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IP seeks emergency rate hike

The Associated Press

BOISE - Idaho Power Co. Friday submitted a request for a one-year emergency rate request to state regulators, saying its costs of purchased power have exploded and it must recover those dollars.

If approved, a 1.3-cent-per-kilowatt-hour hike would be applied to all its customers classes beginning March 26.

"Our company's deferred balance for power purchased to supply our customers since last April has reached an unprecedented level," Idaho Power President Jan Packwood said. "As a regulated utility, it is vital that we begin now to recover these costs and continue to earnestly conserve our energy resources."

About the increase

Facts about Idaho Power's proposed rate hike. Rates are per kilowatt hour.

	Current average	Proposed average	Increase
Residential	5.2 cents	6.5 cents	24.3%
Large Commercial	3.9 cents	5.2 cents	32.8%
Small Commercial	8.4 cents	7.7 cents	19.9%
Large Commercial	3.7 cents	4.9 cents	34.7%
Industrial	2.9 cents	4.1 cents	44.5%

Commission officials said they had not reviewed the application and declined comment.

On Jan. 23, the Boise-based company reported it ran up \$121 million in deferred power supply costs since last April. That has soared to nearly \$161 million.

The escalating amount is due to a volatile energy market resulting from supply shortages in California and poor hydro-generation prospects from a low snowpack.

"One reason for this is our utility revenues are about \$550 million a year," said Ric Gale, IP general manager of rates. "When we get an accounts receivable of \$160 million, it impacts our cash flow because we have to pay our bills. It's not like we can defer paying the people who supply us with the juice."

Turmoil and turnover

Commissioner, ex-sheriffs mull Jerome hot seat

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - How does a new sheriff outline the star of a leg-end?

Not easily, at least in Jerome County.

A fatal shooting involving a suspect and two sheriff's deputies has put the Jerome County Sheriff's Office in an unwanted limelight for going on two months. But in truth, the office has been fraught with turmoil and turnover for a decade.

The turnover began when longtime sheriff Elza Hall was voted out of office in 1988. Some say the sheriff's office has had very little peace since his departure.

"It's been volatile at best," said Roy Prescott, a Jerome County rancher who served as a county commissioner for much of the 1990s.

Hall, who died about a year ago at age 74, served from 1970 to 1989 and was viewed by many as a classic example of a rock-steady Western lawman.

"The man was an icon," said Jerome Police Chief Reid, told The Times-News shortly after Hall's death. "I can't put it any plainer than that."

Gold

The four-year tenure of Larry Gold, who beat Hall in 1988, was beset by controversy. Gold, an experienced lawman from California, hoped to bring a new wave of professionalism to the office.

But there was a jail escape, followed by allegations of shoddy management. The resignation of a jailer led to a \$1 million claim by the ex-jailer against the county. Gold's undersheriff quit, and there were also reports of fiscal problems and hickering with the county commission, with Gold referring in print to a female commissioner as "Attila the Hen."

In his defense, Gold said much of the trouble had been stirred up by a "pood-old boy" network resentful of a newcomer. He was soundly beaten in 1992 by home-grown lawman George "Pee-Wee" Silver III.

Gold, now working as a counselor in Twin Falls, said last week he has only a few lingering regrets about his term.

But replacing Hall, made things challenging from the get-go.

"They loved Elza. He was a friend," Gold said. "It was very difficult my first year in office." Gold still thinks small-town politics had a lot to do with his ouster.

"I was really punished for trying to run two terms," he said. "It's too small a circle of people who control power there. It would have been wiser to just be a one-term sheriff and then just leave."

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DA N G E R O U S D U T Y



Sgt. Eric Westphal, right, from Independence, Mo., and Pfc. Drury Duston from St. Mary, Mo., report to their command by radio while patrolling a security zone at Mueclibaba, Kosovo. They are part of a peacekeeping force in one of the most dangerous spots in the Balkans. Please see page C4.

TF police arrest man after dispute, standoff

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - An Oregon man was arrested late Friday night after a nearly six-hour standoff at a Twin Falls apartment.

Krispen Bratcher, 30, also known as Krispen Estrada, was taken into custody at about 11:30 p.m. The arrest occurred without incident, and no one during the arrest.

Bratcher was charged with forcible rape and kidnapping, Twin Falls police Capt. Jim Munn said late Friday night.

Police received a call at 5:43 p.m. about a dispute at an apartment on Clinton Lane in Twin Falls, according to Det. Scott Smith of the Twin Falls Police Department.

When officers arrived, they took a woman and four children out of the apartment, Smith said.

Two officers encountered a man who had a weapon, reportedly some kind of small-caliber rifle. The man later barricaded himself inside the apartment.

Neighboring streets were closed to traffic. Residents living in surrounding areas were let into the neighborhood through police barricades.

Police negotiators spoke with the man via telephone from the apartment complex manager's office.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office and Twin Falls Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics team sharpshooters took positions outside the apartment Friday night. Shortly after 11 p.m., officers sprayed pepper spray in the direction of the apartment.

Smith said a woman was taken to Magic Valley Regional

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Convicted doctor will close practice

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley physician, convicted of illegal drug possession and convicted of illegal drug possession, says he will close his office at the end of March.

Charles Suits said Friday he no longer can afford to operate his practice. As a result, he won't accept appointments after Wednesday, and he will close his office doors on March 30.

"Last week, we sat down with the accountant and it's costing us about \$5,000 a month more to keep the office open than what we're

making," Suits said.

Suits was convicted on a felony charge of methamphetamine possession in February 2000. The Idaho State Board of Medicine voted to revoke Suits' medical license in November 2000, based on six counts of misconduct. Suits has been able to practice since then, while appealing the five-year suspension.

Fifth District Judge John Melanson granted Suits the ability Friday to continue practicing medicine, while Melanson reviews the appeal.

Suits lost admitting privileges to Cassia

making," Suits said.

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Charles Suits

Maelstrom over pardons continues to swirl

The controversy surrounding several pardons granted by former President Clinton has now ensnared his wife, Son. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and others in the Clinton camp. Here is a look at some pardons and commutations that have drawn attention. A commutation reduces a criminal penalty, such as shortening a prison term. A pardon releases a person from the punishment of a crime.

Granted clemency	Offense	Lobbied for clemency
Pinous Green Marc Rich	Tax evasion and other charges.	Former White House counsel, Jack Quinn, advocated the pardon; former President Clinton said high-ranking Israeli officials also endorsed it because of Rich's contributions to Israeli charities.
Benjamin Berger Jacob Elbaum David Goldstein Kaimon Stern	Defrauding \$40 million in grants, loans and subsidies by creating a fictitious religious school.	Supporters of their clergy from update New York met with Son. Clinton during her campaign, but she has said she played no part in the commutation.
Robert Clinton Fain James Lowell Manning	Tax charges.	William Cunningham III, Son. Clinton's campaign treasurer.
Carlos Anibal Vignali Jr.	Drug charge.	Hugh Rodham, Son. Clinton's brother, accepted \$400,000 to represent them.
Alton Glenn Braswell	Fraud and other charges.	

*Denotes commutation of sentence; all others received pardons.
SOURCE: Compiled from AP wire reports

Feds probe Clinton's actions, links to votes

The Washington Post

NEW YORK - Federal prosecutors are investigating whether former president Bill Clinton committed the fraud sentences of four Hasidic Jewish leaders from New York as payback for their community's support for his wife's Senate campaign, a law enforcement source said Friday.

The four leaders of the tight-knit New Square community in suburban Rockland County were convicted in 1999 of stealing more than \$30 million in government funds, and received prison sentences ranging from 2 1/2 to 6 1/2 years. During his last-minute par-

dons and commutations before leaving office, Clinton reduced their sentences to 24 to 30 months.

New Square residents voted almost unanimously for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., last November, while nearly all Hasidic communities voted just as overwhelmingly for her opponent, former Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y. Six weeks after the election, the Clintons held a 45-minute meeting at the White House with the leader of the ultra-orthodox New Square community, Grand Rabbi David Twersky, who lobbied for

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	33/50
High	50
Normal High	44/25
High/Low last year	49/31
Record high	59
Record low	10

Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m., yest. trace

Month to date: trace

Normal month to date: 0.22

Year to date: 0.02

Normal year to date: 1.81

Humidity: Yesterday at noon: 96%

Barometric Pressure: Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.81 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls

Grass	N.A.
Woods	N.A.
Trees	N.A.

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mild with clouds and sun.	Turning cloudy.	Cloudy with showers.	Maybe rain/snow shower early; some sun.	Mixed clouds and sunshine.	Clouds and sun.
▲ 45°	▼ 24°	▲ 43° ▼ 28°	▲ 43° ▼ 26°	▲ 43° ▼ 22°	▲ 45° ▼ 22°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mild today with both clouds and sunshine. Turning cloudy tonight, then showers will develop tomorrow. Showers changing to snow showers in some places tomorrow night.

Boise: Not a bad day today with clouds and sunshine, as well as a mild afternoon. Becoming cloudy tonight, then there will be some showers tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: A storm moving offshore in California will make for mostly cloudy skies today. Some rain and snow will spread eastward tonight and tomorrow.

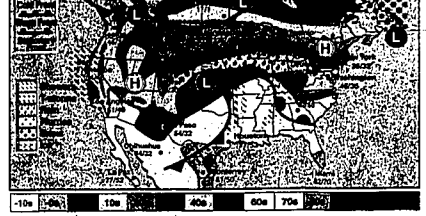
Northern Utah: Snow showers will start off the day, then clouds will mix with sunshine later. Another storm will make for mostly cloudy skies tonight, then produce rain and snow tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: A weak storm passing through this morning will drag rain and snow showers along with it, then clouds will break for some sunshine later.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 87° in Fort Myers, FL Low -20° in International Falls, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

Today		Sun.		Today		Sun.	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W		
Boise	46 30 pc	47 29 c	McCall	38 24 pc	45 24 c		
Bonanza Ferry	39 26 c	39 20 pc	Pocatello, MT	38 22 c	40 23 c		
Burley	38 23 pc	45 27 c	Pocatello, ID	38 22 pc	44 24 ah		
Coeur d'Alene	40 28 cf	35 20 pc	Portland, OR	50 36 ah	50 34 pc		
Elko	38 25 c	43 25 c	Richland, WA	49 29 c	51 23 pc		
Eugene, OR	50 34 r	52 34 pc	Salmon	34 15 c	48 32 cf		
Hagerman	42 27 pc	49 28 c	Salt Lake City, UT	38 21 pc	48 32 cf		
Idaho Falls	34 20 c	39 29 cf	Seattle, WA	46 28 c	48 30 pc		
Karlsport, MT	30 10 c	38 19 cf	Spokane, WA	48 24 c	40 21 pc		
Lewiston	46 34 c	46 38 cf	Stanley	28 11 s	40 15 cf		
Malden	37 24 c	44 27 ah	Sun Valley	38 16 c	41 18 pc		
Malta	27 13 c	28 10 c	Yallowitown, MT	25 14 c	29 7 c		

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Suits

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Regional Medical Center shortly after his December 1998 arrest and was ordered out of his hospital office in March 2000.

"I'm out of money," Suits said. "Without a hospital, I can't work. I didn't want to walk out on the people in this area."

Suits said he has made arrangements with physician Larry Hicks, who operates out of Minidoka Memorial Hospital, to take over medical records at individual patients' request.

Suits said it will take him "months" to find another place to practice medicine, but added he is committed to being a doctor. "I'm staying in the medical profession," Suits said. "I'm not

going to let these jackals around here drive me out."

During Friday's hearing before Melanson, the Board of Medicine asked Melanson to reverse 5th District Judge Monte B. Carlson's decision that put Suits' license suspension on hold. Melanson denied that request.

The Uniform Administrative Procedures Act says, among other things, that in order for a stay to be lifted on a board's ruling, "Suits must be 'likely to prevail' upon appeal."

Melanson said that was unlikely, considering Suits' arguments, but he said Suits had a right to make his case.

The board suspended Suits' license based on the belief that he violated the standard of care for an Idaho physician. In addition to the felony conviction, the decision was based on other

Standoff

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Medical Center, though the extent of her injuries was not known.

It was the second standoff in Twin Falls since the beginning of the year.

A six-hour standoff on Jan. 26 near Lincoln Elementary School ended without injuries. Sergio Arroyo Jr., 28, of Buhl, faces a first-degree kidnapping charge and an assault charge in connection with this standoff, which grew from a domestic dispute.

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clendency for the four men.

The Clintons have spent the last month dealing with pardon-related headaches, and the new senator held a news conference Thursday to denounce her brother, Hugh Rodham, for accepting \$400,000 in payments from two pardoned felons. The decision of U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White to expand her newly opened probe of the Marc Rich pardon to include the New Square case is more bad news for the newly minted senator, whose campaign also benefited from the largess of Rich's ex-wife, Denise Rich. Still, legal experts say, it would be difficult for prosecutors to bring a bribery case, especially given the president's broad constitutional power to pardon.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton's campaign treasurer held a news conference Friday morning in Manhattan to defend his role in helping two Arkansas businessmen secure pardons for 18-year-old tax convictions.

Earlier this week, White's office secured a guilty plea on unrelated corruption and tax-fraud charges from former Rockland County Democratic leader Paul Adler, a former fundraiser for Clinton who occasionally advised her on Jewish issues and accompanied her on a campaign trip to New Square last August.

Congressional investigations of the pardons also widened Friday. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., expanded his Senate Judiciary Committee probe to include the commutation of the sentence of cocaine dealer Carlos Vignali and the pardon of convicted swindler Glenn Braswell.

Dan Burton, chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, asked the Secret

A community forum

The Times-News Opinion pages

Service for White House entry logs for Braswell; Horatio Vignali, the father of Carlos Vignali and a prominent Democratic donor; Hugh Rodham, who lobbied for the pardons of Vignali and Braswell; and Democratic attorney Kendall Coffey, who worked with Rodham on Braswell's petition to the president.

Burton's committee has also subpoenaed two additional witnesses for a hearing this Thursday: Skip Rutherford, the head of the Clinton library foundation's board, and Beth Dunne, a close friend of Denise Rich, who pledged \$1 million to the foundation.

Hillary Clinton has said that she played no role in the pardon process, and that she expressed no opinion about the Hasidic felons' clemency bids to her husband. The former president has denied granting any pardons or commutations for any reasons other than the merits. Representatives for both Clintons said they had no additional comments today.

But even some Jewish leaders have expressed outrage about the lenient treatment for the four men, who were convicted in 1999 of stealing federal housing subsidies, small business loans and student grants.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

<p>Wednesday, February 21, numbers</p> <p>POWERBALL</p> <p>4 10 32 39 45</p> <p>POWERBALL NUMBER 25</p> <p>Thursday, February 22, numbers</p> <p>RollDown</p> <p>5 10 20 39 40</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 21, numbers</p> <p>WILD CARD</p> <p>6 9 13 24 31</p> <p>WILD CARD: Ace of clubs</p> <p>Friday, February 23, numbers</p> <p>PICK 3</p> <p>Idaho</p> <p>3 2 2</p>
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Wednesday's Powerball Jackpot was hit by a winner in Rhode Island. Tonight's Wild Card Jackpot is \$535,000!

CORRECTION

A name was misspelled in a brief in Friday's Times-News. Kathy Meyer of MECCA - Messengers to End Crimes of Children and Abuse - will speak at the monthly Community Watch meeting at 7 p.m. March 8 in the community room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Nazi beliefs may have played role in deaths

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) - The Dartmouth College professors stabbed to death in their home last month strongly believed their native Germany should face up to its Nazi past. A teen-ager accused in the slayings reportedly had neo-Nazi literature in his bedroom.

But whether Half and Susanne Zantop's views played a role in their deaths remained an open question Friday.

The Zantops were not so outspoken that they would have attracted the attention of hate groups, a friend said. And friends of the two teen-agers charged with first-degree murder said they saw no signs the boys were anti-Semites.

The Holocaust emerged as a possible link between the Zantops and the suspects when ABC News reported Thursday that investigators found literature related to neo-Nazism, white supremacy and Holocaust revisionism in the bedroom of Robert Tulloch, 17.

Prosecutors on Friday refused to comment on the report.

Tulloch and James Parker, 16, are accused of stabbing the couple to death in their Hanover home on Jan. 27, Holocaust Remembrance Day in Germany.

Parker's attorney, Douglas Brown, denied that the teen was involved with white supremacy activity.

"I can tell you that Jimmy Parker has nothing to do with any of that stuff, and I've known him all his life," Brown said.

Parker waived further extradition proceedings at a hearing in Indiana on Friday and was



James Parker, 16, is escorted into court Friday in New Castle, Ind., where he waived his rights for further extradition proceedings. Parker will be sent back to New Hampshire to face charges of murder in the stabbing deaths of Dartmouth College professors Half and Susanne Zantop.

expected to return to New Hampshire by the weekend. His attorney said Parker would plead innocent and seek to be tried as a juvenile.

"He's a 16-year-old. He is a boy," Brown said.

Authorities have refused to discuss a motive or any connection

between the Chelsea, Vt., boys and the victims, who lived 22 miles away. Half Zantop, 62, taught earth sciences at Dartmouth, and his wife, Susanne Zantop, 55, was chairwoman of the German studies department.

Audrey McCollum, a close friend of the couple, said she

didn't remember the Zantops ever talking about neo-Nazism or Holocaust revisionism, the belief that the Holocaust never happened.

"I think her activism was directed toward many different social, political and environmental causes," McCollum said. "I think it was wide-ranging and I personally don't recall any conversations with either of them about that."

"They did have a sort of e-mail network of people to whom they would send notices of impending legislation, elections and so on," she said. "(But) I personally have no knowledge of any communications about that."

The Zantops were both born in Germany around the time of World War II. According to friends, Susanne learned nothing of the Holocaust until she was a teen-ager, and was appalled. They said that awakening shaped her notion of justice and drove her to make the world a better place.

But McCollum said the Holocaust was not a focus of the couple's activism.

Another friend, Eric Posmentier, said the Zantops' strong belief that Germany should face up to its past came in part from learning that relatives may have been involved in World War II activities on behalf of their country.

The couple's activism earned them many friends in the Jewish community, said another friend, Herb Roland. At a Dartmouth memorial service for the Zantops, the attendees sang the Mourner's Kaddish, a Jewish hymn.

Bush remains confident of allied support for missile plan

Nation in brief

THURMONT, Md. - President Bush expressed confidence Friday that he would be able to persuade skeptical allies to support a missile shield against ballistic missiles, saying such a system "makes a lot of sense."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who met with Bush at the presidential retreat at Camp David, said the allies must be consulted about the controversial system but asserted, "We can find a way through this."

Blair has yet to take a firm position on the national missile defense system that Bush has made a top priority.

Both Bush and Blair said that details of such a plan were not discussed in their meeting.

Bush budget will have 'reserve' of nearly \$1 trillion

WASHINGTON - The federal budget that President Bush outlines to Congress next week will set aside a multi-year reserve of close to \$1 trillion that would be available for buttressing Social Security, debt reduction or other purposes, White House and congressional officials said Friday.

Bush's fiscal plan, described on condition of anonymity, will mention possible uses for the huge slice of money. But it will not commit the funds to any purpose, instead leaving a decision by Bush and lawmakers until the future.

The reserve could help Bush argue that his budget would provide plenty of room for his proposed \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut, debt reduction and other initiatives, while retaining flexibility to handle other priorities or unforeseen events. As such, it is a way to display the budget favorably while postponing difficult choices.

Democrats have argued that Bush has underestimated the true size of his tax plan.

Reports of sub crew error could lead to wider blame

WASHINGTON - Reports of serious crew errors aboard the USS Greeneville raise the possibility that blame for the submarine accident off Hawaii could be spread beyond the three officers who are subjects of a formal Navy investigation, officials said Friday.

The Washington Times and Washington Post reported Friday that a sailor known as the fire control technician, whose job was to plot the positions of surface vessels in the area, did not inform the sub's skipper that sonar readings indicated a ship was closing to within 2,000 yards.

The Times, quoting an unidentified Navy source, said that if the ship's estimated range had been conveyed to the sub's captain, Cmd. Scott Waddle, he would have conducted his periscope search of the surface differently. Shortly after Waddle did a periscope search, reportedly seeing nothing of concern, the Greeneville went ahead with an emergency surfacing drill and rammed the Ehime Maru, sinking it.

Court upholds ruling requiring accounting of Indian funds

WASHINGTON - The federal government must fix problems with a multibillion dollar system of accounts for American Indians and give the Indians an accounting of how much money they should have, a federal appeals court ruled Friday.

The ruling is another court victory for more than 300,000 Indians who are seeking more than \$10 billion they say they lost through more than a century of government mismanagement of money earned from usage of Indian lands.

The three-judge panel unanimously upheld the 1999 ruling by U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth, who called mismanagement of the accounts "fiscal and governmental irresponsibility in its purest form." He ordered officials to report every three months on their progress in fixing the accounting system.

Bush, Schwarzkopf mark anniversary of Gulf War

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Former President George Bush, marking the 10th anniversary of the ground offensive in the Gulf War, said Friday that he regrets underestimating the resiliency of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

He refused to second-guess his decision to halt the war once the Iraqis were expelled from Kuwait, saying he and most Arab leaders wrongly believed that Saddam couldn't survive "the vicious pounding."

Bush, in a nearly two-hour appearance at Texas A&M University, where his presidential library is housed, shared a stage with retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, former British Prime Minister John Major, former Deputy National Security Adviser Robert Gates and former press secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

- compiled from wire reports

Jerome

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"It was really punished for trying to run two terms," he said. "It's too small of a circle of people who control power there. It would have been wiser to just be a one-term sheriff and then just leave."

Still, Gold said he thinks he did some good for Jerome County. He said he made a significant dent in the area's illegal drug trade, helped root out some serious sex crimes and built a few good professional relationships.

"I'm not sure of some wonderful people there, it was challenging to say the least," he said. "It's a part of my life I'm very glad I did do, but it was very bittersweet."

Silver

A Jerome High School graduate, longtime Magic Valley Jail officer and former Jerome police chief, Silver seemed the ideal man to quell the turmoil and bring a hometown feel back to the sheriff's office.

But his tenure also saw controversy.

There was a stink raised when Silver let a Jerome County Jail inmate repair a car for him. Silver was later cleared of any criminal wrongdoing. His use of duplicate license plates on some patrol vehicles also raised eyebrows, but Silver staunchly defended his actions and said he did nothing outside the law.

And as election time approached in 1996, there were fumbles of discontent from the isolated east end of Jerome County, where many residents said they felt ignored by the sheriff's department.

Now working in his family's salvage business and as a reserve officer for the Camas County Sheriff's Office, Silver said he has almost nothing but good memo-

ries about serving as sheriff. "It was a normal law enforcement office with a lot to do and a lot to worry about," he said. "Most of the regrets I had seem superficial at this time."

The best part of being a sheriff was being directly involved in community service, he said.

He's also proud of the strong ties he said he formed with other offices and agencies.

"I had a very good rapport with the city and other law enforcement agencies, and got along well with them."

While admitting that being a sheriff is a daunting task, Silver said it's a job he'd take on again without hesitation.

Silver was ousted in the 1996 by retired Los Angeles police officer Jim Weaver. A resident of Hazelton, Weaver promised better service for the east end and got overwhelming support there.

Weaver

Weaver, who declined to be interviewed for this article, has said little publicly since two of his deputies - Cpls. James Moulson and Phillip Anderson - were killed Jan. 3 in an Eden shootout that also left suspect George Timothy Williams dead.

Unlike Gold and Silver, Weaver was re-elected - but with less than 49 percent of the vote in a three-way race. But like Gold and Silver, Weaver has seen his share of rough spots during his tenure.

There have been two jail breaks. Once escapee, Monty Ray Boston - implicated in the severe beating of a jail guard during the escape - remained at large last week.

There have also been squabbles with the county commission, mostly over the department's budget, which Weaver has said is too tight. And an apparent effort to consoli-

date the city and county's detective divisions turned into a political bomb for Weaver and the Jerome City Council.

During the 2000 election, Weaver faced allegations that his office had seen too much turnover. Challenger Wayne Childers - who served as a Jerome County sheriff's deputy before Weaver took office - claimed there had been a turnover of more than 40 officers during Weaver's tenure. Citing a desire to avoid political mudslinging, Weaver did not challenge that number, or some allegations leveled against him during the election.

Prescott said he was ousted from his office as Jerome County's sole full-time commissioner in the 2000 election, but was at the heart of the county's politics during Silver's tenure and Weaver's first term.

Politically, Hall and Silver probably fared better than Gold and Weaver because of their home-

town advantage, Prescott said.

"(Hall and Silver) recognized what Jerome County and its population are," he said. "We are not California, or New York or New Orleans."

Jerome might not be too tiny or isolated, but its political system is tightly knit, Prescott said. It includes not only the commission, but the city government, the Farm Bureau and numerous other agencies and civic organizations, Prescott said. And a sheriff not willing to plug into that system might run into trouble.

Prescott said Hall has cast a long shadow over the sheriff's office. Stepping out of that shadow could be difficult for years to come.

But by playing by a few simple rules, a Jerome County sheriff just might have a chance, he said.

"Learn to give and take with your officers. Be on top of things and manage the money well."

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YOUR WEEKEND

Home and Garden Show

What: The 20th annual Southern Idaho Home and Garden Show continues.
Where: The Expo Center at the College of Southern Idaho
When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday
How much: \$2 for admission

Free concert

What: The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra will present its winter concert.
Where: The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium
When: 3 p.m. today
How much: Free

Variety show

What: A variety show, sponsored by First Choice Hospice Assistance, will be held to benefit people in the community with a terminal illness.
Where: The Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School
When: 7 p.m. today
How much: \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Tickets available at First Choice Hospice, Claude Brown Furniture, Gem State Realty, The Homestead, Music Center, Everybody's Business and Welch Music.

'Fuddy Meers'

What: New Theater Company will present David Lindsay-Abaire's "Fuddy Meers."
Where: nextStage Theater, Ketchum
When: 8 p.m. today
How much: \$15 at Atkinson's market and Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum. Read All About It in Hailey, at the door or on the Web at www.newtheatre-company.org.

Dinner and a play

What: West End Theater Company will present a dinner theater production, "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Production of a Murder Mystery."
Where: The Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth, Buhl
When: Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and curtain time is 7:30 p.m.
How much: \$25 per couple, \$15 per person or \$12 for students and senior citizens. For reservations, call 543-2888.

Faculty art

What: "Half Time," an art show featuring the work of College of Southern Idaho faculty members, will be on display.
Where: The Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science in Twin Falls
When: 1-9 p.m. today
How much: Admission is free to visit the Herrett Center gallery or museum.

Stargazing

What: "The Explorers" and "More Than Meets the Eye" continue.
Where: Faulkner Planetarium at the College of Southern Idaho
When: "The Explorers" will show at 7 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays. "More Than Meets the Eye" will show at 4 p.m. Saturdays.
How much: \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

Moon plays at Muggers

What: Matthew Moon will play.
Where: Muggers Brewpub, 156 Second St. S., Twin Falls
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today
How much: \$3 cover charge

Head to Honkers

What: Rumble Doll will play.
Where: Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today
How much: \$3 cover charge

Steak house karaoke

What: Karaoke will be featured.
Where: Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls
When: 8 p.m. to midnight today
How much: No cover charge
 Compiled from staff reports

Preserving a sense of history

Rock Creek Station plan could take years

By Kelly Bryant
 Times-News writer

HANSEN - It could take three to five years for the Idaho State Historical Society to implement a \$605,450 master plan for Rock Creek Station and the Stricker family home site.

"The key thing to remember is that the state of Idaho owns the site, it belongs to the people," said John Bertram of Planmakers, a Boise urban consulting firm that completed the plan.

Putting the money together might require cash from several private and public sources, said Vern Nelson, an independent contractor working with the Historical Society.

Bertram suggests the historical society tap into the Idaho Transportation Department's budget, request assistance from

the Legislature and Congress. Money for interpretive information could come from several sources, such as the Idaho Humanities Council and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Bertram also recommends a broad-based fund-raising campaign targeting corporations, businesses and individuals.

