affordable, reliable power.  
 The cornerstone of the nation's power supply remains the power grid. It gathers electricity from more than 3,000 generating stations and hurls it like thunderbolts along some 200,000 miles of high voltage transmission lines spreading like a spider web from the Pacific to the Atlantic.  
 Conventional power sources - oil, gas, coal and a diminishing extent, nuclear - are supplemented these days by some renewable sources such as huge hydropower dams and a growing number of wind-powered propeller "farms."  
 But increasingly, customers both large and small are turning to a variety of alternative technologies that use less power, or that generate their own electricity away from the grid in what's known as "distributed generation."

Cost once discouraged such talk. Grid power might be dirty and inefficient, but it was four to five times cheaper than, say, solar power.  
 Today, everybody's talking about reliability and security. According to some estimates, 20 percent of new power sources by 2010 will be distributed, not centralized.  
 "In a crisis, are you better off than the guy next door?" asks Paul Torcellini of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo.  
 "Bad things happen inside a factory when the power goes out. Belts fray, machines jam, products are damaged. Ask a manager if he would be willing to pay four times more for power if you could guarantee him that your technology wouldn't fail him."  
 New York City got the message. Fearing a summer power shortage, it is shoehorning 10 smaller generators into neighborhoods, bypassing aging transmission lines. They should yield 400 megawatts, or enough electricity to power 400,000 homes.  
 Smaller still are microturbines, which produce up to a megawatt apiece with very low emissions. At about \$35,000 per unit, as

many as 20 units can be clustered to provide off-grid power for individual businesses.  
 In Chicago, the Goose Island Beer Co. has purchased a "six-pack" of microturbines from Capstone Turbine Corp. Capstone shipped 24 microturbine systems in the fourth quarter of 2000 alone.  
 Why? Since mid-December, the brewery and the rest of the nation's food industry watched in angst as rolling blackouts forced California dairies to haul dump trucks of milk in wastewater ponds.  
 Beer spoils, too. A blackout during a Cubs baseball game this summer might force Goose Island to dump entire batches of its Honker's Pale Ale from its microbrewery near Wrigley Field.  
 "California has caused people to get off the fence and make decisions about their power future," said Capstone vice president Mark Kuntz.  
 Another alternative power unit, the fuel cell, has been powering NASA spacecraft since the 1960s. On the ground, fuel cells have been difficult to mass-produce.  
 A fuel cell makes electricity in a chemical reaction like a battery, but doesn't store it.

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**POWERBALL**  
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# Air strike order ends busy week

**Bush gets test as commander in chief**

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) - In his fourth week in office, President Bush marched across a military parade ground to the tune of "Hail to the Chief" on Monday, played video war games Tuesday, saluted citizens soldiers on Wednesday, and pledged on Thursday to build a "hemisphere of peace" with U.S. diplomats.

And then things got real, putting to a test his command of his new job: commander in chief.

In the middle of an eight-hour Mexican summit, the first foreign trip of his presidency, Bush received word Friday that U.S. warplanes had carried out his orders to strike Iraqi military sites. The busy day punctuated long-laid plans for "national security week" at the White House, and gave the nation its first glimpse of Bush at the switches that make America a superpower.

The events underscored Bush's discipline, renewed questions about his depth and tested his staff's ability to respond when caught off guard by the impact of his actions.



President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox talk at the Fox ranch in San Cristobal, Mexico, Friday. In the middle of the summit, Bush received word that U.S. warplanes had carried out a strike in Iraq.

Steven Wayne, professor of government at Georgetown University, said Bush took the action to warn Saddam Hussein, "I'm going to be tough." But the president was sending a signal to Americans as well.

"He was telling us in so many

words, 'Hey, I'm in command. I'm president. I'm commander in chief,'" Wayne said. "One of the things Bush has to do is show that he is the president, not Dick Cheney, and he was showing that."

Indeed, the vice president - a

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former defense secretary - kept a low profile Friday and his staff refused to provide details about his involvement in the decision to strike Iraq. Administration officials said they are sensitive to suggestions, which they call unjustified, that Cheney is the chief operating officer at the White House.

"It is a mission about which I was informed and I authorized," Bush said before leaving Mexico to spend the weekend at his Crawford ranch.

The president decided Thursday morning to give military commanders the go-ahead to strike Iraq once weather and other conditions were favorable. When he arrived in Mexico, aides said, Bush knew the strike was likely to take place before he finished the summit, but he did not know the attack's exact time.

His national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, knew the order had been given, but the strike was a surprise to a number of other senior advisers who are normally plugged into major presidential actions, officials said Saturday.

# Democrats fed up with Clinton

By Dick Polman  
Knight Ridder News Service

LOS ANGELES - Bill Clinton is starting these days in his own sequel to "Groundhog Day."

Every morning, Americans find themselves waking up to the same golden oldie.

The lyrics sound eerily familiar. Congressional investigations, a federal criminal probe, a passel of subpoenas, offers of immunity, intimations of shady deals in high places, and a contention by Clinton that the charges are "absolutely false" - coupled with a vow to cooperate with any inquiries that he defines as "appropriate."

And for all the Democrats who spent much of the '90s defending him, the Marc Rich pardon controversy is the worst possible way to usher in the George W. Bush era.

Bush era. Democrats who prefer to be united in loyal opposition to the new president, jousting with congressional Republicans on a broad range of issues. They would prefer to see the former president out on the hustings, nurturing a positive legacy and pumping millions of new donor dollars into party coffers.

Instead, they find themselves faced with yet another scandal, and this time they can't simply shrug it off as a private sexual matter as they did in 1998.



Bill Clinton

Many Democrats who see Clinton, or who kept silent then while he deceived top aides and allowed them to repeat those lies in public, are not cutting him any more slack. Many seem almost anxious to distance themselves from Clinton's last presidential act, crafted without consulting with federal prosecutors, to pardon a fugitive who has been described by his own biographer as "the most wanted white collar criminal in America."

Strategist David Axelrod, who is close to the labor movement, said: "It's hard to defend what appears to be indefensible. The pardon was a bad call, and this is a bad story for us. When we were planning strategy earlier in the winter, this is not the kind of thing we would have wanted to be dealing with in mid-February. We would have liked to have seen him leave the presidency basking in the warmth of his successes. So I'm sad to see his good works obscured by this."

Tom Pazzani, another party strategist, grumbled: "He seems determined to find new ways to

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spend his money on legal fees. It's amazing. I'm always willing to give people the benefit of the doubt, but this pardon seems so ill-considered."

Robert Borosage, a Washington activist with ties to the liberal Hollywood crowd, said: "This is a big distraction for us. Clinton has given fresh ammunition to the Republicans who chase him, and he's taking the focus away from Bush's shameful tax cut. It's sad for Clinton, indefensible for us, and people across the party are furious."

Clinton's friends feel somewhat differently. Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe said in an interview: "Clearly it's a distraction. I don't support the pardon. When all the facts are known, people may understand it better, but I'm not going to spend my time wondering if a pardon was right or not. Listen, we had eight great years under Bill Clinton and that's what I'd like to see him be remembered for. Now we've got to move forward."

But the problem, as many Democrats painfully acknowledge, is that Clinton may have given Clinton-haters a credible reason to look backward.

# Bush's first days marked with absence

New York Daily News

WASHINGTON - President Bush's first days in the White House have been marked by a striking absence: That of the first lady.

Laura Bush has spent more than two weeks of her husband's first month in office back in Texas, decorating the couple's new home on their sprawling ranch near Crawford.

She's expected back in Washington Sunday.

She missed the shooting scare Feb. 7, when a suicidal madman opened fire in front of the White House. She hasn't been around to decide whether she wants to use the Clintons' returned gifts or leave them in storage.

She did see her husband Friday night and Saturday, though, when he visited the ranch after a day trip to Mexico.

Historians said she's following a common pattern. Many first ladies have missed great chunks of their husbands' early days in office because they were setting up an alternative haven.



Laura Bush

# Atlantis astronauts pack to return home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts packed Saturday to return home following their successful pickup and installation of a billion-dollar laboratory to the international space station.

Atlantis is scheduled to land early Sunday afternoon at the Kennedy Space Center.

After dropping off the lab, the astronauts got hundreds of pounds of trash and unused equipment to bring back to Earth. They were pleased with the trade - and thrilled with how well everything went.

"I guess there's been some anticipation, and fear along with it, too, to do a good job and to get everything done," said commander Kenneth Cockrell. "And I guess we're very excited about having done that as well."

NASA expected the weather to cooperate for the landing, as long as a cold front passes through the area in time and does not leave low clouds in its wake. There was also a slight chance that gusts could shift and pose crosswind concerns.

After 15 weeks of nonstop work and worry, Cockrell and his crew enjoyed a quiet Saturday in orbit, one day after leaving space station Alpha.

Thanks to the Atlantis astronauts, Alpha now has a fourth room - the \$1.4 billion Destiny laboratory. It took all five crew members, and three spacewalks, to install the lab module. It also required the assistance of the three space station residents.

Shuttle astronaut Marsha Ivins said one of her fondest memories is of floating into the newly attached Destiny and seeing "this

amazing, white, clean, perfect, huge structure on the inside."

"We all became like, 'I don't know, sort of random-motion people for about the next six days,'" she said. "Every opportunity we got, we were in there literally bouncing off the walls."

Destiny, already in service as the new nerve center of the space station. Its computers are running fuel-free, motion-control gyroscopes. The switch from Russian thrusters saves fuel and gives the bulk of space station control to NASA, rather than the Russian Space Agency.

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# U.S. Navy locates fishing-boat wreckage

Deep-sea robot fails to find bodies of missing victims

HONOLULU (AP) — The wreckage of the Japanese ship Ehime Maru sits "almost upright" on the ocean floor 2,033 feet below the surface where it was struck by a U.S. submarine more than a week ago, the Navy said Saturday.

The 190-foot fishing vessel was located by a deep-sea robot late Friday night. None of the nine people still missing was seen in the wreckage.



The Navy, with the help of an unmanned submersible, Super Scorpio II, shown tethered to a support ship, has located the wreckage of the Japanese fishing boat, Ehime Maru, nine miles south of Oahu.

Whether the Ehime Maru is in a condition that would allow it to be raised intact could not be determined, said Jon Yoshizawa, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Anguished family members and the Japanese government have called for the ship's recovery, an operation experts say would be difficult and expensive.

Shizuko Kimura, younger sister of crew member Yoshinichi Furuya, said all she wants is for the United States to recover the bodies of the four high school boys, two teachers and three crewmen still missing.

"My brother is at the bottom with the Ehime Maru," she cried loudly at a news conference held Friday by family members. "I'm not asking you to bring him back

alive. So please bring back my brother's body to us.

"Promise us. Give us hope!" "It's your responsibility as human beings," said Masumi Terata, mother of 17-year-old Yusuke Terata. "If your blood is red, you'll understand our pain and sorrow."

The USS Greeneville, a 360-foot nuclear-powered submarine, was on a one-day mission Feb. 9 with 16 civilians aboard as part of a community relations program. Two civilians at key control positions were supervised by Greeneville crew when the submarine performed an emergency

surfacing drill, the Navy has said. As the 6,900-ton submarine surfaced, its rudder superstructure knifed through the hull of the 500-ton Ehime Maru, which sank within minutes.

The Navy's preliminary report on the accident said the maneuver was performed only because the civilians were on board, Honolulu television station KITV reported, quoting unnamed sources.

The report is being reviewed by Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Thomas Fargo, and was expected to be released in the next few days after consultation

with the Japanese government, Pentagon officials said.

The Navy barred civilians from submarines during such drills until the investigation is completed.

The relatives who spoke Saturday in Honolulu released a list of 31 questions they want the United States to answer, including who was steering the submarine and why the Greeneville crew did not "do their best" to assist survivors immediately after the sinking.

Navy officials have said rough seas prevented the submarine from taking the 26 survivors onboard. Within an hour, the Coast Guard rescued the surviving students, teachers and crew.

The Coast Guard extended its search for bodies at least through the holiday weekend. On Friday it added two cutters, a helicopter and a Navy plane to the sole Navy cruiser that had been searching the day before.

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# Police seek teen murder suspects

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Police around the country were asked to be on the lookout Saturday for two teen-agers charged in the murders of two Dartmouth College professors who were stabbed to death in their home.

Robert Tulloch, 17, and James Parker, 16, both of Chelsea, Vt., should be considered dangerous, authorities said at a news conference.

Both were charged as adults with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Hall and Susanne Zantop, whose bloody bodies were found in their home Jan. 27.

The two stabbed the popular professors "multiple times in the head and chest," Senior Assistant Attorney General Kelly Ayotte

said at a news conference.

Authorities refused to discuss how they identified the suspects, a motive or any connection between the boys and the victims.

Officials had said earlier they believed Zantops were killed by someone they knew or let into their home. Ayotte refused to discuss that, saying it was still under investigation.

Hanover is a close-knit college town of about 9,600 people just over the Connecticut River from Vermont, and Chelsea is a small town about 25 miles away. Many Hanover residents said they didn't lock their doors and never worried about their safety.

"I'd be very guarded about that until they have caught the

person and there is some solid indication this is the person who did it," said Audrey McCollum, a neighbor of the Zantops.

In Chelsea, Casey Purcell, a friend of Tulloch's, said Saturday that Tulloch and Parker left town in the days after the killings, then returned two or three days later. A few days after that, they disappeared again, said Purcell, a senior at Chelsea High School.

Purcell said Tulloch told him the pair were trying to go rock climbing in Colorado, but had to return because Tulloch had a cut on his leg that became infected. Tulloch said he cut his leg on a maple tree sap bucket while walking in the woods, Purcell said.

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# Resolution

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 District, Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc., and The Times-News is the Blue Cross PPO.  
 "It's been popular. This past year we've put a lot of people on it. They've really liked it," said Debbie Hetherington, an insurance broker and certified employee benefits specialist with McDonald InsurServ in Twin Falls. "We hope it succeeds."

Seastrom Manufacturing does, 100-4-business-287-people employees and family members - through the PPO. The company has participated in meetings with other employers, Blue Cross and physicians on behalf of Seastrom employees, said Carl Johnson, Seastrom's human resources director.

Doctors and physicians in the Magic Valley Health Network agreed to re-enter into the negotiations, said Tony Burns, executive director of the network. At this point, physicians' groups who have either left the PPO or plan to leave include the Physician Center, Southern Idaho Medical Group and Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

The Magic Valley Health Network is an independent physicians' association that informs doctors about the impacts of managed care contracts. Legally, individual doctors must decide whether to follow the network's advice.

Most Twin Falls physicians, between 70 and 80 are network members, Burns said. A number of these physicians offer services in Burley, too.

It's tough to pin down how many doctors are leaving the PPO.

Tracy Andrus, senior vice president of marketing and provider services for Blue Cross, said it would be premature to say how many Twin Falls doctors are leaving, because negotiations are continuing. At least 60 percent of doctors in Twin Falls belong to the PPO. Nationwide the average PPO has participation from between 40 percent and 60 percent of an area's physicians.

### Uncertainty for employers

In the meantime, employers are left with uncertainty.

Twin Falls School District employees can choose from three health-care plans - a traditional plan, the PPO and an HMO. Employees can change their plans just once a year, but that option reopened again this winter because of the dispute between physicians and Blue Cross.

Employees have been choosing, betting on whether their doctors would stay in the PPO or HMO, said Linda Baird, the school district's spokeswoman.

"It's kind of a moving target. The information we have been receiving is changing on a fairly regular basis as far as what doctors are staying with the particular plans," Baird said.

Out of the school district's 627 employees, 260 have used the PPO or HMO.

The city of Twin Falls switched from a traditional 20 percent co-payment plan to the PPO in October, said Susan Harris, the city's human resources director. With the city's new plan, employees who see non-participating physicians make a 30 percent co-payment.

"They will need to make the decision whether to change to a physician who is a PPO provider or they will have to pay a higher fee," Harris said.

The city insures 207 employees.

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**What's your story?**  
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Together with their families, about 550 people are insured through the city. The city pays an average of \$4,152 in health insurance premiums per employee each year.

The city wanted to join the PPO until it was convinced enough doctors were in the program. That was last fall - before doctors started pulling out.

### Control - and cost

It's a control and cost issue, but at this point it's mostly a control issue, said Dr. William Fitzhugh, chairman of the Sawtooth Surgery Center.

"My biggest problem is intrusion with the doctor-patient relationship," he said.

Doctors want to be able to do what is best for their patients, he said. They don't want to fight insurance companies to prescribe the care patients need. Fitzhugh said the PPO is a step toward managed health care once managed health care starts, it's hard to stop.

Burns said patients automatically assume the issue is about money for doctors.

"It's not because it will affect their bottom line. It's because they don't want a health plan to be able to dictate how they practice medicine," he said.

Blue Cross said it doesn't determine what medical services are provided.

"Blue Cross of Idaho does not make medical decisions. We make coverage decisions," said Lisha Bridges, Blue Cross spokeswoman.

But by managing benefits, Blue Cross influences patient care, Burns said. If a doctor thinks a patient needs an expensive procedure, the physician must choose between putting a financial burden on the patient and prescribing care the patient needs.

In most managed-care cases, patient care changes because doctors must see more patients to make up for reduced fees, Burns said.

### Doctor participation

Blue Cross says the issue in Twin Falls resulted after it changed the way it reimburses physicians in the PPO. Physicians requested a published fee schedule. Blue Cross provided one, and that changed reimbursement rates, Andrus said.

Specialists such as orthopedic surgeons saw reductions, while primary care providers saw increases. So Andrus questions why primary care providers are leaving the PPO.

But Burns what kind of a real increase primary-care providers will see.

Throughout the state, Blue Cross says it has attracted more physicians to the PPO since it changed the fee schedule. But the Idaho Medical Association says physicians throughout the state are disheartened with the new reimbursement charges, and other doctors in Idaho have dropped the Blue Cross PPO.

The difference is that in Twin

Falls, Blue Cross is losing the scope of its provider network, Burns said. A similar scenario played out in 1999 when doctors statewide were upset with changes made by Regence BlueShield of Idaho. Doctors requested a published and consistent fee schedule, said Georgette Benjamin, BlueShield's spokeswoman. Primary-care providers saw increases in reimbursements and some specialists saw decreases.

As a result, some doctors left BlueShield's network, but Benjamin said 90 percent of doctors remain, statewide and in the Magic Valley. In the Magic Valley, orthopedic surgeons, gastroenterologists and general surgeons are not in BlueShield's network, which is similar to a PPO.

Bob Seehusen, chief executive officer of the Idaho Medical Association, said physicians had received 2 percent to 3 percent increases a year, and sometimes an increase at all in reimbursements from insurance carriers. It has gotten to the point where some physicians' fees are similar to Medicare levels and in some cases even lower, he said. Physicians don't make money and even lose money with Medicare reimbursements, he said.

### Rising health care costs

At issue for employers is the rising cost of health benefits, which are going up in some cases by about 15 percent a year, in other cases by even more.

"The PPO is one of the few alternatives to control their rate of increases," said Ron Osborne, president of the Boise benefits consulting and brokerage firm Western Benefit Solutions, which has clients in Twin Falls.

Even with the PPO, premiums go up, but the hike is kept at less than 10 percent per year.

Forces driving increased health-care costs include new and expensive technology, an aging population, more and better pharmaceuticals, and new advertising that encourages patients to ask for more expensive name-brand prescription drugs, Osborne said.

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Both Blues report that their administrative costs are at or below 10 percent. For every dollar spent on health care, about 90 cents goes to health care and the remainder to the Blues' administrative costs.

BlueShield of Idaho spent about \$40 million on administrative costs

in 1999 - 9 percent of its \$436 million in expenses. In 1999, Blue Cross' total expenses were about \$337 million. Blue Cross says its operating expenses are at or below 10 percent.


The non-profits have expenses for administrative costs, physicians' fees, hospitals, and pharmaceuticals.

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NATION



A member of the Palestinian-Iraqi Support Committee burns a portrait of President Bush Saturday during a gathering to denounce U.S.-British air strikes against Iraq in the West Bank town of Nablus.

# U.S. invasion of Iraq brings condemnation

**Air strikes may hinder support of Bush administration**

*Knight Ridder News Service*

WASHINGTON - The U.S.-led air strikes near Baghdad provoked outrage Saturday that could make it harder for the Bush administration to build international support for a get-tougher policy toward Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The largest air attack against Iraq in more than two years brought condemnation and criticism from countries around the world, including France, once a key member of the U.S.-led coalition that won the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"These operations maintain a tension that is damaging the implementation of a mutually agreed solution to the Iraq problem," the French Foreign Ministry said in a statement issued Saturday.

The United States said the attacks were necessary to eliminate air defense systems that increasingly threatened U.S. and British planes enforcing a U.N.-decreed no-fly zone in southern Iraq.

The air strikes and the reaction they provoked highlight a dilemma for the United States as it prepares to mark the 10th anniversary of the Gulf War that ended with the liberation of Kuwait from Iraqi invaders. While the Bush administration is convinced that Saddam poses a serious threat to peace in the world's main oil-producing region, support for containing him

is eroding. Saddam has exploited the recent Palestinian uprising against Israel to re-establish diplomatic ties with Baghdad since September in violation of U.N. sanctions.

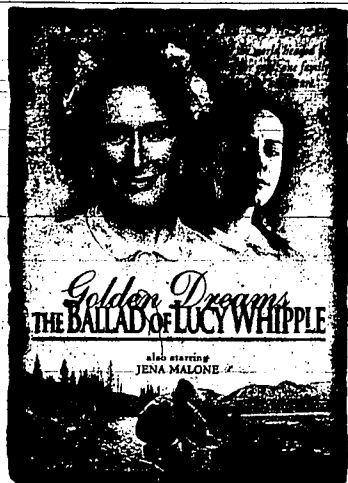
Western diplomats say that illicit trading, including Iraqi oil smuggling through Syria, Turkey, Jordan and the Persian Gulf, is earning Saddam up to \$2 billion a year that he can use to keep his grip on power and develop weapons of mass destruction.

In the face of the slowly collapsing sanctions, the Bush administration is trying to come up with a new approach that can win back allied support. The approach would ease some sanctions to accelerate Iraq's economic recovery and end shortages of food and medicine. But it also involves toughening responses whenever Saddam challenges the military terms of his surrender.

"We are constantly looking at ways to make it possible for us to be assured that there are no weapons of mass destruction (in Iraq), at the same time do it in a way that does not hurt the Iraqi people," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday at the United Nations.

The effort, which is being closely coordinated with Britain, will require the cooperation of European and moderate Arab nations. Yet Friday's raids angered many governments only days before Powell begins talks with them on the new Iraq strategy.

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## NATION

## Clinton ignored CIA in pardoning intelligence analyst

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton ignored a recommendation from the CIA last month when he pardoned former Navy intelligence analyst Samuel L. Morison, the only government official ever convicted of leaking classified information to the media.

While Clinton's pardon of former CIA director John M. Deutch

caught CIA officials by surprise, the president solicited advance comment from the agency on the possibility of pardoning Morison, who leaked three secret spy satellite photographs to Jane's Defence Weekly in 1984. But Clinton ultimately disregarded the agency's position and approved a pardon application Morison submitted to the Justice Department more than two years ago.

"We said we were obviously opposed — it was a vigorous 'Hell, no,'" said one senior intelligence official. "We think giving classified information to people who are unauthorized to receive it is a bad thing to do, and giving pardons to people who are convicted of doing that sends the wrong signal to people who are currently entrusted with classified information."

The Senate Select Committee

on Intelligence this week launched an inquiry into both intelligence-related pardons, asking CIA Director George J. Tenet in a letter whether he or anyone else in the U.S. intelligence community had advance knowledge that Clinton was considering pardoning either Deutch or Morison.

Sen. Richard C. Shelby, R-Ala., the committee chairman, expressed particular concern

about Clinton's decision to pardon Deutch without informing federal prosecutors, who had just finished negotiating a plea agreement with the former spy chief over the mishandling of classified information on insecure home computers.

The agreement — nullified by the pardon — called for Deutch to plead guilty to a misdemeanor for the retention of classified information and to pay a \$5,000

fine. It remains unclear whether Deutch asked for a pardon or whether Clinton acted on his own.

After Clinton issued 176 pardons and commutations Jan. 20, his last day in office, Shelby and Rep. Porter J. Goss, R-Fla., chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, sharply criticized the Deutch and Morison pardons.

## Bush faces hurdles with his tax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hardening partisans lines, balking Republican moderates and an evenly divided Senate are creating major hurdles for President Bush as he tries to muscle his proposed \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut through Congress.

Lawmakers are on a President's Day break until Feb. 26 and the first votes on the core of Bush's economic plan are probably weeks off. That gives GOP leaders time to pressure their mavericks into line.

They should succeed in the House, where Republicans have a 10-seat majority and the chamber's rules severely limit the minority's power.

But in the Senate, where the split is 50-50 this year and Vice President Dick Cheney can break ties, Bush and his GOP allies have to find the 50 votes first.

"It's very hard," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., lamented last week.

Domenici told reporters his vote count showed "there are between 47 and 49 that are absolutely committed, and we're still working."

There remains no doubt that Congress will approve a sizable tax reduction this year, which would be a major victory for the new president. Democratic leaders have endorsed a \$750 billion reduction.

Bush is optimistic.

"Amid growing concern over the economy and high energy costs, we're seeing a good deal of bipartisan agreement that now is the time to reduce the tax burden and slow the growth of government spending," he said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

During a visit to Mexico on Friday, Bush predicted Congress would approve a tax bill "at the level I think it ought to be."

Even so, Domenici's committee is divided 11-11 between the parties and he may not be able to muster a majority vote required to push a budget resolution through committee.

The budget sets the maximum size of the tax cut, with the details and actual enactment left for later legislation.

But the budget outline passed by Congress is controversial because it contains language that would shield the tax bill from a filibuster — a procedure Democrats could use to make Republicans get 60 votes instead of 51 to pass the measure to the White House.

The Senate Budget Committee's inability to approve a budget would be embarrassing but not a big problem. Under a rarely used procedure, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., could simply bring a GOP-written budget to the Senate floor for debate after April 1.

"The when the hunt for votes will become serious. Budget resolutions themselves cannot be filibustered, so 50 votes will be the key.

Democrats overwhelmingly oppose Bush's plan, saying it siphons off almost the entire projected federal surplus for a tax cut weighted toward the rich.

"If President Bush's plan passes, our country will not be able to meet the challenges of better health care for families, better schools and retirement security," Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, the senior Democrat on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said Saturday in his party's weekly radio address.

"His plan will undermine national defense to pay for excessive tax cuts for those in the upper brackets. I also believe it will ultimately result in cutting Medicare benefits because it will divert funds from the Medicare trust fund to pay for his tax cut," Rangel said.

