

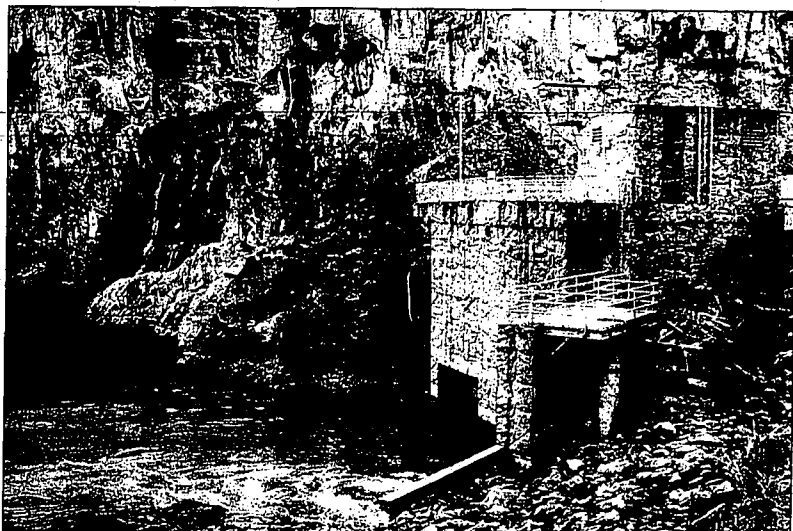
GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance for scattered sprinkles.
High, 44. Partly cloudy tonight, Low, 26.

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CRISIS OF COST



The Twin Falls power plant, right, was built in 1995. In an average year, Idaho Power produces about half of its power at 17 hydro power plants. But with forecast low streamflows, the utility could be forced to buy more power on the wholesale market from other utilities, whose peaks come at different times.

MAGIC VALLEY

Home show: People learned how to spruce up their homes and gardens at the College of Southern Idaho Saturday.

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Dairy legislation: Lawmakers are considering a number of dairy-related legislative bills.

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In a Pickle: Twin Falls-born cartoonist Brian Crane has reached a milestone with his comic strip about seasoned citizens.

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Capitol idea: Spending \$64 million to renovate the Idaho state capitol is a worthwhile idea, today's editorial says.

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Powell, Russian hit it off

Secretary of State's Middle East stop prompts protests

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - In an amicable first meeting Saturday, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov pledged a constructive approach to dealing with Iraq, missile defenses and other points of policy discord.

In a gesture to Moscow, Powell agreed to Ivanov's suggestion that U.S. and Russian experts meet soon to consider cutbacks in offensive arsenals - long a Russian goal - even while looking at differences on missile defenses, a senior U.S. official said.

Ivanov and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, in separate meetings with Powell in Cairo, Egypt, concurred with the Bush administration that Iraq should be prevented from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, but Mubarak held to the Arab view that U.S.-backed sanctions were hurting the Iraqi people, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Powell labeled Saddam Hussein a threat to children in the Middle East and "the cause of problems" in the troubled region, Ivanov was silent.

Likewise, no consensus emerged on missile defenses although Russia has mused a step toward a Bush administration by promising to discuss the issue and sketching out a preliminary proposal of its own.

After his time with Powell, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, noting U.N.-Iraq talks this week in New York, said, "What we need now is to give the full chance for the talks. Sanctions should be reconsidered as a weapon or as one of the procedures that the Security Council resorts to."

Moussa and Powell differed over whether Iraq remained a threat in the region.

"I don't see that threat," Moussa said. "But if you ask the Gulf region, some countries over there, they would continue to feel a threat and they say it publicly."

Powell's brief trip to the Middle East and Persian Gulf prompted a protest Saturday in Iraq by about 100 lawmakers, who chanted "Down, down USA" and "Powell's trip is a trip of shame, opposed by all free Arabs." The legislators said Powell's goal was to tighten the U.N. sanctions.

Palestinians demonstrated by burning his picture along with the American flag, and chanting "Powell go home." Protests also took place in Lebanon and Jordan.



Secretary of State Colin Powell

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Rising energy costs cast gloom over southern Idaho

By N.S. Nokkentved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Southern Idaho is not in danger of running out of electricity any time soon, but meeting energy needs has become more expensive.

There is no shortage, but it will cost more to buy power on the open market to meet peak demands, Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

Last year, from April through December, the utility spent an unanticipated \$121 million on fuel and power on the open market. To recover those costs, Idaho Power Friday asked state regulators to increase power rates by 1.3 cents per kilowatt hour next month.

People who heat with gas already have felt the pinch. Natural gas prices already have gone up by 55 to 60 percent.

The rising costs of electricity are linked to power problems in California.

Conditions in California last summer and over the winter, coupled with a low water year in the Northwest, resulted in California trying to buy more power on the



Gary Felten, a hydro-specialist apprentice at the Twin Falls power plant, checks the control panels.

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market that was available, and that drove up market prices. Power that sold on the open market for 2 to 2.7 cents per kilowatt hour in a recent average year is selling this year from 16.1 to 46.5 cents per kilowatt hour. That's like gasoline going from the current \$1.45 per gallon to \$25 per gallon.

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Where power comes from

Idaho Power Co. generating resources in a typical year:
• 49 percent at hydro plants,
• 33 percent at coal-burning plants,
• 18 percent from the open market.
Source: Idaho Power Co.

What power costs
Idaho Power's cost to generate - 2.5 cents per kilowatt hour.
Wholesale power on the open market, as of Feb. 14 - 27.6 cents to 38.1 cents per kilowatt hour.

Renewed conservation efforts spread across southern Idaho

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Saving energy can be as simple as turning off the lights, shutting down computers and lowering the thermostat.

And with sharply rising energy costs and a low water year promising more rate hikes, state

and local officials are encouraging efforts which, for some people, have been habits since the energy crisis in the 1970s.

Details vary from place to place, but workers are shutting down computers and turning off

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Energy savings can be gained in simple ways

By N.S. Nokkentved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Want to save money? Get new windows.

Old windows are the No. 1 conduit for the heat inside a house to get outside, says Idaho Department of Water Resources spokesman Dick Larsen.

Turning off the lights and turning down the thermostat are simple ways to reduce energy use and save money as energy costs rise.

But to really reduce the amount of energy consider new, thermally efficient windows, adding extra insulation especially in the ceiling, and a thermostat that automatically lowers the temperature inside the house

More information

To learn more about how to save energy, or about low-interest conservation loans from the Idaho Department of Water Resources call 800-334-SAVE



when no one is home or when residents are sleeping, Larsen said. Idaho Power Co. expects to increase power rates by 24 percent in May. And gas prices already have increased by 55 to 60 percent.