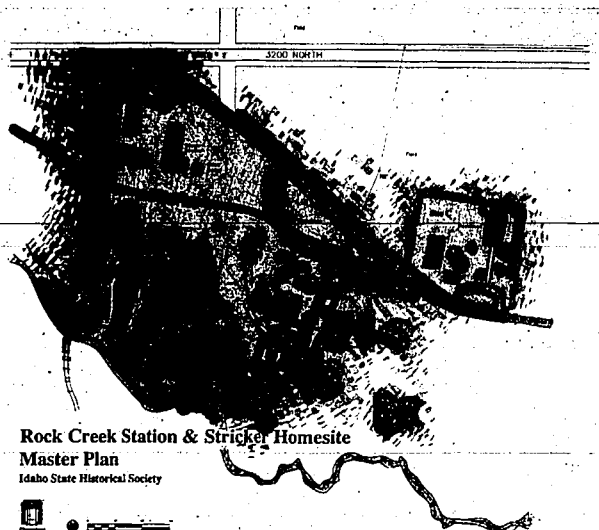
"The plan will help the site reach maximum potential," Bertram said. "The plan presents a vision to transform the site into a 'state-class' destination that serves as an attraction for visitors, students and families."

Historians say the Rock Creek Station is one of only a few buildings left along the Oregon Trail, and its proximity to Interstate 84 could be another draw.

Bertram hopes events will be held at the site, in conjunction with Twin Falls' centennial celebration in 2004.

"What we have at the site is tangible," he said. "It becomes a

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Rock Creek Station & Stricker Homesite Master Plan

Idaho State Historical Society

HEALTHY COOKING



Victoria Van Pelt of Arizona gives a lesson in healthy cooking at the 2001 Home and Garden Show at the College of Southern Idaho's Expo Center Friday. The show continues from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

MV copes with spots of snow

By Julie Pence
 and Mary Lou Potts
 Times-News correspondents

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley folks awakened Friday to a lot of snow where there usually isn't any, and no snow where there usually is some.

The National Weather Service reported that Buhl residents were coping with around four inches of heavy, slushy snow, while around Burley, a few flurries fell and nothing stuck to the ground. And ski resorts didn't see much snow at all.

The patchy snowfall occurred because the storm came to Idaho from a different direction than the usual storm.

"This snow didn't come in from Washington and Oregon, as usual," said Jack Messick, a weather service meteorologist in Pocatello. "The one we had today actually came in from the

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Wendell plans bond issue vote

The Times-News

WENDELL - The Wendell School District will try a second time to gather enough voter support to build a new \$6.1 million middle school and demolish an aging middle school structure that has drawn statewide attention.

An election has been set for May 8, and the district says polling places will be designated at the School Board's March 14 meeting.

The amount of the bond issue remains the same, but the new bond issue has a couple of different features.

It trims down plans for vocational-technical facilities and instead includes the demolition of the old middle school and gymnasium.

Rather than a 5,000-square-foot vocational-technical building, the plan calls for a 3,000-square-foot vocational-technical classroom. The new proposal

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Expert witness faces perjury charge

By Ruth Stretcher
 Times-News writer

BURLEY - A key expert witness in a high-profile criminal case that ended nearly a year ago is facing a criminal charge himself.

And a pretrial hearing that was scheduled for Friday has been postponed until March 30 in front of 5th District Magistrate Judge Michael Crabtree.

Edward John Wolfrum, 55, of Royal Oaks, Mich., a witness in the trial against Burley doctor Charles Suits, was arrested Jan. 5 on a perjury charge. Police say Wolfrum lied about his educational credentials.

Wolfrum bonded out of jail following his arrest and was initially fighting extradition, officials said. Wolfrum's attorney, Keith Roark, declined to com-

This is a letter from Burley physician Charles Suits, on office stationary, obtained by The Times-News on Friday.

The letter reads as follows:

To all of my patients and friends:

For the past two years and two months I have been fighting the injustices inflicted upon me by the evil influences in our fair community. I have maintained my innocence and have done all that is within my power to expose the corruption that continues to threaten our town. The cost for this has been great both personally and financially. It is with a very heavy heart and extreme sadness that I must inform you all that I can no longer afford to keep my office open in Burley. We will stop scheduling appointments on February 28, 2001. The office will remain open until March 30th, 2001, for scheduled appointments and medication refills. We will transfer medical records during this time, at your request. I have made arrangements with Dr. Larry Hicks to take over all of my patient charts. You are free to find any other physician to take over your care. I owe a debt of gratitude to all of you who have supported me in my struggle over the past two years. Without your support I never could have survived this ordeal. You will remain in my heart and my prayers forever. I have loved being a part of your lives.



God bless you all,
 Charles Suits

firm Wednesday whether Wolfrum had given up fighting extradition.

Roark also declined to com-

ment on the charge. Wolfrum has an unlisted telephone number.

One of Suits' attorneys says

the charge is baseless.

"I don't believe there's any merit to that case. All the infor-

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Safety workshop targets workplace, employee dangers

By Aaron Brock
 Times-News writer

BURLEY - Being tired after a long day at a factory job is normal and expected. But being in pain is not.

So Ruben Saldana, the loss prevention manager at McCain Foods in Burley, works to find ways to eliminate, or at least

limit, potential for injuries to workers.

"It's one thing to be tired," Saldana said at the Southern Idaho Human Resource and Safety's fifth annual occupational health workshop Friday. "It's another to be hurting."

There are ways to stay safe while on the job, and Saldana says he's passionate about imple-

menting them.

"I've been called a Nazi toward safety," he said. "Well, I am."

Roughly 90 people attended the workshop, representing a slew of area businesses. Entire teams of workers from some businesses were in attendance, while others sent company representatives.

Mike Manning, accounting

manager with Idaho Equipment and Sheet Metal, was in charge of gathering information to distribute to his corporation. He said the details about Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements were useful.

"I'm here to get some input," he said, "and then go back to make sure that our standards are

with OSHA standards."

Much of the workshop consisted of professionals giving information about particular areas of expertise. Burley Fire Chief Phil Heiner co-ucted a seminar about respirator masks, used to keep harmful pollutants from being inhaled.

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Elko garbage costs county dollars

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Elko County is finding out that collecting garbage can be expensive.

County commissioners this week discussed how the county is losing more than \$60,000 a year because collection fees are too low and some people are not paying their garbage bills.

So county officials decided to look into establishing cash improvement districts in rural areas to offset the cost of garbage collection.

Commissioner Brad Roberts said that rural Nevada counties have established such districts and have met with success in offsetting the collection costs. Under Roberts' proposal the county would levy a set fee for every parcel of land in a sanitation district, thereby doing away with monthly garbage pickup fee.

Roberts said property owners can "take care of the garbage or we take their property."

Commissioner John Ellison said he liked the concept of the assessment districts, adding that such districts have been established "over the state and would not be a new wheel to invent."

The idea of a quarter of a cent sales tax increase to pay for garbage removal was bandied about at a previous commission meeting, but no action was ever taken on the matter.

Lloyd said each sanitation district should be looked at individually to see if an assessment should be levied on property owners.

Commissioner Warren Russell said an assessment on each parcel "would be the fair way to go" in paying for garbage collection in rural areas. Russell, who took his seat on the commission in January, vowed not to raise county taxes during his campaign.

Charlie Voos, Elko County director of public works, said Friday his office would determine how many parcels of property are in each sanitation district and would make a list of property owners. He said the Salt Lake Basin sanitation district which covers most of the eastern part of the county would be the main focus at this point. In a previous meeting Voos said collection rates for Montello would have to nearly double and residents would have to pay their bills for the county to break even. He said the county currently loses \$8,000 a year to provide service to Montello.

Voos said if the assessment district idea proves feasible, his staff would also look at other areas to determine how much, if any, property owners should be assessed for trash collection. He said the Owyhee district, which includes Mountain City, might be next on the list. Tim Brown, owner of Elko Sanitation which picks up the garbage in Mountain City, told commissioners his company lost money on the contract during the winter months.

The sanitation districts were established several years ago after federal regulations forced the closure of 11 landfills in the county because they did not meet the environmental criteria to keep operating.

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Lab violates DOE rules, continues to pollute aquifer

DAHO FALLS (AP) — Energy Department inspectors contended that the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has been violating agency rules for years by dumping water into ponds at the former Chemical Processing Plant, possibly allowing radioactive contamination to spread to the aquifer below.

State regulators apparently let the site continue dumping the water, even though the Energy Department outlawed the practice in 1993.

The state Department of Environmental Quality recently extended a wastewater permit, which officials acknowledge will not necessarily stop pollution from flowing into the aquifer for another three years.

has been discharging about two million gallons of wastewater daily into percolation ponds on the desert.

A recent report, written by the Department of Energy's Office of Independent Environment, Safety and Health Oversight, said the wastewater discharges represent "long-standing noncompliance" with an order designed to prevent those problems.

While the water itself has been cleaned of all but trace amounts of contamination, it seeps down through ground that was polluted years ago, officials contend.

The water can pick up radioactive elements and carry them down to the Snake River Plain Aquifer, which provides domestic, industrial and irrigation water for much of the southern part of the state.

Attorney decides not to file charges in the seizure of impounded cattle

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. Attorney Paul Warner has decided not to file criminal charges against the ranchers who seized impounded cattle last fall.

Warner said the Bureau of Land Management can settle the case through administrative means, which could include revoking the ranchers' grazing privileges on federal land.

"I took a look at that whole package and reviewed the evidence and decided it's not in the best interest to pursue a criminal remedy," Warner said Thursday. "I'm not saying I don't have a criminal case. I'm choosing not to file a criminal case."

About a dozen ranchers from southern Utah, Arizona and Nevada had been under investigation by the FBI since Election Day, when they took 50 head of cattle that the BLM had impounded from the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

The actions of the ranchers, who were led by Kanab rancher Mary Bulloch, angered Warner, who at the time called them "lawless" and "vigilante."

The BLM had impounded the cows in October after their owners, Bulloch and Quinn and Gene Griffin of Escalante, missed two BLM deadlines for removing the cows from grazing allotments atop Fifty Mile Mountain.

The ranchers, who were ordered to remove the cows in July, said the mountain is so rugged they were unable to do so.

The BLM's impoundment angered many southern Utah ranchers still sore about President Clinton's 1996 designation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Warner said filing criminal charges would be like "throwing fuel on the fire."

"I want to build a positive relationship and I'm not sure a criminal approach advances the ball," he said. "I'm looking to facilitate a better relationship between federal land managers and those people in southern Utah."

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Snow

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Snow fell according to how the winds from the mountains, he said. "It tended toward the south and the higher elevations," Messick said.

But not all mountains. Just ask Jody Burrows, manager at Pomerelle Ski Resort near Albion. Something of a weather expert because of the nature of her business, Burrows said she has seen storms coming in from the southeast before, but this one only yielded a little snow.

Weather should be drier and warmer today, with clearing and highs in the mid-40s, said Jeff Chadwick, a weather service meteorologist in Boise.

In spite of the snowfall, it was business as usual in Buhl. "I think people are driving smarter, slowing down and

adjusting speed to the conditions," said Buhl Police Department office manager Charlene Climer, who commutes to Buhl from Twin Falls.

Buhl farmer and cattleman Darin Haumont welcomed the fresh snow. "This was a much-needed moisture," Haumont said.

School buses in Buhl and Castleford run about a half hour late as bus drivers had to take it slower than usual.

"The Castleford bus route by Lily Grade and Balanced Rock has some trouble but managed to drive through, and one bus route in Buhl had some difficulty but delivered the students with no mishaps," said Doug Scott, Buhl site manager for Northside Bus.

Loretta Mullins, a Buhl resident who commutes to her job as a 911 dispatch supervisor for the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center in Jerome, said the commute to

work was slow. "It was pretty treacherous this morning when I came to work. I could only go 35 to 40 mph," she said. "When it is slushy like that, it kind of throws your car."

At mid-afternoon Idaho State Police Lt. Bob Starn said he had reports of heavy snow on U.S. Highway 93 near Jackpot, Nev., and also in the Hailey area, but roads generally were not slippery, except in the mountains.

Ski resorts didn't share much of the snowfall. Sun Valley Ski Resort reported less than an inch Friday. Pomerelle received 2 to 3 inches, which was minimal compared to snowfall earlier in the week of 13 inches.

"We didn't even have to plow the road," Burrows said.

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Officials seize boat carrying tons of cocaine

SEATTLE (AP) — A Canadian fishing boat carrying more than 2.5 tons of cocaine was boarded and seized in the Strait of Juan de Fuca in what officials say is one of the largest drug busts the region has seen.

Five Canadians aboard were arrested and the vessel, the Western Wind, was taken to the U.S. Coast Guard station at Port Angeles.

The men, who were not identified, were being held Friday by the Immigration and

Naturalization Service in Seattle because of their immigration status, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence Lincoln. There was no court appearance scheduled for them, he said.

Lincoln refused to say what charges the men might face. Irene Mortensen, an INS spokeswoman, confirmed Friday that five men were in custody but would not give any other information about them.

"To me this is a whole heck of a lot of narcotics," said Charles

McLeod, assistant special agent for the U.S. Customs Service. He told a news conference that he's been patrolling the Canadian border for 12 years and that it's the largest shipment of cocaine he's seen there.

Customs agents in Seattle were counting and weighing 101 sacks of cocaine in a federal warehouse Friday as rifle-toting agents looked on. The drugs will be tested and then destroyed by the Drug Enforcement Administration, McLeod said.

Issue

Continued from A4 also does not include a completed school kitchen, but includes the shell of a kitchen.

The new school would be built next to the high school, and the high school kitchen would serve middle school students until the new school kitchen could be completed.

The school district's initial attempt at a middle school bond issue failed in October 2000 after drawing a record number

of Wendell voters — 1,162 in all. Out of the ballots cast, 708 voters — or 61 percent — supported the bond issue, which was 67 votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed to pass.

The October 2000 levy would have raised the property tax levy for the school district to \$4.03 per \$1,000 of taxable value, up from \$1.94 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

A crumbling foundation at the 80-year-old middle school forced

closure of the school's main building in March 2000. This move pushed Wendell into the middle of the statewide debate about whether the state should take an active role in replacing aging school buildings.

This year, the district has split the middle school's students, between other buildings at the middle school and four on-campus classrooms at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding.

Safety

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Workplace safety is always evolving with the change of medical science, said Cassia Regional Medical Center physical therapist Peggy Goodman and Joyce Lindstrom. To keep abreast of worker concerns, they concentrate on the laborers, not on the management.

"Work with the workers," Lindstrom advised. "They are the ones who are experiencing the challenges with their work stations."

To prevent injuries, physical therapists test many workers to make sure they are capable of performing the tasks for which they are hired. So tests are administered that simulate the tasks the worker will have to perform, Lindstrom said.

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Burley Fire Chief Phil Holner demonstrates a respirator mask — designed to protect the user from inhaling dangerous substances — at the Southern Idaho Human Resource and Safety's fifth annual occupational health workshop.

Nearly 90 people representing area businesses attended.

Suits

Continued from A4 mation I have is there was no perjury," said Suits' defense attorney James Annest, who said Wolfrum came highly recommended from various credible sources.

Wolfrum testified that audio recordings of a drug sting between Suits and police officers had been tampered with, a claim investigators have denied. A jury found Suits guilty, although Suits maintains his innocence.

In a sworn complaint signed by Cassia County detective Randy Kidd, the three universities that Wolfrum testified as having attended said they have no record of his attendance.

Wolfrum said he attended Wayne State University from 1964 to 1969, obtained a degree in acoustics from the University of Michigan, and earned his doctoral degree in advanced math from Michigan Technological University, the complaint said.

According to a sworn affidavit also signed by Kidd, all three universities wrote letters saying they have no record of Wolfrum ever being a student.

Because of Wolfrum's various engineering awards and trial experience, Annest said he would be shocked to learn Wolfrum's formal education didn't match his resume.

Annest said he didn't verify Wolfrum's education himself, but said various lawyers who had worked with Wolfrum on other cases had "indicated he attended those schools."

Annest said the American Trial Lawyers Association had recommended Wolfrum, among other expert witnesses. And attorneys who have worked with Wolfrum on other cases verified the engineer's expertise and professional awards, Annest said.

"This comes as a real surprise to me. But I intend to dig into it myself," Annest said. "I really

don't believe there's any truth to this charge. I believe there's got to be a mistake somewhere."

Wolfrum, who lives in Royal Oaks, Mich., was arrested on a warrant Jan. 5, said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higns.

The investigation began with the FBI, who questioned whether Wolfrum had truthfully represented his education, Higns said. The sheriff's department subsequently followed up the investigation.

Suits had been charged in December 1998 of methamphetamine possession. During the trial, Wolfrum affirmed Suits' allegation that Cassia County sheriff's investigators altered crucial evidence, an allegation that investigators have denied.

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History

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The Rock Creek Store, built in 1865 on the banks on Rock Creek, is the oldest building in the Magic Valley. The log building was the center of an early Rock Creek community.

Highlights in the Rock Creek Station and Stricker-home site master plan. Rock Creek/Stricker Grounds, including signs and a trail system: \$66,000 Site acquisitions: \$120,000 Log building/barn work: \$11,500 Dry cellar work: \$4,050 Wet cellar work: \$3,900 Sign, stage station site: \$3,000 Sign, China House site: \$3,000 Stricker house work, including rehabilitating house and wheel ramp: \$184,700 Sign, summer house: \$3,000

History In the middle of a desert was an oasis of lush grass, running streams, and trees for shade. It was a natural camping spot for Native Americans. In the early 1800s—explorers and mountain men followed the trails and trapped in all the drainages in the area, including Rock Creek. In the 1840s a rush of settlers followed the Oregon Trail and the site became a natural stopping place.

In 1864, Ben Holladay was awarded a contract to deliver mail from Utah to Walla Walla, Wash. Holladay built a stage station at the site, housing 40 horses. He provided overnight accommodations and home-cooked meals to travelers.

The site would soon grow into a small community. James Bascom and John Corder built the store at Rock Creek in 1865, the first trading post between Fort Boise and Fort Hall. In 1870, the gold rush brought the need for a supply base for miners camped in the nearby canyon. The increased freight and passenger business, the mail and shipments of gold from Idaho mines all passed through Rock Creek. The site was a hub of activity for more than 15 years.

In 1876, Herman and Lucy Stricker bought the Rock Creek store. Herman Stricker became the postmaster in 1877 and would

At a glance	
Garage, maintenance and paint:	\$800
Restroom:	\$11,000
Pioneer cemetery, including access road, overnight parking, restroom and water:	\$98,400
Educational and administrative:	\$78,500
Total:	\$605,450

To learn more
Copies of Rock Creek Station and Stricker home site: Idaho Historic Site Master Plan can be perused at the Twin Falls Public Library and the College of Southern Idaho library.

serve in that position for 22 years. The largest artery of wagon transportation in the United States passed, and the store became a popular spot for social events.

Fourth of July ice cream socials were an annual event. Lucy Stricker, famous for her organ playing, loaded the organ in a wagon and play at dances. However, at the end of the 19th century, stage and freight stations would become a thing of the past as the railroad snaked its way across the sage desert.

Daily runs of mail and freight came to an end with the railroad's arrival, and life became quiet for the store. The Strickers built a home in the 1900s, after their cabin burned down, and began farming.

Herman Stricker died at the house in 1920 and Lucy Stricker in 1949. They are both buried in the Rock Creek Cemetery along with their family members and pioneer neighbors.

The historical society has made continuous improvements since the early years of ownership, Bertram said, but the area has suffered from limited guidance; minimal funding and sporadic management.

The master plan could bring in some needed money for improvements, incorporate the Friends of the Stricker Ranch, and could bring more volunteers to enhance management.

The plan calls for activities that include hands-on learning experiences and special events, and perhaps even old-fashioned ice cream socials, like the Strickers held for their neighbors.

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Budget writers make investment in medical services

BOISE (AP) — Legislative budget writers made a major investment in medical services on Friday, voting to subsidize the education of another dentist and four more doctors every year.

"We're underserved according to all national statistics," Sen. Robert Lee of Rexburg argued. "And they're forecasting a shortage of dentists and doctors in the future."



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The state already has one of the lowest doctor-per-capita ratios in the nation, and advocates of expanding existing programs to train health care professionals point to their track record of convincing participants to practice in Idaho.

The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee unanimously endorsed increasing the state subsidy from 16 to 18 seats at the University of Washington medical school, six to eight seats at the University of Utah medical school and seven to eight seats at the Creighton University dental school.

In addition, the House-Senate

panel dumped another \$50,000 in general tax support into the Family Practice-Residency Programs in Boise and Pocatello to offset lost federal support.

The commitment to expand medical education, including earlier approval for training more nurses, marked the first significant investment in medical personnel by the state since it reduced its medical training subsidies during the near-depression of the mid-1980s.

Many supporters contend that for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's rural economic development initiative to be successful, the state has to improve the quality of health and medical services in its struggling rural communities.

Administration officials said

Kempthorne was aware of the issue but was still evaluating it in anticipation of making recommendations in future budgets.

With a record cash surplus, Lee said, "if there's ever a year that we could hope to put a little bit of money to help these kids and to help our needs in the state of Idaho, it's this."

The initial cost is limited, but eventually the additional students will add about \$800,000 a year to the \$5.4 million health education budget.

Only Alaska among the other western states — excluding California — supports fewer medical school seats than Idaho.

In addition to having an extremely low physician ratio — just 63 for every 100,000 people

in 1998 — Idaho also has one of the highest ratios of doctors in the nation, and that means the ratio could go even lower unless new doctors move in to replace them.

The demand from Idaho residents for medical and dental training is high with more than 100 people applying for the 22 medical seats last year.

The pay back for the state in terms of keeping trained people in Idaho has been high as well.

Through a series of training programs under the medical schools and the Family Practice Residency, the state has convinced more than half of doctors to set up family practices in Idaho.

Lawmakers back drug court plan

BOISE (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee on Friday endorsed creation of a statewide drug court program that advocates believe can really slow the rising prison population by diverting drug offenders with high chances for rehabilitation.

"The best chance we have is strong families," Supreme Court Justice Daniel Eismann said. "But once people start drugs, this is the best chance for holding the accountable and getting them treatment to keep them out of prison."

Eismann, who ran Ada County's experimental drug court before moving to the Supreme Court this year, cited the high success rate in contending that "it's certainly more cost effective to do this than to house them in the prison."

The statewide drug court program in Ada County cost about \$3,000 per person, and participants paid \$15 a week. It costs over \$16,000 a year to imprison a drug offender.

The program, a priority of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, has already gotten ancillary support from budget writers who committed nearly \$500,000 for treatment of drug court participants. Another \$1 million will be needed to set the program in motion statewide: About 525 people are expected to be diverted to the courts in their first year.

Panel supports polling bill

BOISE (AP) — A bill prompted by a controversy over a so-called "push poll" during last spring's hotly contested Idaho Supreme Court election won the endorsement of a House panel on Friday.

The State Affairs Committee recommended full House approval of the measure sponsored by Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum.

It changes the definition of a "persuasive poll" in the law enacted last year that requires disclosure of the person or organization paying for telephone campaigns intended to push voters away from one candidate and toward another.

The law now refers to unscientific canvasses that involve questions or information that is "negative or derogatory about the candidate or his family." The new language would strike that language and instead define a persuasive poll requiring disclosure of its financial backer as one "designed to advocate the election, approval or defeat of a candidate in an election."

Jaquet proposed the change in the wake of last year's push poll sponsored by Citizens for Term Limits-Idaho Campaign that targeted Justice Cathy Silak and promoted the candidacy of her challenger, 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Legislative action complete

HB317 (State Affairs) — Recognizes the merits of the Electoral College system in presidential elections.

SCR101 (State Affairs) — Designates June 16, 2001, and the third Saturday in June thereafter as Juneteenth National Freedom Day to honor Idaho residents of African descent.

Sent to governor

SB1085 (Finance) — Allocates an additional \$499,300 to the Division of Building Safety for the current budget year.

Introduced in House

HR1 (Education) — Proposes an amendment to the Idaho Constitution exempting school buildings from the requirement that the Legislature establish a uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools.

HR3 (State Affairs) — Recommends annual men's and women's basketball games between the University of Idaho, Boise State University and Idaho State University.

HR32 (Education) — Seeks redress for American soldiers who were forced to perform slave labor as Japanese prisoners during World War II.

HR316 (Education) — Removes the sunset clause from a pilot technological instruction program for individualized computer or distance learning.

HR318 (Appropriations) — Allocates an additional \$3 million to the Department of Correction for the current budget year.

rent budget year.

HB319 (Revenue and Taxation) — Enables counties to learn the amount and source of sale taxes generated within their counties.

HB320 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides an exemption from property tax for that portion of the value considered to be the speculative value of low-income housing projects.

HB321 (State Affairs) — Clarifies unlawful possession as a destructive device by expanding the definition of a bomb.

HB322 (State Affairs) — Provides that section points to the state's comparative rating by used by all disabled veterans and widows or widowers of disabled veterans.

HR323 (Education) — Increases the multiplier for calculation of the classified staff allowance for school districts.

HR324 (Education) — Establishes a process for noncertified school district employees to discuss the terms and conditions of their employment with school boards.

HR325 (Education) — Authorizes non-certified school district employees to enter into negotiated agreements with school boards.

HR326 (Education) — Provides procedures for school boards when children are in violation of attendance requirements.

HR327 (Education) — Exempts coun-

ties from registration requirements for self-funded health care plans.

HR328 (Education) — Creates an income tax credit for books or school supplies purchased by public school teachers.

HR329 (Education) — Creates an income tax credit for classroom supplies purchased by public school teachers.



The Mount Trumbull Schoolhouse in Mt. Trumbull, Ariz., is shown in this photo from early last year. The schoolhouse, which served as a major gathering place for residents living on the Arizona Strip, burned to the ground July 31, 2000. The 1920s-era schoolhouse with its bell atop a gabled roof is synonymous with the remote town, and its destruction in the arson fire hit current and former residents hard.

Scattered residents return home to restore a burned schoolhouse

PHOENIX (AP) — When rancher Orvel Bundy crossed the bluff that looks over the valley on the Arizona Strip and saw the ash remains and metal skeleton of the little schoolhouse in the distance last year, he wondered if the town of Mount Trumbull was finally done for.

The 1920s-era schoolhouse with its bell atop a gabled roof is synonymous with the remote town, and its destruction in a July 31 arson fire hit current and former residents hard.

"I went to school there," said the 67-year-old Bundy, who is thought to be the last full-time resident of Mount Trumbull. "It's a pretty important part of the environment, and when it wasn't there, it was like a kick in the face."

But since then, former students, their children, grandchildren and others who now live in nearby cities in Utah and Nevada have been coming home periodically to help rebuild the school.

"When you say Mount Trumbull, that means the school house," said Betty Bundy, 65, a homemaker in St. George, Utah, 54 miles to the north. She's Orvel Bundy's cousin, and her son and husband both attended the school.

"You can't stay in Mount Trumbull and make a living," she said. "But this was our ancestors' first home, and it's quite important to my children and to their children, too."

The schoolhouse was built in 1922, about six years after the first homesteaders began settling the area. It sat at the intersection of two dirt roads in the remote Arizona Strip, a section of land in the northwest corner of the state bounded by the Grand Canyon to

the south and east and the Utah and Nevada state lines to the north and west, respectively.

From 1922 to 1968, the one-room schoolhouse served as a school, church, dance hall and town meeting place. Classes for kindergarten through 12th grade were held simultaneously in the same room.

As Mount Trumbull's population, about 250 in 1968, dwindled to only a few families in the late 1960s, the school fell into disrepair.

The schoolhouse was restored in 1994 and gradually had been resupplied with historic furnishings and artifacts.

Then came the fire, which three Utah men have been accused of setting. The men pleaded innocent in a Mohave County court this week to arson charges stemming from the schoolhouse fire and another that destroyed a church 30 miles away.

"Someone totally wiped away our history with one match," said Clay Bundy.

Clay Bundy, Orvel Bundy's son and a builder in St. George, has been among the dozens of volunteers who have been helping employees from the Bureau of Land Management to restore the school since October.

"It's been phenomenal participation," he said. "We got most of the outside done on two Saturdays. We had 50, 60 people and their kids, and it was just like an old-fashioned barn raising.

When you do something yourself, with your own hands, there's a pride there."

The schoolhouse's walls, roof, windows and insulation have all been finished.

An electrician set up a generator, which will provide electricity for the first time, and a new concrete base will anchor the building.