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# Mir station readies for plunge

**Newsday**  
The Mir space station, a faded symbol of a once-prosperous Soviet space program, is being readied for a fiery plunge into the remote South Pacific after 15 years aloft.  
If all goes well, at least two-thirds of the huge orbital complex, which weighs about 135 metric tons, will burn up sometime next month on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.  
But specialists said recently that as many as 40 metric tons of material could survive the flaming re-entry and splash down in a debris "footprint" that could be 1,000 miles long and dozens of miles wide.  
While the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has no direct role

in bringing down Mir, the U.S. agency will be watching the event closely for lessons on how large space structures behave as they plunge from orbit.  
NASA eventually will have to manage a similar feat when it brings down the International Space Station, a much larger successor to Mir that is now under construction in orbit.  
U.S. and Russian officials have said they expect Mir's controlled plunge into waters some 2,000 miles east of New Zealand to go without a hitch, but there are no guarantees.  
If the main thruster of the attached cargo vessel that will push Mir out of orbit fails to fire long enough or if the complex tumbles in unpredictable ways as it enters the atmosphere, experts said, pieces of station

debris could strike hundreds of miles off target, perhaps even hitting land.  
Still, the general risk of being harmed by a piece of spacecraft debris is minuscule, according to William Ailor, director of orbital and re-entry debris studies for the Aerospace Corp. in El Segundo, Calif. "The chances are small," he said; about 1 in a trillion by one estimate. For comparison, the risk of being hit by lightning is about 1 in 1.4 million.  
"Re-entry risk estimates are supported by the fact that, over the last 40 years, more than 1,400 metric tons of materials are believed to have survived re-entry with no reported casualties," according to a narrative posted by Ailor's group on Aerospace's Web site.

# New Black Panther Party leader dies

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) - Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a black militant known for harsh rhetoric about Jews and whites but revered as a heroic revolutionary by his followers in the New Black Panther Party, died Saturday after a brief illness.  
"Minister and Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad has made his transition to the ancestors," party spokesman Malik Zulu Shabazz

said at a news conference outside Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, where Muhammad had been taken earlier in the week.  
He would not say how the 53-year-old Muhammad died, saying only that it was of "natural causes." Muhammad, who split his time between New York and Atlanta, had shown no sign of illness before he was hospitalized Tuesday, he said.

Citing the wishes of Muhammad's family, the hospital would not release any information about him, spokeswoman Elaine Morgan said Saturday.  
Shabazz was surrounded by some of Muhammad's family and eight party members wearing black uniforms, combat boots and berets. They chanted "Black Power!" and "Long live Khalid Muhammad!"

# Two firefighters die battling blaze

ASHTON, Ill. (AP) - Two volunteer firefighters were killed and four others were injured battling a house fire early Saturday, according to officials.  
Seven volunteer fire departments responded to the morning

fire, which began in the basement of a house in the Lee County community. The fire spread throughout the building, and the first floor of the house apparently collapsed into the basement, according to fire offi-

cial.  
It was not immediately known how the firefighters were killed.  
The residents, believed to be a woman and her 30-year-old son, were not injured. Their identities were not released.

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# Boat with Kurds runs aground off France

**SAINT-RAPHAEL, France** — A boat carrying more than 700 people, most of them Iraqi Kurds, ran aground Saturday off the coast of southern France during what officials said was a large immigrant smuggling attempt.

Officials evacuated 732 passengers from the boat — which came to a stop about 20 yards from the shoreline at Boulouris beach, between the town of Saint Raphael and the French Riviera resort city of Nice, said Marc Petit, a spokesman with the regional police headquarters.

Nine people were hospitalized, including a 2-day-old baby and his mother, though none were seriously hurt, according to the Ministry for Labor and Solidarity, which oversees health and workers' issues.

Officials said they believed the vessel was deliberately beached. It was unclear how many passengers were originally on the boat and evaded authorities by swimming ashore when the boat ran aground in the early morning darkness, Petit said.

## Nineteen people die in violence in Algeria

**ALGIERS, Algeria** — Attackers thought to be Islamic militants ambushed government troops in western Algeria, prompting clashes that killed 13 soldiers and six militants, media reported Saturday.

The soldiers were combing the woods for militants near Sidi Bel-Abbes, 279 miles west of Algiers, on Thursday when they were attacked by a group of about 100 people, Liberte daily reported.

Algeria's army has been searching for militants who refused an offer of partial amnesty, a bid by the government to end a bloody, nine-year insurgency.

## Far-right party polls strongly in state election

**BRISBANE, Australia** — The anti-immigration One Nation party polled up to 20 percent in some constituencies in Queensland state elections Saturday while the ruling Labor party swept back to power with a landslide victory.

Rob Borbidge, leader of the conservative coalition opposition, conceded defeat with just over 75 percent of the vote counted.

"I would like to take this opportunity to extend to (Labor leader) Peter Beattie and his government my sincere congratulations on what has been an outstanding victory," Borbidge said, announcing that he would quit politics.

## Armed men kidnap engineers, demand ransom

**CHITTAGONG, Bangladesh** — Gunmen have kidnapped one British and two Danish engineers in Bangladesh and are demanding a ransom of \$1.6 million, police said Saturday.

Armed men abducted Tim Selby of Britain and Danes Darban Michelson and Neil Farrgrand on Friday as they were driving along rugged hills in the country's southeastern Chittagong Hill Tracts, police said. The men were surveying the area for construction of a road funded by Denmark.

The kidnapers freed David Weston, another British engineer in the group, and their Bangladeshi driver, Abdul Motaleb.

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Selby comes from the Manchester area, the British Foreign Office said in London. The hometowns of the others were not immediately known.

The hostages are believed to have been taken deep inside the jungle, deputy police chief Nazrul Islam said in a telephone interview.

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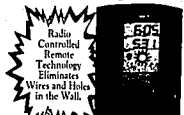


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## EDITORIAL

### Tax-supported TV should remember who pays bills

Idaho Public Television is a teenager who'd like to leave home but can't. The message from state legislators is trite but true: As long as you live under our roof...

Three recent news items prompt this observation. The first was a report that concluded IPTV probably couldn't survive without state help.

The second was a statewide forum in which testimony overwhelmingly endorsed continuing state support.

The third was yet another programming skirmish between IPTV's management and conservative legislators.

The obvious conclusion from this flurry of events is that the relationship between IPTV and the state probably will endure - and so may the fiction.

The latest legislative flare-up, unlike the previous two, involves heterosexuality. A recent "Masterpiece Theater" episode featured a passionate love scene. Though hidden beneath a sheet, the actors' copulatory thrashing was unambiguous.

Called on the carpet by conservative state senators, station boss Peter Morrill offered the "everybody's doing it" defense. The decision to air the program complied with industry standards, he said.

Sen. Robert Lee of Rexburg retorted: "Frankly, I don't give a damn about industry standards. I care about community standards, and that's what we should be following."

Lee is exactly right. The prevailing "standards" of American television constitute a headlong dash for the sewer. While the networks' dish out "Temptation Island" and the XFL cheerleaders, it is too much to ask that taxpayer-supported TV offer a safe

haven of family-friendly viewing? In that statewide forum two weeks ago, Stephani Serrano of Twin Falls testified: "Public television is really a great thing. Please don't take it away from us."

We'll second that sentiment. Public TV truly is a great thing, offering a class of programming unmatched on commercial channels. Where else can viewers find the Ken Burns documentaries, Mister Rogers, or "The Antiques Roadshow"?

On the other hand, commercial TV suffers from no shortage of steamy love scenes. Idaho viewers don't need more on their lone public channel.

In a perfect world, state government wouldn't be in the television business at all. But as long as public TV depends on taxpayer

*As long as public TV depends on taxpayer support, its managers will be answerable to legislative budget writers.*

support, then Morrill and his employer, the State Board of Education, will be answerable to legislative budget writers.

The state board's vote against privatization last week was probably inevitable, given the fiscal realities. But an escalating showdown over program content is not inevitable. Idaho Public Television would be foolish to continue airing programs that invite legislative wrath. Conversely, state lawmakers have nothing to gain from national publicity over a censorship fight.

No one wants politicians micromanaging public TV content. But so far, the demands have not been onerous. Don't show sex scenes. Don't broadcast programs that sanction homosexuality.

Surely Idaho Public Television can learn to abide by such modest commandments. As long as it lives under the taxpayers' roof, it has little choice.



### Don't divide water users prematurely

Recently, The Times-News editorialized about what it believes to be a pretty good plan to manage Idaho's water on the Snake River Plain Aquifer in what it acknowledged to be "not the best of times" in a scarce water year. This is our response.

The Eastern Snake River Plan Model is important to agriculture in the Magic Valley. It is important to surface water users; it is important to ground water users; it is important to farm communities, rural agricultural areas and urban areas whose economies depend on agriculture all across the Eastern Snake River Plain. The model is important to Idaho. It is important to have a definitive study using current technology that provides the state and its water users with current information about the aquifer.

As important as this issue is, it is unfortunate that The Times-News has prematurely chosen sides in what the paper terms a water dispute between surface and ground water users on the Snake River Plain. I always thought a newspaper has the responsibility to be objective, impartial and fair, especially on an issue that has such far-reaching impact on the economic viability of the area and when that issue could be so potentially divisive to the community.

Why is both surface and ground water users important? Across the Snake River Plain, there are approximately 1,579,000 acres of irrigated land. 860,000 acres is ground water and 718,000 is surface irrigated. Many farmers across the Eastern Snake River Plain, including the Magic Valley, are both surface and ground water users, and all of those farmers contribute to the economic well-being of the community. The Times-News is saying that surface water use is more important based solely on the senior water rights.

**READER COMMENT**  
**Lynn Tominaga**

Why is the model important? The present ground water model is 20-plus years old. It was calibrated to one water year (1980) and does not account for both wet and dry periods; it does not take into account that aquifer-riparian connections are dynamic and dependent on ground water levels, nor are all the assumptions made correct based on more current information.

The Times-News says, "A good plan executed right now is far better than a perfect plan executed next week." Is it a good plan? What if ground water pumping (those "giant straws," according to The Times-News) is not "in just those senior water rights? What if due to efficiencies in both systems, there is enough water for all water users? No water rights are going unfilled at this time. Until the model is adjusted to be more accurate and sensitive to the connection of groundwater to surface, the result could be putting junior water rights out of business when those irrigators might not be impacting surface water users. What will be the impact on the community if those water rights are turned off unnecessarily?

In the Upper Snake River Basin study, Karl Dräher, director of Idaho Department of Water Resources, notes that some who review the current information will say that it can be used to determine and quantify the impact ground water use is having and that others will say it cannot be used with certainty. In the report's epilogue, he states, "In

my judgment, the truth falls between these bounds." The Eastern Snake River Plain Model needs to be adjusted; it needs to be recalibrated and reformulated to help everyone involved make better decisions with better information. The study needs to be funded by the state Legislature. Ground water and surface water users need to complete the negotiated rule-making on "Water Management Rules." The ultimate solution will be to work out our differences.

The Idaho Ground Water Appropriators represents more than 750,000 acres of ground water. We are working to resolve this issue because most farmers are not just surface water or just ground water users. They are both. What we don't need is a misinformation newspaper creating controversy when we should be working out our differences. We should all be working to find solutions to this water issue instead of printing an editorial that has the potential of driving a wedge between the irrigators.

Once the study is completed, once the negotiated rule making is completed, and if we can't find a solution, then we can choose sides and air our differences in a public forum. Everybody wins if we try. More than half the community loses if we don't. But maybe half a community is enough for The Times-News.

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## LETTERS

### Let's take care of our elders

Our elders need attention! As guardian for two seniors at two separate care centers, I visit them frequently and my heart breaks when I see so many of our elderly sitting, waiting, desperately needing a hug or someone to chat with, someone who will just take the time to acknowledge their existence.

The situation reminds me of the story about a family who had to adjust to their elderly Dad living with them. He was feeble, his eyesight was fading, and he walked with a cane. He would spill food on the table and occasionally a glass would fall from his shaking hand and break. The son and wife tired of the mess Dad made and sat him at a table in the corner of the room, placing his food in a wooden bowl so he wouldn't break any more dishes. One day, the son came home to find his 8-year-old playing with wood scraps on the floor and asked him what he was making. The little boy said, "Oh, I'm making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food when I grow up." It wasn't long before Dad was back at table with the family and it didn't seem to matter much more that he spilled food or occasionally broke a dish.

Was it that long ago when families arranged their homes to accommodate elderly members? There was always someone nearby to keep watch, visit and tend to immediate needs. Now it seems we turn to Office on Aging, Senior Companions and nursing homes to do our job for us.

Scripture tells us to honor thy father and mother. For the elderly, this means time. So many folks are looking for ways to work for the Lord yet they miss the mark of what God is expecting of them. Taking care of our seniors by using one's time to be with them is as essential to the well-being of the community as clothing the naked or feeding the poor.

How did we ever become so "busy" that we cannot care for these lonely souls who want only to be loved? They have been made to feel "in the way," a "burden," "bothersome." I believe it's time to put some of our "busy-ness" aside and get back to the basics of family. After all, this is a family if not all members tending to the needs of each other?

JEAN THOMPSON  
Jerome

### We should welcome Hispanics

Hispanics come from an expansive and intimate culture, and some have chosen to make Mini-Cassia their home. Out of pride as much as affection, Hispanics chose to remain connected to their heritage. It is this celebration of the different heritages that has made America the land of opportunity and the realization of dreams come true. Immigrants come to this area with the dream of improving their lives. Many leave their homeland reluctantly, and they come out of pleasure but out of necessity. Now it appears that the dream is no longer sure that economic strength derives from farm labor, and Mini-Cassia is no longer sure that there is space enough to sustain the homes of the land. In this new millennium, I ask you, have we made no advances in our community relations?

Mr. Evans, when you make negative remarks about individuals, you drive a wedge between the hard-working Hispanic leaders who have worked very hard to promote unity and harmony between the different cultures. Mr. Evans, we need to celebrate our differences and embrace our commonality; the business world calls it progress.

No matter how many barriers are placed or how many statements and arguments are made, the community will change even as each one of us will change. So let's work together to strengthen our weaknesses and to build community so that all residents of Mini-Cassia can be proud to call this community home.

GLADYS M. ESQUIBEL  
Burley

### Make Debbie Kauffman treasurer

Debbie Kauffman is indeed a very well-qualified candidate for the position of Twin Falls County treasurer. Her background as Filer city clerk and, at present, deputy auditor with the Twin Falls County auditor-clerk-recorder's office certainly offers extremely good, smooth transition. She has shown great administrative abilities and is and would continue to be a dedicated public servant.

Please select Debbie Kauffman to be our next county treasurer.  
DIANA VANHOOSER  
Twin Falls

### Washington deserves credit

It is time to remember and honor George Washington, the father of our country. His heroic deeds have disappeared from textbooks and his portrait is seldom displayed in classrooms and public places anymore.

At the age of 21, he was made major and adjutant of the Virginia Militia and at the age of 23 was made commander-in-chief of the Frontier Forces of Virginia. Once the War for Independence or the Revolution began and once the Declaration of Independence was signed (there were 55 signers and each of the men knew they could lose their lives, families, fortunes or be put in jail, all of which happened), Washington had the impossible task of taking thousands of untrained, ill-equipped and greatly outnumbered volunteers, pitting them against the armies of the world's greatest empire, Great Britain. The men had determined, as Patrick Henry had said in his famous speech, "Give me liberty or give me death."

God has raised up individuals to fulfill the destiny of men and nations. God molded, inspired and directed George Washington. He was indeed chosen to be a special man at a special time for a special purpose.

In the cold and bitter winter of 1777-78, Washington and his army encamped at Valley Forge. The Continental Army had suffered several reverses and the situation was desperate. Food was scarce.

No supplies nor money was sent by the Continental Congress. Many of the troops had no shoes and very little cloth-

### Archaeologist deserves praise

In reference to the article in The Times-News on Feb. 11, "Man faces charges in artifacts case"

Jean McNeil, spokesman for the U.S. attorney general's office in Boise, accuses Jerry Lee Young of stealing artifacts from public land. That is a very strong statement and could involve 60 percent of households in southern Idaho.

For example, in the summer of 1953, I took my family for a picnic outing in our hills south of Twin Falls. My 12-year-old son found a small, pure white arrow

point that had washed out from a previous rain. A beautiful point! It made his day. Though he was very proud of it, he did not pursue the hobby - his interest in school was not of previous man. Now, should I have made my son leave that arrow point where it was, turn him in to the law, let him keep quiet and make myself liable for harboring a lawbreaker with evidence?

What Jerry Young has offered in education has been of great interest to all of our family and many others. He started his hobby at a very early age and to my knowledge has broken no laws as much of his material came from private property, by trading or purchase of recent man-made material. Our schools can profit by his knowledge of early man, of which he is a descendant. He deserves to be given recognition and a medal for his hard work in making this knowledge available to others.

DARRELL "JERRY" BALTZER  
Twin Falls

## LETTERS

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### Turn down Big Sky project

The only pig pens that I have seen have been very messy with a very unpleasant odors. The only difference between these and the proposed Big Sky project is the size. Big Sky would have a lot more of everything. We have heard the arguments both ways, and I see more against than for this project.

I feel sorry for the neighbors as well as anyone near the area, and I have the powers that be turn it down. I don't believe the area needs a farm with 55,000 pigs on it.  
WESLEY C. WALTON  
Rupert

# Bush's first four weeks as president look like a good start

**O**ne month of the 48 in a presidential term is hardly the basis for judging performance, but there are clues in the Bush administration's first four weeks that are worth noting—whether or not they are borne out by future developments.

This has been a confident beginning by George W. Bush and his team. The self-assurance has been demonstrated in several ways. Despite the late start caused by the long Florida recount, Bush assembled his Cabinet well ahead of Inauguration Day—and it is a strong one. It is a Cabinet of CEOs, made up mainly of men and women who have run large enterprises in the public or private sector—or both. It is an experienced Cabinet, with most of its members having served in responsible positions in Washington and the others having come out of top positions in government.

It is also a politically balanced Cabinet. With two exceptions, its members were confirmed unanimously in a Senate where Democrats are as numerous as Republicans. The exceptions—Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Attorney General John Ashcroft—were predictable.

Both Interior and Justice had been the focus of partisan warfare throughout the Clinton years. Much of the Republican West was at odds with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, and Republicans in Congress repeatedly questioned the judgment and political independence of Attorney General Janet Reno. Important Republican constituencies wanted those departments back in "friendly" hands, and Bush satisfied them with his choices.

In Norton's case, he calculated correctly how far he could push the envelope without creating a huge backlash. Despite the efforts of environmental groups to derail her, 75 senators voted for confir-



DAVID S. BRODER

With Ashcroft, he may have miscalculated. Bush probably thought Senate Democrats would cut some slack for their former Republican colleague, especially after his graciousness in accepting his defeat in the climate following the death of his opponent, Gov. Mel Carnahan.

But Bush underestimated the impact on Democratic senators of the anger and frustration of minority groups, who felt victimized by the election and by Ashcroft's personal role in blocking the elevation of Judge Ronnie White to the federal bench. With 42 votes against him, Ashcroft will have less leeway as attorney general than a less controversial appointee would have enjoyed.

Nonetheless, the Cabinet appointments went well, and Bush followed up with an exceptionally eloquent inaugural address and a notably well-disciplined rollout of his major policy proposals. In its first test, the White House staff—a mixture of seasoned veterans and

newcomers to Washington—prepared Bush well for presentation of the education reform, tax cut and military personnel proposals he had promised in the campaign. The heavy lifting on all these issues lies ahead, but the professionalism of their introduction signaled to everyone that the administration is well-equipped for the public relations wars.

Bush himself has spent much of his time this past month in get-acquainted sessions with members of Congress from both parties.

First, he has been direct and firm in asserting that he is uninhibited by the closeness of the election results and will put forward the policies which he promoted in his campaign. Second, he immediately adds that he understands—and respects—the difference between his responsibilities as president and theirs as legislators, and he expects them to put their own imprint on the measures. Finally, he communicates that he likes people in general and is not going to personalize policy disagreements in ways that poison the atmosphere.

All of that goes a long way toward establishing an environment in which it is possible to get things done. But it still leaves

large questions unanswered. Bush's focus seems to be on the politics of advancing his policy, not the policy itself. Some legislators have come away with the impression that Bush wants an early congressional win, presumably on education reform, so much that he doesn't much care what's in the bill.

There's also a question in people's minds about how much of what is being done in Bush's name is coming from Vice President Dick Cheney. Cheney clearly was influential in assembling the Cabinet and managing the transition, and now he has been given responsibility for directing energy policy as well. Cheney has no

political agenda of his own, so his talents serve Bush's interests. But that does not obviate the impact of uncertainty over who is really calling the signals.

Notwithstanding these questions, the start has been good.

David Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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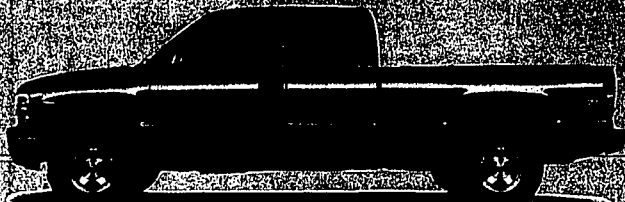
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Section B

## 'Survivor' in Idaho? Or is that redundant?

As I understand it, the entire premise of "Survivor" and "Survivor II," the CBS reality-based series dedicated to the art of backstabbing, is to maroon narcissistic big-city lawyers, personal trainers and art dealers in hostile venues until they do what comes naturally and sue each other.

Thus far, it's happened on a remote tropical island and in the Australian outback. That seems like a waste of good/frequent-flyer miles to me.

So here's a modest proposal for more interesting locations, and much closer to home:

- **King Hill.** As you probably know, King Hill - once a thriving fillin' station on U.S. Highway 30 - does not technically exist anymore since it was bypassed by Interstate 84. Why not give each of the 12 "Survivor III" contestants 160 acres there, without a well? The lucky-cutthroat who manages to sell the land to the Idaho Transportation Department for an easement at the highest price wins the \$1 million; the other 11 have to stay in King Hill and raise kochia.

- **Heyburn.** Each of the 12 contestants gets a megawatt of electricity; the first to sell it to J.R. Simplot collects \$1 million in french fry coupons from McDonald's.

- **Raft River.** 50,000 hogs, 12 contestants and \$1 million. The first "Survivor III" contestant to interest Cassia County in a pig in a poke wins the money.

- **Shoshone.** This is a TV program that attracts city slickers, so the first to figure out that there are no actual jackalopes to hunt in Lincoln County gets all the cash - and his or her pick of picture postcards at the Manhattan Cafe.

- **Wendell and Jerome.** Twelve "Survivor III" contestants, divided equally between two school boards. The first team to pass a bond issue, gets to go home empty-handed; the losing team wins the money, but has to stay on the School Board and spend the million bucks on a roof for the middle school.

- **Twin Falls.** Survival in a hostile environment requires the very keenest pathfinder instincts. A worthy test would be to give \$100,000 to any "Survivor III" contestant who can find a Twin Falls resident who'll admit to having anything to do with the filming of "Breakfast of Champions" here in 1998. The other \$900,000 would go to the contestant who locates a local who'll admit to actually having seen the movie.

- **Jackpot.** The premise for the first "Survivor" contestants stranded on the island of Pitau Tiga in the South China Sea for 39 days last year was that they would give no quarter. In Jackpot, they'll give no quarters - an equally stark challenge.

- **Bellevue.** The "Survivor III" contestants will be confined to a fenced ranchette in the Bellevue Triangle for 39 days and forced to subdivide their rations. The winner will be the man or woman standing whose license has not yet been revoked by the Idaho State Real Estate Commission.

- **Fairfield.** The most challenging test yet: Identifying and then surviving the full 39 minutes of summer.

Have you entered the First Annual Don't Ask Me Pick-A-Salad for Steve Crump's Funeral Lunch Contest? Time's a-wasting, and the competition is a killer - including this recipe from Anita Klott of Twin Falls:

**POTATO PICNIC JELLO SALAD**  
6-ounce box watermelon-flavored Jello

2 cups beer  
1 1/2 cups salami, cut into 1-inch cubes  
1 1/2 cups black licorice bites  
Cool Whip  
Dissolve Jello in hot water as per package directions. Add beer in place of cold water. Chill in refrigerator until partially set, then add salami and licorice. Serve with Cool Whip.

Contest deadline is Feb. 28. Send your recipes 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 83301. You can win among other fabulous prizes, all the hard little marshmallows in my pantry.

And I'm dying to see how it turns out.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump is still the proud owner of a pulse.

# THE CALL OF THE WILD



A team of dogs driven by Cory McEwen rushes down the road to Rogerson from the South Hills near Magic Mountain Ski Resort. Sled dogs are the passion of the entire McEwen family who often spend winter days running their dogs.



After being cooped up in a cage on the back of a truck during the drive from Hazelton, the sled dogs are frantic to get on the trail.



The McEwen clan includes, from the front, Sean, 9, Chelsea, 13, Jessica, 10, Curtis and Kathy and in the rear, Mike, 15, left, and Cory, 18. Not pictured is eldest son Phillip, 19.



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

Photos by BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

## Hazelton family finds quality time together raising sled dogs

It began eight years ago with one small puppy and one large snowstorm.

Curtis McEwen and his family were snowed in on the dairy he works on in Hazelton.

"The county basically abandoned the road to our house," McEwen said.

During one of the worst winters in years, the McEwens were almost snowbound. As the family was making the walk across open fields to get to their parked vehicle, Curtis McEwen suggested that a sled dog team

would be a great way to get around in this weather.

On Christmas day of 1992, Curtis McEwen received a Husky puppy from his family as a gift and a family obsession was born. Sled dogs have come to rule life in the McEwen family. The family has a practice track to train their dogs near their home and spends about \$400 per month just on dog food.

"It's money well spent," McEwen said. "We do it as a family thing."



**IMAGES**  
Bruce Shields

And the family does love it. McEwen, his wife Kathy, and six of the seven McEwen children race dog sled teams. The younger McEwens, including Sean who is just 9, Jessica, 10,

and Chelsea, 13, race two- or three-dog teams and the oldest son, 19-year-old Phillip, plans to compete in the Iditarod, the world-famous sled dog race across the heart of Alaska after completing his mission in Little Rock, Ark.

The McEwens have more than 20 sled dogs now, including many who were bred from Freja, the daughter of a former Iditarod champion they bought several years ago. But the one dog that has never made it onto

one of the teams is that little Husky pup, Buffy, who started it all. She was far too busy being then 1-year-old Sean's best friend.

It seems that some dogs feel the call of the wild and some the call of family, but all are loved in the McEwen household.

Images is a new, monthly column featuring the words and photographs of Times-News Chief Photographer Bruce Shields. Shields can be reached at 735-3251

## Twin Falls County leads the state in child protection cases

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls County during the last fiscal year had more child protection cases, 234, than any other Idaho county.

The only county that came close was Ada, with 233 cases, according to numbers released by the Twin Falls County Prosecutor's Office. Most other counties had fewer than 50 cases. The only other county to break 100 was Bannock, with 107.

But that doesn't necessarily mean Twin Falls is Idaho's ground zero for child abuse and neglect, said some officials involved in filing and prosecuting these cases.

"I think we're getting a good rate of reporting," said Twin Falls police Det. Curtis Gambrel. "We do have a lot of cases, but I

**A look at the numbers**  
Child protection cases filed in the Fifth Judicial District during fiscal year 2000 (July 1999 through June 2000)

Total for district: 279	
By County:	
Blaine:	10
Camas:	0
Cassia:	15
Gooding:	7
Jerome:	7
Lincoln:	2
Minidoka:	23
Twin Falls:	234
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don't think that's because we have a lot of child abuse or sexual deviance in Twin Falls, Idaho. It's just that we have a good system."

It's also a matter of having the available resources to deal with the cases, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb.

In many counties - especially the smaller ones - prosecutors barely have the staff needed to keep up with the flow of criminal

cases, he said. So when a child protection case comes up, it's usually tossed to whichever deputy prosecutor happens to have spare time that day.