Other ways to save energy in the home include new, energy-efficient furnaces, water heaters and appliances.

But replacing the windows in a house or installing a new furnace can get expensive. Low-interest loans are available from the Idaho Department of Water Resources for home energy efficiency improvements, Larsen said.

Water Resources also recommends getting more than one estimate when considering new windows.

Another way to save energy is to replace incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs cost more than conventional bulbs but last eight to 10 times as long and use only a fraction of the energy to provide the same amount of light.

Adding weather stripping around doors and windows helps

keep the heat inside the house.

There are also lots of low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy.

- Keep blinds and curtains closed - except on south and west facing windows.
- Set down the thermostat and put on a sweater.
- Turn down the temperature on the hot water heater.
- Run the washing machine or dishwasher only when they're full.
- Wash clothes in cold or warm water instead of hot.
- Close off unused rooms.
- Turn off unneeded lights.

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TO RUSSIA, WITH LONGING

Accused spy's correspondence reveals the psychology of spycraft

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The relationship had lasted for years, through letters written and gifts exchanged, but eventually the FBI agent and his friends from Moscow drifted apart. Once defined by regular communication, their ties had frayed to nothing.

The estrangement seemed to gnaw at accused spy Robert P. Hansson. He had secrets to share and lessons to teach. But for a

'His handlers were, in many ways, his lifeline and his refuge.'

- Robert M. Blitzer, former key FBI officer

share them with. No one at all.

"I have come as close as I ever want to come to sacrificing myself to help you, and I get silence," Hansson allegedly wrote to his Russian intelligence contacts last year, after he had resumed their liaison. "I hate silence."

Later, his anger melted. "Please, at least say goodbye. It's been a long time my dear friends, a long and lonely time."

Despite the high-tech surveillance and encryption methods that

have blossomed in the intelligence trade, a spy's success still often depends on the psychologically complicated relationship with a foreign patron. That bond is clearly evident in the case of Hansson, the highly placed FBI counterintelligence expert whose alleged illicit correspondence is part spy tale and part Valentine.

The 109-page affidavit against Hansson filed this week in U.S. District Court, as well as state-

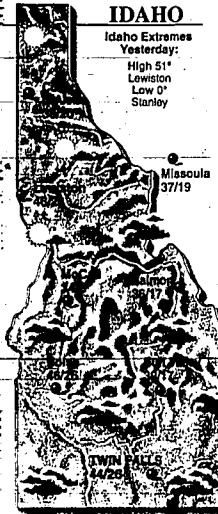
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Robert P. Hansson

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes Yesterday:
High 51°
Low 10°
Snow 0"
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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
High/Low 41/25°
Normal High/Low 47/25°
High/Low last year 34/27°
Record high 106° in 1965
Record low 13° in 1975

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday
None to date
Normal month to date 0.75"
Year to date 0.02"
Normal year to date 1.34"

Humidity
Yesterday at noon 75%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m. 29.75 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass N.A., Weeds N.A.
Trees N.A., Mold N.A.
Sources: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows in today's weather:
Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A few flurries/sprinkles; mostly cloudy.	Partial clearing.	Patchy fog, then partly to mostly sunny.	Patchy fog early, then mostly sunny.	Sunshine mixing with clouds.	Mostly cloudy and breezy; it might shower.
▲ 44°	▼ 26°	▲ 42° ▼ 20°	▲ 40° ▼ 19°	▲ 44° ▼ 24°	▲ 50° ▼ 28°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: The region will be on the northern fringes of a storm today, resulting in plenty of clouds and a few showers of rain and snow. Clouds will decrease tonight, but areas of fog will form.

Boise: Mostly cloudy this morning with a couple of sprinkles and flurries in the area, then clouds will break for some sunshine this afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight with fog forming.

Northern Nevada: A storm system from the Pacific will bring clouds most of today along with a few showers of rain and snow. Still a couple of rain and snow showers tonight.

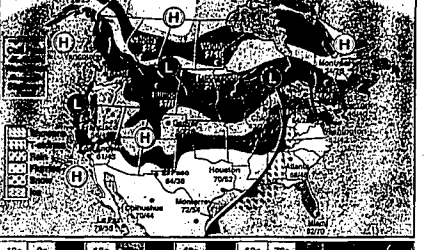
Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a few showers of rain and snow in the valleys and snow in the mountains. Clouds will start to decrease tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: A storm system from the Pacific will bring clouds most of today across northern Nevada along with a few showers of rain and snow. Still a couple of rain and snow showers tonight.

NATIONAL WEATHER

High 92° in McAllen, TX. Low -7° in Massena, NY

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



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Calgary	32	27	41	34
Edmonton	1	15	8	6
Kelowna	39	29	38	26
Lethbridge	24	3	21	8
Regina	6	11	11	24
Saskatoon	48	29	34	20
Victoria	46	29	44	29
Winnipeg	2	10	0	3

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Auckland	88	73	91	74
London	53	58	68	37
Moscow	16	7	18	8
Paris	33	23	33	31
Rome	48	29	48	31
Seoul	36	25	46	37
Tokyo	45	29	45	32
Warsaw	23	17	27	22
Zurich	30	16	31	25

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Boise	46	28	46	22
Bozeman	49	17	46	17
Burley	44	22	45	20
Coeur d'Alene	38	20	34	16
Elio	38	22	42	19
Eugene, OR	60	30	60	28
Hagerman	46	25	46	20
Idaho Falls	42	19	42	19
Malheur, MT	46	28	46	12
Lewiston	46	28	44	24
Mald	40	26	41	19
Malta	22	3	14	0



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Supporters of pardon for felon run for cover

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — As he sat in federal prison for six years, convicted cocaine trafficker Carlos Vignali received political sympathy and support rare for a drug felon.

The leader of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the U.S. attorney here, the speaker of the California Assembly, a Southern California member of Congress, the sheriff of Los Angeles County and other local lawmakers all made calls or wrote letters to federal prosecutors or the White House on his behalf.

The political chorus pleading for Vignali, whose prison term was commuted by President Bill Clinton on his last day in office, had one determined maestro: his father Horacio Vignali, a wealthy property developer, downtown parking lot owner and used-car dealer who in recent years has become a major donor to Democrats in California.

Even before the revelation Wednesday that Clinton's brother-in-law Hugh Rodham also had been paid to advocate for Vignali's release from prison, the unusual case had sparked an uproar in Los Angeles.

Vignali, 30, had been serving a 15-year sentence for a 1994 conviction on drug charges in Minnesota. Federal prosecutors in Minneapolis said that he led a sophisticated drug ring that over several years shipped more than 800 pounds of cocaine from Southern California to the city and resold it as crack on the streets of poor neighborhoods.