Clay Bundy estimates the volunteers will finish the inside of the schoolhouse by the end of spring.

BLM spokeswoman Bette Ariel, who has called the schoolhouse an "oasis" where people visiting the strip can stop, reminisce and learn the region's history, said the community will continue to keep the schoolhouse doors open to the public.

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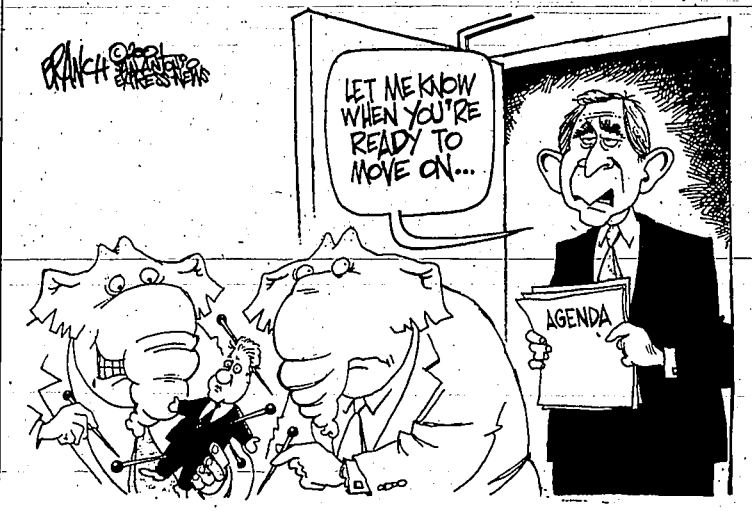
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Clinton won't go quietly into the night

BILL THOMPSON

Bill Clinton's devoted fans are in high dudgeon about the continuing criticism of their hero by those of us who remain unshuffled by the ex-president's alleged charm.

"Leave him alone!" they demand in e-mails.

"Get a life!" they snarl on voice-mail messages.

These folks who stood by their man through all of his controversial years in the White House are now of the opinion that the 42nd president of the United States should be permitted to ride quietly into the sunset—or at least into Harlem—and suffer no further denunciation of his character.

Long ago pledged that if Clinton would go away and leave the country alone, I would happily leave him alone. As for getting a life—well, commenting on news and newsmakers is my life. It's how I pay the rent.

And here's a suggestion for those indignant Clintonites whose major activity seems to be firing off angry e-mails to newspaper columnists: Maybe you need to get a life.

But that's another story.

The subject today is Bill Clinton—and why he's still a magnet for controversy and criticism more than a month after leaving office. Why is this happening?

For starters, Clinton has not gone quietly into the sunset, into the night or, espe-

cially, into the annals of ex-presidents who are only too glad to surrender the limelight. And he has given no indication that he intends to get quiet soon.

Clinton simply can't bring himself to leave the stage. He has become so dependent on the public's attention that he apparently can't imagine life without it. So he insists on doing things that keep him in the news.

You can berate me and his legions of detractors for ripping the guy; but we're not the ones who are featuring Clinton on the evening news, on the front pages, on the covers of magazines.

Can you believe it? Time and Newsweek put Clinton out front this week. The world's major newsmagazines rarely publish cover stories about retired politicians trying to avoid the spotlight.

Columnist Frank Rich optimized in The New York Times the other day that the nation is addicted to Clinton—that Americans crave the drama that defined our politics for more than eight years.

And writer/taquer Chris Matthews declared on NBC's "Today" show that Clinton's durability as a headline grabber is guaranteed by the low-key, unentertaining approach to governing that has so far marked the Bush administration.

In other words: Clinton makes for better

stories than President Bush.

The pundits have not reached a consensus as to whether this is good or bad for Bush. Some say that Clinton's high profile helps Bush stay beneath the media radar while he settles into his new job. Others, including Rich, suggest that a president who is overshadowed by an ex-president will have a hard time commanding the attention and cooperation of the populace.

Maybe I'm missing something here but it seems to me that the public really craves these days is not more dramatic adventures with Bill but some boring peace and quiet.

If they could ever get past their anger toward his critics, I'm guessing that even people who admire Clinton and value his presidency might admit that those eight years represented an awfully rough—and long—ride on the political roller coaster. Maybe the people who like Clinton are more desperate than the people who can't stand him to be rid of him.

It's hard work defending someone who is virtually indefensible.

I'll say it again: If Clinton will go away, I will leave him alone.

But here's some advice for the Clinton-fueled: Don't hold your breath.

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Espionage makes a comeback after cold war



CAL THOMAS

It sounds like the stuff of cold war novels. An agent, not just an American but an FBI agent—is arrested and charged with spying for Russia. Robert Philip Hansen, 56, a 25-year veteran of America's premier law enforcement agency, was allegedly paid \$1.4 million in cash and diamonds for selling out his country.

FBI Director Louis Freeh called Hansen's alleged actions "traitorous," a word we haven't heard at least since the Aldrich Ames and Harold James Nicholson spy cases nearly a decade ago. Ames spent 31 years working for the CIA and is now serving a life sentence.

Nicholson, the highest ranking CIA official ever arrested for espionage, was convicted of spying for Russia and sentenced to 23 years in prison.

Freeh said that Hansen caused "grave damage" to the United States by allegedly providing highly classified information to the KGB and its successor agency, the SVR. Freeh charged that Hansen used encrypted communication, dead drops and other clandestine techniques to transmit secrets to his Russian contacts.

Aside from the obvious question of how an FBI agent, with the agency's traditions, could allegedly sell out his own country for money, the bigger questions include whether there are any more like him in strategic positions in our government and what this means for long-term U.S.-Russian relations.

The possibility of even more moles inside our government was raised during the Ames prosecution. The CIA's late counter-intelligence chief, James

Angleton, always believed that the Soviets had placed spies in sensitive positions to steal American secrets. Some of Angleton's friends said he was hounded out of office for displaying a McCarthy-like paranoia about communism. Ames' exploits cost the lives of at least 10 American agents inside the Soviet government. The FBI said that Ames was responsible for all of their deaths.

Some might say that because each side spies on the other, what's the big deal? The difference is that one nation tried for seven decades to dominate the world by any means necessary, and it wasn't us. There may have been political equivalency here, but surely not moral equivalency, given the objectives of the two countries involved.

Second, should we return to those not-so-thrilling days of the recent past and rekindle the Cold War mentality? Not according to Leon Aron, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington, D.C. Aron testified before a Senate Subcommittee on European Affairs May 20, 1998. He said that while the Soviet Union, as we know it, might be dead, there remains "a crushing burden of the Soviet legacy."

What we are really dealing with is two Russias. The "good Russia" pulled out of Eastern Germany in 1994, as well as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. 800,000 troops, 400,000 civilian personnel and 500,000 family members were repatriated, even though most returned to the most difficult of circumstances, in most cases without jobs or housing.

The "bad Russia," with its fabric of Soviet communism still visible, sees itself as having been forced into a humiliating demilitarization, losing its honor along with its once-proud military might. There are some former communists and not a few nationalists who would like to see "mother Russia" restored to greatness. If that takes spying on the United States, they may reason, so be it.

What is difficult to judge is Russia's long-term objectives. Does she still wish to challenge U.S. interests in limited parts of the world? Is she playing spy games just to keep her hand in international affairs?

In his testimony before the Senate subcommittee, Aron said that even though there remain enormous and real problems in and with Russia, "never in the almost four-and-a-half centuries of the modern Russian state has there been a Russia less imperialist, less militarized, less threatening to its neighbors and the world, and more affected by the Western ideals and practices than the Russia we see today."

A reasonable person might wonder, if that's true, why are they still spying on us?

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

Why do spies risk it all?

ADRIAN PERACCHIO

What made him do it? What really made him do it? Was it truly just the money? I'll let many Americans today, I keep asking myself that question as I devour the details of the story of Robert Philip Hansen, the FBI agent who worked 15 years as a mole for Russian intelligence.

One of the possible answers may lie in something that Hansen and other risk-takers like him might share with drug addicts, the grossly obese and bust-out gamblers.

The 100-page FBI affidavit, which quotes extensively from letters Hansen exchanged with his Russian handlers, gives some hints of it. And as with any addicted gambler at a casino, it may have to do less with cash than with the feeble excitement of risk-taking—in this case, running one of the greatest risks on Earth: getting exposed as a traitor and tried for the peacetime equivalent of treason.

As an inveterate reader of espionage thrillers, I was fascinated by the gritty details and bits of tradecraft spilled in the affidavit making the case against Hansen, who could turn out to have caused the greatest damage to U.S. intelligence of any double agent since World War II. I loved the use of the vertical and horizontal sticky-tape strips on a park folder as signals for the dead drops. John LeCarre and Len Deighton would nod in approval: Good, early low-tech stuff in the age of computer simulations.

But beyond the vicarious enjoyment of the spy hunt, I kept coming back to the key question: What made him do it? Well, the answer may not be so complicated after all. It may be read between the lines in the affidavit, which raises the possibility that Hansen was motivated by the excitement of acting as a double agent and knew what was at risk: his own life.

Why did he do it? It may simply have been the great, dangerous thrill of it all. And perhaps, like most addicts, he needed to keep raising the stakes to get the necessary jolt of excitement to keep life on the edge and make it worth living. It may demystify Hansen's treasonous behavior to consider this—though it won't lessen his moral responsibility or legal peril—but it's possible that a brain chemical called dopamine could have played a crucial role.

Recent research has shown that the abnormal brain chemistry seen in drug addicts is also common to severely overweight people and possibly to those who are pathological gamblers or who engage in extremely risky sports or excessive sexual activity.

Addicts appear to have fewer receptors in the brain for dopamine, a brain chemical or neurotransmitter that produces

feelings of pleasure, contentment or euphoria and is normally generated by pleasurable activities. Those who are addicted to drugs, food, sex or risk need to generate greater levels of dopamine than normal people do, through the intake of addictive drugs or excessive behavior.

Hansen, who was described by everyone who knew him as a dour, socially awkward man wearing badly fitting blue suits, was someone who switched from identity to accounting at first—neither profession known to be a great generator of excitement. Then he went into law enforcement and eventually the FBI, but perhaps because of his temperament, he was struck for a while with establishing an automated intelligence database.

Not long after that, he offered his services as a double agent to the Soviets. In a letter to his handlers, he wrote later of his ambition to become a spy since he was 14 years old, when he read about the exploits of Kim Philby, the legendary British traitor who defected to Moscow.

In some of his letters, a giddy bravado surfaces. And at some levels, Hansen clearly knew what he was doing was "crazy." "One might propose I am either, insanely brave or quite insane," he wrote. "I'd answer neither. I'd say insanely loyal. Take your pick. There is insanity in all of the answers."

Was he insane? Perhaps no more than an addict is insane. Is Hansen morally culpable? Of course he is. And he knows it. One could even argue that in order to feel the full frisson of the excitement he may have derived from the extreme risk he took, he would have had to acknowledge his culpability. To do any less would have blunted the value of his risk.

The money may have been an add-on bonus, perhaps even a way to justify to his Russian handlers what he was doing. After all, would any spymaster in his right mind want to rely on a double agent whose main motivation is an addict's craving for a dopamine fix? Better to rely on the old motivational standards; ideology, as in Philby's case, or greed, as in the case of Aldrich Ames, the CIA mole who flouted his Russian wages in new Jaguars and lavish homes.

Then again, modern spymasters may just consider reviewing the results of a recent MRI scan from potential double agents to check on the status of a recruit's dopamine receptors. They could pay a whole lot less for treason from a dopamine junkie.

Adrian Peracchio is a member of *Newsday's* editorial board.

LETTER

Accept, endure tragedies of war

It appears that those imprisoned at **Hunt** and similar camps across the country feel that they should have an apology for being imprisoned there. It was understandably an inconvenience, to say the least, but they were very fortunate to have been prisoners of the United States.

I have no opposition to erecting memorials of apology at such sites. But if an apology is really necessary, I can't think of a better place to start than with the Japanese government itself. After all, camps like the one at Hunt would never have been erected if the Japanese military had not launched an unprovoked, sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941. They didn't make too many mistakes and influence people by their inhuman treatment of American prisoners of war, either.

By contrast, we should always remem-

ber and never forget the thousands of patriotic Japanese-Americans who entered the armed forces of the United States and did a great job of helping defeat the common enemy.

It seems we are forced to accept primitive and barbaric acts of human behavior as the inevitable result of all-out war where everyone involved is simply trained to become an efficient killing machine. Perhaps it would be to the best interests of this nation if we all learned to quietly accept and endure the trauma, injustice and tragedy created by a world gone mad and not awaken sleeping memories of a living hell on earth that so many thousands of combat veterans throughout the world have so successfully laid to rest in making the transition to a more civilized and constructive way of life.

May God continue to bless America.

ELTON HASSELSTROM
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Liberty and justice for all

Court admits Minidoka relocation inmate to bar posthumously

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — When Takuji Yamashita left Japan in 1893 to seek his fortune in America, he promised his parents he would "walk the path of honor."

He kept his word — even when America failed him.

A brilliant scholar, Yamashita graduated from the University of Washington Law School in 1902. But the state Supreme Court blocked Yamashita from joining the bar because of his race.

Now, nearly a century later, the Washington Supreme Court is preparing to do justice by Yamashita. On Thursday the court plans to approve a motion to admit Yamashita to the bar posthumously.

"He believed in the American dream, maybe more than a lot of Americans did at the time," says Chief Justice Gerry Alexander. "He is a pioneer of civil rights."

Yamashita lost court battles over the issue. He eventually lost everything he owned during World War II. But to modern scholars, his stubborn faith in American justice makes him a hero.

"Even if some rulers do not act like good rulers, I shall act as a faithful servant," the 18-year-old Yamashita wrote before leaving for America.

Yamashita learned English quickly and sailed through Tacoma High School in two years. He worked 10-hour days in a restaurant while studying law, and passed the oral bar exam with a performance *The Seattle Times* called "highly creditable."

But he couldn't escape racist attitudes of the time. Cities and towns ringing Puget Sound shared an ambivalent attitude toward Asians. Ports that fueled the economy depended on trade with Asia. But it was easy to stir up hysteria about "waves" of Japanese and Chinese immigrants taking jobs and land from white workers.

State law said only citizens could become lawyers, and in 1902 only black and white residents could be citizens.

Yamashita fought back the best way he knew — in court. Yamashita, then 27, argued

Timeline of Takuji Yamashita's life

Significant events in the life and times of Takuji Yamashita:

- 1874 — Born in Shikoku, Japan.
- 1883 — Congress passes the Chinese Exclusion Act, limiting immigration from China.
- 1893 — Leaves Japan for Puget Sound.
- June 1902 — Graduates from the University of Washington School of Law, passes bar exam.
- August 1902 — Marries Ito Nakagawa. They have five children, three of whom die before age 20.
- October 1902 — Washington Supreme Court rules that Yamashita cannot be a citizen because he was born in Japan, and thus cannot be a lawyer.
- 1902-04 — Congress renews Chinese Exclusion Act.
- 1908 — United States and Japan reach so-called "Gentlemen's Agreement" limiting immigration from Japan.
- 1908 — International Exclusion League, a group opposed to Asian immigration, holds its first convention in Seattle.
- 1921 — Washington State Legislature passes the Alien Land Act, barring noncitizens, i.e. Asian immigrants, from owning or leasing property.
- 1922 — Yamashita challenges Alien Land Act. U.S. Supreme Court rules against him.
- 1937 — Moves to oyster and strawberry farm in Silverdale.
- 1941 — Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor; United States enters World War II.
- 1942 — Yamashita family forced into internment camps, first at Tule Lake, Calif., then Manzanar, Calif., and Minidoka.
- 1945 — War ends, Yamashitas released from camp.
- 1952 — Congress abolishes racial restrictions on citizenship.
- 1957 — Daughter Martha dies; Yamashita and wife Ito return to Japan.
- 1959 — Yamashita dies.
- 1968 — Congress eliminates anti-Asian bias from Immigration Law.
- 1968 — Washington voters repeal the Alien Land Act, three previous attempts to repeal it failed at the polls.
- 1969 — *The Yamashita dies.*
- 1973 — U.S. Supreme Court rules that excluding noncitizens from the bar violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.
- 2000 — The University of Washington School of Law, the State Bar Association, and the Asian Bar Association file a motion requesting that the state Supreme Court admit Yamashita to the bar.
- March 4, 2001 — The Supreme Court plans to grant the motion, in a special ceremony in Olympia.



old Yamashita seized his second chance to challenge racism in court.

"He was told by his teachers that the law was rational, just and fair, and he believed it. That persistence and faith in the law he must have been a remarkable lawyer," says Jack Chin, a law professor at the University of Cincinnati who is writing about Yamashita.

This time, Yamashita fought all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court agreed with Washington, again denying Japanese-born residents a chance to become American citizens. As precedent, the court cited the 1902 decision blocking Yamashita from becoming a lawyer.

Yamashita and his family settled on a 20-acre farm in Silverdale at the end of a quiet lane, leased through a front corporation, where they farmed strawberries, cultivated oysters and soon won the admiration and affection of their white neighbors.

Yamashita had finally found his place in America.

Then on Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry were rounded up and imprisoned in desolate camps or deported. The Yamashitas were given a few days to report to camp with one duffel bag each.

The Yamashitas went from house to house in Silverdale, giving away whatever they couldn't carry.

Like many other Japanese-American families, the Yamashitas lost everything. Since they couldn't make payments on taxes or debts while in camp, they lost the house, their businesses and their farm. They spent time in three camps in the West, including the relocation camp at Minidoka.

When they were released from camp, the Yamashitas lived with daughter Martha in Seattle. Takuji Yamashita, the brilliant legal scholar, was reduced to working as a housekeeper. Martha died in 1957 and they returned to Japan, where Yamashita died two years later.

before the state Supreme Court that denying citizenship based on race was unworthy of a nation "founded on the fundamental principles of freedom and equality."

State Attorney General W.D. Stinson maintained Yamashita could never be a citizen because "in no classification of the human race is a native of Japan treated as belonging to any branch of the white or whitish race."

The Supreme Court ruled against Yamashita, citing precedents excluding Asians from citizenship. Such legal decisions, the

court wrote, "express a settled national will."

Denied his chance to practice law, Yamashita became a successful businessman in the busy port city of Bremerton, across Puget Sound from Seattle. He married, and the couple had the first of five children.

"He just closed the chapter, he didn't brood over it at all," says Ron Magden, a Tacoma historian who researched Yamashita's life.

Yamashita did not lose faith in the law. When Washington state in 1921 barred Asians from owning or leasing land, the 47-year-

Pardon fallout tracks Mrs. Clinton in Senate

By Tom Raum
The Associated Press

Analysis

WASHINGTON — While President Clinton's hoped-for legacy is further tarnished by the pardon controversies and other post-White House revelations, Hillary Rodham Clinton is bearing the brunt of the political fallout — just as she begins her own career on Capitol Hill.

The latest disclosures bring the pardon controversy closer to her, with investigations looming in the Senate, her new workplace, and in her adopted state of New York.

"It is certainly not how I would have preferred or planned to start my Senate career," Clinton told reporters Thursday. "We are apparently people who attract a lot of attention. And that's both good and bad. There's no doubt about that."

Even the Clintons' most ardent defenders are having trouble finding much good to cite in the series of controversies that have marked their departure from the White House.

Polks show public approval ratings slipping for both Clintons in the month since they left the White House.

Once supportive Democrats have, for the most part, fallen silent. Some have not.

Former President Carter has called Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich "disgraceful." And that was before the most recent disclosures.

Hugh Rodham, the senator's brother, returned \$400,000 he received for work in helping to secure a pardon and a prison commutation for two felons who were his clients. Separately, it was learned Thursday that Mrs. Clinton's campaign treasurer, William Cunningham III, helped obtain last-minute pardons for two convicted felons.

Cunningham is a law partner of longtime Clinton adviser Harold Ickes. He said Ickes referred two Arkansas pardon-seekers, both Republicans, to him about a week before President Clinton left office on Jan. 20.

Meanwhile, the U.S. attorney's office in New York is investigating the former president's last-

minute commutation of the sentences of four Hispanic men convicted of stealing \$40 million in government funds, a source familiar with the case told The Associated Press on Friday. The men are from New Square, an ultra-Orthodox community in Rockland County, N.Y., that voted overwhelmingly last November for Mrs. Clinton.

The probe is expected to examine whether Clinton pardoned the men in exchange for their community's support for his wife's Senate campaign, said the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Sen. Hillary Clinton

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prospects of an already longshot 2004 presidential or vice presidential bid, analysts suggest.

"This certainly hurts the credibility and integrity of the new senator from New York," said James Thurber, a political scientist at American University. "It's embarrassing for her. And it will make it hard for her to go to the floor and talk about ethics."

It also raises questions of whether she might be called to testify before colleagues on the matter, or watch her husband or brother summoned to appear.

At a news conference Thursday, she denied "any involvement" in any pardons granted by her husband and expressed disappointment at learning of her brother's financial involvement.

"I think my brother made a terrible misjudgment," she said. The former president no longer has an automatic forum for answering questions about the pardons and other controversies from his administration. That puts additional pressure on his wife to respond.

She is further isolated in that fewer and fewer Democrats can be expected to defend the Clintons.

Scientists' discovery might speed up computers

In a startling result, scientists have found that a common metal compound can carry electricity with virtually no resistance at a higher temperature than previously thought possible. The compound might become useful for building superfast computers.

Two labs report that the magnesium-boron compound becomes "superconducting" at temperatures of around minus 388 degrees to minus 389 degrees. That is still mighty cold, but it is warmer than the previous record for simple metallic compounds of about minus 418.

Since superconducting compounds must be chilled to work, scientists are eager to find materials that work at higher, more easily attained temperatures. The new work will be reported in next Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature* by Jun Akimitsu of the Aoyama-Gakuin University in Tokyo with colleagues, and in next Monday's issue of *Physical Review Letters* by Paul Canfield

Nation in brief

and colleagues at the Ames Laboratory and the department of physics and astronomy at Iowa State University.

National Geographic launches new magazine

WASHINGTON — A second, yellow-rimmed National Geographic magazine, aimed at grade-school classrooms, will debut this fall, National Geographic Society officials said Friday.

National Geographic for Kids will be sold directly to schools at a rate of \$1 per child for six annual issues. Schools must purchase at least 200 subscriptions to take advantage of the rate.

The magazine will be geared toward children in grades 3-6.

Man drives pickup truck through Texas Capitol gate

AUSTIN, Texas — A man crashed his pickup truck through the front gate of the Texas Capitol grounds Friday and tried to blow up the truck before he was stopped by police, authorities said.

Casey Dale Jacobs, 50, seized his pickup about 250 feet from the

building, got out, began yelling, "Fire!" and tried to put a lit cigarette into the truck's gas tank, said Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

"We're not sure what his motive was," Vinger said. He said Jacobs was "raming and raving nonsensically" but did not appear to be intoxicated.

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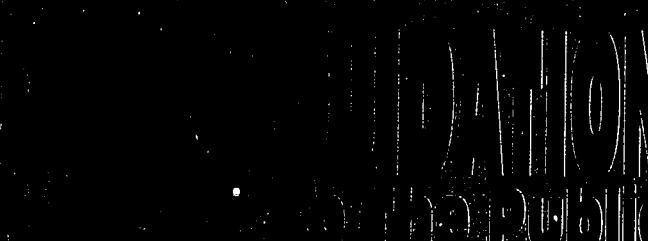
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“He said, ‘Of course I shot a 135.’ The players gave him an ovation this morning. I didn’t bring up the 135.”

—New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, on the hole in one assistant coach Don Zimmer shot Wednesday

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What major league record shared by Vic Power is unlikely to be broken?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball

North Idaho at CSI, 8 p.m. (1310AM)

Portland St. at ISU, 7:05 p.m.

Women's college basketball

North Idaho at CSI, 6 p.m. (1450AM)

ISU at Portland St., 8:05 p.m.

High school wrestling

State tournaments

At Holt Arena, in Pocatello

Boys' high school basketball

FLAY-IN GAMES

Class A-2

Kimberly vs. Sugar-Salem, 1 p.m., at Century H.S.

Class A-1, Div. II

Burley vs. Nampa, 1 p.m., at Declo High

Class A-1, Div. I

Highland vs. Eagle, 1 p.m., at TFHS

IN BRIEF

CSI baseball tournament canceled due to snow

TWIN FALLS - The championship and third-place games of the College of Southern Idaho baseball tournament scheduled for today have been canceled.

A rain-out was called Friday morning after snow and rain made the field impossible to play on. The Eagles play Wednesday in the opening round of the McDonald's Slugout at 2 p.m. at Frontier Field against Northlake Community College.

Twin Falls, Valley pull in academic champs award

BOISE - The Twin Falls High School girls' basketball team and Valley High boys' basketball team have been named 2001 Academic State Champions by the United Dairywomen of Idaho and the Idaho High School Activities Association.

In earning the Class A-1, Div. I honor, the Lady Bruins posted a cumulative 3.83 team grade point average, highest of any boys' or girls' team in the state.

Century had a 3.79 for the A-1, Div. II award. Salmon topped the A-2 ranks with a 3.77, Malad had the best A-3 GPA at 3.72 and Gem State Academy recorded a 3.60 to lead the A-4 schools.

Among the boys' teams, the state-tournament-bound Vikings' 3.54 led the A-3. Rigby had a 3.52 atop the A-1, Div. I standings. Century posted 3.47 to lead the A-1, Div. II. Shelley's 3.62 paced the A-2 and Cole Valley Christian had a 3.60, best among A-4 teams.

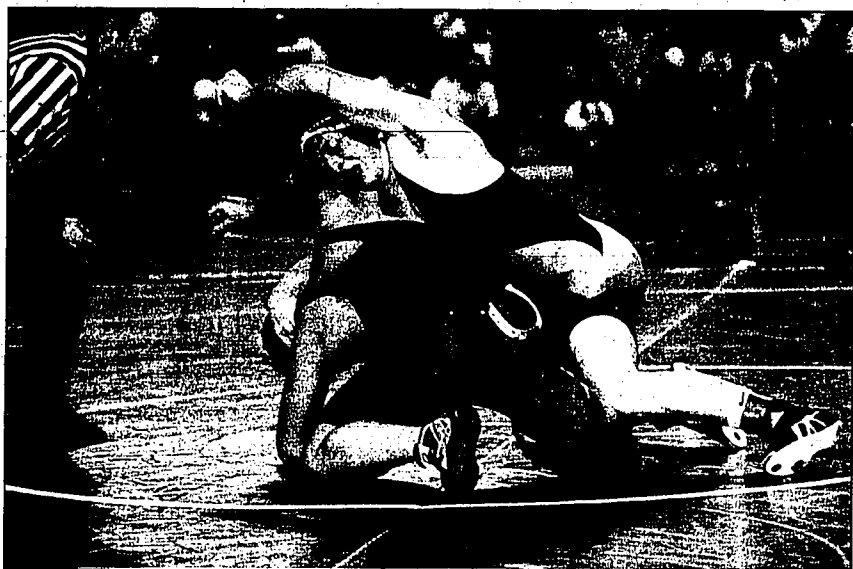
Girls' winners received plaques during halftime of the state tournament games last weekend. The boys' recipients will collect their plaques during the boys' state finals at the Idaho Center in Nampa on Saturday, March 3.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Most times stealing home in one game: two.

MAT MANIA



Twin Falls High School wrestler Dayna Hansen tries to take down Eagle's Matt Maes during a 171-pound bout at the state wrestling tournament at Holt Arena Friday. Hansen lost the match 5-4. Below, Russell Wiersma of Buhl High School pounds the mat in frustration after being pinned by Robert Strong of Payette in a 275-pound match on Friday night.

Wrestling finals heat up Holt Arena today

By Jeff Behlman
Times-News writer

POCATELLO - The second day of the Idaho state high school wrestling championships was a window of opportunity for some and a ticket home for many others.

Teams and individuals competing from the Magic Valley fell on both sides of the line Friday.

Entering the evening semifinals, Minico and Wendell still had longest possibilities of cracking the top three. Minico was in fifth place in the Class A-1, Div. I and Wendell sixth in Class A-3.

Eagle High appeared to have slipped out of Minico's range after the first round of consolation matches, sending seven wrestlers into the semifinals to Minico's five.