But Loeb is fortunate enough to have two deputies in his civil division who work almost exclusively on child protection cases.

One of them, Rosemary Emory, said the work can be emotionally exhausting, but she doesn't expect her zeal for it to wane anytime soon.

"A lot of people give a lot of lip service to how important children are to our society," Emory said. "This job is a chance to actually do something."

Emory said that action begins with getting the cases reported. And teachers, police, social workers and residents in and around Twin Falls are apparently very good at keeping their eyes open, she said.

"I never have to go out looking for cases," Loeb said having child protection specialists on his staff is vital, because child protection

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## Cassia County faces tort claim for police dog bite

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - The Cassia County Sheriff's Office Friday received a notice of intent to sue over a Feb. 4 incident in which a police dog bit a teenage girl outside of

command. But sheriff's officials stand by the actions of the dog and its handler, saying the dog's behavior indicates proper training.

Department policy does not require an in-house review of

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## I-84 crash sends six to hospital

The Times-News

**MERIDIAN** - Alcohol was a factor in a crash near Meridian late Friday on Interstate 84 that sent six people - including four Twin Falls residents - to a Boise hospital, according to the Idaho State Police.

Kristopher M. Simpson, 20, of Twin Falls, was driving a 1984 Chevrolet Blazer eastbound on I-84 near milepost 42 at about 11:15 p.m. when he made an abrupt left-hand turn in an apparent attempt to reach the median crossover, according to the ISP.

The maneuver put the Blazer into the path of a Freightliner semi-truck pulling two piggyback tractors and driven by Ervin S. Reeves, 47, of Silvertown, Ore. Reeves was wearing a seat belt

and was not hurt in the subsequent collision. But Simpson and all five of his passengers were without seat belts and were thrown from the Blazer when it rolled after impact, the ISP said.

Twin Falls residents Cory Atkinson, 24, and Christopher Webb, 21, were taken by LifeFlight to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise where they were listed in fair condition Saturday.

Simpson, Joseph Nelson, 19, of Twin Falls, and two juvenile girls from Boise were taken by ambulance to the hospital. Simpson and Nelson were treated and released. Condition reports for the girls were not available Saturday.

The crash closed the interstate for about three hours and was still being investigated Saturday.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Regular dental care can prolong pets' lives

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — Pass the Kibbles and the toothpaste, too.  
No one's saying a doggie has to brush after every meal. But Fido should have those pearly whites scrubbed at least once a day.

Plaque accumulates every six hours. Without brushing, it hardens into tartar within 48 hours. Eventually, all that tartar can lead to periodontal disease that can infect gum tissue. Untreated this can result in tooth loss and heart, liver and kidney diseases as the bacteria from the gum disease enters the bloodstream.

"Someone said that the mouth is the gateway to your body. And it's really true," said dog dentist Denise Young, of Sun Valley Animal Center just south of Ketchum. "Dogs can even become depressed because of the pain they're experiencing. We've had older dogs come in who are not quite themselves. They act lethargic. We scrape the tartar off their teeth and treat their gums and four days later the owner says they're acting like new puppies."

Veterinarians at Ketchum's Sun Valley Animal Center and Bellevue's Sawtooth Animal Center are so concerned about canines' teeth that they offer free 10-minute checkups for dogs during the month of February.

Dog owners get instructions on how to care for their pets' teeth and Fido gets a goodie bag with a finger brush, dog toothpaste and chew treats.

Lisa Ferguson, of Ketchum, is among those who has taken advantage of the offer. She brought her spaniel Newman in for his first dental checkup. Checking Newman's gums for redness and tartar buildup, Young concluded he might need some dental work — i.e., plaque and tartar scraped off — in the next four to six months.

"I've never brushed Newman's teeth before but I think I will from now on," said Ferguson.

It's essential to start caring for small dogs like Newman right out of the litter box, Young said. Small dogs tend to have more problems



Vet tech Denise Young checks Newman for signs of gum infection while Lisa Ferguson of Ketchum looks on.

than bigger dogs because they've got more teeth crammed into a smaller area. Generally, you don't need to worry about bigger dogs until they're 4- to 5-years old. Young recommends that you brush your pet's teeth daily with an ultra-soft pet toothbrush and toothpaste. Regular toothpastes cause diarrhea in dogs. And the sodium in baking soda is bad for your dog's heart. When brush-

ing is not practical, an antibacterial oral rinse can help slow accumulation of plaque.

"But brushing is best," Young said. "We know from our own experience that if we just rinse our mouth our teeth don't feel clean."

To get your pet used to the brushing routine, stroke the outside of your pet's cheeks with your finger for a minute or two, rewarding your pet with a treat

**Make an appointment**

To schedule your pet's first dental check, call the Sun Valley Animal Center at 726-7777 or the Sawtooth Animal Center at 788-4004.

- Signs of poor oral health:
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- Powling at the mouth
- Loss of appetite
- Plaque
- Bleeding, inflamed or receded gums
- Tartar — creamy brown hard material on the teeth
- Loose or missing teeth
- Difficulty eating and chewing food

and praise afterwards. A few days later, place a wee bit of toothpaste on your finger and let your pet smell and sample it.

Next, place a small amount of toothpaste on a gauze sponge and softly rub it next to the gum line. When your pet is comfortable with that, put some paste on the brush and gently scrub one tooth and the adjoining gum line with the a slow circular motion. Each day increase the number of teeth brushed until you can spend 30 seconds brushing each side.

You need only brush the outside of the teeth, Young said. Dogs do a good job of cleaning the inside of their teeth with their tongues. Rawhide or dental chew toys can help remove plaque above the gum line. So can occasional enzyme chew treats and tartar-control biscuits.

But only brushing can remove plaque below the gum line where disease-causing bacteria flourish.

Statistically, good pet dental care can prolong a pet's life by two years, according to Dr. Gene Rivers, a Tacoma, Wash., veterinarian.

"Dental care has done more to extend the life of dogs and cats than any other advance in the profession in the past 10 years," he said.

Oh, and there's an additional benefit: No more dog breath.

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Halley at 578-2111.

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The family of Jim Trogala would like to thank everyone for the many calls, cards, flowers, food and memorials during this most difficult time.

A special thanks to Dr. Debra Dahler at the University of Washington, the staff at Magic Valley Regional Cancer Center and Dr. Ace Emery and his staff.

A Memorial Service will be held March 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Butte, Montana.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Louvisa L. Oswald**  
TWIN FALLS — Louvisa L. Oswald, 77, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, at her home. At her request, no services will be held. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given to Hospice Visions or St. Edward's Soup Kitchen. Contributions may be mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

**Katharine T. Hopper**  
TWIN FALLS — Katharine T. Hopper, 76, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Melvin Dennis**  
TWIN FALLS — Melvin "Burr"

Dennis, 93, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Arthur B. Dick**  
GLENN'S FERRY — Arthur B. Dick, 80, of Glenns Ferry, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at the Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by

Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Ruth Merrill**  
RUPERT — Ruth Merrill, 75, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Paul LDS Stake Center. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral on Monday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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**Milton LeRoy Naddo** of Hermiston, Ore., and formerly of Malta, service at noon Monday at the Malta LDS Ward Chapel; burial will be at the Valley Vu

Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Utah legislature drops alleged 'head tax'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An income-tax adjustment denounced as a head tax on Utah families died Friday when the House of Representatives defeated the measure by 45-21.

House Bill 279 would have made families pay a little more in income taxes while lowering taxes on single people and childless couples.

"This is a head tax," said House Majority Leader Kevin Garr, R-Layton, in pronouncing the death sentence.

"In a culture that embraces families and children, is that what we want to do? That's not good public policy," Garr said.

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TWIN FALLS



**Darlene I. Stevens**  
Darlene I. Fisher Stevens, 71, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, February 16, 2001, at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho.  
She was born April 11, 1929, in Concordia, Kansas, the daughter of Floyd Leroy and Della Robbins Fisher Beauri. She grew up and attended school in Filer, Idaho, and resided in Idaho most of her life. She married Bill Stevens and they were together until his death in 1990. Darlene was employed by Twin Falls County and worked in the County Clerk's office as a Comptroller for over 20 years,

before ill health forced her to retire in 1994.

Darlene was a person who enjoyed ceramics, gardening and she loved to dance. She always had a ready smile, she loved children and she loved to laugh. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, "surrogate mother" and friend. There was a flare of style in everything that she did. Darlene had a warm and loving heart, and will be missed by all who know and loved her.

Darlene is survived by her brother, Johnny (Sandy) Beach of Shoshone, Idaho; nieces, Corina and Renee; nephew, Larry Fisher of Hagerman, Idaho; sister-in-law, Juanita Fisher of Hagerman, Idaho; and adopted family, Dwight and Irene Carey of Twin Falls, and their children, Jennifer, Amanda, Grady, Justin, Kryssa, and Ariq. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Bonnie; brother, Floyd; and nephew, Melvin.

Gravestone Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Twin Falls Cemetery, (behind the Drive-In Theater) in Twin Falls. Officiating will be Pastor Andy Boatman of the Twin Falls First Baptist Church. Visitation will be held Monday, February 19, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. A "VIDEO TRIBUTE" will be presented during the visitation at 7 p.m. Burial will be held following

services at the Twin Falls Cemetery, Twin Falls, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First Choice Hospice, 147 Main Street East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Arrangements and services are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

**Peggy VanTilburg**  
Peggy (Arlene Tenckinck) VanTilburg, 79, of Garden Grove, Calif., and former Twin Falls resident, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, in Garden Grove, Calif.

She was born Nov. 3, 1921, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Louis and Eva Gott Tenckinck. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1939. She married George Darrel VanTilburg in 1941. He preceded her in death in 1976.

Peggy is survived by one son, Larry VanTilburg of Huntington Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Peggy Obradovich of Post Falls, Idaho; and grandchildren, Tina, Jason, Loren and Shawn. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Services for Peggy will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, at Whila Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

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# Protection

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 work is unique and complicated. "They're technically not criminal cases, and they're not truly civil either."  
 Child protection deputies must also learn to work within a far-reaching network.  
 "Parents, police, health and welfare, guardian ad litem: The whole system is supposed to be structured to protect what is in the best interest of the child."

**Where does it come from?**  
 Trying to nail down the exact cause of child abuse and neglect is virtually impossible, Loebs, Emory and others said, because each case is as unique as the people involved.

But one factor — substance abuse — seems to be a common thread, they said.  
 Alcohol, marijuana and other drugs have predictably taken their toll on the family structure and continue to do so, said Kathy James, the family and children's services program manager at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office in Twin Falls.  
 But it is a relatively new drug, methamphetamine, that seems to be causing a slew of problems, she said.

"Meth is dangerous because it's so cheap and easy."  
 Meth seems to be the culprit behind a new wave of child neglect, Emory said. When parents are using and making — or "cooking" — meth, it often takes over their lives, she said. So keeping house and caring for children often gets forgotten about, she said.  
 "More often than not, parents or

guardians aren't intentionally harming or ignoring their children, they're just lost in a chemical-induced haze, she said.

Parents who are too young or otherwise simply not prepared to raise children are also at the root of many neglect and abuse cases, Loebs said.

The causes of sexual abuse are more complicated and sinister, Gambrel said.

Typically, the abuse is passed on from one generation to the next, caused by dark, long-buried secrets the abusers themselves can't fully remember, he said.

In most cases, the only hope is to get the victims out of the abusive situation and into counseling at an early age, Gambrel said.

"With the sexual offender, you treat them if you can. If you can't, send them to prison so they can't offend again. And then help the victims, so they don't grow up to be offenders."

Studies indicate that without treatment, by age 25 or 30 an abuser can be almost untreatable, he said.

### Getting them back on track

Getting children out of abusive situations is only half the battle, Loebs said. A lot of the system's energy also goes into getting parents and guardians back on the right path, he said.  
 Counseling is often recommended, and sometimes required for adults accused of neglecting or abusing children, he said.

To be effective, counseling has to revolve around one basic concept, said Brent Cunningham, executive director of SpiritWalker Counseling Inc. of Twin Falls.  
 Accountably means everything,

he said.  
 "Ideally, when (adults) come here in a child protection case, there's a hammer over them," Cunningham said. "The only reason people quit substance abuse is because of consequences. There's no other reason to quit."  
 Getting a parent or guardian to quit substance abuse is only the beginning, Cunningham said.

"Once the person gets clean, you've got a whole other issue, because their family is torn apart."  
 Stitching a family back together can be a long and painful process, and it doesn't always work.

"Sometimes, it happens. And sometimes it doesn't because the rest of the family is just done with it and can't handle any more."

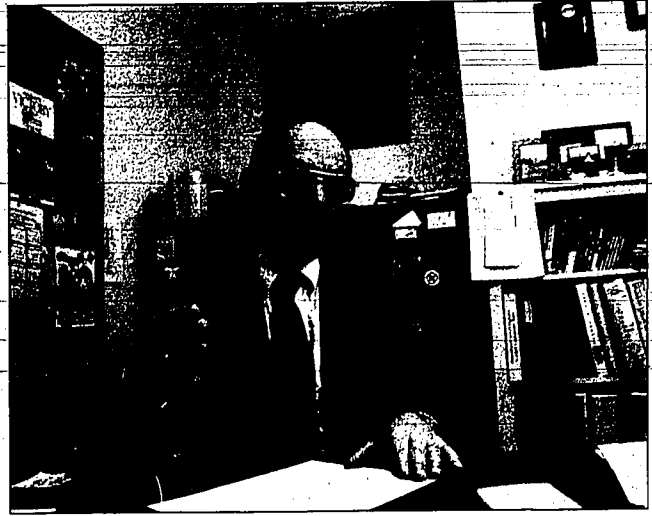
In cases of physical abuse or neglect, it's often possible to break the cycle, help adults become responsible caregivers, Gambrel said. But unless those people want to change, it won't work, so real consequences are a key part of reform, he said.

Emory said she realizes there will be no ultimate victory in the battle against abuse and neglect. But a good network of residents and officials working together will chip away at the problem, she said.

She said it's sometimes hard wondering what's become of many of the children she's worked with. But ultimately, the system's goal is to ensure a family doesn't end up back in the system again.

"I figure if a case is bad enough, I'll end up seeing it again," Emory said.

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Cassia County School District curriculum director Dan Gillett says that a new math program, called "50 in a Minute," which will be adopted at the start of the 2001-02 school year, could greatly improve math scores in the district.

# Cassia to adopt math program

Officials have high hopes for '50 in a minute' learning system

By Aaron Brock  
 Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — The results speak for themselves.  
 At one school, students who had scored at the 38th percentile in the math area of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills soared to the 82nd percentile in just three years. Another school saw test averages rise from the mid-20s to the mid-80s in five years.

What these schools have in common is that they used a math program called "50 in a Minute," and it has Dan Gillett, curriculum director for the Cassia School District, thrilled.  
 "I'm really excited," Gillett said. "We feel like we can do better, and it's time to move to that next plateau."

Recent Iowa tests results put Cassia students at roughly the

national average.  
 "And we're better than that," Gillett said. "Our kids are better than that."  
 Plans are under way to adopt the new system for the 2001-02 school year in every elementary school in the district.  
 The "50 in a Minute" program, which originated in Twin Falls in the mid-1990s, is aptly named. The basic idea is that a student has one minute to complete 50 math problems. When the student gets all 50 correct within the time limit, he or she moves on to the next test.

So addition, subtraction, multiplication and division can all be taught to any student's individual level. Students also see how effective it is, and quickly realize that they are performing math skills quicker than they can punch the numbers into a calculator.

Mike Chesley, who will take over as district superintendent this summer, used this program while a superintendent at the Murtaugh School District, and thinks it can be very good learning tool.

"Before you can problem solve and do higher level math, you've

got to have a base," he said. "This gives the base."

While "50 in a Minute" is a general rule, it can be adjusted to meet the needs of any student. Kindergarten students, for example, may simply have to copy 20 numbers down in a minute. A student with a learning disability may only have to complete 10 questions in a minute.

Students get excited about this program, Gillett said. In one kindergarten that he visited, the test administrator came into the room and all the students said "Yes! It's race day!" he said.  
 "This is the third year the program has been used at Murtaugh Elementary, and test scores in math computation have risen since its inception, Principal Michele Capps said."

And the program not only increases test scores, Capps said, it actually increases learning.

"If it didn't do that, it wouldn't be worth it," she said.  
 A criticism of the program is that it is teaching the students standardized test material, but Gillett refutes this. Instead, he said, it is preparing students for the kind of tests they will see.

Cassia County sheriff's deputy Chris Jensen gives a command to his K-9, York. York is one of two dogs at the sheriff's department trained to sniff out drugs and protect their handlers. An incident in which the other police dog, Enzo, bit a teenage girl, prompted a tort claim against the county. County officials defended the dog's actions, saying it was properly trained.



# Cassia

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 such incidents, said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hagens. Nevertheless, the department is conducting a review of the incident to "see where we're at," he said.

According to a Cassia County sheriff's report, the dog bit 16-year-old Emilie Robirds on Feb. 4. Police say they had pulled over to inquire why Robirds parked her car so close to a stop sign.

The dispute includes debate over whether Robirds' actions during the incident were enough to provoke the dog to bite.

The tort claim, filed by Emilie Robirds' legal guardian, Joann Loveland, seeks damages resulting from personal injuries sustained by Robirds as a result of the attack. The claim names the city of Burley, Cassia County and the Cassia County Sheriff's Office as defendants.

Officials say the sheriff's department had already planned to pay for the girl's hospital bills.  
 Robirds declined comment on the Feb. 4 incident and referred all comments to her Rupert attorney, Jason Walker. Walker did not return messages left at his office Friday.

Cassia County K-9 trainer, Chris Jensen, wasn't at the scene of the incident, but he is on the review board and is in charge of troubleshooting within the K-9 program. He said from what he understands, any other reaction by the dog would have been cause for concern.

"I have got absolutely no problem with that. If the dog had reacted differently, then I would have had to look at training problems," Jensen said.

The incident marked the first time a Cassia County K-9 has bitten a person, without first being commanded, in the 10-year history of the county's K-9 program, Hagens said.

But the father of the victim questions whether that makes it right.  
 "Are they saying once every 10 years is cool?" Mr. Robirds said.  
 "Similar situations around the state are rare. Neither the Twin Falls Police Department nor the

Bannock County Sheriff's Office struck an incident in which a dog has bitten someone without first being commanded.

### Policy around the state

Dog handlers from around the state say each police force has its own policies and protocol is often up to each handler.

Jensen said that dogs are trained to bite people upon command. They are also trained to know when a handler is threatened. In those situations, dogs won't wait for instructions.

It's the same in the Twin Falls County Police Department. Dogs must be on the alert for surprise attacks that their handlers may not see, although there's no standard for when a dog can and cannot attack, said Sgt. Mike Covington.

"There's too many variables involved there," Covington said.  
 In Cassia County, like others, dogs are required to bite only on command. The only exception, Jensen said, is if a dog senses a threat to its handler. But what constitutes a threat is subjective.

"Dogs, they don't know a gray area. They know black and white," Jensen said.

It's also up to individual handlers when to deploy a dog into a situation, Covington said. While Twin Falls policy discourages the use of dogs for crowd control, an officer who feels it's necessary can deploy a dog in any situation he sees fit, Covington said.

The police department has had no incidents of non-commanded dog bites since the department's drug dogs were used for officer protection, in 1993.

Paul Fagnant with the Bannock County Sheriff's Office also reports no non-commanded dog bites in the history of K-9 police work.

In Cassia County, Jensen said there's no protocol for securing an area before deploying a dog. He's searched cars while the people were still inside, although he instructs them to stay calm.  
 It's basically up to the handler's discretion, he said.

Other departments are more strict. The Boise Police Department employs a strict policy that Boise K-9 Sgt. Mike Harrington said is probably stricter than most.

In situations where a dog is deployed for searching cars and houses, the area will first be secured, Harrington said.

"I've researched policies all over the West. All of them are tweaked a little differently. They're all legal, moral and ethical," Harrington said. "Boise's policy is strict. Plus it's a very well-written policy."

Constant training is important for the dogs, much the same way it is for athletes, Jensen said. In Cassia County, dogs receive 30 minutes a day of obedience training, which are logged. That doesn't include roughly 10 logged hours a week of training in narcotics, bite work, tracking and searches, Jensen said.

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# Cases of teacher misconduct doubles in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah teachers often have to be disciplinarians. But 31 of them were behaving badly in 2000, nearly twice the number that got in trouble the year before.

The 31 teachers whose licenses got revoked or suspended said the state has taken license action against five teachers so far this year. And two more cases uncovered last week are expected to bring further license sanctions.

In one of those cases, a Roy High School teacher was accused of trading good grades for prescription painkillers from students.

Eileen Rencher, a spokeswoman for the state education office, says Internet pornography and sexual relations between teachers and students are pushing cases of teacher discipline.

Nine of last year's 31 suspended or fired teachers got in trouble for having sexual conduct with students. Another three were

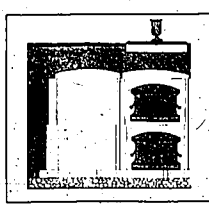
cited for other sex crimes. Seven called up Internet pornography on school computers, and one was cited for abusing students.

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# Prosecutor sees no evidence of hate crime

**LEWISTON (AP)** — An alleged road-rage stabbing was not racially motivated, a prosecutor has said.

Trevor Cheff, 33, of Lewiston, was charged with felony aggravated battery for allegedly stabbing Ashanti A. Omovale in the abdomen during an altercation at a busy intersection in early February.

Omovale, 25, said he was the victim of a hate crime and that the stabbing capped his sense of a bigoted environment in

Lewiston. He accused Cheff of making racial slurs during the altercation.

Nev Perce County Prosecutor Daniel L. Spickler has not charged Cheff with malicious harassment, the legal name of Idaho's hate crime law.

"This particular incident is, of course, still under investigation. But based on the information in our possession thus far, we have charged it as an aggravated battery," Spickler said. "We will only charge those crimes for

which the facts and the evidence support."

The malicious harassment law states it is unlawful for any person to maliciously and with specific intent to intimidate, harass or cause physical harm to another person because of that person's race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin.

"It's designed to focus on those crimes where race or ethnicity is the motivating factor behind the crime," said Spickler. "There's an expressed intent requirement.

It's not sufficient that there just be a coincidental fact that either the perpetrator or the victim be of a different race."

Cheff's attorney said race was not an issue during the incident.

"I don't think it has anything to do with race," said Paul Thomas Clark. "From Trevor's standpoint, he knows a lot of the black people in this community, and they are friends and acquaintances of his, and he certainly doesn't view this as a racial issue."

# Delegation requests FBI briefing about INEEL employee's alleged theft

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — The Idaho Congressional delegation has requested a briefing with the director of the FBI about allegations of possible theft by employees at the Idaho National

Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Reports have circulated that the FBI was investigating a crime of that nature at the laboratory; although no details have been officially released.

# Police arrest mother of slain child shot through the heart

**SPOKANE (AP)** — The mother of a 3-year-old girl killed in a gang shooting is refusing to cooperate with police and was arrested Friday, accused of trying to conceal evidence.

Twana Denise Bridges, 22, was in the Spokane area the night of Feb. 9, when multiple bullets were fired into the residence.

Her daughter, Pasheen Endeara Raya Bridges, was shot through the heart and died instantly.

None of the five adults in the home at the time is cooperating in the investigation, police said.

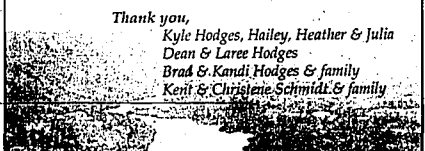
On Wednesday, 22-year-old Peter G. Mendez was arrested

and accused by police of altering the crime scene inside the house after the shooting. Police contend Mendez hid a handgun and took shell casings from inside the house.

Bridges is accused of protecting the man who fired the fatal shots, police said in a news release.

More than 10 bullets were fired into the home by at least two men, police said.

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# Lawmakers refuse sex ed grants for Utah schools

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Utah schools won't get federal grants for sex education programs next year, because lawmakers voted Friday to walk away from the money and the curriculum requirements that come with it.

A public education budget committee directed the State Office of Education not to apply for or accept federal grants for sex education programs, specifically naming the AIDS Education and Prevention program. The committee appropriated \$240,000 to cover the lost federal funds.

"I just don't think the program is compatible with Utah law," said Rep. Tom Hatch, R-Fantigh, who suggested the change.

State law requires an emphasis on sexual abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage. Hatch cited materials sent out under the federal program that deal with homosexuality and instruct students to shop for a condom.

The lessons can be edited to comply with Utah's program, and Hatch said the specific materials he cited have not been given to Utah students, as far as he knows.

"But if you're going to use a program, you ought to use a program, not an edited program," he said.

Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire, D-Salt Lake City, said she could not believe the state was refusing federal money when schools are strapped for cash.

"I'm just shocked with, as tight as we are for money, that we're doing this," she said, adding that nobody who voted for Hatch's proposal knew how refusing the grant money would affect the Health Department's access to similar grants. "I think we've made a grave mistake."

Hatch acknowledged that health grants may suffer.

But he said that's preferable to accepting federal sex education materials.

The Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee approved the proposal on a party-line vote.

State Superintendent Steven Laing said that, since the panel replaced the federal funding, public education won't suffer. But, he added, the money used to replace the federal grants could have been used elsewhere.

"I'm disappointed that we're turning down federal money that could be used to meet the needs we have in this state," he said. "Now we're going to use state money that could have been put to some other use."

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# State ownership of grid might boost efficiency, but at a price

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Supporters say the governor's proposed state buyout of much of California's electric transmission lines could lead to "quick improvements of a bottlenecked system overdue for repairs."

But critics of the plan unveiled Friday by Gov. Gray Davis say it's a gamble that saddles the state with an antiquated network that could prove costly to fix. They also said the state doesn't have the expertise to operate thousands of miles of power lines.

"This is a bailout. What they're talking about is using limited state resources and buying very old assets," said Assembly Minority Leader Bill Campbell.

The governor's plan was unveiled as a Stage 3 power

alert, in effect for 32 days, was lifted late Friday by the California Independent System Operator, the private agency that operates the state power grid for the three major utilities. A Stage 3 alert means customers are using all but 1.4 percent of the system's power reserves; the state remained at a less severe Stage 2 alert on Saturday.

"Because of the holiday weekend, our load projection came down to the 27,000 megawatt range," ISO spokeswoman Stephanie McCorkle said.

Under Davis' plan, the state would buy the transmission systems of Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas and Electric.

Assemblyman Fred Keeley said buying 26,000 miles of

power lines could cost \$7 billion; Davis would only say that talks would start with the book value of the lines, which Keeley aides pegged at \$4.5 billion.

PG&E officials issued a statement saying they didn't think the proposal was fair to both consumers and shareholders. Edison officials said they would comment this week.

The governor's plan would infuse the utilities with part of the cash they need to remain solvent, but he wants their parent companies to help pay off the utilities' debts. Edison and PG&E said they have accumulated nearly \$13 billion in losses because the state's 1996 deregulation law prevented them from passing the true costs of wholesale energy to their customers.

## Regents adopt tuition policy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In a decision that had as much to do with placating students as making tuition decisions more public, the state Board of Regents on Friday approved a policy giving students a voice in tuition hikes.

The new policy requires administrators at the state's nine colleges and universities to hold public hearings before approving any tuition increases.

The Regents assigned a task force to recommend how its policy should be carried out.