"He was not a minor player; he

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was not a street-level dealer," former U.S. attorney Todd Jones, who helped prosecute the case, said in an interview. "This guy was a major source in keeping a drug organization here being fed with dope from California."

Jones also said that last year the U.S. attorney's office in Minneapolis strongly recommended that Vignali, a first-time offender, not be released early from prison because of the scope of his crime and his unrepentant attitude about it.

"We considered it a no-brainer," he said. "I did not believe that there was any way this was going to be granted in this case."

Earlier this week, former Clinton chief of staff John D. Podesta said the outcry from Los Angeles had significantly influenced Clinton's decision to commute Vignali's sentence. The Justice Department opposed the commutation.

But since Vignali's release from prison last month, many Los Angeles leaders who were in Vignali's corner have been running for political cover and denying they were swayed by the checks the elder Vignali has written to their campaign accounts.

Others involved in the campaign for Vignali's release also are apologizing. "I am not proud of my action, and I will not do it again," said Gloria Molina, a Los Angeles County supervisor, who had urged Clinton in a letter to consider commuting Vignali's sentence.



Former President George Bush answers questions from Kuwaiti journalists after arriving at Kuwait International airport on Saturday.

Ex-president arrives in Kuwait for celebration

KUWAIT (AP) — Kuwait began celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Persian Gulf War on Saturday with fireworks in the colors of its flag and a warm welcome for former President George Bush.

Explosions of green, red and white burst over a seaside square hours before Bush arrived for the two-day celebration of the war, which ended seven months of Iraqi occupation. It was the first time Kuwait has marked the anniversary with official celebrations.

Bush was accompanied by his wife, Barbara, retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf and former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

Bush "will always be in the heart of every Kuwaiti," the country's emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, said in remarks published Saturday in the newspaper Al-Qabas. The former president is considered a hero by many in Kuwait.

President Bush put together a 28-nation coalition to eject Iraq from Kuwait.

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troops that invaded Kuwait in 1990. Schwarzkopf commanded the coalition army that routed Iraqi forces in six weeks.

Security was expected to be extremely tight during the Bush visit, and details of his itinerary have not been released. After his highly publicized 1993 visit, five Iraqis and a Kuwaiti were sentenced to death for plotting to assassinate him with a car bomb.

Iraq's government said it had nothing to do with the alleged plot.

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was also expected to take part in the celebration.

Kuwait did not celebrate the anniversary during the previous nine years because some 600 citizens and foreigners who lived there before the invasion are still missing. Kuwait accuses Iraq of holding them prisoner, a claim Baghdad denies.

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by the start of a fruitful relationship with CIA operative Aldrich H. Ames — found himself in possession of an inner intelligence goldmine. Hansen's opening gambit was to offer three names of KGB officers helping the CIA and FBI, two of whom were soon convicted of espionage and shot.

Hansen declined to give his handlers his name, his position or even the agency he worked for. Over the years he would also repeatedly refuse requests to meet a Moscow agent either in the United States or overseas.

From the beginning, Hansen seemed to envision a long-term relationship. In one of his earliest notes, he cautions against sending too much money to avoid setting off warning bells, but adds:

"Perhaps some diamonds as security to my children and some good will so that when the time comes, you will accept by (sic) senior services as a guest lecturer. Eventually, I would appreciate an escape plan. (Nothing lasts forever.)"

Over the next six years the flattery and expressions of mutual respect increased. The Moscow agents called him "friend"; he addressed them as "friends." In 1989, a DC 25 package included "Christmas greetings from the KGB."

Moscow also regularly inquired about Hansen's family, health and happiness. The Soviets massaged Hansen's ego in other ways too, trumpeting his importance and the quality of his information. A 1988-draft included a note of thanks from the KGB chairman himself, Vladimir Kryuchkov. A letter in 1990 told him that "political relations with our friends... were reported to the very top."

"In another exchange, a handler praised his intellect: 'We also acknowledge again Your superb sense of humor and Your sharp-as-a-razor mind. We highly appreciate both...'"

"They were very skillful in the way they played him. It is clear he became quite dependent on them," says former FBI deputy director Larry Potts, now executive vice president of the Washington-based Investigative Group Inc.

The dalliance began with a single letter, dated Oct. 1, 1985, and sent through an intermediary to Victor I. Cherkashin, a KGB colonel who, Hansen allegedly wrote, was "held in esteem" in the Soviet intelligence circles he had studied for years.

Cherkashin — already blessed

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POWERBALL NUMBER 37

Saturday, February 24, numbers
WILD CARD
3 5 7 13 20
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Saturday, February 24, numbers
RollDown
2 11 18 43 53

Saturday, February 24, numbers
PICK 3
1 5 8

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NATION

Bush budget to intensify fight over tax cuts, other priorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's reading of his \$1.6 trillion federal budget for next year, which he says will prove there is room for a big tax cut and other priorities, Democrat beg to differ.

Bush's fiscal plan would launch a 10-year, \$1.6 trillion cut in income-tax rates, the estate tax and other levies, the centerpiece of his domestic agenda. It would increase spending for schools, defense and biomedical research while paying down a huge chunk of the national debt.

In addition, it will propose temporary subsidies for prescription drug purchases by low-income elderly people, a near \$1 trillion, multiyear reserve that could be used to shore up Social Security or for other needs, and a \$5 billion-year fund for natural disasters and other emergencies.

"I hope you'll agree that my plan is good for you and for your family," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "But even more, I hope you'll agree it's good for America."

Bush will describe his budget to a joint session of Congress Tuesday night, and send lawmakers a slender, one-volume summary of it the next morning. The administration plans to release a full-fledged, program-by-program version of the proposal in early April, commencing months of battling as the Republican-controlled House and Senate try turning Bush's proposals into law.

Democrats say they have already seen enough. What Bush is really proposing, they say, is a tax cut whose price will swell beyond \$2 trillion, is aimed largely at the rich, and will crowd out money needed for schools, the military, prescription drugs and other programs.

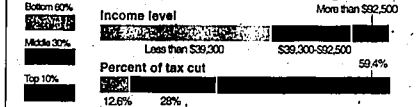
"It is so shortsighted, so live for today, so much the me generation," said Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, the Senate Budget Committee's top Democrat.

Tax cut centerpiece of Bush budget

President Bush's budget, if passed as proposed, would set in motion a 10-year, \$1.6 trillion cut in income-tax rates, the estate tax and other levies. It would increase spending for schools, defense and biomedical research while decrease funds for the national debt.