By the end of the semifinals, two Minico wrestlers had reached today's finals - tied for most among Magic Valley schools with Wendell and Wood River.

"We lost eight guys on the first day, and some of those guys probably shouldn't have lost," said 160-pound Minico sophomore Joey Vail, one of the two Minico finalists.

Spartan Jose Vega included. The 125-pound Vega took a first-round loss to Troy Tincher of Centennial Thursday. Yet Vega was able to put up a sound 7-0 decision against Tincher Friday.

"I was familiar with what a case of nerves can do for one's consistency as a wrestler. Wrestling as a freshman at state last year, Vail was done after the first day taking two consecutive losses.

"Last year I went two-and-out. State is definitely a different atmosphere than the regular season," Vail said. "I'm in better shape this year and I'm not as edgy as I was. I had to cut weight last year too, which was pretty bad for my stamina."

Teammate Cody Cooper, who wrestles at 215, fell to Greg Strange of Eagle in a late-Friday semifinal. Cooper seemed to have things well under control the last time the two met, at the Red Halverson Memorial in Rupert.

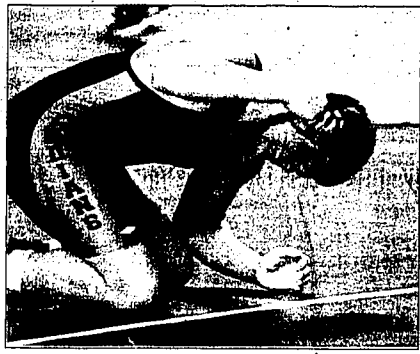
In Class A-1, Div. II competition, Sandpoint and Blackfoot will duke it out today for team

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- Today's finalists
- Friday semifinal results

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bragging rights in the finals. Sandpoint is in the driver's seat but holds a fragile 14.5 point lead over Blackfoot.

Burley is struggling in the team standings with a total of 22.5 points at 15th place, but still has a shot at a state-champion in heavyweight Jaxson Jones, who won his semifinal match Friday.

Jones, a junior, hopes for a first-place finish in state in just his first year of wrestling.

"It's pretty intense-feeling, being out here for the first time and having your whole team depending on you," said Jones, who had never seen his late-Friday semifinal opponent before.

"In action, that is." Actually, I've been seeing him raise his hand a lot after matches."

In Class A-3, Malad had a huge day, jumping past both North Fremont and Challis to take the lead at an even 100 points going

into the semis.

Wendell hoped to finish up strong and crack the top four.

"If we wrestle the best that we can possibly wrestle, we could move up into fourth," said coach Steve Matthews. "But we've got some awfully tough semifinal matches, especially at 215 and 145. The other guys, we haven't seen yet."

"I'd really like to have six in the finals, but I think we've got a solid chance at three," Matthews added. "But you never know until they step on the mat."

As it was, the Trojans settled for two in the finals today.

Times-News sports writer Jeff Behlman is in Pocatello this week-end covering the state high school wrestling tournaments. Leave him a message at (208) 677-1042 or send him e-mail at jbehlman@magicvalley.com.

Crushing defense, potent offense

Eagle men beat Ricks, run win streak to 11 games

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The wins just keep on stacking up for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team.

The fourth-ranked Golden Eagles ran their winning streak to 11 in a row Friday night, outgunning Ricks College 83-58 in front of a near-capacity crowd at CSI Gymnasium.

The victory was also the 28th straight for the Eagles at home - 17 this season alone.

Cardell Butler, who scored the team's first six points of the game, led Southern Idaho with a game-high 21 points. Butler said he just wanted to play hard in front of his mother, who is in town for the weekend.

"I was motivated by my team," Butler said. "But when I saw my mom, that made me even more intense."

Four of Butler's points came on a pair of rim-rattling dunks during

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Vikes victimize Lady Eagles 32-point margin is largest ever for Ricks coach

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Every which way the ball could roll, clank, carom or otherwise fall off the rim, it did Friday night for the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team.

Unfortunately, Ricks College had no such problems.

Shooting a white-hot 58.5 percent (38 of 65) for the game, the Lady Vikings laid an 87-55 whipping on the Golden Eagles at CSI Gymnasium.

The win was Ricks' fifth straight over Southern Idaho, and the 32-point deficit was the largest ever posted by a Lori Woodland-coached team at CSI.

Maile Little led all scorers with 17 points. Sarah Victor added 16 for the Lady Vikings, who improved to 13-2 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

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Medal for Street?

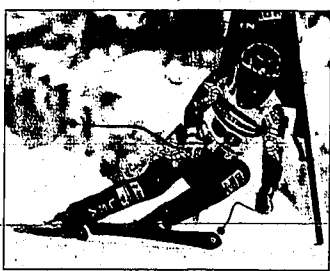
Despite a slow comeback, Picabo is planning a return to the Olympics

The Associated Press

LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland - Third place in a training run is a long way from Olympic gold at Salt Lake City. In Picabo Street's mind, it's just a short leap, as she ends her comeback season this weekend.

In what has been a less than memorable return to the World Cup circuit, Street's finish in that training run Wednesday ranks among her season highlights, along with a 15th place last month in a downhill at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

Despite her uninspired results this season, which failed to qualify her for either the recent World Championships or next month's World Cup finals in Sweden, the



Sun Valley skier still believes an Olympic medal on home snow is

within her reach. "I know with a whole other sea-

Picabo Street speeds down the course during a World Cup women's downhill race recently. Street finished in 15th place. Despite a rocky road back, Street envisions further Olympic glory.

son before Salt Lake I have enough time," said Street, applying a snow pack on a swollen knee following dry-land training.

"Since Cortina and training here I've gotten over my fear and gotten to a place where I want to go fast again and I'm getting close to finding that feeling on my skis."

"I believe I'm going to achieve that and I'll be skiing at least as best I can and be competitive with everybody."

Street, 29, has made several comebacks, but this one has proven more painful than the others.

Her first encounter with a career-threatening injury came after the worlds at Vail in 1996, when she tore ligaments in her left knee in training after win-

ning the downhill title. She bounced back to win Olympic gold in the super-G in 1998 at Nagano, Japan.

However, only a month later, Street shattered her left femur and shredded the ligaments in her right knee in a crash at the World Cup finals at Crans Montana, Switzerland, sidelining her for two years.

Apart from her result at Cortina and her promising performance in training for Saturday's downhill - the last of the season before the final - two top-five finishes in the lower-level Europa Cup circuit were Street's best finishes this year.

"This has been way more difficult than I could have ever imagi-

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Wood River High School's Matt Conover graces seconds before pinning Mark Valley's Mike Vaughn in a Class A-2 consolation match at the state wrestling championships in Pocatello Friday.

Magic Valley will be well represented in finals

The Times-News
POCATELLO - Wrestlers from Wood River to Rupert and several spots in between grappled their way into - and in some cases back into - today's state high school wrestling championships at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Class A-1, Div. I Minoch has two wrestlers in the finals today, as do A-3 Wendell and A-2 Wood River.

The Spartans' Justin Reed, at 152 pounds, was down 6-1 to Skyline's C.J. Beard early in his semifinal match late Friday night but crept back to tie it at. With a reversal, he took the lead and the win, 8-6.

At 160, teammate Joey Vail added another decision, 8-2, over Coeur d'Alene's Nolan Stamm. Minoch's Cody Cooper fell by pin to Greg Strang of Eagle, while Spartan heavyweight Adam Cox lost as well, also on a pin.

In Class A-2 competition, Wood River's Cory Gioinescha coasted to a 5-1 decision over Andy Lyons of Preston to return to the state championship again this year. He'll wrestle the defending champion, Bonners Ferry's John Plato, for the state title in a rematch of last year's championship.

Wood River teammate Josh Alstrom beat Dustin Harrison of Payette 12-3 to reach today's 189-pound final too. But fellow Wolverine Brian Squires (140 pounds) lost a 13-2 major decision to Steve Lamb of Priest River.

Wendell placed several wrestlers in the semifinals with mixed results. Junior Jason Blair recorded a first-round pin over Homedale's Anthony Pearson to reach the finals today. Doug Hall notched a 4-1 decision over Kamiah's Rodney Rupp at 160 to join him.

But Trojan 215-pounder Charles Diemert fell by pin to McCall-Donnelly's Stacy Mello. Mark Diamond (171 pounds) suffered a similar fate, falling by decision in the semis, as did Daniel Diamond, at 145.

Glenns Ferry's Korey Hall had little trouble in his 215 semi, powering past Farm's Richard Powers and into the final with a first-round pin.

At 119 pounds, Twin Falls wrestler David Roy absorbed a 16-0 technical fall to Pocatello's Shiloh Armstrong, a wrestler he had beaten earlier this season at the Bear-Cat Invitational, to fall from the competition.

In Class A-1, Div. II action, heavyweight Jaxson Jones of Burley fell by pin to Dan Leyda of Caldwell.

But Jerome's Troy Egbert reached the 140-pound final with a 6-5 decision over Sean Anderson of Bonners Ferry.

At 160 pounds, Class A-2 entrant Kaid Gambrel of Kimberly notched an 11-7 decision over South Fremont's Val Eddins to advance to today's championship. He'll face Shelley's Pete Mecham, the defending state champion, for the title.

At 103, Godding's Lance Gillette was pinned by Todd Turpin of Snake River. Teammate Lance Nebeker (112 pounds) suffered a 9-0 major decision to Jaymes O'Hara of American Falls.

Declo's 119-pound wrestler, Brandon Turnage, lost to Middleton's Chris Downs by decision, 9-5. Teammate Tyler Dschack (125) lost 10-3 to Snake River's Chance Grimes.

And the theme of tough defeats continued for several other Sawtooth Central Idaho Championship wrestlers. Buhl's 135-pounder Josh Starnick fell 9-5 to Middleton's Mason Michaels, and at 145, Kris Newberry of Kimberly was pinned by Tyrrell Hills of American Falls. Jeter's Taryn Pullin, a 189-pounder, lost a 9-5 decision Kasey Phelps of Lakeland.

In Class A-3, Valley heavyweight Jake Astorquia fell 6-3 to Ben Johnson of Kamiah.

At 135, Raft River's Jim Campbell lost to James Clark of Parma on a late pin.

State Wrestling Schedule

POCATELLO - Times for the Idaho high school wrestling tournaments, at Holt Arena on the Idaho State University campus, today:

Today

Session V
All classes (Matches 25-26, eight mats), 9-11 a.m.
Class A-1, Div. I: Mats 1-2
Class A-1, Div. II: Mats 3-4
Class A-2: Mats 5-6
Class A-3: Mats 7-8

Session VI

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Matches 27-28 (final, sixth place and consolation finals)

Championship Matches

(ceremonies start at 2:30 p.m., with championships immediately following)
Class A-1, Div. I, on Mat 1
Class A-1, Div. II, on Mat 2
Class A-2, on Mat 3
Class A-3, on Mat 4

The finalists

A classification-by-classification listing of who made today's state high school wrestling finals at Holt Arena in Pocatello. Winner of each match takes home the championship.

A-1, Division I

- 103 - Cook, Century vs. Besson, Eagle
- 112 - Huplin, Idaho Falls vs. Wilcox, Madson
- 119 - Armstrong, Pocatello vs. Korpalsky, Timberline
- 125 - Summers, Madson vs. Christensen, Eagle
- 130 - Jorenson, Eagle vs. Shea, Boro
- 135 - Thometz, Boro vs. Moon, Highland
- 140 - Hodges, Idaho Falls vs. Skyles, Skyline
- 145 - Johnson, Skyline vs. Freeland, Capital
- 152 - Reed, Minoch vs. Rice, Pocatello
- 160 - Vail, Minoch vs. Burton, Madson
- 171 - Tew, Idaho Falls vs. Kinkirekm, Pocatello
- 189 - Kahoe, Idaho Falls vs. Smith, Century
- 215 - Strang, Eagle vs. Fern, Highland
- 275 - Warren, Capital vs. Undrivable

A-1, Division II

- 103 - Durant, Kuna vs. Garcia, Blackfoot
- 112 - Surker, Mountain Home vs. Walker, Blackfoot
- 119 - Cavanaugh, Blackfoot vs. Jennings, Post Falls
- 125 - Nunez, Mountain Home vs. Tamy, Bonville
- 130 - Fetst, Sandpoint vs. Berger, Post Falls
- 135 - Taper, Mountain Home vs. Watson, Sandpoint
- 140 - Coon, Sandpoint vs. Egbert, Jerome
- 145 - Cook, Sandpoint vs. Overall, Nampa
- 152 - Scott, Mountain Home vs. Cates, Sandpoint
- 160 - Carson, Valley vs. Carter, Blackfoot
- 171 - Rowley, Emmet vs. Thomas, Valley
- 189 - Roshoff, Sandpoint vs. Carter, Blackfoot
- 215 - Forsman, Sandpoint vs. McIntyre, Valley
- 275 - Leyda, Caldwell vs. Torres, Skyline

Class A-2

- 103 - Zollinger, Sugar Salem vs. Turpin, Snake River
- 112 - O'Hara, American Falls vs. Howell, Sugar Salem
- 119 - Crittenden, South Fremont vs. Downs, Middleton
- 125 - Skirner, S. Marie vs. Grimes, Snake River
- 130 - Hawkins, Teton vs. Kelly, Payette
- 135 - Michaels, Middleton vs. Bush, Kellogg
- 140 - Lamb, Priest River vs. Wheat, Marsh Valley
- 145 - Harris, American Falls vs. VanDoren, Snake River
- 152 - Dickerson, Weiser vs. Williams, American Falls
- 160 - Mecham, Shelley vs. Gambrel, Kimberly
- 171 - Colcochea, Wood River vs. Phelps, Bonners Ferry
- 215 - Smith, American Falls vs. Bell, Preston
- 275 - Pruitt, Lakeland vs. Hoopes, Soda Springs

Class A-3/A-4

- 103 - Leck, North Fremont vs. Brower, Challis
- 112 - Darrah, Challis vs. Buchler, Malad
- 119 - Bishop, North Fremont vs. Jones, Aberdeen
- 125 - Jones, North Fremont vs. Scobles, Potlatch
- 130 - Case, North Fremont vs. Berry, Challis
- 135 - Clark, Parma vs. Rens, Horseshoe Bend
- 140 - Parch, Parma vs. Cording, North Fremont
- 145 - Cannon, North Fremont vs. Dursey, Homedale
- 152 - Blandini, New Plymouth vs. Shandley, Homedale
- 160 - Harvey, Cambridge vs. Hall, Wendell
- 171 - Fritchman, Orofino vs. Hindebsbacher, Malad
- 189 - Dotz, Wendell vs. Hetta, Fruit
- 215 - Hall, Glenns Ferry vs. Mello, McCall-Donnelly
- 275 - Johnson, Kamiah vs. Nauman, Homedale

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Buhl High School's Nate Heck takes to his coach between rounds of his consolation match on Friday.

Love sets sights on bigger prize

LOS ANGELES (AP) - That \$500,000 bonus for winning the West Coast Swing is an afterthought for Davis Love III, who suddenly has a better prize in mind.

Love, who went 34 months without winning and now can't seem to do anything wrong, had a 4-under 67 at Toggery Riviera Country Club on Friday to share the lead with Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain after two rounds of the Nissan Open.

"Winning at Riviera is the focal point," said Love, who was at 7-under 135.

Jimenez, part of the European invasion on the PGA Tour this year, was leading by two strokes late in the afternoon until bogeys on the par 3 dropped him back to tie for the lead. He wound up with a 66.

"I have as good of a chance as Davis Love," Jimenez said. Then he held his thumb and forefinger inches apart and said, "And I have a little bit better chance than that of a 6 under."

Widen his fingers ever so slightly, and there was Tiger Woods. Woods briefly flirted with missing the cut until starting his back nine with back-to-back birdies, then shot himself into contention with an 8-foot eagle putt on the 17th. He had a 68 and was at 139, just four strokes out of the lead.

Love is playing the kind of golf everyone expected out of Woods, and he has temporarily replaced Woods as the hottest player on tour. In his last three tournaments, Love won at Pebble Beach with a final-round 63 (breaking Woods' record), lost in a playoff at Torrey Pines and finds himself in great position going into the weekend once again.

Golf

DAVIS LOVE III

Davis Love III makes an excellent second shot on just two feet from the cup on the 13th hole in the second round of the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club Friday at Pacific Palisades.

Dougherty, Eastwood share Mexico lead

PUEBLA, Mexico - Ed Dougherty, fighting a cold, shot a 7-under-par 65 on Friday for a share of the first-round lead with Bob Eastwood in the Mexico Senior Classic.

"I'm surprised to be here because of how I feel," Dougherty said in the interview room. "I really hit the ball well. It was just exploding off the club face."

Dougherty, the 2000 Burnet Classic winner, egged the par-5 10th hole after hitting a 5-wood approach to 5 feet.

Eagles

Continued from B1 the opening power surge. "Everything I had just came out," he said. "It was like I had a big glow around me."

Butler was joined in double figures by teammates Ricky Clemens (11) and Tim Ellis, who added 10 for the Eagles. CSI improved to 13-2 in the scenic West Athletic Conference, 24-3 overall.

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Facing the Vikings' 2-3 zone for

the pressure. The advice worked. "We just came out, played hard and played a lot better defense," he said. "We're doing a lot better job of attacking zones."

CSI finished with 52 percent shooting (36 of 69), while holding the Vikings to 35 percent on 23-of-66 shooting. The Eagles dished out 25 assists and made 19 steals and blocked shots, but were out rebounded 45-43 by Ricks.

The Eagles return tonight for possibly their final home game of the season facing North Idaho State.

Since first-place Idaho State beat next week's opponent Salt Lake Community College by a point

run to cut the deficit to 23 with 2:30 to go. But it was much too little, much too late, as Ricks answered with a 6-0 run to end the game.

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Ladies

Continued from B1 23-3 overall. CSI (6-9, 16-10), which totaled just 37 percent from the field on 19-of-51 shooting, was led by the 11 points of Nicolette Dreckbach.

At the half, Ricks had its 63.6 percent, while CSI totaled a meek 32 percent.

Ricks added to its dominance by outbounding the Golden Eagles 50-21, after holding a 25-5 advantage on the glass at the half.

It was not the type of game first-year CSI Kendall Grant had anticipated his team would bring against his former mentor Woodland.

"It's not like we were forcing them to shoot outside," Grant

said. "Most of (Ricks' points) were layups."

In contrast, Grant said his team missed 22 layups with 10 minutes left in the game. Such was the night for Golden Eagles.

After Dreckbach intercepted a pass at midcourt and drove the length of the floor unguarded, her wide-open layup rimmed off the iron.

Off the miss, Viking guard Trina Knapp raced to the other end, took a pass and promptly shot a short jump shot with a foul to boot. That exemplified the Eagles' misery all game long.

CSI regained a little measure of respect back in the final five minutes, as they put together a 13-2

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Continued from B1 ined," Street said. "I never thought this sport could be so hard. Mentally, it's been a big piece of humble pie."

"But what it's done is given me more respect for the sport, for the people in it and what I've accomplished. I've gained a perspective I never thought I would. I'm experiencing everything this sport has to offer, good and bad."

One of the more humbling moments was failing to qualify for the World Championships in St. Anton, Austria, this month.

"I was bummed when I left Cortina because that was the day they announced the team and it just felt strange not to be part of that," Street said. "That feeling only lasted that day."

"I watched some of the races on television, I watched Daron's

(Rahles) run but when I saw all the holes, the snow and the way the course looked, it didn't look like a lot of fun. It didn't look like something I would want to be asking more of myself than I had to give."

During the worlds, Street competed in Europa cup races in France, finishing third and fifth.

"I wanted to stay busy," Street said. "I knew if I went

home for three weeks I didn't know what would happen with my head. I needed time to figure out how to find my feeling on my skis."

Saturday's downhill will be Street's last chance this season to find that feeling, her results this year insufficient for a place in the finals at Are, Sweden, March 7-11.

"This is for me," she said.

BASEBALL

Table with baseball scores for Friday's College Baseball, including teams like Auburn, Baylor, and California.

BASKETBALL

Table with basketball scores for National Basketball Association, including teams like Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

CLEVELAND

Table with Cleveland sports scores, including Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns.

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Table with Sunshine State sports scores, including Florida Gators and Florida State Seminoles.

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TEXAS A&M

Table with Texas A&M sports scores, including Texas A&M Aggies and Texas A&M Red Raiders.

TEXAS TECH

Table with Texas Tech sports scores, including Texas Tech Red Raiders.

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Table with high school sports scores, including boys' and girls' basketball, and football.

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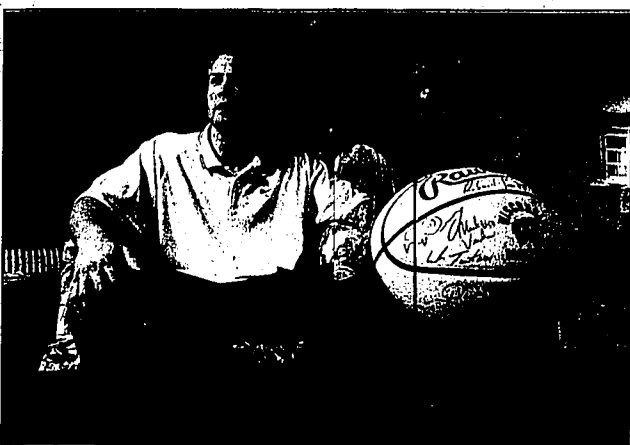
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SPORTS



Wisconsin basketball player Julian Schwartz talks about the year off he is taking to deal with obsessive-compulsive disorder during an interview at his home in Waukesha, Wis.

JULIAN'S JOURNEY

College hoops star takes a break

Waukesha, Wis. (AP) — The exhilaration of Wisconsin's trip to the Final Four was still fresh when forward Julian Schwartz sat on a pier on a Madison lake at sunset and penned his suicide note.

"I cannot, nor anyone, take away the sadness, pain and undecipherable feelings I battle every second of every minute of every hour of every day," he scrawled last April 25, two days after his family's annual Easter egg hunt. The Associated Press 1999 Wisconsin high school player of the year seemed to have everything: good grades, good looks, girls.

What he didn't have was peace and quiet. Ever since the third grade, worries haunted Julian, who was terrified his germs, actions and imperfections would harm himself or others.

He'd wash his hands hundreds of times a day, check the locks over and over, creep through the house at night checking the oven, the microwave, the range, the iron. By high school, he was bent on pleasing others through athletics and academics. He couldn't just enjoy himself; he had to be great. He would score 25 points but brood for hours about a missed free throw. He'd stay up all night checking and rechecking his homework, then, terrified somebody would accuse him of cheating, change an answer to make it wrong.

"My obsession became perfection," he said.

Julian has Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, a mental illness that affects one in 50 Americans. Sufferers become trapped in a cycle of repetitive thoughts and behaviors that they

might realize are irrational but which they find difficult to curb. Unlike compulsive drinking or gambling, OCD compulsions do not give the person pleasure. Rather, the rituals are performed to gain relief from the discomfort the obsessions cause.

It is treatable with antidepressants such as Prozac, which Julian takes, and therapy. Julian credits OCD with some of his best attributes: "Creative, compassionate, caring, hardworking, all those qualities stem from OCD," Julian said. "Yet, it became so powerful, so pervasive, so overwhelming."

In the months leading to that night on the pier, Julian would sit still only when he mullied death.

"My full intention was to kill myself," Julian said as he sat in his parents' den recently. "But I believe God carried me through that night."

Instead of heading to the drugstore for poison, Julian ended up at his dorm room, wondering why he hadn't gone through with it.

A week later, a friend looking for a piece of scrap paper opened his journal and there it was, four pages, front and back.

"Suicide is not a decision I made," the note read. "It is the result of helpless pain that doesn't seem to ever leave."

Francis, she called Julian's best friend, Greg Monfre. He hung up and called Julian's older brother, Billy, who told their parents, Bill and Kathleen Swartz.

Now, everybody knew. Instead of begin to understand the depth of Julian's depression, which got worse in the weeks that followed.

Julian told their coach Dick Bennett he needed to take time off from basketball, and he

began keeping a journal titled, "Saving a Life."

"It starts now, when I am at my complete worst," Julian wrote on May 23. "However, I want to live and therefore I promise to use this book to save me."

Although it contains Julian's most intimate thoughts about life and death, he shares it freely. "My best therapy is trying to help others," he said.

The journal chronicles Julian's constant struggles to resist suicide's allure. On some nights, he would doze off only after promising himself the next morning's sunrise would be his last.

Sometimes he wrote at a cemetery near his house.

"I was so at peace — like I belonged there with the dead."

As he began to accept his faith as an avenue for healing last summer, Julian wrote about how it bothered him that suicidal thoughts were no longer his constant companion.

By early September, Julian's writings, along with workouts, talks with his pastor and e-mail correspondence with dozens of others suffering from anxiety disorders, helped him begin to conquer OCD.

"I am the happiest and most complete I have ever been," he wrote on Sept. 5. He credited Christ with saving his life.

Julian spends his mornings working odd jobs at his old high school and evenings speaking at schools or churches about his battle with OCD. On weekends, he plays on a prison ministry basketball team.

He plans to rejoin the Badgers for his sophomore season next fall.

"I think it's important for me to go back," Julian said.

Mutombo lends Sixers instant lift

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Allen Iverson had 43 points and 10 rebounds and Dikembe Mutombo had 17 points, 13 rebounds and five blocked shots in his debut with Philadelphia as the 76ers beat the Detroit Pistons 95-78 Friday night.

Detroit's Jerry Stackhouse scored 22 points. Chucky Atkins had 12 points and Dana Barros added 10.

Mutombo's status for the game was much more in doubt than the outcome.

The Sixers jumped out to a 16-4 lead and cruised to the win. Philadelphia led by nine points after one quarter.

NBA 12 at halftime and 17 after three quarters.

Philadelphia did not know whether Mutombo would be cleared to play until an hour before the game.

Mutombo was traded along with Roshown McLeod from Atlanta to Philadelphia on Thursday for Theo Ratliff, Nazr Mohammed and Pepe Sanchez.

Kings 119, Raptors 118, 30T

TORONTO — Predrag Stojakovic scored a career-high 39 points and hit a 3-pointer with 45 seconds left in triple overtime.

Doug Christie, playing in Toronto for the first time since the Raptors traded him to Sacramento before the season, added 20 points and seven rebounds as the Kings won their third straight.

Rockets 105, Magic 95

HOUSTON — Maurice Taylor scored a career-high 34 points and Cuttino Mobley added 23.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 16 points and 11 rebounds as the Rockets won their fourth straight and for the eighth time in nine games. Steve Francis added 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Pacers 92, Cavaliers 90

CLEVELAND — Austin Croshere made two free throws with 1.9 seconds left and Reggie Miller scored 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter.

Croshere, an 87 percent free-throw shooter, made both attempts after he was fouled underneath by Chris Gaudin.

Suns 88, Knicks 84, OT

NEW YORK — Shawn Marion scored four of his 19 points in



Newly-acquired 76er center Dikembe Mutombo, right, warms up with teammate Allen Iverson before the 76ers' game against the Pistons on Friday at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Mich. The 7-foot-2 inch center was picked up in a six-player trade with Atlanta just before the trading deadline on Thursday.

overtime and blocked Charlie Ward's final shot in what might have been Ward's final game as a starter to lead the Phoenix Suns.

It was the first loss of the season for the Knicks in six overtime games, and it came on a night when Mark Jackson rejoined his original NBA team and played 13 scores minutes.

Coach Jeff Van Gundy said Jackson will be replacing Ward as the Knicks' starting point guard.

Timberwolves 122, Warriors 83

MINNEAPOLIS — Terrell Brandon had 27 points, 10

rebounds and a career-high 16 assists.

Brandon had his second career triple-double and shot 11-for-14 in 33 minutes. He also held the Warriors' Mookie Blaylock to four points.

Spurs 100, Celtics 82

SAN ANTONIO — Derek Anderson scored 20 points and Tim Duncan and David Robinson each had a double-double.

Duncan finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Robinson added 14 points and 10 rebounds. The Spurs ended a two-game losing streak and improved to 22-5 at home.

Little E mourns, tries to fill void

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — With his red baseball cap on backward, Dale Earnhardt Jr. looked very much like the hot-shot rookie he was when he arrived on the NASCAR scene last season.