The decision is a win for student government leaders who have been working to give students more influence at the Board of Regents.

The policy came as the Utah Legislature considers a tougher "Truth in Tuition" bill.

The legislation would require the regents to specify how they will spend money from tuition hikes, to hold hearings and advertise those hearings in community newspapers. The measure even specifies how the ads should read and how big they should run. They could cost up to \$20,000 apiece.

"I don't think we would have gotten this far if there wasn't a bill," University of Utah student body president Jess Dalton said after the regents' vote.

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College baseball  
At Las Vegas:  
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a.m.  
CSI vs. Southern Nevada, 2  
p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Charity co-ed volleyball tourney planned at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The College of  
Southern Idaho will be holding  
another co-ed volleyball tourney  
March 17 to raise money for  
the school's seven-time national  
champion volleyball team.

The cost is \$75 per team with  
registration due the day before  
the tournament. Check in is at 8  
a.m. the day of the tourney and  
pool play begins at 9 a.m. For  
more information, call 733-9554,  
Ext. 2486.

#### Burley Amateur Baseball registration is coming

BURLEY — The Burley  
Amateur Baseball Association  
will hold league sign-ups Feb. 24  
and March 3 from 10 a.m. to 1  
p.m. and on Feb. 27 from 6-8 p.m.  
at the Cassia Regional Technical  
Center.

The center is located at 1143  
West 16th Street in Burley.

Also, a vice president is needed  
for the Babe Ruth League.

For more information, call  
Mike or Teri at 677-2454 or Kathy  
at 678-6610.

#### Second sign-up looms Tuesday for TF Freestyle

TWIN FALLS — A second sign-up  
for Twin Falls Grizzlies  
freestyle wrestling will be held  
this week.

The sign-up session is set for  
Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 at the  
Twin Falls High School gym.

Call Scott Thompson at 543-  
2727 or Celeste McMillen at 744-  
8526 for more information.

#### Track rules meeting is slated for Monday

TWIN FALLS — All area high  
school track coaches are invited  
to attend an IHSAA rules meeting  
on Monday at 7 p.m. inside the  
Twin Falls High School lounge.

For more information, call Bill  
Jones 734-6971.

#### Meet the new Minlco High softball coach

RUPERT — Parents and players  
are invited to a pair of open gyms  
at Minlco High School to meet the  
Spartans' new softball coaching  
Staff Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday's session with new  
coach Reuben Vialpando is slated  
for 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday's will be  
at 3:30 p.m.

"It's great to be here,"  
Vialpando said. "I'm excited  
about it."

Minlco softball tryouts will be  
Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Minlco High  
and again on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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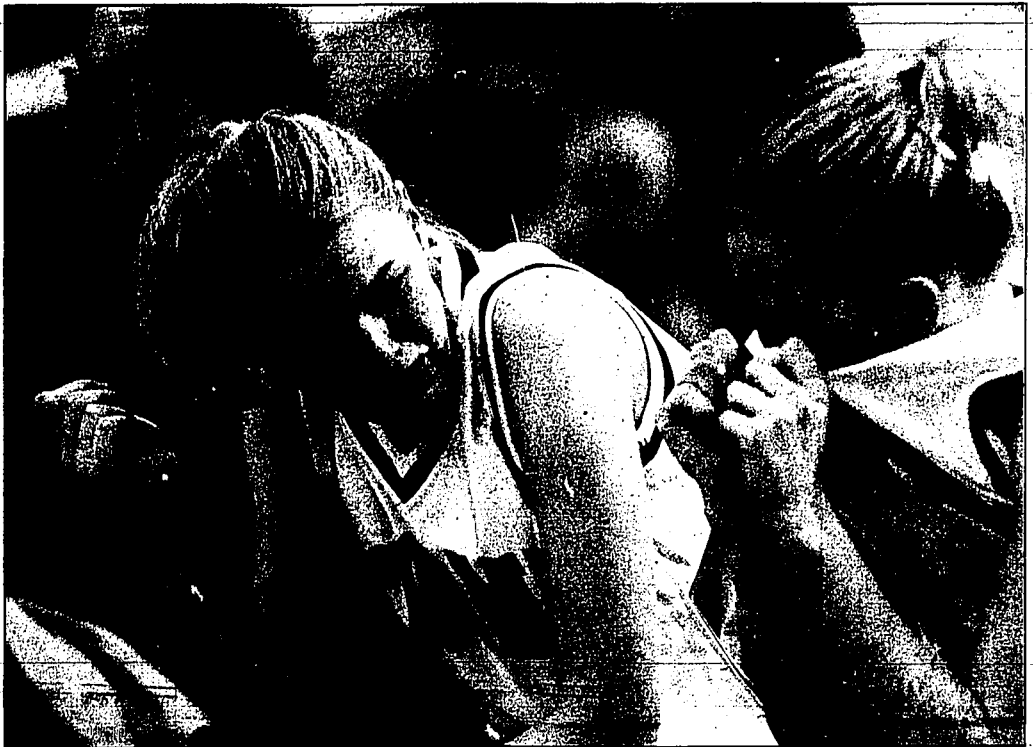
Richard Petty. He won 27  
races in 1967.

## A-1, Division I girls' state championship

# Tiger tears

CALDWELL  
53

JEROME  
23



BUCKE SHIELDS/The Times-News

## Jerome stumbles hard in title game

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

NAMPANA — It was not the night to have your worst  
shooting performance of the year.

Yet that was the case Saturday night as the Tigers  
fell to hot-shooting Caldwell 53-23 in the first-ever  
championship game at the Class A-1, Div. II girls'  
state high school basketball tournament at the  
Idaho Center in Nampa.

Jerome finished the night hitting just 19 percent  
of its shots (9-of-46) as six seniors saw their careers  
come to an end.

"We had a good season. We are a close team and  
that's what makes it really hurt," said point guard  
Dusty Schvaneveldt. "We could have played better,  
but our shots just wouldn't fall. It would have been  
nice to end it better."

The Cougars, featuring 10 seniors that have com-  
peted together since sixth grade, played a near-per-  
fect game. They hit 53 percent of their shots with  
three players in double figures.

"Caldwell came out with huge confidence. We  
tightened up when things didn't go well. We just  
never got in a rhythm," said Jerome coach Michelle  
Slyles. "We didn't have the intensity and emotion  
to play at this level. I'll take the blame for that."

Caldwell scored first on a running jumper by  
Angela DeMark. Senior Kendra West's free throw  
finally got the Tigers on the board nearly three min-  
utes into the game. She then took the lead from  
sophomore Jennifer Pond on a fast break as Jerome

### A-1, Div. II state scores

State Championship  
Caldwell 53, Jerome 23

Consolation Championship  
Post Falls 59, Blackfoot 45

Third-Place Game  
Mtn. Home 48, Century 31

### More Inside

Complete final-day coverage  
of all five girls' high school  
basketball state tourna-  
ments.

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trailed by one, 4-3.  
But things went  
very wrong for the  
Tigers after that.

The Cougars went  
on a 7-0 run over the  
next few minutes  
while the Tigers  
went cold from the  
field (0-for-10).  
Jerome trailed at  
the end of one quar-  
ter 11-3. Jami  
Clevenger led  
Caldwell with six  
points in the period  
and had a game-high  
14 for the night.

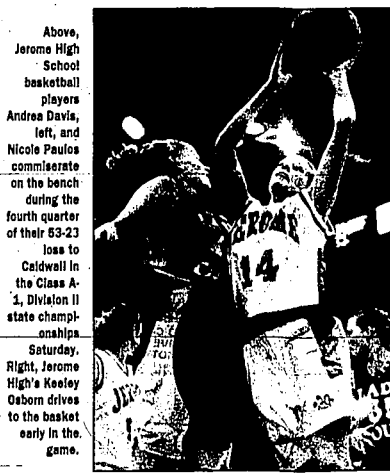
It was nearly eight  
minutes until the  
Tigers scored again,  
when senior Nicole

Paulos hit a jumper  
in the lane. During that span, the Cougars countered  
with a 21-2 run and put the game out of reach.

A mini-run by Jer-  
me near the end of the half put  
a little dent in the lead. West hit two jumpers, then  
had an assist to Paulos on a fast-break layup.

"Kendra had a great game," Slyles said.  
West finished with team highs in points (9) and

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BUCKE SHIELDS/The Times-News

## EAGLES PERSEVERE AT PRICE

By Kevin Hill  
Times-News writer

Fourth-ranked College of  
Southern Idaho flexed its bench  
muscle and the College of Eastern  
Utah bowed under the night.

Forced to play 13 deep because  
of foul problems in the first half,  
the Golden Eagles had four play-

### Men's SWAC scores

Dixie St. 72, Ricks 63  
SLCC 80, UVSC 76  
NIC 53, Snow 48, second half  
TVCC at CNCC, not reported

### Women win - Page C-3

ers in double figures to run away

with a 96-75 win in Price, Utah on  
Saturday.

It was the 10th consecutive vic-  
tory for Southern Idaho, which  
improved to 23-3 overall, 12-2 in  
the Scenic West Athletic  
Conference. CSI remains a game  
back of second-ranked Dixie  
State, which won its fifth straight.

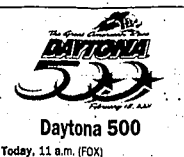
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## Excitement returns to Daytona

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale  
Earnhardt apologized after the  
Daytona 500 nearly lulled fans to  
sleep with a three-hour, mostly sin-  
gle-file parade last year.

"Bill France Sr. is probably spin-  
ning in his grave," the seven-time  
Winston Cup champion said, refer-  
ring to NASCAR's founder.  
"Nobody expects The Intimidator  
to apologize again tonight, not  
unless he's feeling guilty about



Today, 11 a.m. (FOX)  
pounding a rival into the wall in

what drivers expect to be the best  
race in the track's 42-year history.

This shouldn't be another Shore at  
the Shore. Daytona is racing again.

"It's going to be a madhouse,"  
said Jerry Nadeau, who'll start  
fifth in the 43-car field of the  
record \$11 million race.

NASCAR was embarrassed last  
February by Dale Jarrett's nearly  
unchallenged run to a third victory  
and the dominating Fords' sweep

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## Higher and higher

Dragila breaks her world record twice in one day

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — Olympic chari-  
pion Stacy Dragila raised the  
world record in the women's pole  
vault to 15 feet, 5 inches on  
Saturday, twice breaking her own  
indoor world marks.

Dragila, an assistant coach at  
Idaho State, cleared the record  
height on her third attempt as a  
crowd of about 7,000 hometown  
fans and high school athletes  
cheered during a Golden Spike  
Tour meet.

"Some athletes like to compete  
on the road, but I'm so thankful to  
be home," Dragila said. "I get to  
sleep in my own bed, so I got plenty  
of rest. I got to cook my own meals."

The height initially was  
announced as 15-5.5, but organizers  
later said the conversion from 4.7  
meters puts the record in the book  
at 15-5. Dragila, who also holds the  
world outdoor record of 15-2.25,  
missed three attempts at 15-9.



Golden Spike

The Golden Spike meet was  
sandwiched into the Simplot  
Games, one of the nation's largest  
high-school meets. Dragila had a  
receptive audience, and she had  
them cheering all day.









# Cyclones blow past Jayhawks again

AMES, Iowa (AP) — No. 7 Iowa State beat No. 6 Kansas for the second time this year Saturday as freshman Jake Sullivan made six 3-pointers and scored 22 points in a 79-71 Cyclone victory.

Shane Bower, another freshman, added 18 points for four 3s for Iowa State (22-3, 10-2 Big 12). Iowa State won its ninth straight conference game, the first time it's ever done that.



Kansas' Eric Chenowith battles for a rebound with Iowa State's Paul Shirley during the first half Saturday afternoon.

## No. 2 Stanford 88, California 56

BERKELEY, Calif. — Casey Jacobsen scored 18 points, and Jason Collins had 13 points and eight rebounds as Stanford beat Cal in the 234th meeting between the archrivals.

The Cardinal (23-1, 11-1 Pac-10) improved the nation's best record while beating Cal (17-7, 8-4) for the ninth straight time.

## No. 4 Illinois 67, Indiana 61

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Brian Cook scored 16 points; Frank Williams added 14 and the Illinois defense shut down Indiana's inside game as the No. 4 Illini held on for a 67-61 victory on Saturday.

## No. 8 Arizona 105, USC 61

LOS ANGELES — Gilbert Arenas scored 27 points and missed just one shot as the Wildcats routed Southern California in one of the Trojans' worst-ever defeats.

## No. 9 B.C. 81, Providence 73

BOSTON — Troy Bell scored 26 points, nine in the last six minutes, as Boston College blew a 14-point second half lead and then came back to beat Providence.

## West Virginia 87, No. 10 Syracuse 76

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Calvin Bowman scored 20 points and West Virginia survived a second-half scare.

Josh Yeager scored eight of his 15 points in the final three minutes to help West Virginia (15-8, 6-6 Big East) ward off a comeback by Syracuse, which nearly overcame a 15-point deficit.

## No. 12 Virginia 69, Florida St. 66

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Roger Mason's 3-pointer with 1 second left lifted Virginia over Florida State.

## No. 13 Oklahoma 82, Baylor 60

NORMAN, Okla. — J.R. "The Cavaliers" (18-6, 7-6 Atlantic Coast Conference), scored 10 of the final 12 points.

## No. 16 Miss 67, South Carolina 61

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Rahim Lockhart scored all eight of his points in the second half, including a basket with 2:09 left that put the Rebels ahead for good, as Mississippi won its sixth straight.

## No. 17 Maryland 73, No. 23 Wake Forest 57

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Lonny Baxter scored 19 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as Maryland stopped its three-game slide.

## No. 18 Georgetown 76, Rutgers 73

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Kevin Braswell scored 20 points, including eight of Georgetown's last 10, and helped make the game-winning defensive steal

for the 14th-ranked Hoyas.

## No. 21 Alabama 85, Ohio St. 67

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Erwin Dudley scored 17 points and No. 21 Alabama shot 10-of-18 from 3-point range in a victory over Ohio State.

## No. 22 Kentucky 79, Vanderbilt 74

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tayshaun Prince scored 27 points as Kentucky held off a persistent Vanderbilt for their seventh consecutive

## Southeastern Conference victory.

## No. 24 UCLA 73, Arizona St. 68

LOS ANGELES — Billy Knight scored a career-high 23 points as UCLA escaped with a victory over scrappy Arizona State. The Bruins (17-6, 10-2 Pac-10) won their fifth straight.

## Women's Top 25

## No. 11 Rutgers 54, No. 1 Notre Dame 53

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Tammy Sutton-Brown converted a three-point play with 28.1 seconds remaining and blocked a last-second shot as Rutgers ended Notre Dame's 23-game winning streak.

## No. 16 Utah 67, Colorado St. 59

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Kristina Andersen scored 17 points and Lauren Beckman added 16 for Utah (22-2, 11-0 Mountain West).

Amy Ewert added 15 points for the Utes, hitting all five of her shots from the field and all five of her free throws.

## Oregon 64, No. 23 Wash. 60

EUGENE, Ore. — Lindsey Dion's short jumper with 48 seconds left in overtime helped lead Oregon to a 64-60 victory over No. 23 Washington on Saturday and snapped a five-game losing streak.

## Kansas 69, No. 6 Iowa St. 61

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Jennifer Jackson scored 17 points as Kansas snapped a three-game losing streak.

Angie Welle led Iowa State (20-4, 10-3) with 20 points and nine rebounds.

## No. 10 Okla. 80, No. 14 Texas Tech 75

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Stacey Dales scored 22 points and Caton Hill added 16 as Oklahoma (21-4, 12-1 Big 12) beat Texas Tech in Lubbock for the first time.

# Charlotte mashes Milwaukee 103-93

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jamal Mashburn scored 32 points and Baron Davis added 21, including a nearly full-court shot at the end of the third period in the Charlotte Hornets' 103-93 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night.

The Central Division-leading Bucks are an Eastern Conference-best 19-8 at home, but they lost both of their games against the Hornets at the Bradley Center. They were beaten by Charlotte 106-90 on Nov. 24 in Milwaukee.

acting head coach with a 13-8 record. His father, Don, returns to the bench for Tuesday night's game against the Lakers after recovering from prostate cancer surgery.

## Bulls 89, Heat 82

CHICAGO — Ron Artest made a huge 21-footer with 1:58 left, the Bulls got tough on defense and Khalid El-Amin made five free throws in the closing seconds.

Chicago, which went into the All-Star-break mired in a franchise-record 16-game losing streak, now has won two in a row. The Bulls haven't had a winning streak since Feb. 17-19, 2000.

## Rockets 92, Cavaliers 80

HOUSTON — Steve Francis scored 35 points and Cuttino Mobley had 26 Saturday night as the Houston Rockets handed the Cleveland Cavaliers their 10th straight loss, 92-80.

Andre Miller led Cleveland with 29 points, while Chris Gatling had 11 and Trajan Langdon 10.

Houston led 58-57 with 1:57 left in the third period before Mobley and Francis each scored seven points in a 17-4 that gave the Rockets control. Cleveland never threatened again as Houston won for the fifth time in six games.

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**SPORTS**

# RANGERS' RODRIGUEZES

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Alex and Ivan-Rodriguez share much more than their last name.

Long before they were multimillionaires and new teammates on the Texas Rangers, they began a friendship while sitting together to sign autographs at a charity event one afternoon.

Over the years, they kept up the way baseball players do, through box scores and highlight films, and stayed in touch the way friends do, through phone calls and time together when their paths crossed.

In recent months, the Rodriguezes have had many more opportunities for quality time.

First, Ivan moved his off-season home to Miami after years of staying by Alex. Then Alex, prodded by Ivan, signed with the Rangers, pairing them on the field for at least the next two seasons.

"The story has a lot of irony in it," said Alex, who in December signed a record \$22 million, 10-year contract with Texas, the team for which Ivan has played his entire career.

"I recruited him the last four or five years to come live in Miami

## New teammates are longtime friends

and finally he's made the move. Whoever thought I'd be playing with him in Texas? It's going to be nice."

Ivan was to arrive in Port Charlotte, Fla., over the weekend with the pitchers and catchers - something he's rarely done in his career and perhaps an early sign of Alex's influence. Alex was expected later.

"We're both going to help each other out a lot," Alex said. "We're going to want to outdo each other in good ways, push each other."

Ivan said: "He knows how to play this game. I think he's going to be great and he's going to be happy with us."

Alex and Ivan give Texas a dynamic duo. Two guys considered the best all-around players at their positions and both still in their 20s. Their friendship is a bonus, although one that shouldn't be overlooked - considering the problems that could be caused by a free agent strolling into a locker

room with a higher profile and faster paycheck than the resident All-Star.

"Alex and I are good friends," said Ivan, who'll make \$5.5 million this season to Alex's \$21 million. "When he played with Seattle, we communicated by phone. He's a great guy."

"He's excited to be here, very happy to be my teammate. It's exciting knowing that the Rangers are going to have him for 10 years."

Ivan played an active role in luring Alex to Texas, selling him on the organization, fans and community. Alex knew Ivan was sincere because in 1997 he gave the Rangers a home-team discount rather than seek a bigger payday through free agency.

"I call him Barry Switzer," Alex said, snickering, "because he's such a great recruiter."

The roles might be reversed when Ivan's contract expires after the 2002 season, although Alex probably won't have to push hard. Ivan already has said he'd like to spend the rest of his career as a Ranger.

# Ramirez and McGwire report early

The Associated Press

Mike Hampton strained his left calf muscle during his first workout with the Colorado Rockies, an injury that could push back his first spring training start.

Hampton, 28, injured his leg two weeks ago during a workout near his Houston home, and he tweaked the muscle again Friday during the Rockies' first workout of spring training.

"If we were playing a game tomorrow and I had to pitch, I'd be there," he said in Tucson, Ariz. "I understand what the real deal is, and that's the start of the season. I'm not scared or concerned about not being ready to go."

Elsewhere, Cubs pitcher Jeremi Gonzalez learned an injury will sideline him for a third straight season; Mark McGwire and Manny Ramirez were among those who reported early; and New York owner George Steinbrenner gave a state-of-the-Yankees address.

Steinbrenner didn't appreciate that Texas gave Alex Rodriguez a \$252 million, 10-year contract, raising the top salaries and causing him to pay Derek Jeter - his own star shortstop - more than he originally

## Spring training

planned to. "Texas did all of baseball a relative disservice," Steinbrenner said in Tampa, Fla.

Hampton, who in December signed a \$121 million, eight-year contract, threw about 40 pitches off a mound on Saturday - as scheduled - but he skipped most of the other fundamental drills.

While he plans to continue throwing, he was expected to be held out of the other drills for the next two weeks. The left-hander has been scheduled to make his exhibition debut on March 3 against San Francisco.

At Mesa, Ariz., the Cubs announced another season had ended for Gonzalez, a right-hander who hasn't pitched in the major leagues since July 1998. He has a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee and will need reconstructive surgery.

But McGwire, sidelined by a knee injury for most of the second half of last season, was getting warmly by teammates at Jupiter, Fla., but generally declined to answer questions. McGwire has said he knows what he needs to do to get ready

and he usually likes to arrive early.

And in Fort Myers, Fla., Manny Ramirez reported to the Red Sox sporting cornrows where dyed hair used to be.

"I'm a simple guy," he said Saturday. "I'll be doing the same things that I was doing. The money's not going to change anything about my personality."

# Maleeva upsets Venus Williams at Terazura Open

NICE, France (AP) - With her knee ailing and the fire in her game gone, Venus Williams was ousted in straight sets by Magdalena Maleeva in the semifinals of the Terazura Open on Saturday.

Maleeva, an unseeded Bulgarian, won 7-6 (8), 6-4, with the first set of a 3-6, 6-1 Williams double faulting twice in the final game.

"I've had a rough week," Williams said. "It's too bad. I'm glad it's finished."

Maleeva will face Amelie Mauresmo of France in today's final of the \$565,000 tournament.

"I didn't think I could play like that," said Maleeva, who will be playing her first final of the year.

Mauresmo, seeded seventh, beat Anke Huber of Germany 2-6, 6-1 in the other semifinal. Mauresmo defeated Huber in the Gaz de France first title in France.

Williams, ranked No. 3 in the world, was playing her second tournament of the year. She made it to the semifinals of the Australian Open last month.

Kafelnikov, Grosjean play to Marseille final

MARSEILLE, France - Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4 on Saturday and will play in the Marseille Open final on his 28th birthday.

The second-seeded Russian will face Sebastien Grosjean of France in Sunday's title match

of the \$500,000 tournament. Grosjean, seeded fourth, blunted the return serves of Max Mirnyi of Belarus in winning the other semifinal 6-4, 7-6 (7).

## Hings will meet Testud in Qatar final

DOHA, Qatar - Martina Hings routed Barbara Schett of Austria 6-1, 6-2 Saturday, setting up a match with Sandrine Testud of France in the final of the \$170,000 Qatar Open.

Testud, seeded third, ended the run by Adriana Geri, beating the Czech 6-1, 6-1 in the other semifinal.

Hings, ranked No. 1, and Testud have played each other 13 times and the Swiss star has yet to lose.

## Vinciguerra gets back to Copenhagen final

COPENHAGEN, Denmark - Defending champion Andreas Vinciguerra reached the Copenhagen Open final for the second straight year, beating Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 on Saturday.

He'll face top-seeded Tim Henman of Britain, who defeated Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands 6-3, 7-6 (3) in the other semifinal.

Vinciguerra, who lives an hour away in southern Sweden, has won nine consecutive matches on the fast indoor hardcourt at KB Hallen Arena, dating to last year's tournament.

Henman is playing in Copenhagen for the first time since 1996, when he lost in the semifinals.

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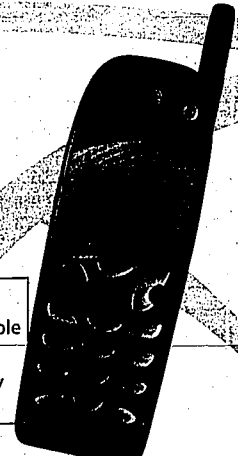
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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### New Directions teaches self-management skills

**TWIN FALLS** - To assist Magic Valley employees to become more productive by developing self-management skills, the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering "WorkSmart: Self-Management Skills."

Participants in this training will develop techniques to improve self-management skills. The training is helpful for adults in transition: job seeking, returning to school or other financially related changes, according to a center news release.

Class will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 27 through March 13, at the Center for New Directions on the CSI campus.

One credit is offered. Cost is \$65.50; financial assistance and scholarships are available. Registration deadline is Friday. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

### Bean school, trade school slated for Wednesday

**TWIN FALLS** - A Bean School and Trade Show will be held Wednesday at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Lunch will be sponsored by the Idaho Bean Commission and the Western Bean Dealers Association. One pesticide license recertification credit and three Certified Crop Adviser credits are available to those attending.

Topics to be covered include the state indemnity fund, the new farm bill and North American Free Trade zinc- and iron deficiency in beans, Idaho Bean Commission report, insect control, soil erosion, herbicide trials in beans, economic efficiencies in bean production and using PAM (polyacrylamide—a soil-erosion inhibitor). A panel discussion on bean production is on the agenda.

Admission is free to the school and show. For more information, call Steve Salisbury at 734-9590.

### State agencies schedule financial privacy seminars

**BOISE** - The Idaho Department of Finance and Idaho's Consumer Information Council are sponsoring a series of seminars in Idaho to inform businesses of new federal consumer financial privacy rules. Locally, a seminar will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Ballroom on Shoshone Street in Twin Falls.

Sponsoring agencies and representatives of the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and National Credit Union Administration will participate. A representative of the attorney general's Consumer Protection Unit will provide an overview of the state's new "no-call list" legislation affecting telemarketing.

The privacy rules provide new protection for consumers' financial information. They cover banks, credit unions, insurance companies, securities firms and other businesses engaged in financial activities such as mortgage brokers and lenders, "payday" lenders, check cashers, some travel agencies, collection agencies and tax preparers. Retailers who extend credit to consumers also may need to comply with the rules.

The Department of Finance said it estimates that the rules will apply to most of the roughly 80,000 people and companies it regulates. Businesses have until July 1 to comply fully with the rules.

Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For more information and a registration form, call the Idaho Department of Finance at (208) 332-8000 or toll free in Idaho at (888) 346-3378, or the Idaho Bankers Association at (208) 342-8282.

### Builders group to discuss the future of Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Builders Association members will talk about the future of Twin Falls at a Tuesday night dinner meeting.

City Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin and Russ Young of AT&T Broadband will speak at a program titled "What Is on the Horizon for Twin Falls?"

The meeting will begin with a 6 p.m. social hour and no-host bar, with the dinner program to follow at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Turf Club and cost is \$16 per person.

To RSVP, call Cyndie Woods at 736-8991 by 3 p.m. Monday.

— compiled from staff reports

# Building economic diversity

## Light manufacturing could be a heavy-hitter in valley, experts say

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Manufacturing might never be the backbone of the Magic Valley's economy, but it is a vital sector, and its importance is likely to increase.

"As long as Idaho remains tied to agriculture, our food processing will remain pretty strong," said Greg Rogers, a labor market analyst with the Idaho Job Service.

But agriculture is a fickle business, and small Western towns and cities in traditionally ag-based areas must diversify or face some serious hard times, Rogers said.

More small communities are turning to light manufacturing to build economic safety nets, said Jerry Beck, vice president of instruction at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

So in the race to attract small, clean factories, a community's work force often determines whether it wins or loses, Beck said.