Income group	Income range	Average Income	% of total tax cut
Lowest 20%	Less than \$13,600	\$9,600	0.80%
Second 20%	\$13,600-24,400	\$18,800	3.50%
Middle 20%	\$24,400-39,300	\$31,100	8.40%
Fourth 20%	\$39,300-64,900	\$50,700	16.20%
Next 15%	\$64,900-130,000	\$88,800	20.10%
Next 4%	\$130,000-319,000	\$183,000	8.40%
Top 1%	\$319,000 or more	\$915,000	42.60%
All		\$50,800	100%

Correlating Income level and tax savings



Source: Citizens for Tax Justice

Democrats are already working on an alternative that they say will include a \$750 billion tax cut aimed more at lower- and middle-income Americans than Bush's, "and more than he is seeking for debt reduction, schools and other programs."

"We'll show we're different from them on issues that matter to people," said Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee.

Bush will propose holding next year's discretionary spending to 4 percent growth, a bit more than inflation, while emphasizing that those programs grew an average 6 percent in each of the last three years of the Clinton administration. Those programs cover the one-third of the budget that Congress must approve each year, all federal functions except auto-

matic benefits like Social Security.

"We can fund the nation's priority needs while tempering somewhat the very, very rapid increases in recent years," White House budget chief Mitch Daniels said.

But living within that limit means that for every dollar defense, education and other priorities exceed 4 percent growth, another program must dip below that figure. Congressional aides say targets for such savings—including some actual cuts—will include the Fish and Wildlife Service; the U.S. Geological Survey; some programs at the Labor, Justice and Agriculture departments, and some high technology programs championed by former Vice President Al Gore, the defeated Democratic presidential candidate.

Bush, Blair end session at Camp David

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, whose get-acquainted session at the Camp David presidential retreat ended Saturday, explored their common desire to fix "Swiss-cheese" gaps in Iraqi sanctions while containing Saddam Hussein's aggression.

The two leaders stayed at the camp overnight with their wives, Blair and his wife, Cherie, left by helicopter Saturday morning for Andrews Air Force Base near Washington and the flight home to London. Bush and first lady Laura Bush were remaining through Sunday.

In their daylong meeting Friday, Bush and Blair made a general pledge to maintain the special tie between the United States and Britain despite polar differences in their political stations. Bush departed from his predecessor and Blair friend, Bill Clinton, saying he would take a hands-off approach to peace efforts in Northern Ireland.

"I'm going to wait to be asked by the prime minister," Bush said at a news conference. "And I will be standing by, anxious to help if I'm needed."

"It's difficult to foresee the exact circumstances in which I might pick up the phone and ask the president to help," Blair said. "But the fact that I know he is there and willing to do that is very important."

Friday's meeting was the first between Bush and Blair, and the president's first with a European leader since taking office five weeks ago.

As he did in his previous meetings with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Mexican President Vicente Fox, Bush dispensed with formalities and set a casual tone.

Calling for cooperation, governors meet at capital

WASHINGTON (AP) — Governors from both political parties came to the capital this week ready to agree on broad principles like making education more accountable, giving states more flexibility and providing some kind of tax cut.

"Cooperation is the watchword," said Gov. John Parris Glendening, the Maryland Democrat who is chairman of the National Governors Association. But money, as it is so often, may be the catch.

"We have a very, very strong disagreement on tax policy, both on the amount of a tax cut and who pays," said Glendening, who repeatedly emphasized that governors on both sides agree on many issues concerning education, health care and flexibility for the states. But the \$1.6 trillion tax cut being pushed by President Bush is certain to be a major source of friction at a meeting where consensus is the goal.

"Look at the national economy and some of the softness in the economy," said Gov. John Engler, vice chairman of the group and a Michigan Republican. "I'm for a bigger, faster and deeper board tax cut. It's going to happen, something's going to get done."

The governors are meeting through Tuesday and have a Sunday night dinner at the White House and a Monday morning meeting with the president. Bush's education proposals brought the most agreement from governors, both Democrat and Republican. His tax cut and the introduction of his budget this week, are most likely to bring the most disagreement.

"I think the Democrats in Congress are talking about a tax cut that's too big," said Gov. Howard Dean, a Vermont Democrat. "It does make sense to have a tax cut. ... Some Republicans have proposed an even bigger tax cut and I'm going to provide the counterweight."

"I think the Democrats in Congress are wrong, we ought to propose a smaller tax cut than \$500 million, so that \$500 million becomes a reasonable compromise rather than the absolute floor."

Other Democrats agreed at their separate news conference Saturday that it's too early to propose a specific tax cut. Gov. Gray Davis of California, chairman of the Democratic governors, said he can't name an appropriate figure but it's crucial "we don't lose sight of our two principle goals, paying down the national debt and growing the economy."

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge,

chairman of the Republican Governors Association, said his group will be looking for ways to support Bush administration initiatives. And he said the new president "will be much more inclined to trust governors, whether Republican or Democrat."

Glendening acknowledged that Bush has made an effort to reach out to governors from both parties. "The president has reached out to us and sought our input," Glendening said.

Another area where many Democratic governors don't agree with the Republicans is on school vouchers, funneling tax money to pay private school tuition. But they are generally enthusiastic about administration plans to increase accountability.

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Like all utilities, Idaho Power buys power to meet peak demands. In southern Idaho those peak times are in November and December and in July and August.

During those times, and at other times when demand exceeds its ability to generate power, Idaho Power buys power on the wholesale market from other utilities, whose peaks come at different times.

In an average year, Idaho Power produces about half of its power at 17 hydro power plants. But with forecast low stream flows, the utility could be forced to buy more power on that volatile market.

The company is working on several programs to reduce peak loads and thus to reduce the necessity of buying high-priced wholesale power.

Conservation. Company spokesman Russ Jones recommends people avoid using appliances during peak demand periods between 6 and 8 a.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m.

If usage of major appliances — dishwasher, washing machine and the clothes dryer — are shifted off the peak times, utilities have to buy less of the expensive peak power. And that, in turn, means the utilities might seek less money through rate hikes.

Conservation

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down thermostats. And cities are dimming at least some street lights.

In 1980, Twin Falls cut back on street lighting, limiting lights to most intersections, City Manager Tom Courtney said. The city has long been conscious of energy costs.

"The lights and computers go off at night," he said. "We've always been pretty careful with electrical usage."

In the city's gas-heated offices, thermostats are set below 70 degrees, and in the summer they are cooled with swamp coolers rather than air conditioners.

In the summer, when water demands in the city are highest, the city typically runs its pumps to fill water reservoirs at night, a time when electricity demands are low.