But behind that exterior, it appeared Dale Earnhardt's death was quickly turning Little E into the man his father always wanted him to be.

"You'd probably find that Junior's maturity level has escalated a great deal over the last week," said Larry McReynolds, who got-to-know-the-younger-Earnhardt while spending four years working with his father.

"You'll now find him to be a man on a mission to go out and win races, to run for championships, and to be everything his father always hoped for."

Since seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt was killed Sunday in a wreck on the final turn of the Daytona 500, his son has been thrown into a much larger role. At 26, Little E is suddenly the family patriarch — a job similar to the one Earnhardt took when his own father died in 1973 when he was 22. He's also expected to succeed a man whose



Dale Earnhardt Jr.

accomplishments will be almost impossible to surpass.

"I miss my father and I cried for him out of my own selfish pity," Earnhardt said Friday in his first extended public comments since the

accident. "We just have to remember he's in a better place than we all want to be."

In an open letter written by Earnhardt's widow, Teresa, and published Friday in USA Today, she offered insight into the man Earnhardt Jr. is now expected to replace.

"The public Dale Earnhardt wanted to be the best," she said. "The competitive drive that burned inside of him gave him the passion to win. If he was racing, he wanted to win the most races and championships. If he was fishing, he wanted to catch the most fish."

"The private Dale Earnhardt, the husband and father and son and brother, wanted to be the

best as well. He struggled with that at times. Emotions didn't come as easy to this man who stirred so much emotion in other people. But as his children grew and began making decisions of their own, he saw that most of the time, they made the decision by asking themselves, 'What would Dad do?'"

"That's a question Earnhardt Jr. will undoubtedly be asking himself as he tries to fill his father's void."

Besides trying to achieve the same success, he's now got the thriving stable of Winston-Cup cars at Dale Earnhardt Inc. to look after.

The three Winston Cup teams — driven by Earnhardt Jr., Steve Park and Daytona winner Michael Waltrip — are expected to compete for championships for years to come. It's up to him to keep that going.

"We've had to take some very deep breaths and get everything in perspective and it's really been a difficult time," Earnhardt Jr. said.

"The main focus now is to try to maintain and progress with the vision my father had with Dale Earnhardt Inc."

Broken-lap belt may have cost Earnhardt his life

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt might have survived slamming into a concrete wall on a mission to go out and win races, but for a broken lap belt that did not break, a NASCAR doctor said.

Earnhardt, who died instantly Sunday, probably was thrust into the steering wheel because he wasn't fully supported, said Dr. Steve Bohannon, an expert in emergency medical services at the Daytona track.

The seat belt problem — which officials said they had never seen in a half-century of NASCAR racing — was disclosed Friday.

"Mr. Earnhardt more than likely contacted the steering wheel with his chest and his face," said Bohannon, among several safety workers who tried to save Earnhardt's life as the doctor sat atop the wrecked car. "It appears that probably

his chin struck the steering column in such a way that the forces were transferred ... into the base of the skull."

"If his restraint system — his belts — had held, he would have had a much better chance of survival."

A skull fracture ran from the front to the back of Earnhardt's brain. His sternum, eight ribs on the left side and left ankle also were broken by the impact of hitting the wall at about 180 mph on the last turn of the last lap.

The belt the seven-time Winston Cup champion was wearing as part of his harness came apart near a buckle.

"We don't know how, when or where, yet," NASCAR president Mike Helton said at a news conference. "We will continue our investigation."

nylon, are designed to withstand crashes of well over 200 mph, although all restraint systems stretch at least a few inches on impact.

The company that made Earnhardt's harness, Simpson Safety Products in Mooresville, insisted that it has never had a problem with its seat belts. Company founder Bill Simpson, a former Indy car driver, implied that the belt that broke might have been installed incorrectly.

"Having tested and produced seat belts for the motorsports industry for more than 43 years, we have never seen a seat belt come apart in the manner that occurred," Simpson said in a statement. "Our seat belts, when properly installed, won't fail."

Richard Childress, Earnhardt's longtime car owner, didn't immediately respond to Simpson's statement.

Capitals run streak to 11 games

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Capitals extended their unbeaten streak to 11 games as Jeff Halpern, Dmitri Khristich and Calle Johansson scored in a 3-1 victory Friday night over Montreal.

Washington has won four straight and gone 9-0-2 over the 11-game stretch, the third-best unbeaten streak in NHL team history.

The Capitals have twice recorded 14-game unbeaten streaks, the best being a 13-0-1 run from Jan. 17-Feb. 18, 1983.

The Capitals held a 32-26 advantage in shots and nearly posted their fourth shutout of the season — Montreal's Oleg Petrov scored with 3:53 left in the game.



Capitals Peter Bondra, right, fights for the puck against Montreal's Trevor Linden, during the Capitals' win Friday at the MCI Center in Washington.

his first career hat trick two days ago against Atlanta, opened the scoring for Carolina late in the first period. Then he ripped his 17th of the season over the glove of Martin Brodeur after taking a drop pass in the high slot from David Tanabe for the deciding score.

Blackhawks 1, Thrashers 0

CHICAGO — Jocelyn Thibault made 27 saves for his sixth shutout of the season.

Rookie Kyle Calder was the only Blackhawks to beat goal tender Damian Rhodes, who

stopped 25 shots.

Penguins 6, Rangers 4

PITTSBURGH — Alexei Kovalev had his third three-goal game this month during a five-point night.

Martin Straka had a goal and three assists and Mario Lemieux, staying in the lineup despite his ongoing bout with back pain, scored for the second consecutive game. The Penguins improved to 10-3-1 in their last 14 games.

Red Wings 4, Blues 2

DETROIT — Despite losing Sergei Fedorov to a broken nose, the Red Wings moved past the Blues into first place in the Central Division and second overall in the Western Conference.

Detroit improved to 37-16-6-4 for 84 points, while St. Louis is 37-15-7-2 for 83 points. The Red Wings, 8-0-2 in their last 10 games, have played two more games than the Blues, who have lost four straight.

Stars 5, Bruins 4, OT

DALLAS — Joe Nieuwendyk's goal one minute into overtime kept the Dallas Stars unbeaten in their last seven games against Boston with a 5-4 victory on Friday night.

Brenden Morrow skated into the Boston zone on a 2-on-2 and fed a perfect goalmouth pass to Nieuwendyk, who put his 24th goal past Bruins goaltender Peter Skudra.

Coyotes 7, Sabres 3

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Jeremy Roenick scored three times, becoming the third U.S.-born player to reach 400 career goals, leading the Phoenix Coyotes to a 7-3 win. Shane Doan had two goals and two assists and Juhani Jonen scored twice, while Keith Tkachuk had four assists as the Coyotes moved into a tie with idle Vancouver for sixth in the Western Conference.

Hurricanes 3, Devils 2

RALEIGH, N.C. — Shane Willis scored twice, including the winning goal 3:18 into the third period, as the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the injured-riddled New Jersey Devils. Willis, coming off

One year later

One year after Rockergate, normalcy reigns at Braves camp

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — John Rocker strolls through the Atlanta Braves clubhouse wearing a sleeveless T-shirt and warbling a tune.

"Super freak, super freak, she's super freaky," he sings to no one in particular.

He doesn't have to worry about hundreds of reporters and cameramen — "ding-a-lings," in Rocker-speak — monitoring his every move. In fact, he draws little attention as he glides from his locker to various back rooms beneath the stadium, a picture of constant motion much like the fidgety left-hander the public sees on the mound.

It's been a year since the Braves closer sat out the first two weeks of spring training for making offensive comments about gays, minorities and immigrants. (He would also miss the first two weeks of the regular season, as well, under a reduced suspension imposed by an arbitrator.)

The hundreds of media members who converged on central Florida a year ago has dwindled to no more than a dozen reporters on most days. Life is back to normal for the Atlanta Braves.

"There's not as much tension or dissension, whatever you want to call it," said third baseman Chipper Jones, one of the team's leaders. "It's baseball as usual. It's the way it should have been last year."

Ahh, last year. Rocker sparked outrage during the 1999 offseason when a magazine reported his comments attacking New York City and others. He questioned how so many immigrants got in the country. He referred to homosexuals with a derogatory term. He even described a teammate as a "fat monkey."

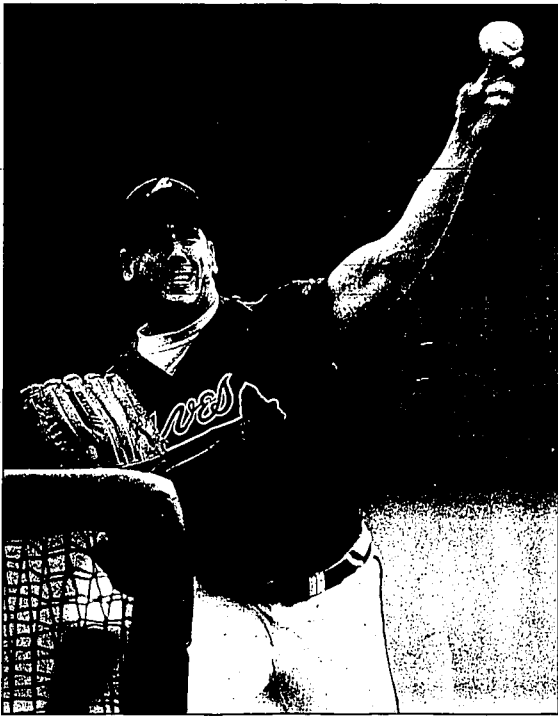
During the tumult, Rocker basically declared himself off-limits to the media, issuing a couple of apologies in well-rehearsed statements that allowed for no questioning. In the meantime, his teammates were left to fend off the hordes.

"You had a lot reporters and media in here asking questions about a situation that didn't have a lot to do with you," said outfielder Brian Jordan, one of Rocker's most outspoken critics last season.

On the first day of camp this year, there were 10-12 members of the media on hand, nearly all from the Atlanta area, and the number hasn't varied much since. So far, the biggest issue of camp involves Gary Sheffield's demand to be traded, preferably to the Braves or one of the two New York teams.

"It's been kind of boring," pitcher Greg Maddux quipped.

Rocker did speak publicly on the first day of camp this year, but only to pronounce that this year's camp was different than last



Brave pitcher John Rocker throws during batting practice Friday at a spring training workout in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

year's because "there's about 200 less of you ding-a-lings."

Otherwise, he refused to comment about anything in the past.

Rocker hasn't had any major blowups since making profane, threatening statements toward Jeff Pearlman — the Sports Illustrated writer whose story led to Rocker's suspension — when the two happened to

meet in a Turner Field tunnel before a game in early June.

As their season opener approaches, the Braves are willing to put up with Rocker as long as he saves games and maintains a semblance of civility. "I certainly hope this ordeal is behind him," Jones said, "so he can go back to being the pitcher he was two years ago."

No doubt about it: Schottenheimer is in charge

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The top sign reads "1 play at a time." The bottom one, "Expect to win."

They are just as Marty Schottenheimer ordered, expect for one thing.

"Expect to win" should go on top because you expect to win one play at a time," said Schottenheimer, waving his finger in a circular motion at the designs shown to him by a Washington Redskins employee.

It's not just the slogans that are getting an overhaul at Redskins Park. In six weeks since joining the team as coach and director of football operations, Schottenheimer has already changed the face of the entire organization, using his newfound authority to reverse a win-now-at-any-cost image fostered under owner Dan Snyder.

"I think the spotlight that has been on Dan has not always cast him in an accurate light," Schottenheimer said. "But — having said that — we have certain ways that we have done it before that have been successful."

Those are Marty's ways, not Danny's. And the new coach has it in writing that it will be so.

Schottenheimer's four-year, \$10 million contract gives him control over all football matters. That makes for one, focused voice in charge of the Redskins, in contrast to the muddled, who's-in-charge atmosphere of



Redskins' coach Marty Schottenheimer talks during a news conference in this Jan. 12 photo in Ashburn, Va. Since joining the team as coach and director of football operations last month, Schottenheimer has already changed the course of the entire organization.

the past two years under Snyder and former coach Norv Turner. "I'm just looking forward to all of us being on the same page," Snyder said. "This is a breath of fresh air to feel as comfortable as I do with the management in place. Marty is doing what he thinks is best for the organization. Everybody is paddling in the same direction."

But on a brand new route: — A year ago, Snyder flew to Alabama to interview Ray Rhodes for the defensive coordinator's job, leaving the impres-

sion — justified or otherwise — that Turner wasn't even in charge or hiring his own assistants. This year, all the candidates came to Redskins Park for lengthy interviews. There was no doubt who was calling the shots, especially since most of his hires were former assistants. For Schottenheimer in Kansas City and Cleveland. Schottenheimer even fired director of player personnel Vinny Cerrato, a member of Snyder's inner circle.

— A year ago, Snyder was on the phone personally courting

Bruce Smith, Deion Sanders and other big-name free agents to come to Washington. As a result, the Redskins entered this offseason some \$6 million over the salary cap.

Under Schottenheimer's Redskins, there will be no negotiating the future on big-money free agents. The new coach is taking the painful option of cutting veteran players now rather than just restructuring contracts and digging a bigger hole down the road.

"I'm not looking at a single season," Schottenheimer said after cutting Tre Johnson, Irving Fryar and Keith Sims this week. "I'm looking beyond that ... I do not see us being a primary player in unrestricted free agency."

— A year ago, Snyder was planning an audacious training camp experiment: Hold the practices at home, charge admission and create a carnival-like atmosphere. The admission fee meant scouts from other teams could attend.

This year, Schottenheimer is taking the team back out of town for the summer to a college campus yet to be determined. Besides the competitive issue of the scouts, the new coach cites the bonding that occurs when players are together in dorms and dining halls.

"You find that the players begin to rely on one another," Schottenheimer said.

Roy Jones Jr. says Harmon is worthy challenger

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Roy Jones Jr. says he could envision Derrick Harmon as a champion, though not any time soon.

And certainly not at his expense.

Jones will defend the undisputed light heavyweight title tonight against the little-known Harmon, who has won 20 of 21 fights against boxers who are equally obscure to him.

The champion has been criticized for settling for a potential mismatch instead of fighting a tougher opponent such as Dariusz Michalczewski of Germany, Bernard Hopkins or Felix Trinidad; although Hopkins is a middleweight (160



Roy Jones Jr. weighs in Friday in Tampa, Fla. Jones will defend the undisputed light heavyweight title tonight against the little-known Derrick Harmon.

champ. The light heavyweight limit is 175 pounds.

Jones, however, said Harmon, who's yet to beat a top contender, deserves a shot at his undisputed crown. "I love to see people like Derrick who are coming up, who I know would be a great champion if they ever got the opportunity," Jones said.

"If somebody ever beats me, I would hope it would be somebody like that. But I ain't ready to lose yet, so I ain't planning on giving up anything no time soon."

Jones (43-1, 35 knockouts) originally was eyeing a rematch at catch weights with Hopkins, who he beat on a 12-round deci-

sion for the vacant IBF middleweight title in 1993 at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C.

When talks stalled, he turned to Tampa's Ice Palace, where Jones won a unanimous decision over Mike McCallum, a former champion in three weight classes, in light heavyweight title bout in 1996.

Local promoters are hoping the title bout — the first under the champion's new three-year, six-fight contract with HBO — will establish Tampa as a viable venue for big-time fights.

Harmon's lone loss was a 10-round split decision against Greg Wright in Las Vegas 22 months ago.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hawaii coach Jones regains consciousness

HONOLULU — Hawaii football coach June Jones' condition improved Friday as he regained movement of all his extremities following a car crash.

Jones was upgraded to guarded condition from critical, said trauma surgeon Dr. Neil Fergusson of The Queen's Medical Center. Jones was responding to questions and had opened his eyes.

Jones, who directed the biggest one-year turnaround in NCAA history, drove into a concrete pillar on the I-1 freeway midmorning Thursday. He was driving alone near Honolulu International Airport when his car ran off the road and crossed about 200 feet of dirt and grass before slamming into the pillar supporting the Kamehameha Highway overpass.

Police Sgt. David Talon, a traffic investigator, said it was not determined what caused Jones to drift off the freeway into the pillar. There were no skid marks behind the wrecked car. There were no indications of speeding or alcohol use, Talon said.

Police and firefighters say the size of Jones' luxury sedan might have saved his life.

Ex-governor makes UNLV's case for Pitino

LAS VEGAS — A former Nevada governor spent a day with Rick Pitino trying to convince the former Boston Celtics coach that Las Vegas isn't a bad place to live after all.

Former Gov. Bob Miller's golf outing in Miami with Pitino last week was the latest in an effort to lure Pitino to coach UNLV's basketball team. Pitino's wife, Joanne, reportedly will visit Las Vegas next week as part of the family's effort to see what type of town Las Vegas is like to live in.

Russia wins women's Nordic ski relay

LAHTI, Finland — Russia finally struck gold at the World Nordic Ski Championships, winning the women's 4 x 5-kilometer mixed-style, cross-country relay on Friday.

Nina Gavriluk, grabbing a Russian flag from a fan near the finish, completed the race in 53 minutes, 1.6 seconds for the defending champions.

Finland finished second, 54.1 seconds behind. The bronze medal went to Norway, 1:00.3 behind.

Lazier gears up for repeat of IRL title

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Indy Racing League champion Buddy Lazier feels good as ever Friday after a career-threatening back injury. Lazier broke his back in almost 40 places in a crash in 1996, but came back to win the Indianapolis 500 later that season. He still walks with a slight limp.

"I'm feeling awesome, in as good shape as I've been in my life," Lazier said. "The injury is always a little bit on my mind, but I don't think it affects my driving. If anything, it makes me a better race driver."

Lazier and 11 other IRL drivers roared around the 1.5-mile oval Friday at Homestead-Miami Speedway, nearing speeds of 200 mph on the first day of open testing in the heat and humidity.

The IRL races April 8 at Homestead. The track is already earning a reputation as a challenging one for open-wheel racers, with only slight banking and long turns and straightaways.

El'Guerrouj just misses 2-mile record

GHEENT, Belgium — Hicham El'Guerrouj, running with effortless grace, just missed the world record in the two miles at the Flanders Indoor meet Friday.

At this summer's World Championships, the Moroccan will try a 1,500-5,000 double and he said Friday's race was a good test. El'Guerrouj was timed at 8 minutes, 9.89 seconds, just .23 seconds off the world record set last year by Haileu Mekonnen of Ethiopia.

Compiled from wire reports

Unhappy Sheffield arrives; Frank Thomas a no-show

The Associated Press

Spring training

Unhappy Gary Sheffield arrived at spring training Friday.

Unhappy Frank Thomas did not.

After arriving at the Los Angeles Dodgers' training camp in Vero Beach, Fla., Sheffield was uncharacteristically highlipped. A day earlier, he had plenty to say about team chairman Bob Daly's refusal to extend his contract beyond 2004.

"He wants to make me look as bad as possible to take the attention off his organization and the bad moves they've made," Sheffield was quoted as saying in Friday's editions of the Los Angeles Times.

Sheffield said he never asked to be traded to Atlanta, the New York Mets and the New York Yankees, as Daly has said.

"That's what they want people to think, but it doesn't matter if somebody lies when you know the truth," he was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, Seattle general manager Pat Gillick said Friday that he turned down an offer from the Dodgers to send Sheffield to the Mariners for Ichiro Suzuki. Suzuki, a seven-time batting champion from Japan, will play right field for the Mariners this season. Gillick said the Dodgers contacted him earlier this week.

and he turned down the offer for the power-hitting Sheffield, who is unhappy in Los Angeles.

The Mariners spent \$13.13 million on the offseason just for the rights to negotiate with Suzuki. They then signed him to a \$21 million, three-year contract. The deal includes a no-trade clause, Gillick said. The Mariners plan to televise all 81 of their home games and most of their road games to Japan this season.

In Tucson, Ariz., Thomas called Chicago White Sox manager Jerry Manuel and said he's staying away from practice because his \$9.9 million salary underwhelms him in an era where Alex Rodriguez will average \$25 million a season.

"It's just a situation where he feels he's right, I don't know. It's a tough thing for us right now," Manuel said Friday. "I didn't feel the timing was right. My thing was to make sure Frank was receiving proper advice."

The mandatory reporting date is next Tuesday. Chicago's position players have been working out since Wednesday, when Thomas arrived and walked out before new general manager Kenny Williams talked to the team.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Barnes & Noble reports 12 percent sales jump

NEW YORK — Barnes & Noble Inc., the nation's largest bookseller, reported superstore sales for the 53-week period ended Feb. 3 of \$3,169.6 million, an increase of 12.3 percent over last year.

Comparable superstore sales based upon a 52-week sales period increased 4.9 percent while comparable superstore sales for the fourth quarter (adjusted for the 53rd week) increased 2.1 percent, said the company, which has a store in Twin Falls.

Based on the positive sales results, the company said it expects to report retail earnings per share for fiscal 2000 of \$1.69 (prior to a one-time charge), utilizing a 64.3 million basic share count. On a consolidated basis, including the company's share of pro-forma losses at Barnes & Noble.com and other investments, earnings for fiscal 2000 are expected to be \$1.06 (prior to a one-time charge).

The company said it will take a one-time cash charge of about \$32.4 million, or \$1.44 per share, due primarily to the impairment of goodwill and selected assets at B. Dalton.

The company projects retail earnings-per-share growth for fiscal 2001 of over 30 percent — excluding the one-time charge in 2000 — consisting of \$2.12 for Barnes & Noble Booksellers and 10 cents for Babb's.

RadioShack shows profit rise, but misses estimates

FORT WORTH, Texas — RadioShack Corp. reported a 21 percent increase in fourth-quarter profit, but Wall Street still did not take kindly to the results because earnings per share missed analysts' estimates by 2 cents.

The Fort Worth consumer electronics company with a store in the Magic Valley Mall said its profit margin was narrowed because it cut prices on home satellite systems. The company offered discounts and free installation of the service.

RadioShack sells wireless telephones, telecommunications products, electronics parts and accessories in 7,100 stores.

Executives said in a conference call that sales were especially strong because of demand for wireless communications products.

The company said net income for the quarter rose to \$145.8 million, or 74 cents a share, from \$120.6 million, or 58 cents a share, for the year-earlier period, including one-time charges.

Some analysts conceded they may have been overly optimistic because of RadioShack's strong Christmas sales.

"They did miss official numbers," said Lehman Brothers retail analyst Alan Rifkin this week. "But we were probably overzealous."

Sales rose 14 percent to \$1.58 billion from \$1.39 billion in the year-earlier period.

"In terms of profitability, this past year was the best in the history of our corporation," RadioShack chairman and chief executive Leonard Roberts said.

Zale Corp. restructures senior management

DALLAS — Zale Corp.'s new chairman and chief executive officer, Robert J. DiNicola, has realigned senior management into a team of three executives who will each report to him.

DiNicola agreed earlier this month to return to the Irving, Texas-based retailer, which he led through a turnaround in the 1990s. He succeeded Beryl Raff, who resigned. His first day back was Wednesday.

Raff had succeeded DiNicola, when he retired as chairman last fall. The first time he was hired by Zale was in 1994 just as the company exited Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Responsibilities have been identified and reassigned in some cases among these three executives:

Alan Shor, president and chief operating officer, will assume responsibility for all support operations. Mary Forte, executive vice president and chief merchandise officer, will direct all divisional merchandising. Sue Cove, executive vice president and chief financial officer, continues to oversee finance areas.

A couple of days after Christmas, Zale — which has jewelry store in the Magic Valley Mall — warned its second-quarter earnings would not meet analysts' expectations. In recent months, Zale has reported weakening sales.

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CSI aims for customized business ed

By Julie Pence
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — During 10 years as executive director of the Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho, Cindy Bond had been observing her clients needed skills training.

"I was noticing that one of the major reasons people were having trouble in their businesses was because they hadn't done any planning," Bond said.

"I can't tell you how many have come to me through the years with a shoe box full of receipts at the end of the year," Bond said. "They can't figure out why they aren't making any money because they don't have an accounting system."

"Or they believe advertising doesn't work for them, and they say, 'Well, I tried it once and it didn't work,' when they don't know who to market to or how to reach their customer."

It's Bond's responsibility to show small-business owners a variety of ways to manage and increase business. That includes offering classes in business skills.

Starting next semester, Bond — who also chairs the college's business department — will also make those classes available to students who want a two-year associate's degree in business from CSI to go straight into the work force.

"There are a lot of people out there who don't want a four-year

degree, and they need to know these things," she said. "If we're creating someone who wants to go into management, they should still have the same basic set of skills."

The new curriculum is meant to parallel changes in industry and business.

"Mid-management positions are being eliminated. It's too expensive," Bond said.

Instead, workers at all levels are being taught to be responsible

for things managers used to take care of. It also improves quality control, she said.

Accordingly, CSI's new approach will be to streamline and create a business course that puts students in the work force in half the traditional time.

"It's not so much about what we cut out, but what we've tried to put in," Bond said.

The idea is to make all the class

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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?



Callers service representatives for SAFECO Insurance Co., work at the company call center in Liberty Lake, Wash., Wednesday. Customer service demands are fueling the call center industry.

Customer service demand fuels call center industry

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Richard Keith employs more than 2,000 telephone operators, but you will never get one of those annoying dinner-hour calls from them.

Keith is chief executive officer of Center Partners, a Loveland, Colo., company that operates call centers for major clients in several industries.

But unlike its relatives in the much larger telemarketing industry — with computer-generated telephone sales pitches — Keith's company accepts only incoming calls.

"You call us, we don't call you," Keith said during a recent tour of a renovated 40,000-square-foot office building that will serve as his company's newest call center in Coeur d'Alene.

First used extensively by the airline industry in the 1970s, there are now more than 70,000 call centers in the United States, according to Datamonitor, a New York research firm.

One of the largest, Convergys, employs 45,000 people in 50 call centers in the United States and Canada. It had contemplated a new one in Lewiston but has dropped the idea.

In Spokane, about 4,500 people work in about two dozen call centers, where starting wages average about \$8 an hour, with benefits.

Safeco Insurance Co. opened a call center here last fall — one of four regional call centers it operates as part of a customer services consolidation.

The Seattle-based insurance and financial services company is moving 28 call centers into four large contact centers serving customers nationwide through a single toll-free number.

"It costs a lot of money to bring new customers to business," said Mike Donich, who manages Safeco's Spokane contact center. "We want to retain our existing customers through great customer service. Customers today want it quick, they want it now, and they want it accurate. And that's not always an easy thing."

Eke Nofa, editor of Call Center Times, an online magazine that caters to the industry, said companies that stress successful customer service operations generally realize healthy bottom lines.

"I think business owners have come to realize you need a point of contact center that links the customer to your organization. There is a direct link to profitability in providing customer service," Nofa said in a recent telephone interview from his Dallas office. "That's why you've seen a surge."

Seeing potential for employment and new uses for vacant buildings that once housed retail and commercial ventures, economic development agencies — particularly those in depressed rural areas — are busy wooing call centers.

In the past three years, Bob Potter has recruited three call centers to Kootenai County in northern Idaho as executive director of Jobs Plus, an economic development agency.

But he said he probably will not seek any more to protect the existing call centers — and their 1,400 employees — from competition.

Idaho Commerce officials, however, see call centers as playing a

role in their campaign to extend the state's economic boom to other struggling rural communities.

GTE has established two call centers in Potter's territory and Center Partners has announced plans to hire as many as 500 people by June for a new call center it will operate for AT&T Broadband.

The center expects to take as many as 25,000 calls a day, Keith said.

Inbound call centers, also called customer-care organizations, or teleservice centers, have grown at about 15 percent a year over the past few years, Keith said.

The majority are companies looking to improve their bottom lines through better customer service, he said.

Fewer than 15 percent of companies with customer service call centers outsource, using companies like Keith's to handle thousands of calls a day about products, new services and billing.

Center Partners, founded in 1997 and acquired by London-based WPP Group in 1999, employs more than 2,000 people at five call centers in Colorado and Idaho, Keith said.

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Poor Burger King profit may delay initial offering

Knight Ridder News Service

The problems facing Burger King's new Chief Executive John Dasburg are worse than analysts expected.

The Miami fast-food chain reported this week a \$9 million, or 7 percent, drop in operating profit and a 6 percent decline in same-store sales for the six months ended in December. Overall sales were flat, thanks to a 5 percent increase in restaurant locations, to 11,345 worldwide.