What the Magic Valley has is plenty of dependable, eager and honest workers, Rogers and Beck said.

But what the valley needs is more worker training, they said.

"In the job market right now in the Magic Valley, we have a low unemployment rate, but we've got a lot of people who are underemployed," Beck said.

Light manufacturers want workers with specialized skills, such as machinists or heavy equipment operators,

Rogers said. Getting a good portion of the local work force trained to that level is the valley's next big challenge.

A sales representative for a local trailer maker knows the importance of worker training.

Good welders and finish workers can be hard to come by, said John McKay of Charmac Trailers in Twin Falls. And that's important to a business that has several competitors within a few hundred miles.

"The company has imported some of its most talented workers, but has also snagged many who were trained in welding and other specialties at CSI," he said.

To stay ahead, Charmac - which has about 80 employees - is constantly adding new product lines and features, McKay said.

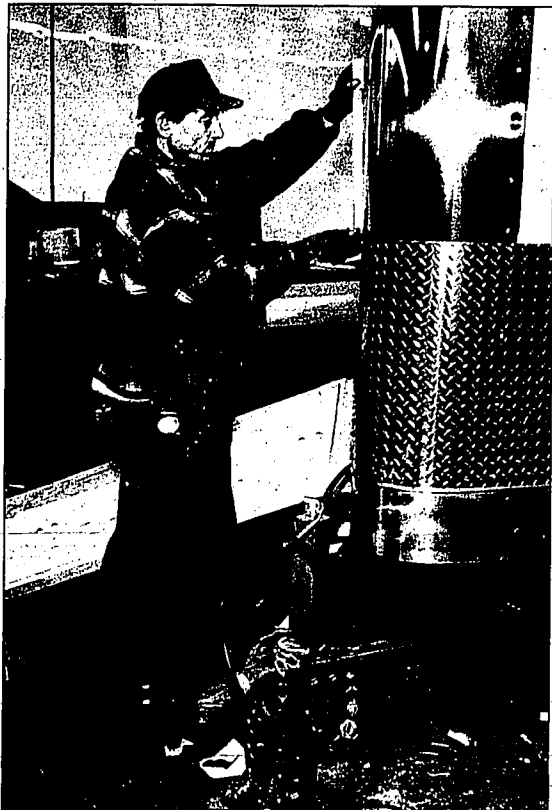
Changes in the business also reflect a general trend away from a purely agricultural market, McKay said. A decade or so ago, Charmac made almost nothing but horse and stock trailers. Now enclosed cargo trailers - such as those favored by snowmobilers - are all the rage.

Charmac also can't depend on local sales. The company exports most of its products all over the West and parts of Canada, McKay said.

Although the current boom isn't expected to slow dramatically anytime soon, the Magic Valley needs to start insulating itself against economic cold spells, Rogers said.

One way to do that might be through Idaho's Work Force

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Senad Zukic completes finish work on a new snowmobile trailer at Charmac Trailers in Twin Falls recently.

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### Manufacturing

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# Markets can be found near and far

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley manufacturers are looking beyond the immediate area to market their products.

Twin Falls entrepreneur Louie Owens, who started Magic Valley Heli-Arc & Manufacturing in 1975 as an all-around welding shop, eventually zeroed in on a product that he sells internationally: fish pumps used in aquaculture, or fish farming.

"We made our first pump in 1979 for a local business," Owens said. "We have expertise in handling live fish in harvesting, transferring and transporting from location to location all over the world."

He also sells grading equipment. Owens said his business grew 45 percent last year and 60 percent this year. He employs 10 people.

"We have just doubled our facility and updated equipment," Owens said.

His facility, under construction since March, doesn't even have its new sign yet, but no matter - the business doesn't draw much foot traffic since most of Owens' business comes from beyond U.S. borders.

"We're almost strictly international," he said. "We have saturated the U.S. market."

One reason is that Owens' equipment doesn't wear out.

"Our first pump is still working," he said.

Manufacturing sturdy equipment is a good thing. So too is the environmental movement, which forced Owens - in spite of what he said he would prefer to market outside the United States - where fish farming is rapidly expanding.

"The future of aquaculture is outside this country," Owens said. "There's no fish left in the ocean, and because of the environmentalists and government regulations in the U.S., all the fish farming is being done in countries outside."

Doing business this way over-



Ray Carro, right, and Jason Armstrong of Magic Valley Heli-Arc & Manufacturing prepare a fish pump for shipment to Belize, in Central America.

seas is considerably easier than trying to conform to U.S. regulations, he said. Even shipping overseas is no obstacle, since shipping costs are passed on to the buyer.

After 15 years of focusing on international fish farming, there's no turning back.

"There's a whole wide world out there," he said with a huge smile. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be doing this."

In Filer, another agriculturally based manufacturer, Acme Manufacturing, has prospered since 1947, although sales manager Keith Owings said the company is bracing for a slowdown.

The depressed agricultural sector might soon affect Acme, which manufactures chains for

### Idaho's top markets

The top 10 export markets for Idaho goods, for July through September 2000.

Nation	Total exports in millions
1. Singapore	\$541.0
2. United Kingdom	\$489.5
3. Canada	\$337.6
4. Japan	\$232.6
5. Malaysia (Taiwan)	\$126.3
6. China (Taiwan)	\$123.8
7. Hong Kong	\$96.7
8. Mexico	\$82.2
9. Italy	\$55.0
10. Germany	\$52.2

Source: Idaho Department of Commerce

always been an ag-based economy, leaders are hoping to draw in manufacturers who are not dependent on agriculture, said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' city economic development director.

"It helps to take some of the bumps out of the road," McAlindin said of the effort to diversify.

One new and non-agricultural-based manufacturer, brought into the area less than three years ago, is the Solo Cup Co. It initially employed 65 people and is already up to 100.

The local plant manufactures plastic cutlery and straws that are mostly marketed locally and on the West Coast and in the Southwest. Business is growing; company wide, Solo Cup increased manufacturing 20 percent last year with a 16 to 17 percent increase in the local plant, local plant manager Ken Becker said.

The company, which started out making paper cups and plates in Chicago 60 years ago, now manufactures plastic cups, plates and eating utensils. It has 19 locations in the United States and abroad - and like manufacturers large and small, it's looking at the global market.

"We're looking at locating in the Orient next," Becker said.

## Area's largest players are tied to agriculture

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Despite the influx of some light manufacturing, the Magic Valley is inexorably tied to agriculture, says Greg Rogers, the state department of labor's statistical analyst in Twin Falls.

Not surprisingly, Magic Valley economic development experts are hoping to diversify the area's manufacturing sector, so that when the agricultural economy is down, the area economy can stay buoyant.

The Magic Valley will continue to be an agriculturally based economy, said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' city economic development director. But McAlindin said a major part of his job is bringing in manufacturing that is not dependent on agriculture.

That's also a goal for Jerome County Planning and Zoning Director Art Brown.

Over the past decade, Jerome County leaders strengthened the county's economy with dairies. But now, with diversification in mind, local leaders are focused on aggressively marketing the county to manufacturers not tied to agriculture.

But the numbers point to a manufacturing economy heavily dependent on agriculture.

Of the 16 Magic Valley manufacturers with 100 or more workers, the bulk are involved in ag-related food processing.

Here's the list, with food processing manufacturers in bold face:

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McLain Foods USA, Inc.	Cassia 600/69
J.R. Simplot Co.	Blaine 600/69
Amalgamated Sugar Co.	Twin Falls 400/49
Independent Meat	Twin Falls 400/49
Serena Foods Corp.	Twin Falls 400/49
Spencer Manufacturing	Jerome 300/39
Bone Cascade Corrugated J.	Cassia 200/29
Clear Spring Foods Inc.	TF, Gooding 200/29
Solo Cup Co.	TF, Twin Falls 200/29
Glambia Inc.	Twin Falls 100/19
Jerome Cheese Co. Inc.	Twin Falls 100/19
Land O'Lakes	Twin Falls 100/19
Longvic Flow Co.	Twin Falls 100/19
Moore Business Forms	Jerome 100/19
A Systems Division	Jerome 100/19
Seastron Mfg. Co. Inc.	Twin Falls 100/19





Idaho Power is looking to irrigators who run pumps like these to help hold the line on electrical rate increases.

# Power buyback offers some hope

BOISE - Irrigators who were hoping they'd found a cure for continued low crop prices in a proposal to buy their electricity will have to sharpen their pencils.

While the proposed program may still make economic sense for groundwater pumps and irrigators that pump out of the Snake River, it probably won't be a cash cow for those who turn off their pumps. That's because the Public Utilities Commission views the program as a way to keep electrical rate increases as low as possible for the rate payers across Idaho, not to prop up potato prices.

Idaho Power's proposal has generated a lot of interest from pumpers across the state since the company filed an application with the PUC on Feb. 2. Idaho Power is seeking to pay irrigators who can reduce their electricity consumption by at least 100,000 kilowatt hours during the 2001 growing season. That works out to running a 60 horsepower pump for about 2,000 hours. According to Idaho Power, about 1,700 of their irrigation customers have historically used at least 100,000 kilowatt hours per season.

"This is not an insignificant program for us or anyone who is our customer," Ric Gale told the three-member Public Utilities Commission during a hearing on the proposal held Wednesday in Boise.

He has projected that about 30 percent of eligible irrigators would participate, reducing the utility's peak demand by 7 percent and saving \$60 million in power supply costs. But those savings must come at a discount to the market, Gale, the pricing director for Idaho Power, warned the dozen or so irrigators that attended the hearing.

## Board opts to settle ABT bankruptcy claims

TWIN FALLS - Although some critics are calling an agreement to pay alfalfa growers caught up in the ABT bankruptcy out of the Commodity Indemnity Account Program a mistake, industry leaders say the \$2 million agreement was the cheapest solution in the long run.

"I've saved wheat growers \$5 million," said Steve Johnson, head of the Idaho Grain Producers Association.

Alfalfa growers had filed over 200 claims totaling nearly \$7.9 million against the Commodity Indemnity Account Program. Idaho Grain Producers drew a line in the sand over paying that much to alfalfa growers from a fund that's capped at \$5 million.

At the same time, the Association knew that some alfalfa growers had legitimate claims against the CAP. When the fund was established in July 1989, alfalfa and clover seed were included as eligible crops for the fund. Under the old seed contracts, alfalfa growers retained ownership of the seed until it was cleaned and the fund assessment was collected at the time of sale. Those growers were eligible to receive 90 percent of their claims.

Where the problems cropped up was with the newer, ballnet contracts in which the seed com-



## Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Magic Valley Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

pany contracted with a farmer to grow and deliver the seed, but the grower never actually owned the seed. Those folks never paid into the fund and weren't eligible to receive payment from it.

But rather than drag the case through the court system, incurring legal fees to add to the eventual settlement cost, the IGPA board of directors thought it best to settle for the \$2 million.

## Skimpy snowpack leaves a dismal water outlook

TWIN FALLS - What you think of the snow that's fallen this winter may depend on how you view it.

It's been the kind of winter where folks who live in town and aren't tracking snow water equivalent data as strenuously as irrigation managers do are a bit perplexed. In their eyes, the Magic Valley has had a long, hard winter because of the number of days snow has been on the ground.

But the snow water equivalent numbers tell a different story. As of Feb. 13, the Big and Little Wood Basin was at 54 percent of the average-snow-water equivalent for the date and the Snake River above Palisades was at 58 percent. Sites farther south are closer to normal, but still well below what's needed. The Oakley Basin was at 65 percent of average snow water equivalent for mid-February, and Salmon Falls Basin was at 77 percent.

With just six to eight weeks of prime snowfall accumulation left, the seasonal picture is even grimmer. The Big and Little Wood Basin was at 39 percent of the normal seasonal maximum, the Snake River above Palisades was at 41 percent and the Salmon Falls Basin was at 53 percent.

## TFCC warns stockholders to expect short water year

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Canal Company shareholders are watching the skies for signs of snow should be taking an equally hard look at their fields.

With snowfall less than 60 percent of average for the season in the Upper Snake River system, growers need to take into account the real possibility that late season water may be a luxury this season.

But there is a high likelihood that the system will deliver just five-eighths of a miner's inch of water per share after the spring runoff period.

At their February meeting, the TFCC board of directors decided, after looking at the water supply outlook, to use natural river flow to its fullest extent. That means early in the season - and if Mother Nature cooperates - irrigators can expect to receive three-quarters of a miner's inch of water per share.

## CAREER MOVES

### EDEN - Travelers' Oasis Truck Plaza



Ervid VanSickle

Eden, at Exit 182 on Interstate 84, just behind the Travelers' Oasis Truck Plaza. The phone number is 825-5009.

VanSickle has put together a team of employees with expertise in diesel, auto and recreational vehicle repairs and maintenance in tire and lube work. He also will stock a large inventory of retail parts.

VanSickle and his staff can be reached at the Travelers' Oasis Truck Shop, 1135 E. 1000 S., Eden, at Exit 182 on Interstate 84, just behind the Travelers' Oasis Truck Plaza. The phone number is 825-5009.

### TWIN FALLS - The Institute for Wellness



Ann Rowe

Wellness said it has grown in the last five months. It now has a bimonthly newsletter, daily meditations via e-mail, retreats, yoga, weekly groups, staff development and communication workshops, teen and family communication, and health and wellness seminars. It also has a conference room for rent.

Rowe can be reached at 732-8432.

### TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Bank



Ernie Bengochea

Bengochea said, "I welcome the opportunity to show my customers what customer service really means at Magic Valley Bank."

Bengochea has more than 32 years of banking experience, mostly in the Magic Valley. His area of expertise is commercial and agricultural lending and bank management. He participates in the Twin Falls Rotary Club and Twin Falls Area

Chamber of Commerce. He is a native of the Magic Valley and shares his hobby, team sorting, with his wife, Kay, on their ranch in Eden.

Owned by shareholders in the Magic Valley, Magic Valley Bank has offices in Gooding and Twin Falls. It is a member of the FDIC.

### HEYBURN - Steven Bray of Mini-Cassia Equipment Co.



Steven Bray

Bray has more than 25 years of mechanical experience and has been involved in local politics since 1988. He served as a member of the Hazelton City Council from 1988 to 1990 and as mayor of Hazelton from 1990 to 2000.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS



D.L. Evans Bank recently presented a rifle valued at \$549 to the Mini-Cassia Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The rifle will be used as a door prize at the chapter's 13th annual banquet, set for 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Inn. Pictured left to right are John Evans Sr. and Roger Facer, both of D.L. Evans Bank; Tony Stauffer and Bill Blair, both of the Mini-Cassia elk foundation chapter; and John Evans Jr. of D.L. Evans Bank.

## MILESTONES

### Sales representative marks first year in vinyl retailing

TWIN FALLS - Mark Graybeal has completed his first year as a retail sales representative for Precision Vinyl Products Inc.

He has 24 years of management and retail sales experience from Roper's Clothing Co. Precision Vinyl Products Inc. specializes in in-house vinyl fabrication and installation of vinyl fencing, custom decks and over-

### heads, porch railing and custom design projects.

The company will have a booth at the Home & Garden Show, set for Friday through Feb. 25 at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. Graybeal can be reached at Precision Vinyl Products Inc., 21391 U.S. Highway 30 W.

## Realtors meet with legislators

### The Times-News

BOISE - A Realtor Day at the Legislature was held Feb. 7 in Boise.

Realtors from across Idaho met with legislators about issues important to the real estate industry, including reduction in capital gains, annexation reform and helping landlords defeat illegal drug labs.

Magic Valley Realtors who attended include: Kent and Cindy Collins of Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties in Twin Falls; the

Collinses are members of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Jill Stone of Irwin Realty in Twin Falls, Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Fatty Smallwood of Sun Valley-Elkhorn Resort in Sun Valley, Sawtooth Board of Realtors.

Sheila Adams of Century 21 Riverside Realty in Burley, Mini-Cassia Association of Realtors.

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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	Close	Thursday	Weekly change	52-week high-low
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ASCA	AMERISTAR	6.30	6.12	-0.18	6.80-5.70
COST	COSTCO	22.54	24.70	2.16	26.10-15.00
FD	FEDERATED	45.75	42.70	-3.05	40.40-21.00
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	43.00	42.00	-1.00	48.12-34.00
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	45.75	43.48	-2.27	50.02-32.12
MCN	MICRON TECH	42.00	42.00	0.00	70.00-34.00
IDA	IDACORP	39.00	39.00	0.00	61.81-38.82
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	14.14	14.70	0.56	19.02-8.82
KR	KROGER	18.00	18.00	0.00	18.00-15.38
KEY	KEY CORP	27.63	28.82	1.19	29.28-18.88
KR	KROGER	24.35	25.15	0.80	27.94-14.00
LF	LONGVIEW FIBRE	13.75	13.75	0.00	13.00-12.50
MCD	MCDONALD'S	30.52	29.34	-1.18	39.04-20.38
MU	MICROSOFT	42.00	42.00	0.00	47.80-20.00
OMX	OFFICE MAX	3.55	3.95	0.40	7.50-1.50
PH	PHILIP MORRIS	42.00	42.00	0.00	42.00-32.12
Q	QUEST	37.10	41.00	3.90	54.44-17.50
RAD	RADIANT	39.13	42.00	2.87	42.00-32.12
SKO	SHOPOK	10.00	9.08	-0.92	22.50-3.00
SW	SWISSCO	28.15	28.15	0.00	30.00-12.15
TGT	TARGET	35.72	35.72	0.00	39.10-21.75
WAL	WALMART	42.00	42.00	0.00	42.00-32.12
USB	U.S. BANCORP	29.43	29.43	0.00	32.78-16.50
WMT	WAL-MART	52.30	52.30	0.00	64.94-41.90
WFC	WELLS FARGO	28.80	29.14	0.34	32.78-16.50
WNG	WING GROUP	0.95	1.19	0.24	12.00-0.19
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## Amtrak, Hertz revamp frequent-traveler programs

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

Frequent-customer programs — anything from an airline frequent-flyer club to a bonus card issued by the local supermarket chain, video store or pet shop — have become staples on marketing that many businesses can't live without.

For travelers, that means a seemingly endless variety of ways to earn points or miles that can be exchanged for free trips or other rewards — free, at least, if you don't pay for the travel in the first place.

The reward programs are an irresistible lure to millions, even if they have paid for their own travel. At last count, airlines and hotel companies alone had about 60 million people signed up as members of frequent-customer programs.

Recently, two major travel companies, Amtrak and Hertz, have announced developments in award programs aimed at attracting new customers and hanging on to those they already have.

For Amtrak, the venture is its first major effort at loyalty marketing.

For Hertz, its most recent alliance is with the greater daddy of frequent-customer programs: the post-2000 version of the century-old S&H Green Stamps.

Amtrak, the national passenger railroad, debuted its "Guest Rewards" frequent-customer program Dec. 1, in conjunction with the launch of new high-speed trains in the Boston-to-Washington Northeast Corridor. In case you hadn't heard, Amtrak took a cue from the hotel industry earlier this year and began referring not to passengers or customers but as guests — although these "guests" still have to pay.

The Amtrak program enables you to build up points by routing rail trips on any of its routes nationwide. The points can be traded for train tickets, airline frequent-flyer miles or other services or merchandise, including gift certificates good for movies, books, restaurant meals, cosmetics and other goodies.

Rail riders in the Northeast, and especially those who use the premium-fare Metroliner or Acela Express trains, are likely to benefit the most from the Amtrak program. Acela Express is the name Amtrak has given its European-style high-speed trains, which promise to cut travel times between Boston and Washington from more than eight hours to just over six hours.

The Amtrak program, similar to some frequent-flyer plans, requires you to take a trip on the railroad at least once every three years to keep your account active. Also similar to airline programs, a host of other rules and conditions apply. Details are available at Amtrak stations or at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

Hertz, the car-rental company, this month became the most prominent brand name to link itself with S&H Greenpoints, which calls itself "the digital reinvention of America's beloved S&H Green Stamps." The program is available only in an online version.

Greenpoints (found at [www.greenpoints.com](http://www.greenpoints.com)) was reinvented by descendants of the Sperry & Hutchinson Co., which began offering paper Green Stamps, good for merchandise you bought through the mail, in 1895.

Renting a car from Hertz earns 10 points for every \$1 spent, provided you reserve using a special customer number obtained from the Greenpoints program.

## Small manufacturers find niche in valley

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Of the Magic Valley residents finding ways to own their own businesses, a fair number are manufacturers.

"You wouldn't believe how many people there are out there in the valley who are running their own manufacturing businesses," said Cindy Pook, executive director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho, which provides business plans, classes and advice to people wanting to start or expand a small business.

People of all ages and backgrounds come in for help, said Mathew Makay, who works at the center.

"All kinds of people from 19 years old all the way up to late '50s and '60s that want to start a business come here," Makay said. "We've seen waitresses to farmers to already business owners that want to improve their businesses or start new businesses."

A new client is Twin Falls resident Linda Silene, owner of H and L Creations, a micro-manufacturing business she wants to expand. She and her husband started a ceramic business catering to tourists 10 years ago. He was the artist and she was the bookkeeper.

The concept was sound, because each year orders increased until it supplied about two thirds of Silene's income. Last Christmas, they finally had more orders than they could handle, but Silene is sure that the business could have grown faster had they put more energy into it. Through the life of the business her husband's had suffered deteriorating health. He died in September at age 72, just as Christmas rush was kicking in.

"At first I didn't want to continue with it," she said, "but I had a friend who said, 'You can't give up.'"

With her friend's encouragement, she contracted out some of the work and finished more than 8,000 pieces.

And now, the newly confident 60-something Silene is ready to do some serious business.

She is working with the center to map out expansion and has joined the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Plans include learning more about the actual manufacturing in order to reduce the expense of contract labor.

### Building a trade

A family-owned business that started out with the center six years ago, Silene has in volume less than \$100,000 in volume its first year to almost \$700,000 in volume this year, said owner Tim Peterson, 49. The husband-wife team runs two stores — one in Twin Falls and the other in Ketchum — specializing in unusual, high-end furniture, most of it designed and manufactured by the Petersons.

Peterson said the business took off last year when they expanded

### By the numbers

The Idaho Small Business Development Center, services to 285 small businesses from January through November 2000. The center spent 2,493 hours on the behalf of these businesses, on business planning, market plans, advertising, cost analysis, loan assistance, cash flow, purchase or sale of business and new venture analysis.

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- In 1999 growth of employment in the business sector was 2.6 percent, while employment grew by 28.6 percent for center clients.
- In 1999 sales across Idaho grew by an average of 2 percent while sales grew at 24.2 percent for center clients.

into Sun Valley, but until then the Petersons were nervous.

"We knew it was a really big risk when we went into it," Peterson said.

But they say they had no other choice.

"We just knew we had to get our own business, but we had been afraid of our own business sense," Peterson said. "We're artists, you know — that says it all."

At the center, Bond helped them with a complete portfolio leading to a bank loan that launched the Twin Falls store.

These days with the bookkeeping hired out, the Petersons are "just buzzing with energy" as they focus on building \$7,000 armchairs and \$6,000 dining room tables. "My wife is obsessed with this business — 24-seven," Peterson said.

### Going it alone

Some businesses have succeeded by going it alone, such as a furniture manufacturer from Buhl.

It's been a little over four years since Alan Livesey, 48, was inspired to transform some weathered wood from an old outhouse into a piece of rustic furniture.

On Father's Day 1996, an irrigation problem had suddenly come up at the Liveseys' home. Grabbing the closest lumber he could find, a friend hurried over to help solve the problem.

But Livesey — at the time a cabinetmaker turned antique refinisher — envisioned turning the graying pine into practical artwork.

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Soon Livesey was remodeling the chicken coop in back of his house so he could manufacture his "country primitive distressed" furniture, turning the chicken coop into an expanded shop and display area. Within two years he had a line ranging from shelves and mirrors to oversized hutches and dining room tables with chairs.

Business was slow in the beginning. But now, people are waiting up to three months to buy his furniture. Word-of-mouth and especially the Internet have drawn people to his company, Innovative Woodworks. His web site garnered \$30,000 worth of sales this year.

"I've had to hire a part-time employee," Livesey said, "and that has really helped a lot."

Instead of worrying if he'll have enough business, these days he said he worries that he'll be so busy filling orders he won't have time to create new pieces.

### Beyond art

After Burley resident Steven Andersen returned from a Mormon Church mission in 1994, he started working toward a degree in structural engineering. A desire to keep down the college loans motivated him to start Kalamaki Engineering — a firm targeting the agricultural community.

The first thing he invented and manufactured was a fall-protection unit for a Murtagh starch plant, designed to keep workers from falling two or three stories while they loaded train cars from above.

"There were commercially made systems, but they didn't have enough right-of-way," Andersen said. "It was a special problem (the starch plant) had."

Solving special problems gave him direction.

Six years later Andersen is a couple of tests away from his degree.

and is inventing and manufacturing full-time.

He's not getting rich yet.

"I'm making a living, but it's mostly getting by right now," Andersen said.

This winter he has applicants to manufacture 300 to 400 plannets, to help prevent erosion while enhancing water filtration.


With the ag sector depressed, Andersen is re-evaluating Kalamaki Engineering's mission.

"It's so scary in farming," he said. "There's no money in it."

But recently, he was invited to do extensive contracting with a Utah-based company in the airport industry.

"They told me they'll have plenty of work for me," he said, with a grin. "I'm going to be manufacturing some explosive-detection devices."

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### Manufacturing in local counties

Numbers of manufacturing establishments in Magic Valley counties and statewide, broken down by numbers of employees:

Workers	Conasa	Jerome	Mioldoka	Twin Falls	Statowade
1 to 4 workers	16	4	8	40	684
5 to 9 workers	3	1	2	10	286
10 to 19 workers	4	0	2	17	260
20 to 49 workers	4	1	3	11	211
50 to 99 workers	0	4	1	4	91
100 to 249 workers	1	1	2	5	68
250 to 499 workers	0	1	1	1	28
500 to 999 workers	1	0	1	1	18
1,000 or more workers	0	0	0	0	5
Total	29	12	20	89	1,651

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, 1998

## Manufacturing

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Development Fund, he said. The fund can provide companies and schools with up to \$2,000 in training per worker.

The fund is fueled by unemployment insurance and has generated about \$5 million, Beck said. CSI hasn't asked for a share of the fund recently, but is always willing to co-author a grant request with any company trying to set up shop in the valley.

"That could be an important element in building the valley's pool of middle-level workers, who have specialized skills and generally earn \$30,000 to \$45,000 yearly," he said.

Getting as many people trained

as possible will prevent the next dip in the national economy from causing a bust in the Magic Valley.

"If people are laid off in one sector and you've got jobs available in another, you can get them back to work quickly," Rogers said.

## Magic Valley Bank Is Proud to Announce Ernie Bengochea As Vice President/Chief Credit Officer



Well known in the community, for his banking expertise, Bengochea brings to Magic Valley Bank 32 years of banking experience specializing in commercial and agricultural lending and bank management. A native of the Magic Valley, Bengochea is a member of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and Twin Falls Rotary Club. Living on a small ranch in Eden, Bengochea's hobbies include team sorting with his wife, Kay, and golf.

"It is a welcome change to be back in community banking with Magic Valley Bank," stated Bengochea. "I welcome the opportunity to show my many friends and customers what customer service really means at Magic Valley Bank and I invite them to stop by and say hello."

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by Craig Smith



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James Hoadley, 18, a student in the College of Southern Idaho's electronics program, plans to transfer to Idaho State University after he takes basic classes in CSI's brand-new facility.