Twin Falls County Clerk Bob Fort said employees have been conserving energy as much as possible, by turning off lights and computers at night. Elected officials and department heads will meet soon to discuss ways to conserve energy.

"Basically my approach is going to be turning off everything that you don't need to turn on during the day or at night or on the weekends," Fort said. "I'm approaching it from a risk-management standpoint, that we need to do our part to conserve."

School districts are making efforts as well.

The sheer size of schools makes

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Buyback. The company also is starting a power buyback program, offering to pay farmers to idle some of their pumps during this irrigation season.

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Night use. The company also has proposed a time-shift program, under which irrigators would get a 50 percent rate reduction for running their pumps at night.

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Power buy. In an effort to reduce its reliance on the wholesale market, Idaho Power has a contract with a company in Canyon County to buy up to 250 megawatts of power to fill an

anticipated power supply gap by 2004.

For different reasons, but by the same process, natural gas prices also have risen sharply this winter. A cold winter increased the demand, and with no new supplies, the wholesale price went up, Intermountain Gas Co. spokesman Byron Defenbach said.

The gas company has passed the increase on to ratepayers. Natural gas is sold on the wholesale market in blocks of 1 million British thermal units. It is billed to customers in units called therms, and 10 therms equals 1 million British thermal units.

The average use in an average home is about 800 to 1,000 therms per year.

In the early 1980s natural gas sold for \$5 per million Btu's, when the industry was deregulated. More gas became available

bringing space heaters, and to turn off computers at the end of the day. They also have been invited to share ideas for other ways to conserve campus power.

The college uses exterior lighting at night, but for safety reasons, said Mike Mason, CSI's dean of finance.

At Heyburn City Hall, lights are being turned off a little quicker than normal, city clerk Ruth Davis said.

"If someone's not in a room, we make sure the lights are out," she said.

In Burley, city crews have kept lights on along main streets and intersections, but some on back streets are being turned off, city electricity superintendent Dile Monson said.

The city also has launched a campaign to replace daylight-activated lights that don't turn off.

Elsewhere, it's not easy to squeeze down on power use while keeping the wheels of law and justice turning.

"We're not doing too much, because there isn't too much we can do," said Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore. "The patrol cars have to be out when they're supposed to be out."

Even so, the lights are being dimmed in some more isolated sections of the police station. And after regular business hours, officers keep on only as many lights as they must.

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and the price dropped to about \$1.25 per million Btu's, Defenbach said.

But with low prices, exploration and drilling for new supplies decreased. Still the price held steady at \$1.50 to \$1.75 through the 1990s, he said.

Then this winter, with no new supplies, increasing use and a cold winter — November was the coldest in Colorado history — the price skyrocketed as high as \$10 per million Btu's, Defenbach said.

When it reached \$2.50, drillers headed back out into the field in droves, he said.

North America has plenty of natural gas in proven reserves, but it takes time to find it, drill the wells and install the pipes to bring it to market, he said. It may take a year or two, but prices will come back down.

Prices probably will not be as low as they were in the 1990s, because a lot of new gas-turbine electric generators are being built and that could raise prices, Defenbach said.

And the increasing use of natural gas to fire electricity generation means the rates of both will be more closely tied in the future, he said.

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California, utility reach accord on power grid

Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — In an important step toward easing California's electricity crisis, Gov. Gray Davis has reached a basic agreement with Southern California Edison to acquire the utility's portion of the state's power transmission grid.

Davis outlined elements of the agreement here Friday and said the deal would help the utility restructure debt acquired in recent months as it was forced to pay sharply higher fuel prices.

The utility could not reach the increased cost on to consumers because of limits imposed when the state deregulated the electricity industry five years ago.

Critics were quick to point out that the deal with Southern California Edison will be meaningless unless the state can reach a similar agreement with California's largest utility, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. So far,

Pacific Gas and Electric has balked at selling the company's portion of the grid to the state.

Consumer advocates called the deal a bailout for Southern California Edison and said the state of California should not be in the electricity business.

Under enormous political pressure to resolve the electricity crisis, Davis defended the agreement and said he expected a deal with Pacific Gas and Electric and with the smaller San Diego Gas & Electric within a few days.

"This is an agreement that provides value for both sides," he said at a news conference. "The utility gets the financial wherewithal to go back in business and keep our lights on. We get commensurate value and specific benefits which provide us long-term power at very cheap rates."

The state has agreed to pay Southern California Edison \$2.78 billion for Edison's portion of the state's 32,000 miles of power lines.

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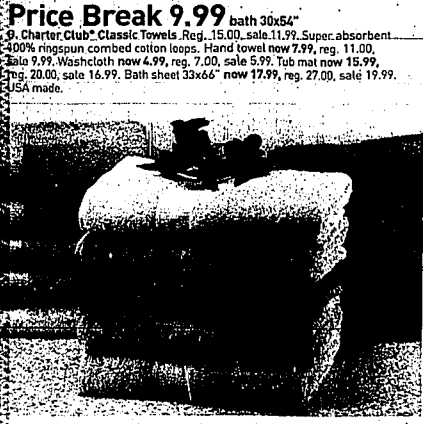
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NATION

Mourners gather for funeral of black militant leader Muhammad

NEW YORK — A casket bearing black militant Khalid Abdul Muhammad was carried through the streets of Harlem on Saturday after a funeral service that mingled warm memories and harsh rhetoric.

"Long live Khalid Muhammad! Long live Khalid Muhammad!" scores of mourners shouted as they marched up Malcolm X Boulevard behind black-clad pallbearers from Muhammad's New Black Panther Party.

Muhammad, who died at 53 in Atlanta, founded the party after being ousted by the Nation of Islam in 1993 for his harsh statements against whites and Jews.

Muhammad's annual Million Youth March in Harlem was his highest-profile event. The first one in 1998 ended with a brawl between police and protesters; last year, barely 100 people showed up.

In a 1993 speech at Union, N.J., Muhammad denounced Jews as "bloodsuckers" and urged mob murder of white South Africans. In 1995, he told a crowd in Atlanta: "I was born to give the white man hell, and I will give him hell from the cradle to the grave."

Nation in brief

Steel plant turbine explodes, killing one man

DEARBORN, Mich. — A steam turbine at a steel plant exploded Saturday, killing one man and injuring another, authorities said.

The turbine at the Rouge Steel plant ruptured about 2 p.m. while it was being tested, showering the workers with debris, said Dearborn Fire Battalion Chief Chris Sallotte. One man, a private contractor conducting the test, was killed, Oakwood Hospital spokesman Ken Bearden said.

The 1,100-acre Rouge complex comprises six Ford Motor Co. plants and Rouge Steel.

Last month, explosions in the steel plant furnace injured two workers.