Things didn't appear to improve in January, when same-store sales, considered the best measure of a retailer's health, declined about 3 percent.

The chain includes restaurants in Twin Falls, Burley and Jerome.

"The results were pretty awful," said Phillip Hawkins of Merrill Lynch in London, who follows Burger King's British parent company Diageo PLC. "It can't be too much of a surprise when you haven't had a lot in the way of new products and promotions."

Because of the continuing problems at Burger King, Diageo executives said they were likely to delay an initial public offering of the burger chain until next year. As part of a plan to focus on its drinks business, Diageo originally had planned to sell up to 20 percent of Burger King on the New York Stock Exchange during the first half of this year.

But first Diageo intends to give Dasburg time to turn the business around. Announced Tuesday as Burger King's new chairman and chief executive.

"We have to have the whole operation producing good results, and we also have to have favorable market conditions," said Colin Storm, who has been Burger King's interim chief executive since last summer.

Burger King's biggest problem remains its North American restaurants, which represent more than 70 percent of the chain. Same-store sales in the United States were down 7 percent for the first half of the year.

"The company blames the problem on a general slowdown in the U.S. fast-food restaurant business, cold weather in November and December and a lack of successful promotions to match last year's hit Pokemong."

As part of a turnaround strategy, Burger King will launch a new advertising campaign next month, focusing on the Whopper. The company has also implemented an action plan to improve operations and speed of service.

In the last several weeks, the company's recent single, double, triple cheeseburger discount promotion has started to yield same-store sales increases at North American restaurants, Storm said.

"What I think we've done is really put in place a solid foundation and structure that we will need to drive the system forward," Storm said. "There are signs that some positive things are starting to happen."

BANKRUPTCIES

The Times-News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000
Josefa Rodriguez, 642 Oak

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000
Marcus D. Nix and

Jeannie E. Nix, doing business as Marc Nix Cabinets, 793 W. 475 S., Heyburn, individual, business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-40240.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000
Trent Bryan Spreier, 1156 W. 100 N., Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-40233.

J.C. Penney reports fourth-quarter, year-end losses

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — J.C. Penney Co. closed the books on one of its most tumultuous periods by posting fourth-quarter and year-end losses.

The Plano, Texas-based retailer with Twin Falls and Burley stores has a clean slate as it works toward a badly needed turnaround at its department stores, catalog and drugstore chain.

Penney's fiscal fourth-quarter net loss of \$284 million, or \$1.11

per share, included charges of \$435 million that reflect costs to cover store closings, staff cuts and inventory markdowns for discontinued merchandise both at J.C. Penney and Eckerd stores.

That compares with a net loss of \$12 million, or 8 cents a share, including restructuring charges of \$169 million in the same period last year.

In the fiscal fourth quarter ended Jan. 27, total sales declined to \$9.75 billion from \$9.83 billion.

For the year, total sales were \$32.6 billion vs. \$32.51 billion in 1999. The net loss was \$409 million, or \$1.68 per share, in the just-completed year, compared with net income of \$336 million, or \$1.15 per share, a year ago.

Allen Questrom, Penney's chairman and chief executive officer, called the results "very disappointing but not unexpected."

"The good news is that we've cleaned up the inventory, eliminated unproductive stores, put together a professional workforce

and people able to operate in a centralized buying environment, which was long overdue," he said.

The company starts its new year with about \$1 billion in cash.

During a conference call with Wall Street analysts this week, Questrom said the company should report profits in the range of 70 cents to 80 cents per share this year. He estimated first-quarter earnings per share of 20 cents to 25 cents.

Vanessa Castagna, Penney's executive vice president, said

about 130 stores were remodeled last year. This year, another 100 will get wider aisles, better lighting and lighter-color carpeting. Capital expenditures have been reduced about \$500 million from historic annual levels of about \$700 million in recent years.

Questrom said the company will spend more on advertising than in past years but declined to say how much.

Personal experience may be most important factor dictating consumer confidence levels

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans form their opinions about the economy based on many things, including what they have to shell out for groceries and gas, conditions at the workplace, and chats with family and friends.

These personal experiences play at least as big a role in affecting their confidence in the economy as does watching TV news or the stock market, according to consumers and the professionals who gauge the public mood.

"I just know that I'm paying more for things — especially gasoline," said Melissa Bille, a Canton, Ohio, mother of two young children. "Most of it is just based on personal experience. I'm ready to tear my hair out."

Ken Goldstein, an economist with the Conference Board in New York, says the Consumer Confidence Index that the board releases each month is derived from many sources, with news reports about job losses, the stock market and energy prices just a part of the picture.

Consumers, Goldstein said, "are getting this information flow, but it has to get validated or contradicted when they go to work, to the store, the gym ... when they go to church."

The Consumer Confidence Index trades at levels from 120 to 130 in good economic times, Goldstein said, and even rocketed up to 145 in May 2000.

The index dropped 14 points to 114 in January, its lowest level since December 1998. Goldstein reminds that the confidence level remains relatively high, despite the drop-off — it has fallen to 60 or below in tough economic times.

"In 1997, 1998 and 1999 we knew where we were," he said of a period of very high consumer exuberance and high employment. "The only people sitting home watching Jerry Springer were doing it by choice. Now we aren't so much pessimistic, it's that we're not sure where we are."

The Consumer Confidence Index will be issued again Tuesday morning.

News coverage about real economic events certainly has been leading people toward the conclusion that the economy is in trouble.

"I do think the press loves change and so have they been quick to embrace the concept that the economy is going south," said Tom Rosenfield, director of the Project on Excellence in Journalism, adding that the coverage may not be overstated.

"You've got the chairman of the Federal Reserve (Alan Greenspan) saying things are changing, the stock market going south, companies failing to meet their projections, an energy crisis in the West and rising energy costs all around the country."

For the past 15 years, ABC News and Money Magazine have tracked public opinion on the P-e-c-c-o-n-o-m-y. Pollsters at ABC have come to the conclusion that their consumer index is driven more by real-life experiences than by reaction to the news.

"We find that short-term fluctuations of the stock market and media coverage of it have much less of an effect on consumer confidence," said Dan Merkle, assistant director of the network's polling operation. "It is driven mainly by people's real-world experiences — particularly their income, level of debt and job prospects."

That's the same finding of Richard Curtin, director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan, another prominent measure of the public's economic mood.

"Our survey recorded its steepest decline from Thanksgiving to Dec. 10," Curtin said. "At that time, the news was focused almost entirely on the undecided (presidential) election."

"People had to be using informal sources of information, their neighbors, relatives and employers' prospects, their shopping experiences. ... Consumer confidence has remained at relatively high levels, but change is important. The declines have been so sharp and so large that they must be taken seriously."

The economists said they don't sense a panic, but they also don't expect a return soon to the unbridled optimism of recent years.

By late last year, consumers had been spending all of their income and accumulating near record levels of debt, Curtin said. "As long as their finances seemed manageable, they didn't see a problem."

Consumers clearly are concerned about where things are going next.

"The economy seems to go up and down," said Barbara Bacon, a 43-year-old deli worker in Everett, Wash. "I'd just like to see what's going to happen."

"President Bush has promised that things will get better," she said. "I want to see if he will keep that promise."

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Inbound call centers are frequently confused with telemarketing operations, which often are subjects of complaints about annoying sales calls.

Those operations are called out-bound centers and are being scrutinized by government regulators. There is legislation to restrict their hours of operation and methods.

Both Safeco's Donich and Keith said their employees are trained to answer all manner of technical calls about services, warranties or billing.

A developing segment is Web-based support, where the customer service center can answer questions through e-mail, or switch to a telephone operator if the customer desires.

When looking for a new site, call centers often look for an area with high enough unemployment that there is an adequate labor pool available, they said.

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They will shy away from areas where the cost of doing business is prohibitive, such as high-tech meccas where there is stiff competition for workers or services.

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CSI

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work applicable toward business from the outset.

Is this just another fad in education?

"No," said Dennis Heiner, CSI professor of business administration. "It's a way to give business people exactly what they've been demanding."

"Education has been supply-driven in such a way that the educated just go out and demand jobs," he said. "Our curriculum can be demand-driven by asking to supply them with students with exactly the kind of training they want."

"Increasingly businesses tell me they want custom-designed education, and they want some input," he said. "The business department expects to work directly with companies. He figures if a company or several going together require certain worker skills, the business department can accommodate that if somewhere between 12 and 16 students will participate."

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ACELV	52	36.90	+0.30	ConEd	2.75	39.50	+0.20	Wal-Mart	35.00	+0.50	Wal-Mart	35.00	+0.50	
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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD
Albertson	76	15	28.47	+0.74	ScottPac	1.64	26	7.89	-1.02	-11.7	
Alto's	11.33	11	22.75	+0.22	Serous	2.3	13	22.75	+0.22	+4.0	
ABC Corp	19	13	34.1	-0.32	Shi	1.13	13	34.1	-0.32	-16.1	
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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 225 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are a 1.1518 stake. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names marked with an asterisk are the beginning of the following: A—Automobile or truck; B—Bank; C—Chemical; D—Consumer goods; E—Energy; F—Food; G—Government; H—Health care; I—Insurance; J—Jewelry; K—Kraft; L—Lumber; M—Media; N—Nonferrous metals; O—Oil; P—Paper; Q—Pharmaceuticals; R—Retail; S—Services; T—Technology; U—Utilities; V—Vehicles; W—Wool; X—Miscellaneous; Y—Yield; Z—Zinc.

Div: Current annual dividend paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration unless otherwise footnoted.

PE: Price-earnings ratio, based on trailing 12-month earnings per share.

Last: Last closing price of the stock.

Chg: Change in price for the day. No change indicated by a dash.

YTD: Year-to-date change in the stock's price.

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Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including soybean and lima bean contracts, with prices and changes.

GRAINS

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POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermarket

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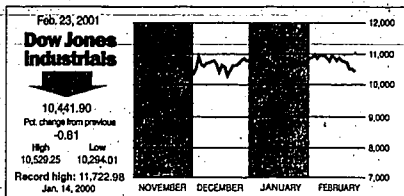
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Stocks rebound from decline on interest rate cut speculation

NEW YORK (AP)—Speculation about an earlier-than-expected interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve helped technology stocks stage a last-minute comeback Friday, giving the Nasdaq composite index its first positive finish in more than a week.

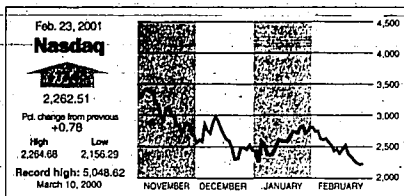
The moderate gains staved off a dramatic selloff sparked earlier in the session on earnings warnings by Motorola and Sun Microsystems. But analysts cautioned that the uptick might be temporary and stocks will likely fall farther, noting that corporate profits won't improve anytime soon and more earnings warnings are on the way.

The Nasdaq closed up 17.55 at 2,262.51, a 0.8 percent gain. The index lost 6.7 percent for the week and hasn't been this low in more than two years, but Friday's finish marked a turnaround from a loss of as much as 88 points dur-



ing the day. Blue chips' prospects also improved late in the session, but not enough for a positive finish. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 84.91 at 10,441.90, a 0.8 percent loss, recovering from a 232-point loss. It fell 3.3 percent for the week. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 6.96 to 1,245.86, down 0.6 percent to end the week

4.3 percent lower. All three indexes are down for 2001. The Nasdaq has been the hardest hit, trading more than 55 percent off of its all-time high of 5,048.62, reached last March. "Investor confidence continues to get shaken to the bone" by these profit warnings, said Tom Galvin, chief investment officer at Credit Suisse First Boston. The Nasdaq's positive finish



marked a surprising end to trading session that started on a sour note.

Investors had begun selling immediately Friday after Motorola reduced its first-quarter earnings outlook before the market opened citing soft demand for its cell phones and computer chips.

The news compounded a warning late Thursday from Sun

Microsystems that the weak economic environment would hurt the network server manufacturer's third-quarter results.

Motorola ended the session down \$1.04 to \$16.25 and Sun Microsystems was unchanged at \$20.81 after spending most of the day down.

The announcements sent several other technology stocks reeling, including IBM, a Dow compo-

nent, which dropped tumbled \$4.90, or more than 4 percent, to \$104, after investment firm Salomon Smith Barney reduced its earnings estimates for the computer maker.

Another big loser: Texas Instruments, which dropped \$2.55, or 8 percent, to \$30.15.

But by late in the session many stocks had recovered at least some of their losses. Tech stocks ending higher included Cisco, up \$5.38 at \$74.50, and Dow component Microsoft, up \$1.25 at \$56.44.

Financial and pharmaceutical stocks remained weak, however. Banker J.P. Morgan Chase dropped \$1.25 to \$47.05 and Johnson & Johnson lost \$1.03 to \$95.49.

The volatility was the latest indication of investors' worries that a better economy, and stronger corporate profits, may be a long ways off.

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In addition to those, some local, special and state police forces require officers to have college training, too. All federal police agencies require officers to have college degrees.

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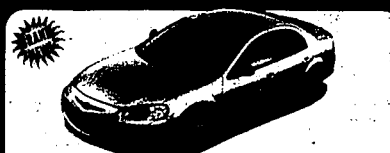


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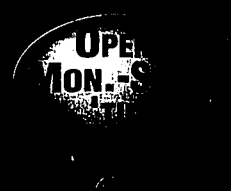
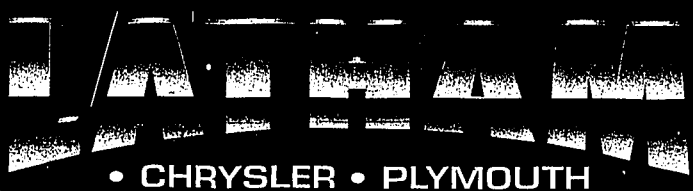


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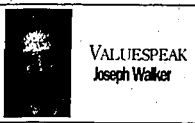
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The right to like Ike — or not

I liked Ike. I really did. Greeted, I was by 5 when President Dwight Eisenhower left office, so I didn't have a lot of experience in matters political or ideological. I just liked how Ike looked. He reminded me of my Grandpa Arrowsmith — old and bald. And since Grandpa Arrowsmith was one of my favorite people in the whole world the time (especially after he made that statement for me), anyone who looked like him was OK in my book.

So I liked Ike.



VALUESPEAK
Joseph Walker

I also liked the guy who replaced Ike, President John F. Kennedy. In fact, it was during the Kennedy Administration that I began to become a little more astute politically. I came to understand that you are supposed to appreciate a president for something more substantive than how he looks or who he looks like. President Kennedy, for example, didn't look a thing like anyone I knew. But he did have a really cute daughter about my age. I liked that.

President Lyndon Johnson didn't have any daughters my age, but he did have a really cool Texas twang. I liked that. However, I was also aware that there were many who didn't like President Johnson. This was sort of a revelation to me. I thought you were supposed to like the president because ... well, because he was the president. The idea that you could publicly dislike the president and disagree with his policies was appealing in a late-1960s, don't-trust-anyone-over-30 kind of way. So I eventually chose not to like President Johnson, if only because I could.

The same was true of President Richard Nixon. No matter how much good stuff he did, and you don't have to search the historical record very far to find significant good stuff accomplished during President Nixon's administration — the bad stuff is what is remembered.

And that's not just true of Nixon. Gerald Ford tripped and stumbled. Jimmy Carter was naive. Ronald Reagan was an actor. George Bush was yoked to Dan Quayle. Bill Clinton had character flaws. George W. Bush is ... well, the jury is still out on our newest president. But give us time. We'll find something to pick at. And to remember.

I was having this conversation with a colleague at work the other day, and expressed a longing for the good old days of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, when presidents were heroes to be admired and not just comedic fodder for late-night talk show hosts.

"What are you talking about?" asked my friend, who is something of a history buff. "Washington had a difficult time marshaling support for the Continental Army, and had an even tougher time generating much enthusiasm for his administration. And Abraham Lincoln was never what you'd call a popular president. Even people in his own party belittled him publicly."

So I guess it's always been this way. All of our presidents have been elected for their strengths and despite their flaws. Each one has been praised and vilified, honored and castigated — some deservedly so, some not. And perhaps that's what we really celebrated this week, on President's Day. Not larger-than-life heroes who were universally loved and appreciated. Instead, we celebrate the fact that we live in a country where, for nearly 230 years, we have had the right to choose our leaders.

And then to choose whether or not we're going to like them.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer in American Fork, Utah.

Planting a new church

Encounter leads to new Hailey Calvary Chapel

By Kristin Carico
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Val Kosakowski was on a mission — for a cup of coffee — but she came away from the store with a different kind of cup, the kind that, in King James English, "runneth over."

Kosakowski was in the Albertson's store on Pole Line Road in Twin Falls, talking to a woman on the opposite side of the coffee counter. Merrily Huether had just recognized Kosakowski's last name as one previously posted on her church bulletin board. Kosakowski had posted the note in the hopes of finding a pastor for a Calvary Chapel that her family wanted to organize in Wood River. Huether's daughter and son-in-law were serving an assistant pastorate at the time.

Joe and Val Kosakowski, who have four children, are from San Diego, Calif., and had worshipped at the Calvary Chapel there. When they moved to the Wood River Valley, they began traveling to the Calvary Chapel in Twin Falls. Sometimes, they had to leave Hailey as early as 6 a.m.

But the chance encounter at Albertson's changed all that. With the help of the Twin Falls Calvary Chapel, Pastor Steve Matheson and wife Charity and Huether, the Kosakowskis were able to plant a new church.

On Jan. 31, 1999, Matheson led a service for a three-person congregation in the living room of the Kosakowski home in Hailey. Eventually, the group grew



In 1999, Pastor Steve and Charity Matheson moved to the Wood River Valley to serve the Calvary Chapel there.

include about 70 people, and the church was moved to the Crox St. Exchange Building in Hailey.

Today, the growing church has about 200 members, in spite of the fact that the Wood River Valley is assumed to be home to people with more liberal beliefs. The Kosakowskis saw the need for a Calvary Chapel, and began working to fill that need. Someday, members of the Wood River congregation hope to construct a new church building.

Kosakowski said she grew up as a strict

Catholic. However, she said, "Calvary Chapel is non-denominational ... you can find your own personal relationship with Jesus. It's like a family."

Kosakowski said the Wood River church is full of young people, and the average age of adults who attend is only 40.

Matheson is only 31.

"I hope kids can relate to me because I am a younger age," he said, adding that he started working with youth five years ago at Calvary Chapel in Twin Falls.

In August 1999, Steve and Charity

Calvary Chapel
Location: Crox St. Exchange Building in Hailey
Services: Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m.; Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Tuesday youth session at 7 p.m. Child care is provided
For more information, call Pastor Steve Matheson at 576-0560. (If you are in the Butte area and would like to be part of a new Calvary Chapel there, call Brent Huether at 733-3058.)

Matheson made the Wood River Valley their home.

Kosakowski said, "Steve is awesome. He knows the Bible inside and out. It is a history lesson each time he talks." She added, "He and Charity gave up everything to move up here — their house and their jobs. It's amazing how powerful God is. It's God's way of working through the valley."

Kosakowski said that there are no real "rules" at Calvary Chapel, and you can wear jeans and a T-shirt to services if you like. Services are designed with great emphasis upon the authority of the Bible.

An excerpt from a Calvary Chapel's Statement of Faith says, "We believe that all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit. All his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God, destined to spend eternity with the Lord."

Pastor Matheson explained that, in many cases, "Faith grows best on cloudy days. Through persecution and hardship, many people question their faith and look to God for answers."

Recreating Nauvoo

Idaho Falls sculptor carves temple statuary

By Shel Williams
Post Register

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — With a mist of powdery limestone suspended in the cool air, Allen Haroldsen's workshop looks like the kind of place where dreams come true.

It is. A graphics designer at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Haroldsen took a leave of absence from work to sculpt the oxen that will support the baptismal font in the reconstruction of the historic Nauvoo, Ill., temple.

"This is what I've dreamed of all my life," he said of his work on the temple. The Nauvoo temple holds special meaning for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. While not the first temple built, it was the first one actually used to perform the sacred ordinances for which it was designed and then only briefly, from Dec. 10, 1845, to Feb. 7, 1846.

During that time, more than 5,000 members of the church received their sacred ordinances in the Nauvoo temple. Less than a week after the last ordinances were performed, church President Brigham Young left Nauvoo on the journey west to find a home for the often-persecuted church members in Utah.

The original temple was consumed by an arsonist's fire on Oct. 9, 1848, and the following years saw many of the stones carted off for use in other buildings or hauled to the dump. To date, Haroldsen has completed sculpting three of the 12 oxen. As many as seven will be sculpted in Idaho Falls at the Harlow Enterprises Corp., where workers are also cutting all the stone for the temple's exterior.

The font design only requires 12 oxen — each representing one of the 12 tribes of Israel — but two additional oxen are being prepared in case of breakages. The 1,250-mile journey from Salt Lake City to Nauvoo. It's exacting work, considering it's done



Sculptor Allen Haroldsen of Idaho Falls checks the fit of the ears on one of the giant oxen he is working on for the reconstruction of the historic Nauvoo, Ill., temple owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The carved limestone oxen will be part of the baptismal font in the temple.

Paul Rader/
ROBERTSON

with an air chisel, a tool that sounds like a buzz saw and moves like a jackhammer.

Haroldsen's hands started to go numb from the vibration of working long hours with the chisel. Anti-vibration gloves helped to relieve the numbness. Ear plugs, safety goggles and a dust mask round out his ensemble of protective equipment.

"You feel like you should be dressed by NASA every morning," he said.

Each statue takes about 100 hours to complete. First, the excess stone is removed in large chunks. Then, as the stone approaches the desired shape, the air chisel does its work

Haroldsen has little leeway. Under the direction of Mormon Church architects, a fiberglass model was designed and shipped to Idaho Travertine.

Haroldsen's challenge is to recreate the model in stone each time he carves an ox. Church leaders aren't interested in having the sculptors do their own interpretations. They want them to follow the template, said Tim Orchard, vice president and general manager of Idaho Travertine.

Limestone for the oxen statues is being shipped to Idaho Falls from a quarry near Russellville, Ala. The Alabama stone was chosen because it most closely

resembles the stone of the original temple built in the 1840s. The original quarries from which the Nauvoo temple was constructed are now underwater since a dam was built, changing the Mississippi River's course.

While most of the buildings in Nauvoo are restored as interpretive history buildings, the temple will be used to perform sacred ordinances for the central Midwest church members.

The completed statues are soon to be shipped to Salt Lake City, where the contractor will send them to Nauvoo. The baptismal font is scheduled to be completed and installed sometime this summer.

How far should we go with new machines?

By Richard Scheinin
San Jose Mercury News

SAN FRANCISCO — Bill Joy is once more trumpeting the dangers of technology run amok. Speaking in San Francisco last week, the co-inventor of Java brought home the deep impact of his argument: Perhaps science should stop manipulating genes, even if new gene therapies might save a child from incurable cancer.

"No, we don't have to fix it," said Joy, co-founder and chief scientist of Sun Microsystems, if the cost to society is dire.

He has said it before, he continues, and "people have left the room" over his suggestion "that I could imagine letting someone suffer to protect the group."

There it was: Joy had called for a new ethical consideration of research into new technologies that, he contends, could lead to the extinction of the human species in the 21st century. The panel of experts — a geneticist, a robotics researcher, a biochemist, a philosopher, an ethicist — didn't necessarily buy the arguments. Yet Joy had put one of the great questions of the age right out there in the open: the ethics of technologies that might kill us, are we willing to curtail the rights of the individual to protect society?

The Wednesday forum at Grace Cathedral was called to consider how the swiftly emerging fields of genomics, robotics and nanotechnology might converge and affect humanity's future. The event was a sign of a faith-science convergence: Its sponsors included the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion; the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences in Berkeley; the Episcopal Working Group on Science, Technology and Faith; Grace Cathedral; and the Episcopal Diocese of California. The jump-off point for the forum was a long, widely discussed and decidedly apocalyptic article that Joy wrote in the April 2000 issue of Wired magazine, "Why the Future Doesn't Need Us." (Click www.wired.com/wired/archive/8.04/joy.htm)

RELIGION

MISSIONARIES

CHURCH NEWS

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

Elder Justin Lee Staley will serve in the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission. He will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Filer 1st Ward chapel, 841 W. Midway. Staley is the son of Jerry and Debbie Staley of Filer. He is an Eagle Scout and graduate of Filer High School.

Elder Zac Jacobson will serve in the Colorado Denver South Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Buhl 2nd Ward chapel on Fair Street. Jacobson is a 2000 graduate of Buhl High School. His parents are Flint and Lisa Jacobson of Buhl.

Elder Shane Searle will serve in the North Carolina Charlotte Spanish-speaking Mission. He will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the View 2nd Ward chapel, 550 S. 490 E. in Burley. Searle is an Eagle Scout and a 2000 graduate of Declo High School. He is the son of Scott and Gay Searle of Burley.

Elder Grant Steed will serve in the England Birmingham Mission. He will speak at 11:45 a.m. Sunday at the Almo Ward chapel. He will train for his mis-



Grant Steed



Jarrad Moss

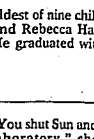
Moss graduated from Declo High School in 2000, where he was in track and cross country, and was president of the Art Club. His art has been displayed at Idaho State University. His parents are Steven and Daralyn Moss of Jarrad.

Elder Jared Young, son of Kaye and Mary Young of Burley, will serve in the Peru Lima South Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Pella 1st Ward chapel, 400 S. 152 W. in Burley.



Jared Young

Elder Nathaniel Lee Harris will serve in the Japan Kobe Mission. He will speak at 11:45 a.m. Sunday at the Star 2nd Ward chapel, 200 W. 100 S. in Burley. Harris is the oldest of nine children of Jeffery and Rebecca Harris of Burley. He graduated with honors from



Nathaniel Harris

like the Berkeley graduate student he once was, said that, if anything, it's getting darker. In the past year, it was reported that Russian scientists in 1990 combined anthrax with the bac

terium to make a new anthrax resistant to vaccines. Last month, Australian scientists announced that, while trying to engineer a contraceptive vaccine for laboratory mice, they accidentally created a disease that killed the mice.

That scientists might accidentally kill people, or that deranged people might set out to do just that, is not science fiction, Joy told the audience of 200.

"I'm not trying to be apocalyptic, I'm just observing facts," said Joy, who doesn't describe himself as a religious person. "You can be in denial or you can talk about it. Or you can look at it about it mystically and say, 'I'll all work out OK. Just have faith.' But religion doesn't say that, does it? Religion says if it isn't working out, the big flood is going to come and we'll have to start all over again."

Wednesday night, Joy floated some ideas for reducing the risk of technological calamity: Establish a Hippocratic oath of responsibility for scientists; "monetize" risk by factoring it into corporate spreadsheets as a hedge against recklessness in technological development; establish limits on free speech to stop the spread of dangerous technological knowledge.

This last suggestion has caused critics to describe Joy as an enemy of the democratic, open society.

His response: "What are we getting from society if we can't protect it from these kooks?"

American Heritage Academy of Burley in 1999 and attended the College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University. He has finished his third year in the apprentice plumbing program. He is an Eagle Scout and enjoys skiing, boating and hovercrafting.

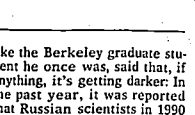
Returned from serving:

Elder Paul Michael Rigby, son of Steven and Ann Rigby of Malta, served in the Tennessee Knoxville Mission. He will speak at 1:20 p.m. Sunday at the Malta 2nd Ward chapel.

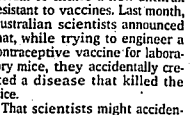
Elder Michael Udy, son of Lance and Kris Udy of Elba, served in the Michigan Lansing Mission. He will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Elba Ward chapel.

Elder Tyson Sorensen, son of Evan and Vivian Sorensen of Dietrich, served in the Texas Houston Spanish-speaking Mission. He will speak at 11:50 a.m. Sunday at the Dietrich Ward chapel.

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Michael Udy



Tyson Sorensen

Presbyterian Church to hold Mission Fair. TWIN FALLS - The First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls will hold its annual Mission Fair following worship at 11 a.m. Sunday. Community groups including Habitat for Humanity, Valley House and others will have tables. The public is invited.