# CSI fills worker-training needs

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — In the past few years, the College of Southern Idaho has trained workers for Magic Valley manufacturers, large and small.

The college has provided training not just for the big hitters, such as the Solo Cup Co., but for smaller manufacturers as well.

It is part of the one-stop shopping the college provides, its supporters say. CSI works with valley chambers of commerce to bring in new manufacturing, and help long-time manufacturers by offering ongoing training.

"CSI is the No. 1 asset this area

has," said former Progress banker and recently retired Department of Labor statistics analyst Lon McDonald. "CSI will work on any terms with any business. They will do anything."

For example, CSI is providing training in woodworking for 10 students who are going straight to The Farmhouse Collection after they finish class, said Dave White, the college's director of trade and industry. And the college has already supplied five workers to the company, which CSI helped entice to the Magic Valley in 1998, plant manager

Carl Peterson said. "We're clear on any time a business is interested in this area," White said. "Typically three representatives from the college go with members of the chamber to work with incoming industry."

CSI helped bring Solo Cup and Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc. into the area.

"Among the several reasons Solo Cup came to the Magic Valley (in 1998) is that CSI was extremely cooperative in providing our training needs," plant manager Ken Becker said. "And the state has been extremely cooperative in paying for our training needs."

A federally funded program pays up to \$2,000 per trained worker for new manufacturers locating in the valley.

Through CSI, Solo Cup employees are trained in proper manufacturing practices, electronics and hydraulics, Becker said.

"Some instructors even continue to come to the plant in the evenings to teach English as a second language to our Bosnian and Spanish workers," he said.

And CSI supports established manufacturers with ongoing training in safety and new equipment, and programs for workers who want to work their way into management.

## High schools lack funds for job training

Electronics course will move to CSI

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley's first high-school class geared specifically toward manufacturing is about to change location.

Last year Valley High School in eastern Jerome County hosted the electronics course, affiliated with Micron. But this winter, the College of Southern Idaho will begin hosting the course, which will allow high school students to get college credit.

"It is a four-semester program for high-school juniors and seniors who will be learning what CSI usually offers in one semester to regular college students," said Ben Bartlett, CSI's electronics program director.

But the move is a symptom of a

key problem limiting manufacturing skills training at the high school level. While such training has prospered at the college level, high schools can't afford to provide such training.

Manufacturing programs require an oversized facility and costly labs, which makes such programs cost prohibitive for high schools, said Dave Sass, director of ARTEC, a privately funded program involving area high schools.

The financial reality hit hard when the Valley School District looked at financing a building for the Micron program, which ARTEC had helped to fund.

"We just couldn't afford it," Superintendent Laural Nelson said.

ARTEC, in its third year, provides training in such subjects as health care, automotive technology and information technology.

The goal is to enable students to enter the work force right after high school, with marketable skills. But aside from the Micron electronics program, ARTEC's curriculum has offered no manufacturing programs.

Another obstacle is the novelty of skills training at the high school level.

The idea of preparing high school students to enter the work force with ready skills is in its infancy, Sass said.

And most high schoolers aren't even thinking about going into the work force right after graduation, said Gaylen Smyer, director of the Cassia Technical Center in Burley, also in its third year. The Cassia center offers classes in welding, metal fabrication and computer-aided design, with 33 students attending the half-day programs.

"The stark reality is that too many students are looking at graduation as the end," Smyer said.

But schools aligned with

ARTEC, and this includes almost every high school in the Magic Valley, are encouraging students to look seriously at skills training. The Cassia center is doing the same thing.

The Cassia center hasn't tracked graduates so far, Smyer said, but he suspects his program will eventually direct students toward manufacturing jobs.

"Many of them will work in a manufacturing facility to get through school, but it's only by happenstance that we find out who is doing that," Smyer said.

A student could look at skills training as simply something interesting to learn, a tool to get through college or as a way to enter into the work force full time. Whatever the case may be, CSI trade and industry director Dave White has strong advice.

"These days if you don't get some kind of training, you're heading down a dead-end street," he said.

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Infrastructure in industrial zone attracts manufacturing companies.

By Julie Pence  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Either Jerome Mayor Dennis Moore is naturally exuberant, or he just has lots to feel good about — because he certainly doesn't hold back when he talks about the prospect of attracting new manufacturers to the north side of the canyon.

"Jerome has positioned itself in a leadership role when it comes to attracting new business development," said Moore, who points out that the area has land at its industrial park and at the Interstate 84-U.S. Highway 93 interchange available for manufacturing.

Land available for would-be manufacturers — not just in Jerome but across southern Idaho.

It's the infrastructure, said Twin Falls Economic Director Dave McAlindin, that is problematic in drawing manufacturers to the Magic Valley.

In a study done by the internationally recognized Lockwood Greene consulting firm last year, the Atlanta firm said the Magic Valley should pursue manufacturers such as value-added food manufacturers, but said the area's biggest weakness for attracting new manufacturers is a lack of infrastructure.

"The study pointed out that infrastructure is inadequate in Twin Falls and Jerome counties," he said. "Just because you have ground zoned appropriately does not make it an industrial park."

"It's expensive for a private developer to pay for infrastructure," he said.

That means the owner and manufacturer has to work out a deal to pay for necessary improvements, or property must be annexed so tax increments, community block grants and industrial revenue bonds available through cities can help finance infrastructure.

"You want us to use the tools available to bring municipal services to you, then welcome to the city of Twin Falls," McAlindin says.

Here's a community-by-community look at what's available to would-be manufacturers:

Twin Falls: About 325 acres zoned for necessary improvements, or property must be annexed so tax increments, community block grants and industrial revenue bonds available through cities can help finance infrastructure.

But McAlindin isn't saying if he has any new manufacturers looking at that property.

Mini-Cassia: Plenty of appropriately zoned land available to prospective manufacturers in Minidoka and Cassia counties, and other facilities are in good shape for sale, real estate agent

Dennis Curtis said Progress Properties are both inside and outside of city limits with owners who will negotiate over plans to develop infrastructure.

Burley Mayor Doug Manning, who works closely with Curtis, said leaders from both counties have organized in order to market the area to manufacturers.

"We have been more aggressive over the last couple of years," he said. "Most of our industrial sites are not inside the city limits, but they have access to infrastructure and we are already looking at taking city water and sewer lines a couple of miles west of town."

He said the city might develop that area into an industrial park.

And he's hinting that Burley might have some exciting news in the not-too-distant future.

"I think with a couple of good breaks we're going to have more development than we've ever

had," he said. "At least we've gotten to the point where we've got people coming to town to look. We've got the freeway and the river, which means we're in a prime area for good things to happen. Any growth that occurs in either county helps both. It's not a matter of if, but when."

Jerome: Land on both sides of Highway 93 has recently been rezoned for commercial and industrial use, said Jerome County Planning and Zoning Director Art Brown.

All those properties, Moore said, have local owners who would be willing to negotiate with potential manufacturers over developing infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer, power and curbs and gutters.

Moore is unwilling to reveal specifics about manufacturers coming to the north side in the near future, but he says Jerome is lively these days.

"There's so much going on around here and there's so much to do, it's just blowing my mind," he said.

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TIMOTHY SLEMP, d.o.b. 09-04-69 MEGAN SLEMP, d.o.b. 02-16-93

Case No. SP 01-89 MOTION FOR AN ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

JENNIFER GOS-ELLS, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Twin Falls County, Idaho, moves the above-named Court for an order directing service of the Notice of Adjudicatory Proceedings on February 23, 2001, at the time of 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable Howard M. Myers or to PATRICIA MOYER, father of JESSICA KUGLER and DEWEY JOHN, father of JANEITA KUGLER, and any other person who is a custodial interest in the above-named child(ren), publication in The Times-News pursuant to Idaho Code Section 16-1607 on the grounds that personal service is impracticable because said persons cannot be found, despite diligent efforts, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho.

This motion is made and based on the accompanying affidavit and on all proceedings and records in this case on file in this action.

DATED this 30th day of January, 2001. /s/ Jennifer Gos-Elles, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

PUBLISHED: February 11 and 18, 2001. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. SP 01-89 NOTICE OF ADJUDICATORY HEARING

BRIAN GAMMON, d.o.b. 04-02-91 ANTHONY GAMMON, d.o.b. 11-11-90 ANDREW GAMMON, d.o.b. 01-31-96 JUDITH GAMMON, d.o.b. 02-22-98

Child under the age of eighteen. Please take notice that the above matter has been set for hearing in the Magistrate Court at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho on the 23rd day of February, 2001, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. The nature of the hearing is Adjudicatory Hearing.

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You are hereby notified that the Board of Commissioners of the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on an application for funding under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The amount approved is \$23,804.00 and the money will be used for overtime in Sheriff's Office. The hearing will be held at the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, 425 Shoshone Street, North Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho. Dated this 12th day of February, 2001. /s/ Brian Gammon, Deputy Clerk

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at for hearing in the Magistrate Court at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho on the 22nd day of February, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. The nature of the hearing is Shelter-Care Hearing.

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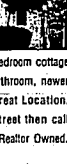
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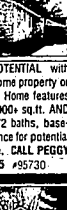
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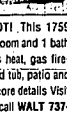
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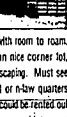
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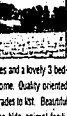
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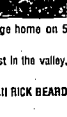
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2200 Blk. Filer Ave. E.
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ROUTE 706
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200-400 Morningside Dr
400 blk of Wakefield

ROUTE 700
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200-500 Whispering Pine
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE
Bobby Wolff
Dear Mr. Wolff:
At TMP's or rubber bridge, what action do you suggest after RHO deals and opens four spades? Both sides were vulnerable, and I held 7 ♠, ♠ A-K-10-8-5, ♠ 9-8-6, ♠ A-K-J-7.

ANSWER: The value of the rubber bonus would tempt me to bid the game. If partner's values are not concentrated in the club suit, there should be a reasonable play. If he has club honors, even three spades might fail.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At duplicate, partner opens one spade, and RHO overcalls two hearts. What do you suggest I bid with ♠ 7-4, ♠ 9-6-5-3, ♠ A-K-Q-J-9-8-7? Neither side was vulnerable.

ANSWER: I suggest a forcing bid of three clubs, hoping partner can bid three no-trump. If he doesn't oblige, I would then bid a timid four clubs.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
At team play (IMP's), LHQ opens five diamonds. Sacrificing at rubber bridge doesn't pay in the long run because, after the price is paid, the opponents remain vulnerable. At IMP's, the sacrifice may gain a good swing.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Rubber bridge, vulnerable, I open one spade with ♠ K-J-8-7-5-3, ♠ Q-J ♠ A-Q-10-7. Partner responds one no-trump, and I re-bid two spades. If he raises to three spades, should I bid game?

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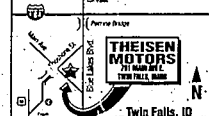


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## But you can call me Bambi Jo

It's official. The top 10 girls' names for the year 2000 (derived from Social Security applications) are Hannah, Emily, Sarah, Madison, Brianna, Kaylee, Kaitlyn, Haley, Alexis and Elizabeth. The boys' names are Michael, Jacob, Matthew, Nicholas, Christopher, Joseph, Zachary, Joshua, Andrew and William.

What's in a name? Some psychologists say your name can affect your self-image. For example, women with names like Kim and Jessica are thought to be more popular - and Heather and Dawn are considered sexy names. And a study funded by Loyola University-Chicago reported that criminals with bizarre names are more likely to be chronic offenders and concluded that "unique names interfere with normal social interaction."

Maybe sometimes. I remember my grandmother talking about some really sweet twin girls whose last name was Bugg. Their mother had named them Imajune and Yuramay, she said. She swore it was true, but I never believed her. But what if it was true? I think they could still have been nice girls.

According to a recent Associated Press wire story, at least one clinical psychologist agrees with me. Dr. Sue Quinlan says a name doesn't necessarily affect the future behavior of a child because it's too small a piece of the pie to pin all sorts of behaviors on, and because you don't know how the child will stand up to teasing.

"You don't know if they're going to have a vulnerable personality," she said. "Some children can be named Purple and they'd be fine."

That's good news for the children of celebrities. As in, Sting named his child Giacomo, and Michael Jackson named his child Prince - or was it Prince who named his child Michael Jackson. No, that can't be, because Prince doesn't have a name anymore, does he?

... in the real world, everything seems to go in cycles. Author Pat Safran, ("Beyond Jennifer and Jason: An Enlightened Guide to Naming Your Baby") says the 1980s were big on names that sounded classy (Elizabeth, Christopher), but by the time the '90s rolled around, people were harking back to their roots with family names or opting for names that characterized "individual expression."

The Associated Press story reported that a name's popularity can also hinge on events in the news: "The name Monica, for instance, still hasn't recovered from 1998." And some names - including Rupert, Tilly, Horace, Herbert, Fred and Ursula - consistently score low as name choices.

If you are trying to choose a name for your baby, you can get lots of help from the Internet, where name sites abound. At babynames.com, you can even pay staff members to research and choose potential names. And last week, the Web site offered up a rumor that Calista Flockhart ("Ally McBeal") might throw a baby-naming party to name her newly adopted baby.

A baby-naming party? Talk about a party waiting to happen. But there's more. Another Web site - parentsoup.com - helps you choose your baby's name by giving you categories. Click on "mountains," for instance, and you get names like Aconcagua and Corewado. Click on "colors," and the site gives you Cerulean and Aquamarine. All of these are unisex names, the site says.

No doubt. Maybe it's time to look beyond our borders for some "new ideas" ... A while back, I read a magazine article about a little-known practice in China, where you grow through your names as your circumstances change. A Chinese baby boy might be given a "milk name" when he is born, for example. Then, when he enters school, he is given his "look name." There are other variations, too.

Now there's an idea. Change your name every few years. In my senior years, I could become Bambi Jo. And to be a beauty queen or something, just to be different.

At least it's worth a try.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News

# Teen and pregnant



Liza Lutzmor, right, volunteers her time to mentor new mom Amber Caldwell, left, pictured with her 6-month-old daughter, Mykenzie.

LOGAN CASTOR/The Times-News

## Mentoring program seeks big sisters for moms in need

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - What's it like to be 13 and pregnant?

### Volunteers needed

If you'd like more information about volunteering as a mentor for the Born to Succeed program, call Kristina Tapia at 736-4215, Ext. 3113.

recruiting some sympathetic ears - mentors

"Terrifying," says Inga Elkin, former prevention coordinator for the Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation Department. "It's not knowing where to turn. Maybe it's having your parents mad at you. It's needing to have someone to talk to."

So Elkin and her successor at Juvenile Probation, Kristina Tapia, have gone about

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### The state of teen-age pregnancy

Magic Valley		Education level of new mothers, 1998		Teen pregnancy rate by age of mother, 1998	
Age of new mothers, 1998		(Figures in parentheses are statewide totals)		(Figures in parentheses are statewide rates).	
Under 15	8	Eighth grade	258 (796)	Under 15	1.4 (.9)
15-17	149	High school	527 (2,514)	15-17	37.1 (29.0)
18-19	262	12th grade	728 (6,157)	18-19	118.4 (83.7)
Total births	2,560				
Trimester when prenatal care began, 1998		Out-of-wedlock births, 1998		Teen abortion rate by age of mother, 1998	
(Figures in parentheses are statewide totals)		Magic Valley		(Figures in parentheses are statewide rates)	
First	67 percent (79 percent)	Magic Valley	24.2 percent	Under 15	.2 (.3)
Second	25 percent (17 percent)	Statewide	22.0 percent	15-17	2.1 (4.3)
Third	6 percent (3 percent)			18-19	4.8 (10.7)
No prenatal care	1 percent (1 percent)	Age of mother, out-of-wedlock births, 1998			
		Under 15	7		
		15-17	107		
		18-19	138		
		Total out-of-wedlock births	245		
		Statewide total	1,472		

- Source: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

## Learning from teacher conferences

So you've got a kid. A good kid. He (usually) does his homework, he's a math wiz and he doesn't hit girls. But his teacher walked us this week from his teacher - who wants to meet with you. Pronto. And it doesn't sound good.

What does that mean? It means something's wrong, and you've got a 15-minute opportunity to charm the teacher, understand the problem and make it right.

"A parent conference is something that's very stressful for parents," says Kay Floyd, a lecturer at Stephenville, Texas, who has studied and written about these meetings of doom.

No kidding. What can you do to make sure the conference goes well? We asked Floyd and some elementary teachers to give us pointers for a successful parent-teacher conference. They walked us through the entire intimidating ordeal and told us what parents can do to make it work.

1. Respond. If your child's teacher requests a conference, for heaven's sake, don't just ignore the request. This tip may sound silly, but teachers say parents often don't return their calls or respond to their notes.

"Sometimes it's very hard to get in touch with parents on the phone," says Carole Lemonds, who teaches at Short Elementary in Arlington, Texas. She'll often communicate with parents through notes.

Whenever you the teacher communicates, be cooperative. If the

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teacher requests a conference because of, say, a behavior problem, don't simply reply with a note that you've taken care of it. Go ahead and meet with the teacher, even if it's a problem you think you can solve.

2. Keep an open mind. When you're discussing problems, it's natural to want to side with your child. But your child's teacher might really have something to tell you. Instead of getting defensive, listen to what the teacher is saying - she's called a conference because she wants to help your child just as much as you do.

"Parents often cry," Lemonds says. "We understand that, because sometimes you're hearing things that you do not want to hear."

Other teachers say they've been yelled at and threatened by parents.

"(Parents) know going in that they're going to hear bad things about their child," Floyd says. "That's not very much fun."

But behavior and performance problems can almost always be solved if the teacher and parent work together - so acknowledge the problems and ask what you can do to correct them.

3. Plan ahead. You're meeting your child's teacher on his turf, it's

easy to be intimidated by the teacher or what he's saying. Floyd recommends that you think about what you want to discuss before the conference begins.

Most parent/teacher conferences last only about 15 minutes - which can fly by too quickly if you're not focused. So write down some questions you want to ask, Floyd suggests. That way you won't forget anything - or be at a loss for words.

4. Speak up. If your child is having a problem that the teacher hasn't mentioned - socially or academically - this is the time to bring it up.

"Sometimes something slips through the cracks," says Sarah Cooper, who teaches at Fort Worth's A.M. Pate Elementary. "If (parents) notice something I've missed, I really like for them to bring it to my attention."

5. Follow-through. You and your child's teacher may come up with a plan of action - reading more together at night, or making sure he hasn't rushed through his homework. But the meeting is useless if you don't follow through.

If the plan doesn't seem to be working, let the teacher know. Send a note. Schedule another conference. "Sometimes (parents) will just stop and not do anything," Cooper says. But if there has been no improvement, you'll need to try something else - so keep in touch with your child's teacher even after the conference.

- Source: Fort Worth, Texas, Star-Telegram

## Planetarium looks to the stars this week

Tuesday-Friday and Saturday

To do for families

TWIN FALLS - The two current shows at the Faulkner Planetarium on the College of Southern Idaho campus are about as stargazing. "The Explorers" shows how South Pacific islanders used the stars to navigate the ocean hundreds of years ago and also illustrates man's present day navigation into space. "More Than Meets the Eye" helps stargazers of all ages understand what they're seeing when they look skyward on a starry night. "The Explorers" will show at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Saturdays. "More Than Meets the Eye" will show at 7 p.m. Fridays and at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Each program is between 35 and 45 minutes, including audience participation. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$4 for students, and \$9 for families. For more information, call the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

### Upcoming

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Entry deadline is April 13. Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students from the Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly, Filer, Gooding, Hansen, Murtaugh, Shoshone, Wendell, Minidoka and Jerome school districts are eligible.

Each grade level will be judged separately. The contest offers more than \$1,200 in cash prizes to participating students.

Additionally, the school with the greatest number of winning student authors will get a \$500 donation to its library.

Contest rules and application forms are available from participating schools, or by phoning 841-3472.

Winners will be announced May 11.

Every week, To Do for Families lists 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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# 'Saving the Silvermans' is a huge waste of time

The Orange County Register

• "Saving Silverman" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Best for: Mature teens to 20-somethings

**What it's about:** Darin (Jason Biggs), Wayne (Steve Zahn) and JD (Jack Black) are best friends from childhood and enjoying their single life until Darin meets Judith (Amanda Peet), and the controlling new girlfriend decides the two should get married. This begins a quest for Wayne and JD to break up the engagement and get their best friend back. Neil Diamond is thrown into the crazy scheme and becomes the hero.

**The good:** The best thing about this movie is getting to see Diamond sing. He is truly one of the great performers and hopefully he'll grab a younger generation of fans despite being in this horrible movie. For about the first half-hour there are some laughs and funny physical comedy between Wayne and JD. About the time the two decide to kidnap Peet, it starts to go downhill fast. Zahn and Black clearly take over the movie with their low IQs and physical comedy.

**The not-so-good:** There were a couple of really offensive scenes that stand out, such as when Sandy is taking her vows to become a nun and Wayne bursts in to take her to Darin so she can stop the wedding. As the two leave, two nuns let out a couple of profanities and curse the fact that "another one got away." Another instance is when therapist Judith tells JD he's gay (the key word is "tell") and JD tells his former high school coach (fresh from prison). This inane movie contains too many vulgar scenes and adult situations to be considered entertainment for young teens and kids, and is too offensive and insulting for mature adults to sit through, much less enjoy.



hers, she thinks she's finally found Mr. Right. But then one day she thinks she sees him murdering a woman. She reports it to the police but when no one believes her, she and her roommates set out to prove he's either a killer or the saint he pretends to be.

**The good:** This is mainly a chick flick that makes fun of models, relationships and finding your soul mate, with an attractive lead who looks and sounds like Julia Roberts. There are a few funny moments at the beginning, but the rest of the movie suffers from a horrible script and weak cast.

**The not-so-good:** There are several scenes that are just plain disgusting (the models hide in a bathroom stall and sewage spews all over them, there are several references to a pornography uncle looking lustfully at his young niece and asking her to do things and play games that would turn him on, and other scenes that are gross or disgusting).

**Offensive language:** Some mild obscenities, a few religious profanities.

**Sexual situations:** Lots of sexual innuendo including references to casual sex, genitalia, group sex and homosexuality. Implied sex with a man and woman in bed.

**Violence:** A man throws knives at two men and pins their shirts against the wall. Men and women are pushed around in a chase scene; a few shots are fired.

**Entertainment value:** D

• "Valentine" (R) - Twin Cinema.

Best for: Mature 20-somethings

**What it's about:** Denise Richards, Marley Shelton, Jessica Capshaw, Jessica Cauffiel and Katherine Heigl went to high school together but are now young women with careers and lives of their own. When each starts to receive strange notes and gifts, they suspect it's a nerdy classmate that they used to make fun of. As corpses start to appear, boyfriends and others become the prime suspects. David Boreanaz, Fulvio Cecere, Daniel Cosgrove, Johnny Whitworth and Hedy Burress co-star.

**The good:** David Boreanaz lends his WB experience to the cast and he's the best thing about this movie. The girls are beautiful, the dialogue is filled with witty zingers and the soundtrack makes the film move.

**The not-so-good:** Along with the "jump-at-you" camera shots and scary scenes with intense music, there's a sadistic side to the revenge caper that makes it darker and more morbid than most. It's not one of those funny, scary movies that's more screams than gore — this one is gory and cruel.

**Offensive language:** F-words and mild obscenities, religious profanities.

**Sexual situations:** Lots of cleavage shots as well as several scenes of women in the shower and bathing suits. No graphic sex scenes, but several imply sexual acts, including oral sex.

**Violence:** There is a high body count.

**Parental advisory:** The R rating will hopefully keep the kids away from this one. Tell your teens this one isn't as funny or clever as the other teen horror flicks, and that the abundance of gore will prevent most from enjoying it.

**Entertainment value:** F

## Pets are the true heartthrobs in our lives

Our thoughts this week have turned to those we love — significant others, family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

However, only one group can claim to be true heartthrobs.

This group has earned a paramount place in our hearts because of its gifts of unconditional love, limitless affection and undying loyalty. Our hearts dance with excitement when we greet them, we smother them with kisses and loving words, and we'd risk our lives for theirs.

Now a small percentage of you may be able to mentally shoe-horn a human into the heart-throb category, especially if you are between the ages of 12 and 18. However, the heartthrobs I am talking about are found in 60 million American households and belong to people of every age. You guessed it: They are our beloved pets.

What I love about these heartthrobs is their generosity. Yours might be a cat, a dog or a pocket pet. Others adore their birds,



**THE BOND**  
**Marty Becker**

horses or fish. One size or shape doesn't fit all in the heartthrob category. Some pet lovers have eyes for just certain breeds while others are fond of "cocktail pets" of mixed heritage. Some are drawn to puppies and kittens while others like more senior pets.

No matter what type of pet we share our lives with, we are all similar in the way we love our pets. Hidden camera studies have shown that regardless of race, sex, age, religion or socioeconomic backgrounds, we all cuddle, stroke and talk to our pets with equal frequency and intensity.

Let's reflect on the love affair we have with our pets and, know-

ing that they give us their all, let's give them the gift of a long and healthy life.

Rather than chocolates — which are toxic to pets — how about introducing a new diet of one of the premium pet foods on the market? Dogs and cats in particular can have a diet that is tailored to their breed, age, medical conditions, etc. Some are available through prescription by your veterinarian; others are available at stores such as Petco. We also have pet foods that can fight tooth decay and bad breath, hairballs in cats, weight problems and arthritis.

Another gift to give to our pets is increased exercise. Now this might not work with the cat, but if you have a dog, increase the amount of time you play together and the number of walks you take together. You will both look and feel better.

Also consider getting your pet a buddy. Most pets are starving for the friendship of another pet to fill a void in their life as we

spend more and more time at the office, running errands and fulfilling outside obligations. Pets that have a pet buddy live happier, healthier, fuller lives and are less likely to engage in mischievous behavior than those left home alone for extended periods.

If you don't have a heartthrob of your own, animal shelters are overflowing with bundles of love and loyalty. You also can check the Humane Society of the United States Web site at <http://www.hsus.org/> or visit the virtual shelter <http://www.petfinder.com/>

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## Sometimes you're better off missing the boat

"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be."

— Douglas Adams

By Tanya Bank

It was the year 1910 when Abraham Bank, my great-grandfather, was impressed into the Russian army. At the time, he was 21 years old and had lived near Vilna in Lithuania for his entire life. He was a qualified brick, shoemaker and molder.

The prospect of 25 years of mandatory military service was unthinkable to Abraham. So he decided to pack a few clothes and personal belongings and leave his hometown during the night. He promised his girlfriend, Rebecca, that he would write.

**Chicken Soup for the Soul**

A family of immigrants complete the journey their relative set out to make many decades before.

Abraham traveled via Finland to Stockholm, Sweden, where he worked for a while as a steve-

dore. He earned his passage to London, where he continued to work. His goal was to earn enough money to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, who had already emigrated to America. Two years after leaving his home in Lithuania, Abraham was finally able to buy a ticket on a ship leaving from Southampton that would take him from England to America.

Abraham ran into two difficulties: The first was the knowledge that he would not be able to get kosher food in the steerage class of the ship. The second was the trouble he would have in getting from London to Southampton over Passover, as the holiday ended on the night before the ship would be boarding.

Finally, Abraham decided not

to use his ticket. He remained in London for a few months and then emigrated to South Africa, where eight years later Rebecca joined him. It was not until 1987 that Abraham's descendant, my grandson (my father) and his family — made the move to America that Abraham had come so close to making 75 years earlier.