Police search for inmate who allegedly threatened doctors

CLINTON, Ill. — Police warned abortion clinics to be particularly cautious Saturday as they

searched for an escaped inmate who allegedly threatened abortion doctors.

Clayton Lee Waagner — who once said he was on a mission from God to kill abortion providers — escaped from the DeWitt County jail Thursday while awaiting sentencing on

weapons possession and vehicle theft convictions.

Madonna shows disgust at being routed at Grammys

LOS ANGELES — Apparently not everyone enjoyed this year's Grammy Awards. The New York

Post reports that Madonna stormed out of L.A.'s Staples Center in disgust after losing out three times to Macy Gray, Steely Dan and U2.

Madonna, up for album of the year, record of the year and female pop vocal performance, became increasingly agitated,

witnesses say, as she watched from her seat as her hopes for an award went down the drain.

"When they announced that Steely Dan won album of the year, she just had this look on her face — like she couldn't believe it," says one source.

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Avant-garde orangutan paints with tongue

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Her art is abstract, at best. Her methods are unorthodox. But her stuff sells, for hundreds of dollars.

On Friday, the 24-year-old artist woke up late and sleepily climbed a cargo net to greet visitors. Her studio stank, and banana peels lay rotting where they'd been carelessly tossed.

Amanda normally paints only once a week. But when inspiration strikes the 100-pound orangutan, she expects to start immediately.

"She's getting a little frustrated," Como Zoo keeper Mike Thell said as he readied bottles of nontoxic poster paint. "What happens is, she starts to spit."

Through heavy chain-link caging, Amanda dipped her brush into red, purple and yellow bottles held up by Thell. After each thoughtful brushstroke, she popped the brush into her mouth and slurped it clean. There was

much slurping. After a few minutes, Amanda handed the brush back to Thell and swept excess paint from the paper with pointed tongue. Colors blended, giving the piece the look of a child's finger painting.

"She usually gives it the tongue signature," Thell said. After a little coaxing from Thell, Amanda slid her creation under the cage door and flashed a blue-stained smile.

Later Friday, Amanda's art debuted to the public at the zoo's Primate Exhibit building. More than 400 people arrived to bid on 22 framed originals.

The auction raised about \$4,800 for the zoo. The top price: \$360 for a work called "Like-the-Weather," zoo officials won't say who titles them.

Amanda was not shy about demonstrating her skills to the auction-goers.

"We know that she likes the

attention," said zoo spokeswoman Jennifer Lauerman. "She definitely knew what was going on."

The Sumatran/Bornean orangutan started painting in June as part of the zoo's enrichment program, meant to stimulate captive animals. The program challenges gorillas to unlock treats from plastic bottles, has a polar bear work its way through a block of ice to reach a frozen fish, and lets

lions roll around in their favorite herbs and spices.

Amanda shares a cage with three other orangutans but is the zoo's only artist. Her usual reward is a bottle of Kool-Aid or orange juice.

"She's highly intelligent so far as orangutans seem to go," Thell said. She took right to painting after a couple of demonstrations of what to do with paint and brush, he said.

Amanda, a 100-pound orangutan, paints in her habitat at the Como Zoo in St. Paul, Minn., recently. Amanda began painting in June as part of the zoo's enrichment program, meant to stimulate captive animals. Amanda has produced many paintings which will be auctioned in a benefit for the Zoo.



Widow robbed of \$1 million in jewelry

New York Daily News

ROME — A wealthy Manhattan widow here to attend the elevation of New York Cardinal Edward Egan was robbed of more than \$1 million in jewelry when a 65-pound safe was stolen from her suite in a posh Via Veneto hotel.

Philanthropist Florence D'Urso, a major benefactor of the Catholic Church, told authorities that a diamond necklace, a 20-carat emerald, Italian lire and credit cards were missing.

The widow of a supermarket magnate, D'Urso was a close friend of the late John Cardinal O'Connor, who named her the first woman trustee of St. Patrick's Cathedral. She has given millions to the Vatican and the Archdiocese of New York.

Egan knew of the theft "and was devastated," a friend said. D'Urso told police the heist apparently occurred Thursday while she and her daughter Lisa, 36, a Wall Street investment banker, were out for dinner at a neighborhood bistro.

Man faces charges for death of pedestrians

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — A drunken driver killed four people walking the streets of a small college town, police said.

David Edward Attias, an 18-year-old student at the University of California, Santa Barbara, was arrested on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and felony drunken driving.

The pedestrians were struck late Friday night in Isla Vista, an outside hamlet near the university. The popular party spot is usually packed with students on weekend nights.

Attias was going at least twice the 25 mph speed limit and hit nine parked cars before running over the pedestrians, California Highway Patrol Officer Mike Muell said.

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NATION

'Parallel parties:' Castes remain at Mardi Gras

NEW-ORLEANS (AP) — It has been 10 years since the city barred racial discrimination in "krewes," the exclusive private clubs that organize much of Mardi Gras.

But that hasn't ended racial division in the groups, which still tend to be mostly white or mostly black. A rigid caste system once kept the races separate; and now, members say, blacks and whites are separated by tradition.

"It's an issue that's really difficult to deal with practically because it's hard to force people to be friends," said state Sen. Lambert Boissiere, a longtime member of the city's oldest black parade group, the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club.

This year's week-and-a-half-long parade season ends Tuesday.

Whites formed the first krewes before the Civil War, and blacks formed their own, starting with Zulu, in the early 1900s.

Krewes have always been known for their exclusivity and mystery — they even keep membership lists private. But critics say past secrecy has allowed them to keep people out because of race.

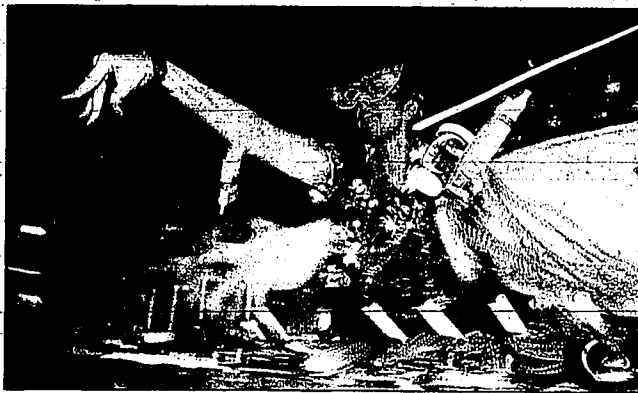
In 1991, the city passed an ordinance revoking parade permits for krewes that refused to sign an anti-discrimination clause. Three of the city's four oldest krewes stopped parading rather than sign.