Dean and Judy Grindstaff to minister at luncheon. GOODING - The Agape Faith Luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Lincoln Inn. The Rev. Dean and Judy Grindstaff, who are in cowboy ministry in southern Idaho and northern Nevada, will present, "The Greatest Is Love." Debbie Grindstaff will provide music.

Methodists plan Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. GOODING - A Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Gooding United Methodist Church. The menu features pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs and beverages. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 or \$20 for a family under 12 is free.

Episcopallans start Lenten season with pancake supper. TWIN FALLS - The beginning of the Lenten season will be observed with a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Admission is free.

Churches to begin series of Wednesday Lenten services. TWIN FALLS - Our Savior Lutheran and Valley Christian churches will begin a series of Wednesday Lenten services at 7 p.m. this week, on Ash Wednesday. Beginning March 7, a soup supper will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. The public is invited to both activities.

Our Savior Lutheran's Saturday praise service will be discontinued.

during Lent. It will move to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays on April 25.

Twin Falls Presbyterians plan 'Soul Food'. TWIN FALLS - "Soul Food," an experience of music and prayer, will be held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on seven Fridays, March 2 through April 13, at the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls (behind the courthouse).

The event will be a personal time that includes practicing different types of prayer. There will be no preaching, offering or group discussion. Music will be by Barbara Mix; prayer will be taught by Pastor Paul C. Reeves. Admission is free.

Dick Williams to speak at Jerome church. JEROME - Evangelist Dick Williams will speak during a Prophecy Seminar this weekend at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 25-A E. 100 S. Meetings are set for 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. March 3 and 10 a.m. March 4.

Williams is a composer, recording artist and Bible teacher. He has served in ministry for 24 years in seven countries. For more information, call 324-5876.

First Presbyterian Church to hold series of workshops. TWIN FALLS - A self-esteem, sex and peer-pressure workshop developed by the National Education Association Health Information Network is being offered at the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls.

Sessions of "Can We Talk?" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 7 through April 4. Adam Anderson will lead the workshops, which are designed to help parents talk about issues facing today's children, including alcohol, drugs, AIDS and sex. The workshops are free and open to all faiths. Refreshments and child care (call for availability) will be provided.

Anderson is the church's director of Church Family Ministries. He holds a master's degree in pastoral studies and has seven years of experience in family ministries. For more information or to register, call Anderson at 733-7023 or

send e-mail to anderson@pm.org. The church's website is www.fpwetwin-falls.org.



Ron and Melinda Briscoe

Rupert Free Will Baptist Church welcomes pastor. RUPERT - The Rupert Free Will Baptist Church announced the arrival of its new pastor, the Rev. Ron Briscoe and his wife, Melinda.

Ron Briscoe graduated from California Christian College in Fresno in 1973 with a major in theology and a minor in counseling. He has worked in churches in California, Washington, Idaho and Arkansas, most recently as a youth pastor at the Nampa Free Will Baptist Church. He is a bi-vocational pastor who also works in the construction business. His wife is a teacher at the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center.

The church is located at 205 E. Sixth St. Sunday school is at 10 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Association releases song by Buhl family band.

BUHL - The Christian Country Music Association has released a single from the Jordan River Band's new album, "Take a Little Time," to a thousand Christian radio stations nationwide. The song, "King of My Castle," has been airing since late January, said Darlene Fowler, of HMC Nashville, the group's promoter.

The family band consists of Rhonda Owen, Renee Partin, Wilbert Perkins, Gary Roach and Bill Partin, all of Buhl. The group, which has been together since 1987, has been invited to the CCMMA award show on Nov. 1 at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

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Machines

In a nutshell, Joy forecast doom. He began his talk Wednesday by reviewing portions of what he wrote: Commercial forces - consumed by profit, unconcerned with risk - are propelling us toward calamity. By 2030, computers will be a million times more powerful than they are now and there will be no time left to curb their impact...

Biotechnology will allow for routine cut-and-pasting of genetic material - and the creation, by accident or intent, of virulent pathogens that could decimate whole societies.

Self-replicating, intelligent robots will emerge in the laboratory, then merge with people, then, conceivably, subjugate and even replace the human species.

Nanotechnology, through which scientists attempt to build machines the size of molecules, may lead to enormous benefits. For instance, micro-machines with the intelligence of supercomputers might conduct search-and-destroy missions against cancer cells inside the body. But the technology might also give rise to self-replicating micro-robots, or "nanobots," created in the laboratory to, say, kill weeds. There's always the chance, though, that the micro-robots will instead mutate, escape and proliferate like mad, eradicating all plant life on the planet.

There was more than a little irony in hearing Joy, a celebrated creator of technology, turning on it.

"Come on, Bill!" exclaimed panelist Manuela Veloso, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute.

"You shut Sun and I will close my laboratory," she challenged, adding that advances in robotics could not happen without "extremely fast and beautiful computers. Who made them? You did. Not me."

Certainly, humanity has lived with the specter of technological destruction for some time. Since July 16, 1945, when the first atomic test was conducted in the New Mexico desert, a fiery sword of Damocles has hung over humanity.

Eyewitnesses were so filled with awe that they resorted to religious imagery to describe the spectacle. "I am become death, the destroyer of worlds," physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the bomb, quoted from the Bhagavad-Gita.

Yet governments have thus far succeeded in stepping away from the nuclear abyss. And despite the much-talked-about threat of bio-terrorism, it hasn't happened, argued panelist Ken Culver, executive director of the department of pharmacogenetics for the Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. in New Jersey.

"What's most important?" asked Culver. "Each of us has people in our families who encounter the health-care system only to be told there's nothing that can be done to help loved ones who are sick. Do we really want to relinquish our understanding of the human genome - the newly discovered sequence in which human genes are strung together - "because of speculative theory... that sinister behavior will occur?"

More than once, Veloso scolded Joy: "The future is not so dark." But Joy, rail-skinny, a little disheveled and still looking

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Funerals marked by all sorts of music

By Dave Tanen Milwaukee Journal Sentinel MILWAUKEE, Wis. - These days, more and more of us are taking the "Stairway To Heaven" literally.

Once the domain of somber organ music, funerals increasingly are marked by every stripe of popular music, including rock, country, swing and even polka. If you think about it, the biggest-selling pop single ever was written for a funeral: Elton John's reworking of "Candle in the Wind" for Princess Diana's funeral is estimated to have sold 33 million copies.

Some of the tunes that funeral directors report hearing often are Eric Clapton's "Tears in Heaven," Mike and the Mechanics' "In the Living Years" and Frank Sinatra's "My Way." One said, "Frank Sinatra gets played more often here than in Las Vegas."

Funeral directors seem to agree the trend toward pop music at funerals has been building for about 15 years, and is part of the move toward personalizing services for each individual.

"I can't tell you how many times we've played Elvis or the Beatles," said Mark Krause of Krause Funeral Home in the Milwaukee area. "For one young man, we played Led Zeppelin all night long... I think some of the older people were uncomfortable but the young boy's friends totally embraced it."

Kelly Smith, public relations director for the National Funeral Directors Association, sees the increasing personalization of

funeral services as an outgrowth of the more mobile, often fragmented family and social structure of the postwar era. "More and more we are seeing consumers who want to do funerals their way." That has also resulted in an increase in cremations, the use of family photo albums and collages to celebrate a life, even a Harley-Davidson-styled casket.

Krause thinks pop funeral music is a reflection of baby-boomer values. Far more than their parents' generation, boomers have defined themselves in terms of the music they embraced. Remember the opening scene of "The Big Chill," where Alex's funeral service closes with a friend playing the Rolling Stones' "You Can't Always Get What You Want" on the church organ?

When John Belushi died in 1982, an obscure Ventures tune called the "2,000 Pound Bee" was played at his funeral on a boom box. When he and Dan Aykroyd were doing their Killer Bee routine on "Saturday Night Live," they happened to hear it on the radio and immediately agreed that, whomever of them died first, the survivor was to have it played at the funeral.

Bill Feerick of Feerick Funeral Home said his firm recently had a polka funeral. The deceased man had suffered from muscular dystrophy. He had loved polka music and always wished he'd been able to get up and dance. The music was a way of celebrating the family's belief that he was now free to dance in heaven.

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Plan may blur line between church, state

By Sue Anne Pressley
The Washington Post

MIAMI — No one gave him a Bible or asked him to pray, but when Hector landed at the Camillus Life Center nearly seven months ago, he knew he was in the embrace of a religious-based charity. The presence of the Catholic Brothers of the Good Shepherd, walking in their white collars through the narrow hallways of the treatment center for alcoholics and drug addicts, was the obvious tip-off, he said.

"One of the things about when I came here, this God thing was not really working for me," he said. "I tried to get away from it," said the 35-year-old warehouseman who had hit bottom with alcohol and cocaine. "So of course they put me to work with the brothers — they have a funny way of doing things here. And I was fortunate, one of the brothers, he let me make the decisions, but he sort of explained things to me — how God might look at things and how I would look at them."

Before he entered the center six months ago, Joe, 32, a former electrician, would begin a typical day with two beers before he had completed his morning shower, working on a third as he waited for the bus to take him to his job. When he noticed his hands shaking as he moved toward the refrigerator one morning, he realized he had to have help. The Life Center had an advantage over other programs — it was free.

There is nothing new about faith-based charities; for years, most American cities and towns have had Catholic, Jewish or Protestant organizations that offer adoption assistance, health care or shelters for the homeless



Clients Joe, left, and Hector sort clothes at Camillus House, a social services provider in Miami similar to those President Bush supports. With Bush's unveiling of his White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, the relationship of such groups with the government and their God is coming under fresh scrutiny.

or abused. Camillus House, which provides a varied slate of social services including the Life Center, has been a Miami fixture for 40 years; its \$7.5 million annual budget is made up of private donations and government grants.

But with Bush's unveiling of his White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, the relationship of such groups with the government and their God is coming under scrutiny. Under Bush's program, religious groups will com-

pete for billions of tax dollars earmarked for social programs.

This arrangement raises tough questions about the extent to which some religious groups might try to serve extra helpings of biblical scripture or doctrine with their free meals, challenging the traditional separation of church and state. There also are concerns about how much money will be available and, given the likely increase in competition for funds, whether existing, worthy programs might lose out on

grants and be forced to close.

Camillus Life Center is representative of the majority of faith-based agencies operating in Florida: Never do they ask a potential client if he is a Christian, officials said, nor refuse service to anyone who rejects their beliefs. But many programs operate on the conviction that the troubled can best help themselves only if they are willing to address their spiritual deficiencies. The philosophy is: If you want guidance, it's here.



Wenjong Li, right, leads a group in Falun Gong meditation in the hallway of the Prospect Mall in Milwaukee. Followers of the banned Chinese movement called Falun Gong have quietly brought its regimen of physical and spiritual exercises to Wisconsin, along with a dose of the political dispute that surrounds the practice in China.

Chinese movement attracts Midwesterners

By Juliet Williams
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Each Sunday morning, a half-dozen people gather in a Milwaukee mall, standing quietly in a circle as soothing Chinese rhythms emanate from a portable cassette player. They hold their arms in an arc at their hips, then above their heads, holding each stance for more than 15 minutes. After nearly an hour, they sit on the floor and meditate.

Their tranquil movements stand in stark contrast to the images on posters tacked up nearby, depicting oppression and torture. For these are followers of Falun Gong, the spiritual movement that has been banned in China; quietly, they have brought the movement's regimen of physical and spiritual exercises to Wisconsin and other parts of the United States.

Calling Falun Gong an "evil cult," the Chinese government banned the practice in July 1999, beginning a crackdown in which followers claim thousands of people have been tortured. China accuses the sect of leading more than 1,600 followers to their deaths by encouraging them to eschew

modern medical care and commit suicidal acts.

Some practitioners of Falun Gong are Chinese nationals who say they could be punished for taking part in it if they returned to China. Others are new devotees taking up the combination of physical stretching, meditation and religious readings. Followers claim it brings spiritual enlightenment and improved health.

There are many U.S. Falun Gong organizations. Because there is no official membership, and people often practice in their homes or in small groups, it is impossible to estimate the number of followers in the United States. said Feng Yuan, a spokeswoman for the Falun Dafa Information Center in New York. (Followers also refer to the movement as Falun Gong.) Yuan said a New York conference two years ago drew more than 3,000 people, and there are thousands more across the country.

Liam O'Neill began a Milwaukee group in August after learning the practice at a Pennsylvania college. He regularly hands out flyers and posts notices in storefronts. His primary motivation, he says, is to inform people about human rights abuses in China.

Plan doesn't address volunteers' qualifications

By David O'Reilly
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — As the Bush administration seeks ways for government to enhance religious volunteerism, the architect of the new vision admits he doesn't know how it will all work.

But John Dilulio, executive director of the White House's newly formed Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, thinks he knows why religious volunteerism might work: "Godly people communicate steadfastly care."

Constitutional questions aside, Dilulio's plan raises a practical question: Do godly volunteers in

social services also communicate "professional" care? Will a volunteer in a faith-based drug-rehabilitation program, for example, provide the critical expertise of a social worker or other degreeed professional?

"We have no data to draw on," reports Ram Cnaan, a professor of social work at the University of Pennsylvania. The prospect of government's turning to volunteer programs instead of paid, civil service social workers disturbs Joan Bruce, executive director of the Pennsylvania Social Service Union.

"We're not singing hallelujahs in my office," she said. "We're

extremely concerned by this."

But Stephen Lazarus, social-policy research associate for the Center for Public Justice, a Christian policy center in Annapolis, Md., predicted that religious organizations wanting to win government social service contracts "will have to demonstrate professionalism, or they won't be funded." Government agencies typically stipulate training or education levels for counselors or program directors, said Lazarus.

"There's a lot of groups competing for funds. They'll have to demonstrate they can do the job."

And Denise Harper, assistant director of a large welfare-to-work

program at Baltimore's Payne Memorial A.M.E. Church, said it was wrong to assume that church volunteers were not "professional." Payne Memorial's state-funded program has trained about 1,000 former public-assistance recipients for jobs since 1997.

Harper said a "significant number" of the volunteers possess bachelor's or advanced degrees. Faith-based organizations were for decades the principal providers of social services to the nation's poor and immigrants, until government assumed a much larger role starting in the Franklin Roosevelt administration, said Bruce.

Nuns end up in dire need of financial support

By D. Aileen Dodd
The Miami Herald

MIAMI — In convents across the country, elderly women who have dedicated their lives to serving God sometimes spend their last days subsisting on welfare benefits, unable to afford prescription drugs or even a timely burial.

It's a reality the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, who own Miami's Mercy Hospital, are acutely aware of.

"We don't have enough money in the bank right now to support the entire 100 of us until we die," said Sister Florence Bryan, of the Florida order.

Though many are veteran teachers and nurses, the 11 sisters who live in a retirement haven at the motherhouse share one nursing assistant. Some 35 percent of the order's 100 sisters are retired or disabled. More than half are older than 65.

Religious orders are independent. The Catholic Church has no responsibility to support them. Because sisters, brothers and priests take vows of poverty, they usually are paid about half of what is made by typical secular workers.

As religious orders of nuns look to younger sisters to support the eldest in their final years, they are finding the stipends they receive do not cover rising costs. And with a dramatic decline in vocations for nuns in the Catholic Church since 1965, there is even less money coming in to meet the needs of the aged.

The retirement programs for the nation's 800 religious congregations of sisters, brothers and priests are underfunded by \$6.4 billion, according to a survey of needs conducted by Arthur Andersen for church administrators.

"There are some communities that have died in poverty and

have had members held in the morgue because they couldn't afford to bury them," said Sister Theresa LaMotte, who works with the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Orange, Calif.

One Sunday a year, Catholics donate to a national collection for the elderly religious in a campaign organized by the National Religious Retirement Office. The fund has netted a total of \$318.5 million in aid. But with religious orders spending as much as \$200 million in 1999 alone on skilled nursing care, much more assistance is needed.

Some help is coming from

funds donated by the laity group SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious). And religious orders are also selling property to raise the money. Others peddle homemade knickknacks. And there is an effort under way to push diocese and other employers to pay more generous wages.

In a scene straight out of the movie Sister Act, one of the more successful campaigns has been the release of a series of CDs featuring a talented choir of 80 nuns, Sisters in Song. Since the chorus formed in 1994, their recordings — one of which was a Grammy contender — have raised

more than \$500,000 and sold about 70,000 copies. Proceeds help aging sisters, brothers and priests live more comfortably. (Call 1-800-548-8749 or visit www.oar.org.)

Most eligible nuns receive Medicare and Medicaid. But nuns get only about \$3,333 a year in Social Security, compared to an average annual pension of \$9,550. Part of the reason is that religious orders could not participate in Social Security until federal law changed in 1972, said Brother John Patzwall, with the National Religious Retirement Office.

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Palestinians burn U.S. flags on eve of secretary's visit to Mideast

JERUSALEM (AP) — On the eve of Secretary of State Colin Powell's first Mideast trip, Palestinians burned U.S. flags, Israeli tanks shelled Palestinian police stations and West Bank gunmen battled Israeli soldiers Friday.

One Palestinian was killed and a second seriously wounded by Israeli fire in the latest flare-up of violence. In all, 407 people, most of them Palestinians, have been killed in five months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

Powell's visit comes at a time of growing anti-U.S. sentiment among Palestinians angry over last week's U.S.-British airstrikes against Iraq.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, about 2,000 demonstrators cheered Friday as masked men burned U.S. flags and a cardboard model of a missile with pictures of President Bush pasted on it.

After the march, dozens of demonstrators hurled stones at Israeli troops, who responded with rubber-coated steel bullets. Ten Palestinians were hurt. Later, gunmen in the crowd shot at Israeli troops, who returned fire. Mahmud Abbas, Arafat's deputy, also known as Abu Mazen, said three bullets from the cross-fire hit his office in Ramallah. There were no injuries.

Powell was to arrive in the region today and hold separate meetings with Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Sunday.

Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami was to have greeted Powell at the airport on behalf of the government and then join him in a meeting with cabinet Prime Minister Ehud Barak. But Ben-

Crucial meetings for secretary of state

Secretary of State Colin Powell is making his first major overseas trip in his new position — a trip that will take him to six countries in four days. Issues on his agenda include Mideast peace, U.N. sanctions against Iraq and missile defense.

Saturday, Feb. 24

- Arrives in Cairo and meets with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov. Meets later with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.
- Arrives in Tel Aviv and meets with caretaker Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Sunday, Feb. 25

- Meets with Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon.
- Visits Yad Vashem (Holocaust museum).

Note: Schedule is subject to change.

- Arrives in Gaza and meets with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.
- Arrives in Jordan and meets with King Abdullah.
- Arrives in Kuwait.

Monday, Feb. 26

- Meets with Kuwaiti leaders and attends ceremony on the anniversary of the Gulf War.
- Arrives in Syria and meets with President Bashar Assad.
- Arrives in Saudi Arabia and meets with King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah.
- Departs for Brussels.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

- Meets with Turkish and Greek foreign ministers.
- Meets with Lord Robertson, secretary-general of NATO, and other NATO leaders.
- Meets with European Union officials.
- Arrives in Washington, D.C., for President Bush's address to the joint session of Congress.



SOURCE: Secretary of State's office

Ami canceled his participation in the Powell visit, and spokeswoman Yafra Ben-Ari would say why.

Powell's whirlwind visit was not expected to bring Israel and the Palestinians closer to a resumption of peace talks, with both having set rigid conditions. The Palestinians say negotia-

tions must resume at the point where they left off last month, a demand Sharon has rejected. Sharon, in turn, has said he will not negotiate under fire. The Palestinians say Israel is the aggressor, and demand that Israel lift its blockade of the West Bank and Gaza Strip before talks resume.



1st Lt. Tony Leibert from Houston, Texas, left, and Sgt. Eric Westphal from Independence, Mo., talk to ethnic Albanian Yugoslav volunteers while patrolling the boundary of the ground safety zone at Mucibaba, southeast of Pristina, in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo earlier this month.

As tensions mount, U.S. troops try to control Kosovo violence

MUCIBABA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Often, the rat-tat-tat of machine gun cuts through the air, mixed with the thump of mortar rounds exploding just a few hundred yards away from where a U.S. Army platoon does its bit for peace in the Balkans.

The noise breaks up the monotony of peacekeeping duty on the edge of the most dangerous spot in the region and the volatile no man's land sandwiched between Kosovo and the rest of Serbia, Yugoslavia's largest republic.

Ethnic Albanian rebels in the three-mile-wide zone that includes the Presevo Valley are fighting to unite it with the rest of Kosovo and eventually tear all of Kosovo from Serbia. The insurgency followed NATO's 78-day air war that forced former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to stop his crackdown on ethnic Albanians.

About 5,000 U.S. troops are part of the 45,000-strong peacekeeping force, but U.S. commanders will not specify how many of those soldiers are deployed at the boundary. Peacekeepers there are trying to keep ethnic Albanian militants from Kosovo from infiltrating the buffer zone.

The gunfire and explosions break up the routine of patrol days spent roaming through the countryside or checkpoint duty, 18-hour shifts of watching cars come and go and monitoring traffic traveling between Kosovo and the rest of Serbia.

Pfc. Justin Tatro, 20, of St. Joseph, Mo., said he's pretty typical in preferring the long hikes through overgrown forest land, where the landmarks are bullet-scarred farmhouses and fire-lit barns.

"Patrol day is the best day. It's like a walk-in-the-park," he joked.

The unrest in Presevo Valley is disturbingly similar to the violence that led to NATO's involvement in Kosovo the first place.

In November, rebels swept through the zone, killing four



1st Lt. Tony Leibert and his troops are trying to prevent men and supplies from moving into the buffer zone. On their patrols, they police terrain that is replete with secret paths, nooks and crannies.

People caught trying to help the rebels are handed over to U.S. jailers at Camp Bondsteel. In custody now are 85 suspected members of the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovaca.

NATO-led peacekeepers fear that ethnic Albanians will race to the boundary to help their ethnic kin in the event of war with the Serbs. Such a scenario would leave peacekeepers in the middle — trapped between the two armed ethnic Albanian groups.

There is risk even without the insurgency. Members of the NATO-led force often have been caught in the middle of riots and other violence unleashed by continued ethnic hatred.

With tensions rising, the possible perils to the Americans from the zone have increased. But the soldiers let the diplomats talk about those things.

"We don't see the big picture," Leibert said. "We see what's going on here in Mucibaba," a smattering of 150 houses on steep brown hills connected by a warren of interconnecting foot paths and muddy roads more suited to horse carts than trucks.

To make sure the men find their way around, Leibert, from Houston, has created a second Lone Star State, giving roads names like Amarillo and Dallas, and naming the notable peaks El Paso and Ft. Worth.

Beyond Kosovo's little Texas, there is more to hear than to see: mortar fire and machine guns bursting along the boundary separating Kosovo from the rest of Serbia.

"Please don't tell my mother everything," Sgt. Harvey Glass, 26, of Atlanta, urged a reporter asking about the dangers. "She'll worry."

police officers and seizing Serb police positions. On Sunday, an explosion believed to have been caused by anti-tank mines killed three Serb police officers.

Alarmed by the surge of rebel activity, diplomats and NATO commanders last year began observing the so-called "Ground Safety Zone" more closely.

Peacekeepers record mortar blasts and machine-gun bursts. They search for signs of movement, such as footprints and tractor tracks. They monitor the boundary from the air and have sensors in the woods.

Refugees flee fighting as death toll mounts in Borneo

SAMPIT, Indonesia — A navy landing craft and two transport ships sped Friday to evacuate thousands of people caught in ethnic warfare that has claimed at least 165 lives.

In Sampit, the bodies of about 30 adults and children — victims of fighting between the native Dayak people and immigrants from Madura island — lay outside the hospital in a bloody heap. Some corpses were headless.

This week's killings on Borneo, an island shared between Indonesia and Malaysia, started Sunday. They are the latest in a series of bloody outbreaks of violence there. In the past several years, hundreds have died in clashes in the area, most sparked by land disputes between the Dayaks and Madurese immigrants.

Taliban hang two women accused of prostitution
KABUL, Afghanistan — More than 1,000 people watched as two women convicted of prostitution

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were hanged Friday in southern Kandahar, the headquarters of Afghanistan's hard-line Islamic Taliban rulers.

The women, also convicted of "corrupting society," were hanged in the sports stadium, their faces hidden behind the all-encompassing burqa that women are required to wear, the Taliban-run Radio Shariat said.

The Taliban, who rule about 95 percent of Afghanistan, have imposed a harsh brand of Islamic law, enforced with public punishment. Murder, adultery and blasphemy can carry the death penalty, and the limbs of thieves are amputated.

Many Islamic scholars say the Taliban's version of Islamic law reflects tribal traditions rather than Islamic tenets.

Police connect attack on executive to activists
LONDON — Masked men wielding baseball bats attacked an

executive at a research company targeted in recent months by animal rights activists, police said Friday.

Brian Cass, 53, managing director of Huntingdon Life Sciences, was attacked Thursday night as he arrived at his home in St. Ives, 65 miles north of London. Cass was treated for a head wound, Cambridgeshire police said.

Two neighbors who tried to stop the attack were sprayed with tear gas, police said. All three attackers were masked, and one may have been a woman, police said.

"Last night's attack was callous and cowardly and we are in no doubt it is connected to Mr. Cass's work at Huntingdon Life Sciences," said Detective Inspector Robbie Robertson.

Jeweler expands on Lenin's dream of gold toilets
HONG KONG — Inspired by Vladimir Lenin's vision of the ultimate in capitalist waste, a jeweler has built two solid gold toilets in a bathroom gilded with 24-carat

gold and encrusted with gems. Lam Sai-wing says he has dreamed since his youth in China about having enough wealth to build toilets of gold — which Lenin in 1921 said would serve as a useful reminder of the waste of capitalist warfare.

The communist leader may have proven his dream with his vision, but his fancy toilets are likely more a celebration of capitalism than what Lenin had in mind: The toilet bowls, wash basins, toilet brushes, toilet paper holders, mirror frames, wall-mounted chandeliers and even wall tiles and doors are all made of solid gold.

For the privilege of using the \$4.9-million gilded bathroom, customers must remove their shoes to avoid scuffing the gold tiles and spend a very capitalist fee: \$138 on Lam's jewelry. Peeks at the gold commode are free for now, but will soon cost \$14.

Cigar lovers savor Cuba's tobacco during festival
HAVANA — Cigar aficionados

from around the world descended on Cuba this week, visiting tobacco farms and factories and savoring new cigar brands during an annual celebration of the island nation's world-famous stogie.

The yearly Habanos Festival wrapped up Friday evening with an elegant "cigar dinner" at the Tropicana nightclub, where a selection of some of Cuba's finest hand-rolled cigars accompanied the meal.

Cigar enthusiasts from other countries who live in Cuba confirm that the distinctions between the brands are not as great as they used to be because of some deterioration in quality since the 1980s.

Demand for Cuban cigars has increased, and older tobacco rolling experts are being replaced by less experienced people.

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A Totztil child writes in his notebook in an outdoor school in the displaced community of Yibello, Chiapas, Mexico, Wednesday.

choose between supporting the Zapatista rebels or backing paramilitary groups that formed in response to the uprising. Many believe the paramilitaries were supported by Mexico's past government.

For Gutierrez, the choice was simple. His village of 950 people became Zapatista supporters and declared the mountainside where they lived independent of the Mexican government. Since then, nearly 5,500 more people have arrived, forced out of nearby communities by paramilitaries.

"Many suffer from hunger," Gutierrez says. "We have been forgotten — like trash."

Residents refuse government help, and often international aid vehicles are the only ones allowed past the gate at the entrance to the town. The growing population needs more roads, wooden shacks and outhouses. Although life is hard, Gutierrez says, at least it is free of paramilitary threats.

The same is not true for Diego Perez. His community has moved twice since 1997, when paramilitaries forced residents out of their homes at gunpoint because they refused to take up arms. They left their first temporary home last fall when the overcrowded camp ran out of fresh water and space.

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Information volunteers - The Buzz Langdon Visitor Center is in need of volunteers to hand out Idaho information. Volunteers will work four-hour shifts with another person. Training is in March. Call Judy or Bobbie at 733-3974.

Transportation - Someone in Buhl is in need of transportation to therapy five days a week for three weeks only. Appointment time is flexible. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-NEED (6333).