I have good cause to be grateful to Zeida for deciding not to use her ticket those years ago. In fact, it might well have been the best decision he ever made. The name of the ship that steamed into the Atlantic that day was the Titanic.

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**Offensive language:** A abundance of profanity, plus crude behavior and crass references to body parts.

**Sexual situations:** Dialogue about sex, an implied oral sex scene, partial male rear nudity, lots of gross bathroom humor.

**Violence:** Entertainment for men hitting a woman and the woman beating up the men; a repulsive scene of Biggs getting surgery, with a graphic shot of his rear being cut and the implants being inserted. Car chases.

**Parental advisory:** Aside from a few funny moments at the beginning, the movie is a waste of time and judgment in men, children or young teens and blatantly insulting to everyone else.

**Entertainment value:** D

• "Head Over Heels" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema.

Best for: Mature older teens to 20-somethings

**What it's about:** Amanda Pierce (Monica Potter) is a Renaissance painting restorer at the Metropolitan Museum in Manhattan who thinks she has the wrong judgment in men because she catches her live-in boyfriend in bed with a model. Amanda finds a new place to live that turns out to be a closet that's been converted into a bedroom, rented out by a quartet of models: Jada (Shalom Harlow), Roxana (Ivana Milicevic), Candi (Sarah O'Hare) and Holly (Tommy Frasier). They, of course, live there for free and get all their needs met by a long line of men who want to pay for all of their needs. When Amanda bumps into Jim Winston (Freddie Prinze Jr.), a fashion executive who lives in the building across the street, and then discovers she can watch him in his apartment from

## Try a new approach when making decisions

For more than 95 out of 100 people reading this article, this will present a new way to make decisions. It is a radically different approach that will make them rethink how they deal with challenges and problems.

First, in this new approach, we set aside value judgments. A moral judgment comes in at the end, the final decision. Instead of viewing an approach as right or wrong, good or bad, this new way asks if the intended action works or doesn't work? Is it functional or non-functional, wise or ignorant?

Work to apply this new view to all decisions and plans. Here are some examples. If better health is the priority, is overeating functional or non-functional, wise or ignorant? If living a long life is the priority, is smoking or the use of any tobacco product, functional or non-functional, wise or ignorant? If secure retirement is the priority, is using credit cards and paying

**STRESS**  
**Tim O'Brien**

interest instead of paying cash, functional or non-functional, wise or ignorant? The inability to delay gratification is not an answer to that question.

Do you see the pattern? You don't ask whether this is a good idea or a bad idea. That is too relative. You want to know if the idea will work. Will it be a functional plan, getting what you want done in the most direct way. And, you want to know, is it the smart action to take? An action that will have the most positive benefits for you and the least or no, negative impact.

I have personally found that this way of looking at the process of

making decisions and plans is the key-difference-between-success-and-failure. If you've ever tried to have never heard of this approach. Therefore, they have never considered it. That is why so many fail and so few succeed.

Also, test whether you want to do something or not. And whether you like something or not. Or, whether you feel like doing it or not, becomes irrelevant. You have designed your plan to make your life better, healthier, wealthier and calmer, correct? So, when your plan calls for you to do it, do it. Do it when you should. Do it how you should. Do it as often and for as long as you should. Do it over if you must. Don't listen to your body or whimpering mind when you don't "feel like" exercising. Get on the treadmill unless there is an injury or true illness.

It is your plan. It is your life. Do you want it to be full, long and prosperous? Do you think that will

happen without your constant dedication to planning-and-follow-through? Probably not.

Now you have the secret of the successful. You need only add one more layer to the process, the moral layer. After you have made your decisions and formulated your plan, ask, "Is this an ethical action? Does this way harm anyone?"

If your decision or plan can pass this test, proceed with determination, commitment and enthusiasm.

Then, periodically review your plan and process. Is your plan working? Is it functional? Has it brought you closer to your priorities and goals?

Rework or rewrite your plan as needed to keep you headed in the right direction. Don't change it because it was too hard. Rise to the challenge.

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**Entertainment value:** F

The need is very real, Tapia and Elkin point out. The Magic Valley had 245 of the 1,472 out-of-wedlock births among 15-to-19-year-olds recorded in Idaho in 1998 - 91 of those in Twin Falls County.

And the teen pregnancy rate among the 19-year-olds in Twin Falls County in 1998 was 59.2 - above the statewide rate of 51.8. For the same year, the Magic Valley teen pregnancy rate was 65.8 - the second-highest in Idaho.

"These girls have some big adjustments and a life-changing

## Teens

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for the "Born to Succeed" program for pregnant teenagers.

Like Liza Luttmer, who volunteers to help new moms like Amber Caldwell cope with the joys and trials of parenting her six-month-old daughter, Mykenzie.

Luttmer, who has children of her own, sees Amber regularly and talks with her by phone often. She's there to help in a crisis, but mostly just to listen.

"I'm just there to be a friend if they need one," Luttmer said.

The mentors are an important

part of Born to Succeed — a program that seeks to help teenage mothers and mothers-to-be, married or not, navigate the emotional shoals of pregnancy and to give them practical advice on how to be a parent.

It grew out of classes that Kristi Burkett, a former parenting educator at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, taught at the hospital, and although it's run by Juvenile Probation, Born to Succeed not limited to young moms who are involved with the criminal justice system.

"We do get referrals from agencies, but it's intended for any girl who wants to participate," Tapia said.

The 12-week Born to Succeed sessions, held on Thursday afternoons at the Snake River Youth Center in Twin Falls, cover the gamut of new-parenting topics from prenatal nutrition, Lamaze classes, infant massage, and contraception education, but the mentors are intended to provide something more.

"They help them through Lamaze education, the birth and beyond," Tapia said. "We're look-

ing for mentors who will act as big sisters to these young women on an individual basis."

"A lot of these girls haven't had nurturing role models," Elkin said. "They need guidance and support for a long-term relationship."

Mentors sign on to be part of young mothers' lives until the baby reaches his or her first birthday, but Luttmer says she'll likely be part of the lives of the young women she mentors for much longer.

"It's grown into a friendship," she said.

decisions to make," Elkin said. "We do a lot to influence them about whether to keep or adopt the baby, but try to give them the resources and the support they need."

Mentors need to be over 18, mothers themselves, have transportation and pass a background check, Tapia said.

"If you have time, these girls can really use your support."

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# Who should drive the babysitter?

## Chmura case has parents wondering

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE - The sordid details in the case of former Green Bay Packers tight end Mark Chmura have parents rethinking a lot of matters lately, not the least of which is the sometimes uncomfortable relationship between dads and their kids' babysitters.

This has always been a touchy topic - one that can be summarized in one question: Who drives the babysitter home, mom or dad?

"The idea of a teen-age girl alone in a car at night with an adult man who has been out at a party or for dinner and possibly drinking is an uncomfortable one. That's why Diane Weber, a real-estate agent, always made sure she was the one driving the babysitter home while her husband, Mark Gale, stayed with their kids.

"It's too easy to be accused of sexual assault," says Weber. "It's always the man who is accused. Half the time, the person making the claim is probably right and the other half, they are wrong. So, why even give someone the opportunity?"

When her two kids became old enough to babysit, Weber laid down the law: her daughter could babysit only if the woman drove the girl home. Her son was not permitted to babysit at all, least he be accused of inappropriate contact with the kids.

She got a few chilly remarks from parents when she would call to make arrangements dear for her daughter, and her own kids grumbled a bit about the rules, says Weber, "But deep down, I



Former Green Bay Packers tight end Mark Chmura, left, looks up as Waukesha District Attorney Paul Bucher, right, leaves the courtroom during Chmura's sexual assault trial. Chmura was acquitted of sexually assaulting his son's babysitter, but parents everywhere are still debating who should drive the babysitter.

think they really appreciate me protecting them."

"The Idea Gives The Babysitter The Ride Home controversy has always been one of the worst parts of many couples' night out. Often, after a trying week with the kids, the mom is looking forward to a total break from responsibility. The last thing she wants to do is get back in the car and drive someone somewhere.

For their part, fathers might feel queasy about the prospect of unchaperoned time with a teenage girl. What do you talk about? If I ask too many questions, will she think I'm flirting. If I don't talk enough, will I scare her? Temptation has on occasion proven to be too tough. Remember John Irving's "The World According to Garp?" How about Michael Kennedy, son of

the late Robert F. Kennedy, who left his wife after a fling with the babysitter? Actor Roblr Williams actually married his kids' babysitter.

You'd be amazed - and perhaps a little more than disgusted - at how many Web sites are dedicated to this curious coupling of babysitter and dad. (About 28,400. The search took 0.83 seconds.) Without getting into too much detail, some appear to involve first-hand accounts of detours they took while Mommy wasn't looking.

The fact that Chmura was acquitted of sexually assaulting his son's babysitter has not eased the tension over this issue. He has admitted to drinking alcohol with her and being together with her in a hot tub while he was wearing only a pair of boxer shorts.

She testified that he often made remarks about her appearance, calling her "cute," referring to her as "jail bait," talking about how long her legs had become. Chmura didn't take the stand in his defense. But his wife, Lynda, testified that she had never heard any such utterances by her husband.

Parents say the case has had a chilling effect on the matter of getting the babysitters to and fro.

Paul Rodgers, a candy salesman from Cedarburg, Wis., says he is disgusted by the backlash.

"My mind doesn't even go there," he says. But lately, with all this Chmura stuff in the news, he and his friends have talked about the situation, Rodgers says. One male friend complained because he volunteered to help with a Girl Scout sleepover but was told that a mother had to be present at all times.

"This is the day and age we live in," he says.

Rodgers says he is angry at Chmura for giving fathers a bad name with babysitters.

"He never should have been at a party with his kids' babysitter in the first place," says Rodgers.

# Venus shines brighter than any star this week

Venus, like the moon, goes through a full cycle of phases. It was full last June, and this week it's a waning crescent. How then can Venus currently be at maximum brightness?

Venus brightens as it wanes because it's approaching us. In fact, Venus is seventy-four percent closer to us this week than it was last June (although you couldn't have seen it then with or without a telescope - it was behind the sun). A telescope will show Venus becoming an ever-thinner crescent in the upcoming weeks, while its diameter grows steadily larger. By late March it will be too close to the sun to observe.

Galileo, using his new telescope in the early seventeenth century, was the first to witness Venus' full cycle of phases. This was one of the observations he cited in support of Copernicus' heliocentric (sun-centered) model of the solar system. If the geocentric view had been correct, Venus would always stay between the Earth and Sun, and could never exceed quarter phase. Legend has it that Galileo offered telescope views to his inquisitors (the first star party?), who were prosecuting him for his heliocentric belief. Despite seeing Venus, greater-than-quarter phase for the Earth and Sun, and could never exceed quarter phase. Legend has it that Galileo offered telescope views to his inquisitors (the first star party?), who were prosecuting him for his heliocentric belief. Despite seeing Venus, greater-than-quarter phase for the Earth and Sun, and could never exceed quarter phase.

Next Sunday I'll tell you how you can help to preserve our dark night sky for future generations to enjoy.

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## Sky calendar

(Through Saturday)  
Planets:  
One hour before sunrise:  
Mars: S, low  
One hour after sunset:  
Venus: WSW, low  
Saturn: SW, high  
Jupiter: SSW, very high  
Moon:  
New moon: Friday 1:21am

area to locate Venus (but be sure not to look anywhere near the sun) Then see if you can spot it without optical aid. It's surprisingly bright once you find it.

So enjoy Venus' extraordinary brilliance this week. It won't be this bright again until its morning apparition in early May, and then again until late 2002.

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# Husband sends wife unforgettable message

DEAR ABBY: I worked the day shift and my wife worked the night shift in a hospital. My buddy (I'll call him Ralph) worked the night shift along with her.

Ralph was married, with a young wife and baby. I had never met the wife. After a few months, I realized there was hanky-panky going on between Ralph and my wife. Neither of them suspected I knew.

I was going to make a big fuss and confront them, but realized that people who cheat also lie through their teeth to save themselves. I could have punched Ralph out and thrown my wife out of the house, but I remained calm. Instead, I invited Ralph and his wife to dinner at our home. Next, I told my wife that we were having "surprise" dinner guests.

When the doorbell rang, she ran to answer. When she saw Ralph and his wife, her mouth fell open and for once she was speechless. She remained that way most of the evening as his innocent, cute little wife chatted on about her wonderful marriage and baby and hubby. Ralph and my wife hardly said a word. They appeared very uncomfortable the whole evening. They both got my message without my firing a shot, or his wife being hurt. Ralph went into another line of work two weeks later.

SKINNED A CAT IN DAYTONA BEACH

DEAR SKINNED A CAT: I'm pleased your story had a happy ending - for you. Now that you have "skinned the cat," it's time for you and your wife to adopt similar work schedules and begin rebuilding your marriage that became sidetracked. It's not enough to stop the straying; unless you confront the issues that caused it, it could happen again.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "A San Diego Widow" and had to



respond. My husband of nearly 35 years passed away a few months ago. Needless to say, it has been the most devastating loss I have ever experienced.

Within a couple of weeks of his death, a piece of the emerald in my wedding ring broke. The insurance company sent me to a wonderful jeweler to make repairs. I brought along my husband's wedding band, thinking he could make it smaller so I could wear it. Instead, he suggested that he make a heart out of it and, after replacing the stone in my wedding ring, take the broken stone and reshape it into a teardrop hanging from the center of the ring. I now wear this simple

yet beautiful heart next to my own combined with the original stone from my wedding band. Its emotional value is priceless. I never take it off and feel that part of my husband is always with me.

ONE OF MANY FLORIDA WIDOWS

DEAR ONE OF MANY: What a touching story. And the fact that the stone within the heart is "broken" speaks volumes. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband.

DEAR ABBY: I have a big problem. I was married last August; my wife has an 8-year-old daughter who still lives with her. Have you any suggestions about how to get her daughter to sleep by herself without making this child feel abandoned or neglected?

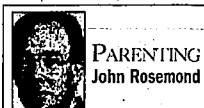
LONELY HUSBAND IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR LONELY: Yes. Get her an adorable puppy to sleep and snuggle with. That way, she won't be alone.

# Nagging is the wrong tactic in chore wars

Q. Our 12-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter share animal chores on our family farm in the evenings. Every night we have to remind them, and they always put up a fight before the jobs get done. They are definitely not too strenuous for them, and my husband and I feel the responsibility to get them. What can we do to make sure they do their jobs, preferably without constant reminding and screaming (on their part, not ours)? The kids know their chores need to be done every night and that they have to do it, yet they mess around until we start nagging, and then they blow up. We are tired of all this. Help!

A. I began having chest pains just reading your letter. After the EMT unit left, I consulted the most recent edition of Making Diagnostic Mountains Out of Molehills (MADMOHV), indisputable to us mental health professionals, only to discover that your children are afflicted with both Explosive Reaction to Parental Pestering (ERPP) and Attention to Chores (ATCROO)



## PARENTING John Rosemond

disorders, the first recorded cases of which appear in historical documents shortly after mankind's expulsion from the Garden of Eden, at which time "chorés" first became necessary. Both of these disorders intensify over time, eventually causing parents to begin wishing they'd never had children.

The treatment plan is very specific: First, stop nagging (pestering). Tell the children something along these lines: "You will never, ever again hear either of us so much as even refer to your chores. You know what they are, and we expect you to start them no later than (say) 7 o'clock. If you have not started your chores by 7, we will do them for you. Sound good?" Say no more! To any questions, reply, "That's real-

ly all we have to say." Then just sit back and wait. The next time the kids let the designated "start time" lapse, just pick yourselves up and go outside and start doing their chores. When you have finished, come inside and announce that it's time for them to go to bed. Be cheery! When they protest that bedtime is at least two hours away, say, "Oh, didn't we tell you? At 7 o'clock, either you are on your way out the door to do your chores, or we are out the door to do them for you. If we do them, you have to go to bed as soon as we finish. In fact, if we put even one foot outside to do them, your opportunity has passed, so you might as well be in bed, lights out, by the time we come back.

"Oh, and by the way, if I do your chores on more than one night, Sunday through Friday, then all weekend privileges for you are canceled. Any questions?" All of this should be communicated in a matter-of-fact and therefore infuriating tone of voice, accompanied by dumb looks and many shrugs of your

shoulders, as if to say, "Gosh, kids, we're real, real sorry about all this."

This will activate what I call the "Afony Principle." Parents should not agonize over anything children do or fail to do if those children are perfectly capable of agonizing over it themselves. The person who becomes upset over a particular problem will try to solve it. In this case, you are trying to solve a problem - and driving yourselves slowly nuts in the process - that only your children can solve. They will solve it when you cause them to begin going nuts because of it.

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# Snacks can offer clues to compatibility

Knight Ridder News Service

Can a potato chip muncher and a guy who's nuts for nuts stay in love through life's long banquet? Fifty years of marriage says Yes. The Snack Food Personality Test says maybe.

"I definitely love potato chips; I can't buy them unless I'll eat 'em with us, mental health professional," says Virginia Fletcher, 69, of Warren, Mich., whose birthday is on Valentine's Day.

Hmmm. According to Dr. Alan Hirsch, potato chip lovers are ambitious, successful and impatient. True?

"Well, sort of," says Fletcher. "I feel sorry for people who have to deal with me because I talk so fast."

Dan Fletcher, her husband, is a nut lover. That indicates he is easygoing, empathetic, understanding and calm. True?

## Take the snack food personality test

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Name your favorite snack food: (Disregarding any consideration of calories, which one is your favorite?)

- Potato chips
- Tortilla chips
- Snack crackers
- Pretzels
- Cheese curls
- Nuts
- Popcorn
- Meat snacks

Find your snack food personality:

- Potato chips: Ambitious, successful, high achiever. Impatient with less than the best.
- Tortilla chips: Perfectionist, high expectations, punctual, conservative, responsible.
- Pretzels: Lively, easily bored with same old routine, flirtatious, intuitive, may overcommit to projects.
- Snack crackers: Rational, logical, contemplative, shy, prefers time alone.
- Cheese curls: Conscientious, principled, proper, fair. May appear rigid, but has great integrity, plans ahead, loves order.

- Nuts: Easygoing, empathetic, understanding, calm, an even-keel nature.
- Popcorn: Take-charge, pitches in often, modest, self-confident but not a showoff.
- Meat snacks: Gregarious, generous, trustworthy, tends to be overly trusting.

Find snack food love: If you like... then look for a mate whose favorite snacks is...

- Potato chips: Pretzel, potato chip, meat-snack-popcorn.
- Tortilla chips: Best with other tortilla chips; cheese curl
- Pretzel: Potato chip, pretzel, cheese curl, snack cracker
- Snack cracker: Pretzel, popcorn
- Cheese curl: Potato chip, tortilla chip, pretzel, popcorn
- Meat snack: Meat snack, potato chip, popcorn
- Nuts: Best with other nuts; potato chips possible
- Popcorn: The tortilla lover; goes with all but tortilla chips

Source: "What Flavor Is Your Personality?" by Alan Hirsch (Sourcebooks, \$22.95)

which smells may reduce anxiety (green apple) or make you alert (peppermint).

But his new book, as goofy as it sounds, is based on the scientific premise that long-standing food preferences are connected to a person's personality - and not necessarily in the way you might think.

"What Flavor Is Your Personality?" (Sourcebooks, \$22.95) tells singles to follow their noses to find the right match. "If you want to get a date, you shouldn't be going to the bar. You should be going to the supermarket," says Hirsch. "Don't just watch what people drink. Watch what they eat."

In a famous study of 19,000 people, researchers statistically connected a person's snack food preference with certain personality traits, then predicted whether couples would be compatible based on those preferences.

Definite personalities engaged for each snack food, but the prediction of which combinations might lead to romance or marriage turned out to be more art than science. "Even though we found snack cracker people should go with pretzel lovers," Hirsch says, "it doesn't mean that if you're married to someone who likes cheese curls, you should get a divorce."

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# COMMUNITY

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Left, Liz Stuart, honored queen of Bethel 56, presents a check to Melody Lanckner with the Southern Idaho Learning Center in Twin Falls. Right, Past Honored Queen Molly McBride of Bethel 56 presents a check to Don Hall, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, located in Twin Falls.

## Bethel 56 donates to charities.

TWIN FALLS - Almost \$500 was donated to charities by Bethel 56, Twin Falls, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Portions of proceeds from Christmas wreath sales were divided between the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club, the Southern Idaho Learning Clinic

and Shriner's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Presentations to the learning center, which identifies children with learning disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder and trains teachers and parents in learning techniques, and the Boys and Girls Club, which pro-

vides numerous activities for children, were made Jan. 7 at the installation of Bethel 56 officers.

Job's Daughters is a leadership organization for young women between the ages of 11 and 20, which promotes love of God, country and family, community service and personal development, organizers say.

## LIBRARY CORNER

**Buhl City Library**  
215 Broadway Ave. N.  
543-6500

Library hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays

Story times  
Preschool story hour from 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays

**Filer City Library**  
219 Main  
326-4143

Library hours: 3-6:30 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, 3-6:30 p.m. Fridays and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturdays

The library has three computers with internet access, books on tape, large print books and videos. The library also has an ongoing book sale with hard bound books for 25 cents and paperback books for 10 cents.

Story times  
Preschool story time at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays

Discussion groups  
Let's Talk About It meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays, March 3 and March 17

Meetings

The board of directors meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month

**Hansen Public Library**  
120 Maple W.  
423-4122

Library hours: 1-6 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and from 1-7 p.m. Wednesdays

The library has three computers with internet access, books on tape and videos.

Meetings  
The Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 5

**Kimberly City Library**  
120 Madison W.  
423-4556

Library hours: 1-6 p.m. Mondays, 3-8 p.m. Tuesdays, 1-6 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays

Story times  
After school reading program Mondays from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Discussion groups  
Let's Talk About It will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; Feb. 22, March 8 and March 22. All books are available for check-out.

Meeting  
Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every

month in the library building. The public is invited to attend.

**Twin Falls Public Library**  
434 Second E.  
733-2664

Library hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Story times  
Lapsit story time for toddlers meets at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27

Book clubs  
Teen Advisory Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. To join, call the library.

Discussion groups  
Let's Talk About It will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays; Feb. 21, March 7, March 21 and April 4. Books discussed are available at the library. Those interested may sign up at the reference desk.

Special displays  
"Rocks and Gems" are on display in the circular glass case. Books about the subjects are available for check-out on the display table.

Meetings  
The library board meets at 5:15 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month.

## SCHOOL LUNCH

<p><b>BULL SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Breakfast menu Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day</p> <p>Lunch menu Monday: No school Tuesday: Cereal, toast Wednesday: Baconits and gravy Thursday: Waffles, maple syrup Friday: Donuts Sausage Salad bar and milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Pizza pockets, French fries, cherry tomato, ranch dressing Wednesday: Chesseburgers, ketchup, mustard, onion rings Thursday: Chilly, cherry, apple sauce, cinnamon twists Friday: Turkey and chesse sandwich, chips, vegetable salad, ranch, Jell-O cake</p>	<p>Lunch Menu Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Chicken burgers, Lu or tea, fruit Wednesday: Scrambled potatoes, waffles, fruit, rolls, peas, fruit Friday: Rice, salad, potato wedges, fruit</p> <p><b>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Choice of milk every day Monday: No school today Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potato, planks, strawberries and bananas, peanut butter, cookies Wednesday: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, rolls, jelly, fruit crisp Thursday: Chili, apple sauce, cinnamon rolls Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, potato chips, Cursons George Fruit snack, apples, Rice Krispie treats</p>	<p>Thursday: Egg, sausage and chesse sandwich, later on Friday: Cereal, apple quarters, toast, jelly Lunch menu Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Soup and sandwich bar or chicken sandwich or Mexican chicken, lettuce, tomatoes, potato wedges, school by apple, Scooby Do fruit snack Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, Jell-O whipped topping, bread sticks, pizza sauce Thursday: Chicken nuggets or pizza bar or finger steaks, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed fruit, cinnamon rolls Friday: Chesseburger deluxe or salad bar or Little Caesars' pizza, seasoned corn, pineapple tidbits, apple pie</p>
<p><b>CASTLEFORD SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Breakfast menu Milk and juice served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Scrambled eggs Wednesday: Pancakes Friday: Cinnamon/wheat roll Sausage Monday: No school Tuesday: Chesseburgers Wednesday: Nachos grande Thursday: Chicken burgers Friday: Corn dogs</p>	<p><b>KIMBERLY SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Hamburgers, French fries, pickles, ketchup, Jell-O Wednesday: Foca, salsa, corn, nachos Thursday: Chicken and noodles, potatoes, whole wheat rolls, cherry sauce, orange half Friday: Chilly, crackers, cinnamon bread sticks, apple pie</p>	<p><b>ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Breakfast served every day Menu not available</p>
<p><b>CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Sausage pizza, corn, applesauce, pudding Wednesday: Mini corn dogs, chips with chesse and salsa, green beans, peas Thursday: Meat loaf, baked potato, dinner roll Friday: Ham and beans, cranberry sauce, corn bread, cookies</p>	<p><b>MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Choice of milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Fried chicken on pizza bread, mild pretzels, school by apple, chocolate chip cookie Wednesday: Little Charlie's pizza, sweet corn, dried peaches, fruit and up Thursday: Chicken and chesse sandwich, potato soup, peas, french fries, orange half Friday: Finger steaks, scalloped potatoes, seasoned pork, mixed fruit cup, angel biscuit, Jell-O</p>	<p><b>TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY</b></p> <p>Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Cereal, apple juice, cinnamon twist Wednesday: Cereal, pomegranate, muffin Thursday: Egg, ranch, chesse sandwich, later on Friday: Cereal, apple quarters, toast, jelly Lunch menu Monday: French bread pizza, sweet corn, sliced peaches, Scooby Do fruit snack Tuesday: Finger steaks, scalloped potatoes, Jell-O, whipped topping, dinner roll Wednesday: Cold chesse sandwich, mild pretzels, school by apple, cinnamon sticks, tomatoes, chesse, salsa sauce, tarragon, pineapple tidbits</p>
<p><b>FILER SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Monday: No school Tuesday: Hamburgers Wednesday: Chicken nuggets Friday: Lasagna Friday: Corn dogs</p>	<p><b>MURTAUGH SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Ham and chesse sandwich, fries, orange wedges, cookies Wednesday: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes, cranberries, rolls, green beans Thursday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, Jell-O Friday: Nachos, refried beans, corn, applesauce</p>	<p><b>VALLEY SCHOOLS</b></p> <p>Monday: Nachos, salsa, corn, pears, cinnamon sticks Tuesday: Pancakes, strawberries or syrup, hot chocolate Wednesday: Pizza, bread sticks, pizza sauce, tossed salad Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken, warmed rice, hot roll, pineapple tidbits, sugar cookie Friday: Chicken cocktail, corn, crackers,ologna and chesse sandwich, lettuce and pickles, omelet</p>
<p><b>HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b></p> <p>Breakfast Menu Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Baconits and gravy, juice Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, fruit, oatmeal, juice Thursday: English muffins, scrambled eggs, juice Friday: Long johns, cereal, juice</p>	<p><b>ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH</b></p> <p>Breakfast menu Milk served every day Monday: No school Tuesday: Cereal, apple juice, cinnamon twist Wednesday: Cereal, pomegranate</p>	<p><b>TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Breakfast is served every day. Lunches: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and pizza bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.</p> <p>School lunch menus are printed at a public area. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed outside the menu in Sunday's paper, call the menu on The Times-News, P.O. Box 544, Twin Falls, ID 83401, or fax to 734-5516, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is new Wednesday for publication Sunday.</p>

## ROLLING ALONG



Photo courtesy of Veteran Motor Car Club

## Christian school announces year roll

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian High School announced its honor roll for the first semester.