Since then, there are few indications that krewes are much more diverse. The krewe Rex — one of New Orleans' oldest and most prestigious — is widely believed to have only a few black members.

Krewe members say they have seen an easing of racial tensions, and that if the groups are still racially separate now, at least it is not because of discrimination.

"You can't say the krewes are considerably more integrated now than then, but it's because there doesn't seem to be a desire in the black community," Mardi Gras historian Arthur Hardy said. "It was more about removing the barrier, but once it was down, nobody rushed the gates."

A krewe's membership list could become public if someone sued one for discrimination, but no one ever has. Serious talk about race often takes a backseat



A masker of the Order of Venus tosses trinkets to the crowds as they roll down the streets of downtown Mobile, Ala., Tuesday. The Carnival Season continues as it leads to the pre-Lenten blowout of Fat Tuesday on Feb. 27.

to good times at Mardi Gras.

Zulu participants shrug off others' notions of political correctness and wear minstrel-style black face and grass skirts as they toss prized painted coconuts into the crowd. Hardly anyone seems offended, and the parade is among the most popular in the city.

Until the late 1960s, there were separate parade routes for whites and blacks. Those no longer exist, although Zulu still winds through some traditionally black neighborhoods not visited by many other krewes.

"There are parallel parties going on, but it's not something where the intent is no whites are welcome or no blacks are welcome," says Ed Muniz, a captain of the Krewe of Endymion, which was formed 36 years ago and is considered one of the more racially progressive parade clubs.

Edwin Lombard, who became one of the first black members of Endymion when he joined 25 years ago, said the separation may have little to do with skin color. Older clubs consist of blue bloods who have little in common with the middle-class or nouveau

riche, he said. "I have nothing to talk about with anyone in Rex," Lombard says. "What would we talk about?"

The cotton market? "Zulu has pushed for integration by inviting some whites to join in parades and become members."

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Six officers were injured and two people were arrested, police said. Police said they ordered a

crowd of up to 2,000 people to disperse after bars closed at 2 a.m. Saturday. Many in the crowd were drinking, removing their clothes or climbing on cars and light posts, police spokeswoman Pam McCannan said.

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Rich defends Clinton pardon, calls it 'humanitarian act'



Tony Ciccone talks about the latest scandal involving former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton while working in his barber shop in the Clintons' adopted home town of Chappaqua, N.Y., Thursday. "Everybody does wrong things and right things," Ciccone said. "That's life. The Clintons are very nice people and it's nice for the town to have them here."

Clinton controversies irritate residents of New York state

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — From the Big Apple to Buffalo, New Yorkers are expressing anger and disappointment toward former President Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in the wake of revelations about presidential pardons and items they took from the White House.

"You have to start asking yourself about this lady's integrity and truthfulness, and smart's, when this kind of shady stuff keeps happening," said Clady Gallo, a retired school teacher who voted for the new senator. "How many times can you be the innocent victim?"

"It's not just him, it's both of them," said Manhattan architect Cameron Sinclair. "It's like a combination of too many scandals, just too shady."

The Clintons have been surrounded by controversy since the former president granted 140 pardons on his last day in office.

First it was the pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich. Then the revelation that Mrs. Clinton's brother received nearly \$40,000 from two pardon-seekers. Now federal prosecutors say they are examining whether Clinton commuted the sentences of four convicted swindlers in exchange for Hasidic Jewish votes that his wife received during her Senate run.

Another allegation involved Clinton's half brother, Roger Clinton, who has admitted unsuccessfully lobbying the former president to pardon six of his friends.

Mrs. Clinton said she was not aware of her brother's involvement or his \$400,000 fee and has previously denied influencing her husband to gain the Hasidic Jewish vote. The former president has denied wrongdoing in the Rich affair.

In interviews conducted Thursday and Friday, across the state, New Yorkers, many of them former Clinton loyalists, told The Associated Press the almost daily dose of damaging details surrounding the last days of the Clinton White House had stunned them.

"I feel betrayed. I'm very angry ... It's one scandal after another," said Gerry Jaffe of Scarsdale, a Democrat who voted for Sen. Clinton.

Jaffe said she is also upset by revelations that the Clintons took \$190,000 worth of china, flatware, rugs, televisions, sofas and other gifts when they moved from the White House, although they later offered to pay for some of the gifts.

Brother: Clinton's decision caused rift to develop

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Clinton's half-brother says the president's decision to deny pardons to six of his friends has caused ill will between the two, the Los Angeles Times reports.

"It sort of caused a rift," Roger Clinton said, according to the newspaper's Web site on Friday. "My feelings were hurt. I was a disaster." Clinton denied that he solicited or took money to seek the pardons. He said he had known most of the six friends since he went to prison. The president did grant Roger Clinton a pardon last month for a 1985 drug charge — one of the least controversial actions during his final hours in office.

The former president's office confirmed late Thursday that Roger Clinton lobbied his half-brother on behalf of several friends and associates who were seeking pardons, but was turned down.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Fugitive financier Marc Rich, whose eleventh-hour pardon by former President Clinton has caused a wave of controversy, spoke out for the first time Saturday, describing the pardon as an "humanitarian act."

Indictment on charges of evading more than \$48 million in taxes, fraud and illegal oil deals with Iran was a wrong remedied by Clinton. "I do not consider the pardon granted by President Clinton as an eradication of past deeds — but as the closing of a cycle of justice and a humanitarian act," Rich said in the statement.

The pardon is now subject to U.S. Congressional hearings and a federal probe. The Belgian-born Rich grew up in

the United States but renounced his U.S. citizenship. He holds Israeli and Spanish citizenship and has lived in Switzerland since 1983.