Leaders - Jerome County 4-H is in need of volunteers to work with ages 9 to 19 as club leaders and leaders and resources for projects. New leader training will take place Feb. 27. Call Becky Sommer at 324-7578.

Child advocates - Guardian ad Litem is in need of volunteers to help in the safeguarding the interest of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Outreach - The Idaho Community HealthCorps is in need of a person to provide community outreach and health education services to rural Twin Falls area residents. Benefits include stipend, educational

award, child care and health insurance. Call Barbara Cunningham at 282-4436.

Sixth-grade mentor - Volunteers are needed one hour per month to mentor sixth-grade girls in the Visions Girl School troop at Bickel Elementary School, do an art and craft project, work with badges and other activities. Call Cindy Stanley at 731-0607.

Caregiver help - The Respite Dial-a-Break program is in need of volunteers to give main caregivers a break and seeks clients who are homebound. Call the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

At-risk students - Volunteers are needed to mentor at-risk youth from 11 a.m. to 12 at the Magic Valley High School, between after school to 7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club and at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center. Training is provided. Call Carlene at the Office on Aging at 736-2122, Ext. 320 or Kitty at 436-0727.

Mentoring young mothers - The Born To Succeed program is in need of volunteers to mentor teen-age mothers. Call Kristina Tapia at Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation at 736-4215, Ext. 3113.

Readers - Volunteers are needed at the Gooding Elementary School to read with children during school hours everyday or for a half-hour once a week. Call Sally Walker at 934-4941.

Hospice volunteers - Magic Valley Staffing Service Hospice Division is in need

of volunteers as a supporter to patient or caregiver, newsletter preparation, office help, fund-raising and a new bereavement program. Volunteers are needed especially in Rupert, Jerome and Twin Falls. Call Susan Harris at 734-0600 or 1-800-303-0602.

Clothing, sheets, tables - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of winter clothing - especially for children - sheets, tables, chairs and bikes. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1043-Blue-Lakes-Blvd.-N in Twin Falls. Call Michelle at 736-2166.

Readers - Volunteers ages 55 and older are needed to work with the America Reads Program. Volunteers will work with kindergarten through third-grade students four hours per week in Twin Falls, Jerome, Buhl, Filer and Hagerman schools. Call Kathy at 736-2122, Ext. 325.

Tutors - The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is in need of volunteer tutors for adult students in math and English as a second language classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call Ruth Skott at 733-9554, Ext. 2536 or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2536.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Ken Mauro, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. To have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to remain current.

CHANGE FOR CHARITIES



Linda Baird, left, of the Twin Falls School District presents Twin Falls Optimist Club President Robyn Stanhope with a check from the Twin Falls High School student council. The funds were collected in the council's Change for Change drive, where students collected coins for charities.

CSI offers fun, craft courses

GOODING - Computers, Dutch oven cooking and wind chime making are subjects of some of the courses offered by the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. The non-credit course, Computers for Seniors will cover basic operations, Windows 95/98, simple word processing, how to send and receive e-mail and the Internet. The course will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 6-22, at Gooding Elementary School. The fee is \$50. Dutch Oven Cooking shows how easy Dutch ovens are to season, cook with and clean and store. The course will meet from 6:30-9 p.m. March 8 at Wendell High School. The fee is \$15. Relief at Your Fingertips will show how to recognize the

most common trouble areas and release them using trigger point therapy, reflexology and other methods. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing. No partner needed. The course will meet from 7-9 p.m. March 7 at North Side Center. The fee for the non-credit course is \$10. Wind Chimes Made from Recyclables instructor Mickey Tanner will show how to convert items such as old tin measuring cups, tea strainers, stray utensils, beads, discarded jewelry and tiny glass bottles into a one-of-a-kind wind chime. The course will meet 9 a.m. to noon March 10 at the North Side Center. The fee is \$20. To register or for more information, call the North Side Center at 934-8678.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE



Ty and Chris McHan

Scouts earn Eagle awards
Ty Jordan McHan, 18, son of Vard and Crystal McHan and his nephew, Christopher Derek McHan, 13, son of Yance and Karen McHan, received their Eagle Scout Awards at a Court of Honor Jan. 19.

Ty earned 22 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, he coordinated donation of head stones in Pioneer Cemetery and Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. The information was then put on computer discs and the Internet. He belongs to Team 133 of the Gooding LDS Third Ward and Tom Bingham is his leader.

Ty attends Wendell High School where he is a senior. He is active in his church and involved in the family farm.

Chris earned 26 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, he trimmed trees, removed shrubs and spread bark around Gooding High School. He belongs to Troop 31 of the Gooding First Ward and Lawrence Steel is his leader.

Chris attends Gooding Middle School where he is an eighth-grader. He plays trumpet in the band, is active in his church and has a paper route. He also ran on the track team. Last summer, he attended Dan Beard Rangers Junior Leadership Training Camp at Camp Bradley.

Reese receives Eagle award

John Reese, son of Ron and Susie Reese of Hailey, received his Eagle Scout Award Dec. 26 at St. Charles Catholic Church.

Reese has completed 33 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, Reese constructed and filled the base for the football field rock sign, contoured the hillside and installed an irrigation line and sod on the

home side of the football field. Reese is a member of Troop 6 and leader is Maurice Fyne.

Reese is a senior at Wood River High School where he is co-captain of the football and basketball varsity teams. He throws shot put and discus in track and attended Boys State last spring.

Burnham makes dean's list

Nicole Burnham of Jerome made the honors dean's list for Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y.

To make the honors dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.30 to 3.59.

WRMS honors students

The Wood River Middle School students of the month were: Derek Abbott, Brittany Barney, Ray Bryson, Sophia Dilley, Garrett Leo, Ken Mauro, McKenna Peterson and Jackie Safran. Finalists in the National Geographic Bee in January were Lisa Nilsen, Noah Brod, Eddie Shaffer, Kimberly Martin and Victoria Barrett. The winner was Lindsay Mollinaux.

The Outstanding English as second language Accelerated Readers were

Julio Bedolla, Laura Gil, Adriana Gutierrez and Anabel Magana-Luna. Gutierrez and Magana-Luna have already passed their personal goals for the trimester.

Valleu makes dean's list

Christopher Andrew Valleu of Hansen was listed on the dean's list for the 2000 fall semester at Idaho State University.

To obtain this ranking, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.81 or higher and must be a full-time student enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester.

Hesston College honors student

Rebecca Stutzman of Twin Falls was listed on the dean's list for Hesston College in Hesston, Kan.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must have a grade point average of 3.9 to 4.0.

Redman earns dean's recognition

Alison Redman, daughter of R. Michael and Vera Redman of Twin Falls, was listed on the dean's list for Hanover

College in Hanover, Ind.

To qualify, a student must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. Redman is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a senior at Hanover College.

Langford makes dean's list

Jason L. Langford of Twin Falls was listed on the dean's list for Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

To qualify, a student must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and complete 12 or more credit hours during the course of the semester.

Dance school spotlights O'Keefe

Leslie O'Keefe was named February dancer of the month for the Lori Head School of Dance in Twin Falls.

O'Keefe loves to dance and it shows and has remained true to all abilities of dancers, choreography and the studio, where she has studied for 15 years, Lori Head said.

O'Keefe takes advanced jazz and teaches a hip hop class and has taken most dance classes at the school.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Buhl Arts Council announces events

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council announced the following upcoming events at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl:

Intro to Reiki will be held from 7-8 p.m. March 9. The class is free for adults.

Three sessions of Reiki classes will be held from March 9-11. The class will be held from 8-10 p.m. Friday. The times for Saturday and Sunday are to be announced. The cost is \$150.

Pam Swenson gallery opening and presentation will be held from 5-7 p.m. March 2. The exhibit is open through March. The opening and presentation is free.

Tears of Joy Puppet Theater presentation of "The Musical Tree of India" will be held at 11 a.m. March 3. The legend is from tribal India and will be performed with puppets, masks, drums and music. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Indian luncheon will be held at 12 p.m. March 3. The meal will be traditional East Indian cuisine. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

For more information, call 543-2888 or go to its website at www.buhlartsCouncil.org.

Twin Falls Centennial Commission holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Centennial Commission will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

To have monthly reminders e-mailed, e-mail twinfalls2004@yahoo.com.

Wishing Star Foundation holds membership drive

TWIN FALLS - The Wishing Star Foundation will hold a membership drive for the Twin Falls chapter.

A volunteer meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Perkins at 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Walkin' the Talk focuses on family communication

TWIN FALLS - Two mini Walkin' the Talk workshops will be held for grades 9-12 from 6-9 p.m. Friday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at The Weaver.

Walkin' the Talk focuses on the development of emotional intelligence of teenagers and their families. The cost is \$50 per class.

For more information, call Gayle Anderson at 734-8224.

American Legion Burley Post No. 17 meets at hall

BURLEY - The American Legion Burley Post No. 17 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Legion Hall, 1501 Oakley Ave., Burley.

Fitness center takes part in food drive

BURLEY - Curves For Women, 2267 Overland Ave., Burley, will join the Curves "Food For Friends" nationwide food drive to benefit local food banks.

During March, members who bring a bag of non-perishable food items, exercise three times weekly and lose 5 pounds and 5

inches will receive a T-shirt. Anyone joining Curves the week of March 12 may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Curves 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 678-2754.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces Feb. 20 results

RUPERT - Results for the B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club for Feb. 20 are north/south first, Harry and Lorena Warnke; second, Billie Park and Bill Novasell; third, Lois Stephenson and Beth Thomas; fourth, Pat Burton and Jackie Brown. East/west winners are first, Leo Moore and Dee Keicher; second, Peggy Payne and Donna Kuna; third, Jim and Suzie Evans; fourth, Johni DeBlaquiere and Donna Moore.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

Episcopal church serves pancake supper

BURLEY - A pancake supper will be served from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the St. James Episcopal Church, corner of 20th Street and Oakley Avenue. The public is invited and a good-will offering will be taken.

Presbyterian church offers pancake supper

BURLEY - A pancake supper will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., Burley.

The public is invited and a free-will offering will be taken

CSI offers 'A Workshop with Miss Idaho'

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer A Workshop with Miss Idaho from 7-9 p.m. March 6 in Taylor 277 at CSI.

Miss Idaho 2000 Christi Tiel will share a video of her journey from Miss Idaho to the Miss America Pageant and discuss the four phases of competition. She will also lead students in getting involved within communities and lend her expertise in the area of talent development, stage presentation and interview skills.

The cost is \$6. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Community Ed offers free 'Finally Home' classes

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer free Finally Home! classes during March.

The first set of classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Mondays, March 5 and March 12 on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. The second set of classes will be offered from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, March 13 and March 20 at the Blaine County Center at 115 S. Main in Hailey.

Course completion may help participants qualify for mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance and other lender programs.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information, call

Penny Johnson at 733-9554, Ext. 2287.

Jerome Recreation District offers play group

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District and Adult and Child Development Center will offer play group for children ages 2 to 3 1/2.

The first session will be offered from 9-11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from March 12 to May 30 at Washington School and the second session will be offered from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 13 to May 31 at Washington School.

The group is taught by certified teachers from the Child Development Center. The play group activities will include free play, music, arts and crafts, using play equipment and snacks.

CSI, arboriculture society offers arborist program

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho and the International Society of Arboriculture will again be offering the annual Certified Arborist program.

The program will cover such topics as tree nutrition and fertilization, tree biology, tree/soil/water relations, cabling and bracing, identification and selection, problem diagnosis and solution, climbing techniques, safety and equipment and more.

The purpose of the program is to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the profession of arboriculture. The workshop will take place

from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 8-9 in Taylor 276 on the CSI campus.

Cost is \$60 plus the cost of an optional manual. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Old Time Fiddlers group entertains at senior center

EDEN - The Old Time Fiddlers will play at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Eden Senior Citizen Center.

CSI North Side Center offers CNA course

GOODING - The College of southern Idaho North Side Center will offer a Certified Nursing Assistant course is being offered beginning Monday.

Instructed by Lori Bellamy, Gooding School District school nurse, this course offers an introduction to the health care field. Students are provided with experiences in the classroom and the clinical area that result in the development of basic competencies required of nursing assistants. This course will prepare the student for the clinical skills examination and written test which qualifies the graduate to be added to the Nursing Assistant Registry with the Idaho Board of Nursing, CNA and Assistance with Medications modules are included in the course.

The class will be held from 5-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 26 through May 9 at Gooding High School. The fee is \$300 and a minimum of 10 students is needed.

To register or for more information, call the North Side Center at 934-8678.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



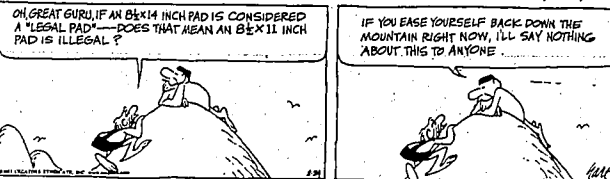
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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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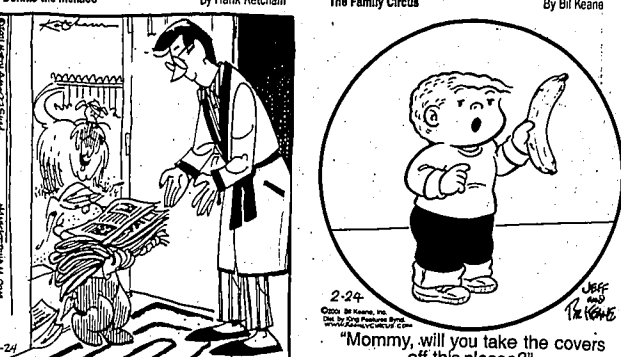


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



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By Pat Brady



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Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



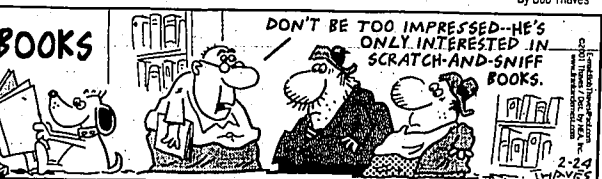
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By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



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By Art Sansom & Chip

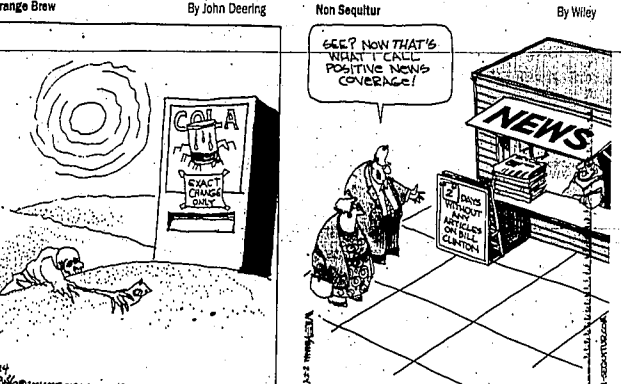


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Science fair idea frays around edges

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Science fair preparations were in gear at Thomson Elementary School in Washington, D.C., as Ernest Flores, 11, mixed water and Alka-Seltzer in a canister to make "fuel," set the canister on a launching pad and watched it shoot down a hallway like a rocket.

Things were more sophisticated that night at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's science fair in Fairfax County, Va. With two judges at rapt attention, Achintya Madduri, 17, pointed to a graph on a board displaying his project.

Induced Transformations in Molecular Solids: NZO and CO2" — and said: "It had changed from something covalently bonded to something ionically bonded. This was totally surprising to everyone."

To some, it was incomprehensible, but not to the judges, who tapped him as a first-place winner. That was not surprising: He is one of 40 national finalists in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search (once sponsored by Westinghouse), and his research is to be published.

It is the season for science fairs, small and simple, immense and intricate. Today, there are more of them than ever as educators and corporate sponsors use them to spark scientific interest in young people.

But it doesn't always work out the way sponsors envision. What



At Thomson Elementary School in Washington, D.C., Ernest Flores mixes up a "fizzy rocket" for his science fair project.

once seemed a delightful way to explore science has become complicated.

Despite books and Web sites devoted to creating successful science fairs and projects, educators and scientists say the events can be counterproductive when students have insufficient guidance on a project and when rules insist on an artificial scientific formula. There are concerns, too, about the competitive nature of fairs and the pressure on already stressed kids.

"If done right, science fairs are grand opportunities," said Jim Jarvis, science department chairman at Westfield High School in Fairfax County. "Projects offer a wonderful opportunity for cre-

ativity and imagination to roam. ... (But) many things can go wrong in this process."

Today, students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade labor over projects. There are fairs in schools, cities, states and regions, as well as national and international contests. Some are for everybody; others have targeted audiences. Stacey Pharrans, scientific outreach coordinator at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, for example, runs the Charles Drew Science Fair for minority students, who are traditionally underrepresented in science.

At their best, fairs can give students a chance to dig deep into a subject, practice inquiry skills,

learn how to manage time and gain experience presenting their results to others, said Karen Kernan, who works at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and directs the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair.

"I didn't realize science was fun until we started doing experiments like this," said Thomson student Irene Wu, 10, as she and her partner, Lexion Cao, 10, experimented with a "wild break" pencil-and-spool contraption to demonstrate how adding mass — paper clips, in this case — increases speed. The hypothesis was simple and clear: Mass affects speed.

But young people can turn out to learn when, for example, fairs insist on the same formula for every project.

"One big problem with science fairs is that everybody tries to force-fit students into the mold of what they call 'the scientific method,' which students are taught is a step-by-step method — with a hypothesis and experimentation and conclusions — that all scientists use," said Randy Bell, professor of science education at the University of Virginia. "Things are messy in a laboratory. That method really reflects how science is recorded in journal studies rather than how scientists do it."

Such an insistence limits the scope of projects, said Michael Peskin, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at Northwestern University who has judged science fairs.

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Gemini — protect self in emotional clinches

IF FEBRUARY 24TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have unusual voice, appreciate the arts, are capable of making home beautiful. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life and could have these letters, initials in names: F, O, X. During March you travel and flirt. Major domestic adjustment occurs in April. June will be your most romantic, profitable month in 2001.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Emerge from emotional shell. Accent diversity, intellectual curiosity. You could be asked to do "modeling job." Gemini, Sagittarius are in picture.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Hopes, wishes can be fulfilled if you attend to details. Example: Check plumbing facilities, solidi-

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 Sydney Omarr

ty of material. Scorpio and another Taurus play roles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Read and write, protect self in emotional clinches. Relationship could get too hot not to cool down. Laugh at your own foibles. Humor is your ally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your kind of day! Family member confides secret, tells all and says, "I love you!" Make home beautiful, comfortable. Taurus, Libra play essential roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You took rest, passed it! Avoid self-deception. Individual who attempted to fool you has

learned bitter lesson. Romantic relationship should be put on hold.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You asked for responsibility; now you get it. Become familiar with priorities, get facts organized. Legal affairs dominate. Be on right side of law!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look beyond the immediate, you discover simple way of achieving complicated goal. Let go of burden you should not have carried. Romantic reunion tonight!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make fresh start, emphasize independence of thought, action. Avoid heavy lifting, speak from the heart. A different kind of romance awaits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on direction, motiva-

tion and marital status. Short trip necessary in connection with relative. Fine, except don't get involved in wild-goose chase.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You might be asking, "Is this dij vu?" Scenario features familiar places, faces. You have feeling, "I've done this before!" Utilize lessons learned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Inventive abilities surge to forefront. Money comes on surprise source. Don't ask too many questions! Leo, Scorpio persons play key roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Reserve assets, do basic research. You emit aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Don't break too many hearts! Gemini, Virgo individuals play interesting roles.

Letter signed by George Washington comes home

BOSTON (AP)—A 220-year-old letter signed by George Washington and worth an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 is back in state hands, more than 50 years after it was believed stolen from Massachusetts archives.

The letter to a Massachusetts general requests shipments of rum, uniforms and other supplies.

The letter was recovered when a Cincinnati man — whose family had the letter hanging on a wall in their home for decades — tried to sell it at auction, Secretary of State William Calvin said.

The recovery of the letter, which was made two weeks ago, was announced on Thursday — Washington's birthday.

Dated June 8, 1781, when Washington was commander of the Continental Army, the letter urges General William Heath to make sure the soldiers are adequately outfitted with salt-preserved food, coats, hats, and one other important provision.

"Not a drop of rum has yet come on," Washington wrote. "The physicians report that the officers (who work exceedingly hard) are falling sick for want of it — besides you must be sensible, that it is extremely necessary for other purposes."

In Revolutionary War times, rum was commonly used by doctors as a painkiller, and by soldiers as a libation.

The letter is believed to have been stolen by an archivist employee some time between 1938 and 1946. Another 50 or so are still missing.

Massachusetts' investigators said a man who originally bought the letter from a rare book and manuscript dealer in Cincinnati had no way of knowing it was stolen.

A few years ago, another Washington-signed letter that had been taken from Massachusetts was returned, after hanging for years over actor Gary Cooper's fireplace.

Singer reveals almost all at Grammy Awards

By Robin Glivhan
 The Washington Post

Suffice it to say that Toni Braxton is no Jennifer Lopez.

The comparison seems apt because Braxton easily wore the most revealing garment of the evening at the 43rd annual Grammy awards on Wednesday. So one couldn't help but be reminded of Lopez, who caused a significant stir at last year's ceremony in a green tropical-print Versace scarf dress in which the only thing separating the plunging neckline from the recklessly high slit was a strategically placed brooch.

But at least Lopez had on hot pants underneath. They were a slight reassurance that should the wisp of a dress slipther off her shoulders, the audience wouldn't be exposed to full frontal nudity, just a couple of bare breasts. That was part of the delicious drama. It was a sultry tease.

Braxton, however, appeared to be wearing nothing — except, one hopes, the thinnest thread of a thong — beneath her ivory dress, which looked like a slightly elongated loincloth held by a silver belt. And the risk was not that it would slip seductively to the floor but that one of its ill-conceived panels would flop to the side, awkwardly revealing a naked derriere or worse. That was not a tease; it was more like a threat.

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viewed last fall in New York, this one was shown in sandy brown, displayed on a mannequin. It was strikingly unattractive. The dress got no better strapped onto the fine figure of Braxton. Missing were coyness, flirtatiousness ... a proper fit.

Among most of the musicians and presenters, there seemed to be a no-compute decision in the wake of Lopez's low-cut Versace dress. Madonna, Heather Locklear and Faith Hill wisely were quite reserved in their attire, wearing suits, grat-

ing in trousers and rationing the cleavage.

Christina Aguilera arrived with platinum braids swinging and cleavage bared but no bellybutton. Even her performance rock gave the audience an eyeful of leg, but little more.

Gloria Estefan was trussed up in a black dominatrix dress that was more suggestive of naughty thoughts than a blatant display of feminine wiles. Soulful performer Jill Scott looked as if she was wrapped up in her collarbone in mohair, and about the only visible skin on Erykah Badu was on her shorn head. And with so many wins by artists such as Steely Dan and U2, the men blended into a sea of black leather jackets, T-shirts and pudgy guys in black suits.

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3 bedroom home on four fenced lots. RV parking & hot tub. 30x40 ft. shop. #98036 Gloria 423-5786

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Beautiful view on one acre. One of a kind! #96250 Kevleen 324-6464

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40 acres SW 1/4, views of N & S mtns. 1998 custom home, corral, shop, riding arena. #97516 Mandy 734-8310

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Brick 4 bdrm, 2 bath, fan rm, lg kitchen, built-in, covered patio. A great buy! #98403 Paul 734-0448

WHY RENT? - \$63,900
Own this 2 bdrm, newly remodeled home. Lower than most rent, great neighborhood. #98176 Rich 736-0164

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Wonderful 3 bdrm, 2 bath home featuring great room, vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace. #97780 Rich 736-0164

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2 bdrm, 1 bath, needs TLC in good area, owner will help with closing costs. #95970 Shirley 731-1743

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1 ACRE LOT - \$25,000
S of Curry Crossing, great view lot, good CR's, Filer School District. Come See! #98628 Mandy 734-8310

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Townhome, common area, club house, 1 bd, 1 ba, wash rm, storage in this 712 sq. ft. hcn. #83222 Paul 734-0448

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20 ACRES - \$45,000
Away from town. Owners will carry with acceptable terms. #98167 Cory 734-9450

FARM RM & ACRES - \$150,000
Nice country location-check it out! 7 ac. w/water shares, lg. home, potential! #97467 Sylvia 734-3811

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3 bdrm, 2 ba mig home, open floor plan, Rock Creek, horses ok, pallet stove. #96743 Marsha 734-0448

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Gloria 423-5786

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794 Canyon Park Ave.
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Agent: Laura

777 Canyon Park Ave.
\$159,900
Agent: Laura

4116 Meadowridge Circle
\$399,900
Agent: Jim

606 Buckingham
\$115,900
Hostess: Shantel

427 Sagebrush
\$219,900
Hostess: Kirsten

412 Sagebrush
\$181,500
Agent: Cindy

1172 Woodrider Dr.
\$244,000
Hostess: Janell

1460 North Pointe
\$122,500
Hostess: Libby

1035 Centennial
\$99,900
Hostess: Louise

905 Main St., Kimberly
\$128,900
Hostess: Phyllis

3317 Oregon Trail
\$495,000
Agent: Sue

2519 E. 3707 N.
\$174,900
Agent: Nikk

1048 Warm Springs
\$189,900
Agent: Julie

1454 Saddler
\$97,900
Hostess: Kara

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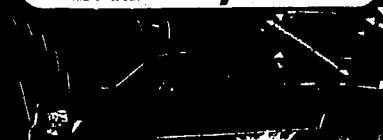
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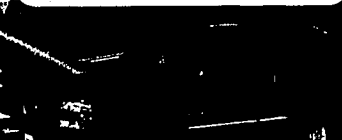
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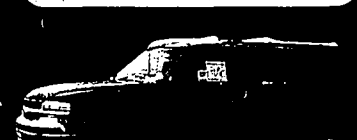
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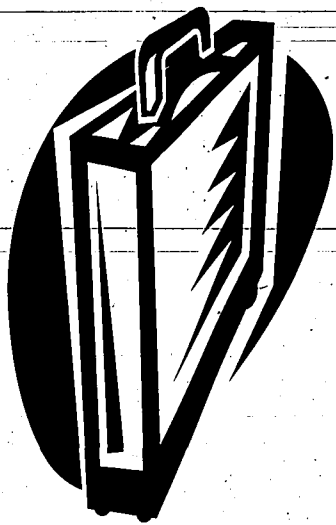
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NORTH K 9 6 4 3 10 8 7 6 4 A Q WEST 7 5 A Q 10 8 2 K 9 6 3 EAST 10 6 5 3 A J 9 5 SOUTH A Q J 8 2 K 9 7 4 9 5

"How did you get set at four spades?" asked a duplicate player. "Did you mistakenly play the wrong card?"

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 Pass 3 Pass 4 All pass 9-11 HCP - good support

"Not hardly; maybe someone else did. There's a lot of treachery in the trenches," was the irritable reply.

Opening lead: Diamond deuce

"This is the deal that added while hairs to South's head. East took his diamond ace and returned a diamond to South's king. South drew trumps in two rounds and led dummy's heart jack, finessing against a possible queen with East."

BID WITH THE ACES 2-2-3 South holds: 7 5 A Q 2 10 8 2 K 8 6 3 North South 1 2 2 4

West calmly won the trick with his ace, certain he would get another opportunity to win his queen later. Even more clever was his next play. He led his club eight, daring South to finesse."

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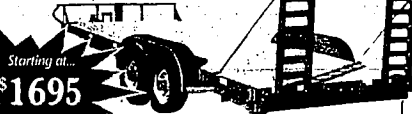
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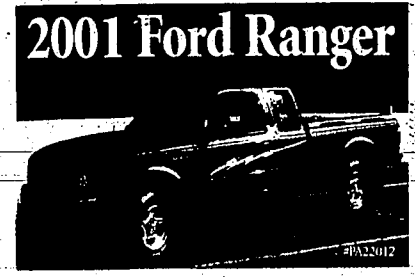
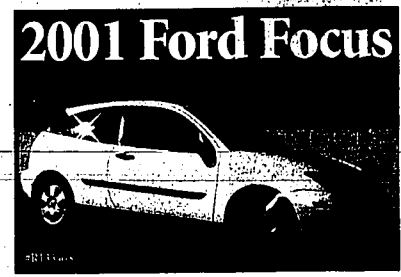
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