Students with A's and B's were: Kaitlin Jacobs, James Morrison, Adrian Southfield and Nick Wilson; eighth-grade, Jake Manning and Jeffrey Sweet; ninth-grade, Michael Allen, Donivon Bodkin, Jeremy Gulliford, Robbin Tyrrell and Ashley Vander Steit; 10th-grade, Jessica Croner, Luke Tucker, Katie Wiersma and Delena Willis; 11th-grade, Christian Amstutz, Ines Crespo, Gabriel Hurt and Anna Nussbaum and 12th grade, Sydney Russell

Students with all A's were: seventh-grade, Willy Nussbaum; ninth-grade, Jessica Alexander, Ely Garner, Jon Jarvis and Rochelle Paulson; 10th-grade, Zach Dongo and Jed Hurt; 11th-grade, Andy Folkert, Ben Hornbacher and Buddy Somero and 12th-grade, Isaac Baker, Annie Croner, Ben Driehorst, Sarah Lincoln, Katie Litke, Jacqueline Sweet and Abby Tucker.

## SERVICE NEWS

**New Marines complete basic training at bases**

Marine Corps Pfc. Brandon Vollmer, son of Julie J. Caputo of Kimberly and Scott D. Vollmer of Las Vegas, and Marine Corps Pvt. Jeremy J. Ethervington, son of Corone T. and James T. Ethervington of Twin Falls, have completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Marine Corps Pvt. Meri Jenkins, daughter of retired Air Force Master Sgt. and Mrs. Gene D. Jenkins of Elko, Nev., has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. They successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. They also spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Vollmer is a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School. Ethervington is also a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School. Jenkins is a 2000 graduate of Colstrip High School of Colstrip.

**Moore graduates from track vehicle course**

Army Pvt. Kelly R. Moore has graduated from the track vehicle repair course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The student was taught to troubleshoot, repair and maintain mechanical, electrical, air and hydraulic systems on tracked vehicles.

Moore is the son of Kathy M. Markham of Twin Falls and Kelly M. Moore of Kimberly.

**Davis graduates from Air Force training in Texas**

Air Force Airman Tommy J. Davis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in basic aviation.

In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward "an associate degree" through the Community College of the Air Force.

Davis is the son of Preston and Ruth Davis of Castleford.

## Buhl woman celebrates 80th birthday with party

**BUHL**  
Esther Shaver-Beerly will celebrate her 80th birthday from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the West End Senior Citizens Center at 1010 Main in Buhl. Organizers are requesting no gifts.

## Parkinson Support Group meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parkinson Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at KMTV's Community Room in Twin Falls.

Members are asked to wear their name tags. The Twin Falls Police Department will speak on "Safe and Sound."

## The next meeting will be held April 17 at the KMTV Community Room, where all monthly meetings will be held.

To have a name removed from the Parkinson's Information and Referral Center mailing list, write to Idaho Parkinson's Information and Referral Center, Saint. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, 1055 N. Curtis, Boise, ID 83706.

## 'Ballroom Aerobics' provides workout

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer Ballroom Aerobics from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Feb. 27 to March 22 at Lori-Head's School of Dance at 434 S. Main in Twin Falls.

The class is designed to provide an aerobic workout in the ballroom dance format.

The instructor is Lori Head. Cost is \$25.

For more information or to register,

## Albion council presents cowboy poetry gathering

ALBION - Albion Community Relations Committee of the Albion Valley Planning Council will present the first Albion Cowboy Poetry Gathering March 23-24 at the Marsh Creek Event Center, 899 S. Highway, 77, Albion.

The event will feature professional, visiting and local cowboy poets, cowboy music, displays, cowboy arts and crafts and cowboy quilts.

There is no fee to participate in this event or for sales or display booths. To register, contact Keith Rogers, Albion Cowboy Poetry Gathering, by writing to Box 127, Albion, Idaho 83311 or call 673-5588. E-mail can be sent to jkrogers@atcnet.net.

Be sure to include name, address, phone and e-mail address and state solo, duo, group, cowboy poet, musician, artist, quilter, craftsman, sale or display.

## Central Elementary hosts 'Flavors of Jerome Fair'

JEROME - Central Elementary School will host the "Flavors of Food Fair" Feb. 23 in the cafeteria.

Jerome Girl Scouts will present flags from around the world at 5 p.m. and Central students will sing at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The sixth-grade band will also perform at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be available from 5-8 p.m.

The menu will include: soft shell tacos, fried rice, relish tray, assorted breads, soda and cookies.

Suggested donations are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and \$15 for a family.

## We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it.

- Community meetings.
- Celebrations
- Social events
- Resolutions
- Individual achievements.
- Your kids and their activities.

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WEDDINGS

MCBRIDE-ROBBINS

**BURL** — Andrea McBride and Travis Robbins were married Nov. 11, 2000, at Harmony Church in Wright City, Mo.

Officiating was Kevin Fetterhoff. Jeff Ballard was the soloist. Other music was performed by the string quartet, La Prima No.

The bride is the daughter of Dan McBride and Brenda Neumann of Warrenton, Mo.

Parents of the bridegroom are Bill and JoLene Robbins of Buhl.

Mae Andrea Oberste, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Brandi Furner and Ashley Allen, friends of the bride, and Ashley Martin, sister of the bride. Lauren and Jennifer McBride, sisters of the bride, were train bearers.

Erin McBride, sister of the bride, was the flower girl.

Bryan Walker, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Jeff Petersen, friend of the groom; Corey Robbins, brother of the groom; and Brandon Martin,



Travis and Andrea Robbins

brother of the bride.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Dick and Peg McBride of St. Louis, Mo., Patricia McBride and Esther and Dean Ballard, all of St. Charles, Mo., and grandparents of the bridegroom, Darrel and Zona Loos of Buhl.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

The bride graduated from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo.

The bridegroom attended the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at Kangans in Buhl.

The newlyweds reside in Buhl.

BRACKETT-REVIER

**BUHL** — Jani Lynn Brackett and John Paul Revier were married Jan. 6 at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

Officiating was Burton Baughman, Pianist was the bride's brother, Gus Brackett.

The bride is the daughter of Bert and Paula Brackett of Three Creek.

Parents of the bridegroom are Gary and Nancy Revier of Redwood Falls, Minn., and Nancy and Gerald Blue of Morton, Minn.

Lori Blatter, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor.

Jeremiah Nagel, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Ushers were Ira and Jake Brackett, brothers of the bride.

Special guests included grandfather of the bride, Roy Brackett of Three Creek; Kim Brackett, sister-in-law of Three Creek; and Jack and Ross Blattner, brother-in-law and nephew of Kuna. Special guests of the groom were his sister and family, Carmen and Tom Wenner and Tabia, Joseph, Jack and Tessa of New Ulm, Minn.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Servers were Kathy Zagata and Janet Easterday of Buhl.



Jani and John Revier

The bride is a graduate of Filer High School and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. She is employed by Sen. Larry Craig in Washington, D.C.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Redwood Falls High School and Mankato University in Mankato, Minn. He is employed by Rep. Mike Simpson in Washington, D.C.

The newlyweds reside in Alexandria, Va.

NORMAN-HEWARD

**BURLEY** — Joe and Nancy Norman of Benton City, Wash., announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Irene Norman, to Alex James Heward, son of Willie and Sherrie Heward of Burley.

Heward attended Burley High School. He is employed by Bybee Farmer in Prosser, Wash.

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be 7:30-9 p.m.



Alex Heward and Betty Norman Thursday at the View LDS Church, 554 S. 490 E., Burley.

BEAN-SPARROW

**RUPERT** — Ernie and Gertrude Stuart of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann Bean, to James Sparrow, son of Molly Sparrow of Twin Falls and Jim Sparrow of Filer.

Bean is a graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at Crawford Body Shop and Towing in Burley.

Sparrow is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is employed by Purely Supreme Foods in Burley.



James Sparrow and Julie Ann Bean The wedding is planned for Saturday at St. Nicholas Church in Rupert.

BROOKSHIRE-PUCKETT

**TWIN FALLS** — Dave and Susan Brookshire of Walnut Grove, Mo., announce the marriage of their daughter, Tahnee Brookshire, to Jacob Puckett, son of Vee Puckett and Joan Miller, both of Twin Falls.

The wedding and reception were held Feb. 14 at the Riverside Inn in Ozark, Mo.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. She is employed at McKesson HBO Co. in Springfield.



Jade and Tahnee Puckett

The groom is a graduate of North Salinas High School in California and Phillips Junior College in Springfield. He is employed by DeBryan Coach Builders in Springfield.

Getting married? Let us know

The Times-News is happy to publish announcements of upcoming weddings and anniversaries events. To get an item published in the Sunday Family Life section, submit it by the previous Tuesday at 5 p.m. For more information, call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

Hit movie isn't a primer for real wedding planners

Knight Ridder News Service

**PHILADELPHIA** — You don't go to a romantic comedy for the realism.

And with that admission out on the fuchsia tablecloth, settle back and listen to some real-life wedding planners chat about the new Jennifer Lopez-Matthew McConaughey flick, "The Wedding Planner."

Let's start with the plot: Young beautiful workaholic wedding planner falls in love with a man who turns out to be the fiancé of her wealthiest customer. (Clearly an idea with romantic appeal: The movie debuted at No. 1, raking in an estimated \$14.5 million over its first weekend, and remained at No. 1 with \$11 million over its second weekend.)

"I've never had a groom fall in love with the planner, or vice versa," says Gerard J. Monaghan, who heads the Association of Bridal Consultants, a 2,400-member group based in New Milford, Conn.

Even as a young woman, says Phyllis Richard of Your Fairy Godmother, she knew: "You don't ever go after someone else's man."

Furthermore, most wedding planners are married or divorced middle-aged women who pose no threat to the bride. Richard and fellow planner Vikki Leach of A Classy Affair are both over 40, with decades of experience.

On the younger side are Melissa Paul, of Melissa Paul Ltd. Events, and Denise Baron, of Too Little Time. They're both 33. Paul was married just last year. Baron is single and sometimes sleeps with her pager.

How glamorous is the job?

They all carry toy kits with Crazy Glue, aspirin, tampons, contact lens solution, breath mints, and jock-itch spray. Yes, they've had to take needle and thread to the wedding dress after the groom has stepped on the train. And most have seen couples divorce in less time than it would have taken to write the check.

"It's part juggling act, part mind-reading," Baron says. "We have to be miracle workers."

And if you want them to really spill the beans about their brides, it will be anonymously — in this business you live or die on referrals.

"Twice last year, I caught the groom making out with someone," one planner said. "In the first case, I went looking for him for his first dance and found him getting it on with the maid of honor. In the other case, he was making out with an old girlfriend."



Mary Flore, played by Jennifer Lopez, is the successful A-list wedding planner whose hectic schedule and past broken hearts have all but extinguished her belief in love.

The wedding planners' golden rule for these situations: Don't ask — and certainly don't tell.

Women's panties mysteriously show up in the coat-check room; antique cars break down; tents leak; mom and daughter do battle over makeup. One father had a fight with his daughter at the rehearsal dinner and didn't show up for the wedding (she walked down the aisle alone). And in one stunning show of sibling rivalry, a sister told the bride, just before walking down the aisle, that she looked fat.

Planners see couples who can't keep their hands off each other and others who argue about absolutely everything, from how the napkins should be folded to whether a silver picture frame would be a suitable favor.

At the ceremony, they see clergy who forget the bride's name or simply forget they are officiating at a wedding and take the homily on some tangent about war and peace.

Inevitably, there's a drunken uncle who wants the wedding planner to sit on his knee, or a bride overdressed on Xanax whose stupor holds up the ceremony. One local bride had to be hauled down from dancing on the tables at the reception.

The wedding planner can get immersed from the get-go, attending every tasting and dress fitting, or show up on the big day to prevent too many things from going too far wrong. Baron helps the couple pack for the honeymoon and feeds the cats while they're away.

All this for a fee, of course. And it varies wildly. Some charge hourly, many go with a percentage of the wedding costs. You can pay \$1,000 for the year of planning or \$1,000 just for the day-of.

"The Wedding Planner's" creative team say they were intrigued by the notion of a loveless wedding planner who approaches it as a business.

Your Perfect Wedding

The following businesses can help make your wedding a memorable occasion.

<p><b>ACCESSORIES</b> All About Brides (personalized) inside Candlestick Park 736 2nd Ave. N. Twin Falls 734-3444</p>	<p><b>LUXURY CAR RENTAL</b> Budget Rental 524 Airport Loop Twin Falls 735-8098</p>
<p><b>CATERING</b> Cactus Petes Resort Casino Catering - Jackpot, Nevada 1-775-755-6323 or 1-800-821-1103</p>	<p><b>Lim0-4-U</b> 1615 Addison Ave. E. Twin Falls 539-LIM0(5466)</p>
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SENIORS

**ALL WET**  
By Sheryl Scott,  
Akron, Ohio

**THE Sunday Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

- Seat of power
- Any pony
- Binding bandage
- Unusual
- Lebanese
- Alibi
- Drawer, e.g.
- Palace of
- Traps in trapezoid
- Lotion ingredient
- Wet peak in the Cascades?
- Put on the canvas, for short
- Schmo
- Brief suit
- Puppy bark
- Least desirable portion
- Steering devices
- Not from either side
- Rich, near Harvard
- Sell-out letters
- Carson's predecessor
- Traps to one side
- Bottom line
- Mutual good will
- Shantytown
- Actress who's all wet?
- Medicare
- Surfboards
- Courtesy of
- Friends
- Acquired
- Hungarian violinist Leopold
- Abroad of
- Harvest
- Hedron of 'The Birds'
- Wet posse stay?
- Four-sagger
- Golfers' cry
- Swiss marksman
- Work on text
- Smallest sports subdivisions
- Avant-garde
- French sculptor
- Neodilic
- Baseball scores
- Sinatra movie that's all wet?
- But, to Brutus
- China Sen
- Even score
- Rocks of
- Montmartre
- Goke or Papal
- CRJ
- In favor of
- Branson doc
- Widia's cinematic cry
- Author of 'Little Women'
- Approximately
- 11/415 address
- An Arco designer
- Antonia, e.g.
- Exactly soluble
- Wet, small
- brownish tree
- reg?
- Cypriot saint
- Drunkard
- Gatlicy
- poisonous gas
- Account for

**DOWN**

- Falls as lot
- South African jazz trumpeter Hugh
- Looks
- Unlady situations
- Baseball scores
- Leading lady
- Domed room
- Judgment
- Vigor collective
- Doorway, e.g.
- Tagalog speaker
- Swiss gymnast
- BRIO
- Attempters
- Rubbenacker
- Ice-cream tartar
- Japanese golf
- Aoki
- Wet politician?
- Miss, neighbor
- Interfere
- Functional
- Of the kidneys
- Perfect places
- Objective
- Fodder
- River to the Gulf of
- Swiss X
- Mountain-dwelling lamorphism
- Removably sticky
- Muscle spasm
- Hackle or Jackie, e.g.
- Sub weapon
- Disinfectant
- condition
- Fashion designer
- Collection biz
- Intersection
- elements
- Choppers
- Net user
- Hard critics
- Deafly gymnast
- Jack of the 'Ballroom Sun'
- Says howdy
- Phis
- Countersbalance
- Sgt., e.g.
- Desk
- Back of station?
- Algerian port
- Norwegian saint
- Digestive-syndrome maldy
- Wet furniture?
- S. Amer. nation
- Classroom favorite
- Slaughter in Cooperstown
- Mafia's captain
- Durchar feature
- Unnatural aura
- Bartool drop-off
- Erie and clouds
- Loathsome
- mythological monsters
- Cooperatively agreement
- Sibly
- Part of an eye
- Paleontologists
- find
- Pat of the Broadway's 'Exit'
- 104 Assoc.
- Photo collection
- Vine
- 108 Jacks and jokers
- 109 Confused
- 110 Amiable
- 112 Charley horse, e.g.
- 116 Jack's lot
- 118 Murtin's raver
- 119 Perry's creator
- 121 Noah's craft

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Live each day to the fullest



**AFTER CLASS**  
Gay Petersen

One of my former students died recently. She was killed in an accident - her life cut short much too soon, her friends and family devastated by her loss.

Students are supposed to outlive their teachers, as children are supposed to outlive their parents, but it doesn't always happen that way. We cannot choose the moment of our deaths in most cases.

Those of us who are teachers, if we truly love our jobs, become surrogate parents to some extent to those children in our care. As surrogate parents, we love to see these students achieve in our classes, then go on to be successful in their lives. We rejoice in their accomplishments and are saddened by their failures. And when they die before their time it is almost as though they belonged to us and are our own personal loss.

Jeanne was a special girl. Her ready smile and happy demeanor appealed to everyone. She came from a loving family - her parents and brothers and sisters close and caring and supportive. She was bright and worked hard and did all the right things, the type of student every teacher looks forward to having in his or her class.

to teach her. She would have been fifty years old four days after her death.

Teachers are incredibly fortunate to become a part of the lives of so many. We are given a special opportunity to know and care about young people. I have never regretted the fact that I became a teacher - my only regret is that often I do not know what happened in the lives of those I taught. Did they become successful in the choice of a profession? Did they marry for love? Did they have children? And, most of all, are they happy?

I do not want to find out about these lives from an obituary. I would wish, as was the case with Jeanne, to talk to her, to feel her happiness and know that she was a success in her life.

Many of us live our lives as though we know we will not die until we are very old. We take each day for granted, never thinking that today or tomorrow may be all we have. Jeanne lived her life in the importance of each day. We could all take a lesson from her example. She will be missed.

Jeanne was a woman who truly devoted her life to her family, her community and her church. It was a privilege to know her and

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Get a lawyer for Medicaid mess

Q. My mother is now 77. After a rather long hospital stay, she was discharged to a nursing home. I had been living in California, but when my brother called, I came home to help look after her. I thought he had been taking care of her. But when I began searching the records, I was shocked to find that she was destitute and could not pay for her care.



**NEXT STEPS**  
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

I learned that at our father's death, my mother received all of his property. She never signed a power of attorney, but she did put my brother's name on all of her accounts. She sold her property and lived with my brother until she became "too much" to handle.

In preparing to apply for Medicaid, the records show that my brother had been withdrawing money from these joint accounts upwards of \$500,000 - over the last three years. He told me his wife had been taking some money along to take care of her, but they considered what they took to be compensation for the work they had done for mom and dad's estate. I never really gave it another thought until now.

person who made the gift.

Although your brother told you he earned this money, we will be dollars to doughnuts that he and his wife will now say that the funds withdrawn from the joint accounts were nontaxable gifts. Otherwise, they would owe a lot of back taxes. You might check to see if your mother filed the required gift tax returns - which we doubt.

We also doubt that your brother and his wife reported any of these withdrawals on their tax returns.

Generally, funds taken by a person from a joint account are gifts from the other joint tenant, and not taxable compensation. If your mother had adequate mental capacity when she put his name on the accounts - as we are sure the banks will attest, it is most probable that the Medicaid people are correct. We think it most unlikely that your brother and his wife could have rendered enough services to your mother to justify an average of \$166,000 per year. It is also unlikely that a prosecutor will step in under these circumstances.

have no assets to go against - even assuming you could do so legally.

This is a tragic situation that could have been avoided by at least a modicum of planning. Placing a relative's name on a bank account without restrictions can mean real trouble. If your mother had signed a power of attorney, this situation could have possibly been avoided. We do think it is worth a visit to a knowledgeable lawyer to see if there are hardship claims that could be made with the Medicaid people.

A. Generally, "gross income" includes revenue from all sources, including compensation for services rendered; however, gifts are not included in this definition. A gift is made when the transfer is the result of detached and disinterested generosity, affection, respect, admiration, or charity. In each situation, whether a payment is "income or gift" is determined by reviewing the facts and focusing on the intent of the

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Taking the NextStep: Unfortunately, you have a problem with no real answer. Without Medicaid, your mother will be discharged from the nursing home at the worst possible time until the disqualification period of 60 months has passed. Someone will have to take care of her. Your brother and his wife

Q. My father is 70 and a compulsive gambler. He says he has a life insurance policy with a face value of 100,000. My mother is the beneficiary. He has been charging left and right. I think he has also forged my mother's name on credit card applications. In the event that he were to pass away, would my mother be responsible for his debts? He is not in the right frame of mind and has been doing odd things. Are there any steps to safeguard her rights or does she even have any rights? They have been together for many years and divorce seems to be out of the question. Being his daughter, will I be held responsible for his debts if both were to pass away?

A. Neither your mother nor you should be held responsible for your father's gambling debts; however, it would appear prudent to try to have your father evaluated and, if appropriate, bring an action to appoint a conservator for him in an effort to control the outgo of his funds.

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Seniors are cooking up romance

Knight Ridder News Service

The 60-something woman seated on a metal folding chair against the wall studied the pair gliding across the wooden floor at the Overland Park (Kan.) Community Center.

She was trim and vital-looking with hardly a hint of a belly, and quite a bit of hair. She was taller than he, lithe and graceful, with snowy curls and a frequent smile.

They knew one another's moves, that was obvious.

"He's kinda cute," remarked the woman on the sideline. "I'd love to dance with him. But I think that lady is his girlfriend. She'd probably scratch my eyes out."

Love sweet love can be dug out in the golden years. Time is short. Opportunities are few. And the population dynamics among older singles are brutal - or sublime, depending on which side you're on.

The gender gap among seniors is gaining obvious every weekday afternoon when, in one ball room or another across the Kansas City area, you'll find a swing band on stage, a stash of store-bought cookies or doughnuts sitting out on a table, and older folks cheuk to cheuk - while an overflow of women hover around the edges.

"There's so many women and no men," said Jerry Martin, a 75-year-old woman who was sidelined for the moment at the weekly senior dance in Lenexa, Kan., on Monday in January. "We need to get some single men out here."

George Romey, 79, takes his wife square dancing at John Knox Village, but half the time he's

dancing with somebody else. While his wife catches her breath, a supply of ladies always waits for a partner.

"My wife says, 'Go ahead and dance with this one or that one.' Romey said, "It helps ... the women who would sit on the sidelines."

Anyplace older people congregate, the story's the same. According to U.S. census figures, in 1998 there were more than three unmarried women for each unmarried man 65 and older.

At John Knox Village, a community of 2,100 older residents in Lee's Summit, Mo., 78 percent of the residents are women.

"A man's paradise," Cecil Pankey calls it. After his wife died in 1997, Pankey says he didn't need to cook for two months. A stream of eligible elderly ladies was at his door with casserole dishes.

"Fried chicken, chicken and dumplings, meat loaf," Pankey said.

Romance can take some odd turns in a suburbane, statistically so out of whack. An 81-year-old woman, for example, can wake up to realize he's considered, well, a hot number. At John Knox Village, that would be Don Parkes.

"He's very sought after," said Susie Hovernalde, the activity liaison. "He has a fantastic personality, he is very outgoing and funny and fun to be around."

Of course, it doesn't hurt that he's tall, trim and energetic and looks barely a day over 65.

The ladies "like to be with him," Hovernalde said, "and therefore, he's with a lot of them."

And that, Parkes admitted, has

earned him a reputation. He recalled that when he began to cultivate the attentions of one particular woman, she told him at the outset that she had "no intention of being part of your harem."

Parkes hardly thinks of himself as a player, just a retired salesman who still likes "to work a room."

"I see people, I speak to them," he said. "I'm kind of a kiddier. She took umbrage at that. I'm paying attention to other ladies. I guess I shouldn't do that, but I'm not looking for permanency at this point."

Parkes was happily married for 46 years until his wife died six years ago. He says he's not interested in a physical relationship, partly for fear of "violating the memory" of his late wife.

And yet, as a scarce commodity, he's willing to exercise his clout.

"I feel perfectly free," he said, "to be friends with anybody that I wish to."

As the administrator of the 50 Plus program for eastern Jackson County, Mo., Maxine Kemp knows plenty of widows who were happily married and "no longer desire a relationship with a man." Their women friends, their families, their hobbies are enough.

But those who do want a partner, she said, "really pursue that ... as strongly as someone much younger. At the dances they know if a new woman comes in. And if, she's nice-looking, everybody wants to know who she is and how long the plans on being around."

"When there is a single man, if he has a desire for another relationship, he's pretty much snatched up."

Your payments can be deposited directly

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I heard there's a new way to receive Social Security payments by direct deposit, called ETA. Can you explain this to me?

A. The Department of the Treasury recently introduced an easy and affordable option to get Social Security benefits by direct deposit, called the Electronic Transfer Account, or ETA. The ETA is available through participating federally insured financial

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institutions, including banks, savings and loans and credit unions. For more information about the ETA or to locate an ETA provider, you should contact the ETA call center at 1-888-382-3311.

Q. How do I subscribe to Social Security's new electronic newsletter on the Internet?

A. It's easy! Social Security's new electronic newsletter, called

eNews, is a simple, convenient way to keep up with the latest developments about Social Security. To subscribe, go to <http://www.ssa.gov/news/> and enter your e-mail address. Once you subscribe, you will receive a free newsletter each month.

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Early retirement sound good? Sell something to senior citizens.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Armed with demographics, Connie Hallquist, CEO of Gold Violin, saw a lucrative marketing opportunity in the graying of America, where nearly 77 million Americans are now over age 50.

"Seniors' garb, golf and travel, but half the population over 65 suffers from common disabilities like vision loss, hearing loss and arthritis," says Hallquist. The trick, she says, "is to offer a competing set of solutions without calling attention to infirmities."

Ken Dychtwald, a psychologist and gerontologist who is president of Age Wave, a consulting firm in Emeryville, Calif., helps Fortune 500 companies develop products for the senior market. "The mature population is becoming increasingly powerful in terms of size, style and spending power," he says.

"Not long ago, people who

reached their 50th birthday thought they were at the beginning of the end. Now we have 77-year-old astronauts, 90-year-old marathon runners and 100-year-olds browsing the Internet," he says.

"Rather than winding down, retiring and retreating, tens of millions of what I call the 'new old' are realizing that they have miles to go before they sleep and plenty of time to learn a new skill or travel. They're building new houses and going to Nepal, and Modern Maturity, and rolled out one called My Generation for its younger, 50- to 55-year-old members. The Web site, [www.aarp.com](http://www.aarp.com), has a link to [www.maturesmart.com](http://www.maturesmart.com), a senior-friendly online store. Founded in 1996 by Atlanta gerontologist and entrepreneur Alexis Abramson, the site offers an estimated 20,000 products.

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stigmatized."

Even AARP is reinventing itself in efforts to address the changing of the guard. To offset media-savvy boomers hipper products, the 34-million-member organization of the over-50 set has revamped its old magazine, Modern Maturity, and rolled out one called My Generation for its younger, 50- to 55-year-old members. The Web site, [www.aarp.com](http://www.aarp.com), has a link to [www.maturesmart.com](http://www.maturesmart.com), a senior-friendly online store. Founded in 1996 by Atlanta gerontologist and entrepreneur Alexis Abramson, the site offers an estimated 20,000 products.

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