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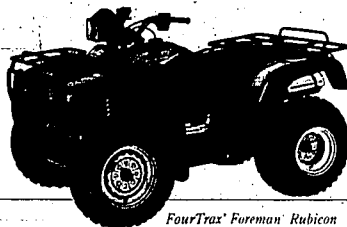
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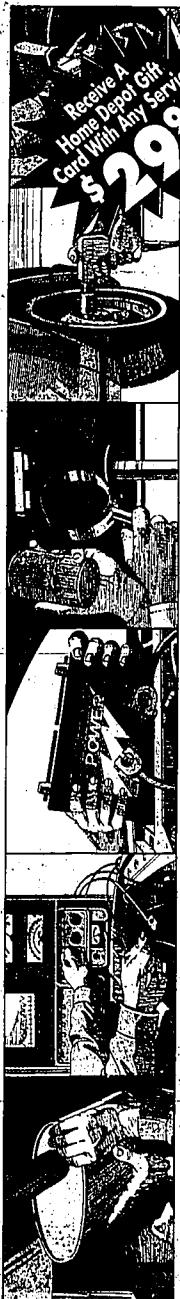
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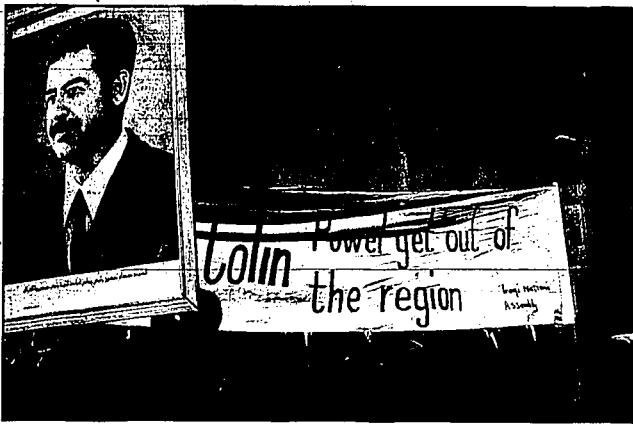
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BAGHDAD, Iraq - The elite cruise Baghdad's streets in shiny, new Mercedes Benzes, Jaguars and Range Rovers. The lobby of the Al Rasheed Hotel, where guests still walk on a mosaic declaring former President George Bush a criminal, is overflowing with business delegations from Beijing, Moscow and Vienna.

"In one word, we are here for business," said an Austrian banker, who like many of those interviewed in tightly controlled Baghdad asked not to be named. "The amount of business with Austria has doubled in the past five years."

Western solidarity against Iraq has cracked, and the Arab world is re-embracing its sister nation, apparently no longer worried about how that might affect relations with the United States.

But while the economic sanctions the United Nations imposed on Iraq in 1991 are crumbling and trade is booming, Iraq's poor still line up for food rations. According to a Feb. 13 United Nations report, the country lacks potable water, sanitation and garbage collection. Electricity is in short supply, and hospitals, schools, sewage treatment plants and irrigation systems experience "frequent and prolonged power cuts," the report said.



Unidentified Iraqi lawmakers display a portrait of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as they demonstrate outside the United Nations Development Program office in Baghdad Saturday. Approximately 100 lawmakers are opposing the latest American-British air strikes against their country and the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region.

The reason is simple, United Nations officials and Western diplomats say. Instead of exporting oil through a U.N. oil-for-food program, Iraqi President Saddam

Hussein is smuggling it out through Syria and the Persian Gulf and using the illicit profits - as much as \$2 billion a year - to buy black market missiles and Mercedes Benzes.

"Their whole goal is to wrestle as much money away from U.N. control as possible," said one Western diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The envoy said Iraq's decision to

divert oil from the U.N.-sanctioned program could deprive the country of as much as \$3.5 billion in the next six months that could be spent on food, medicine and other humanitarian items.

Saddam's strategy makes a certain amount of sense, however. Not only does the illicit oil trading provide a stream of revenue to rebuild his military, it also enriches the cronies and commanders who keep him in power and make Iraq a lucrative market for European and Asian business - led by Russia, China and France. Finally and perversely, the more his people suffer, the more he can blame the United States and the United Nations for their plight.

"Things have improved somewhat over the past year or two. But even so the situation is very bad," said Sergon Dadisho, 28, who intends to emigrate next week, as many Iraqi Christians with financial means and relatives abroad have done over the past decade.

"Why? Because there is no future here. I have a girlfriend, but when I thought of getting married I knew I didn't have the money. How can we live on \$1 a day? What will we eat? What if one of us gets sick?"

rule for years to come. His popularity is strong and opposition movements, despite U.S. support, have all but died.

"Saddam? He is in 'perfect form,'" said a well-placed diplomat who saw him recently and who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Nobody can expect him to disappear naturally. An 'accident' is of course possible at any time."

A delegation of 52 Austrians arrived in Baghdad this week, pursuing contracts that range from \$100,000 to \$15 million in everything from screws and pipes to wastewater treatment. A few days ago, 180 businessmen arrived from Egypt, America's closest ally in the Arab world. Baghdad has signed free trade agreements with Egypt and Syria and is negotiating one with Jordan.

After the Baghdad airport was closed for a decade, regular commercial flights began again several months ago from Amman, growing sympathetic to the sanctions-stricken Iraqi people and increasingly enthralled by Saddam's anti-Israel rhetoric.

Kuwaitis still depend on their Western allies for protection, and were dispirited by the worldwide condemnation of the U.S. and British air strikes near the Iraqi capital this month. "Public opinion is turning against us," al-Ameeri said.

Kuwaiti museum builder's mission is to remember Gulf War

KUWAIT (AP) - Amid all the celebrations of the 10th anniversary of Kuwait's escape from Iraq's grasp - the parades and dancers, concerts and poetry readings and VIP guests - Youssef al-Ameeri wants to make sure the horrors of the war aren't forgotten.

The urge to remember is perhaps stronger among Kuwaitis these days as they see former Arab allies succumbing to the lure of trade with Iraq and questioning the need to go on smothering its people in punishing economic sanctions.

Al-Ameeri, a Kuwaiti civil servant, said he sold his house to help pay for his own museum chronicling Iraq's Aug. 2, 1990, invasion of his homeland and the U.S.-led Gulf War that forced it out.

"Many of Kuwait's Arab guests don't know how the invasion was," al-Ameeri said. "They think we were eating cookies and chocolate and waiting for Westerners to liberate us."

Al-Ameeri said he spent the war supplying resistance fighters with arms salvaged from a Kuwait air base and smuggled in garbage bins.

His cousin, he said, was captured by the Iraqis in an attack on a police station to free Kuwaiti prisoners. He was tortured, killed and his body dumped on the doorstep of his home, al-Ameeri said.

A staffer in Parliament's protocol department, al-Ameeri began working on his museum in 1997. He said it has cost over \$500,000 so far and needs another \$500,000. Parliament Speaker Jasssem al-Kharafi, a wealthy contractor, was a major contributor, and private companies also helped, al-Ameeri said. The government donated material for the exhibits, some electronic equipment and a one-story building for a nominal \$65 in monthly rent.

Kuwait has no official memorials or museums of the war. All the damage has been repaired and little evidence remains that the New



Kuwaiti residents wave the national flag while watching fireworks explode over the Persian Gulf in Kuwait City Saturday. Kuwait will celebrate the 10th anniversary of liberation after the Gulf War beginning today with many U.S. dignitaries in attendance.

Jersey-sized country of 750,000 citizens was looted and sabotaged a decade ago by Iraqi President

Saddam Hussein's army. The 10th anniversary will be marked with a lavish gala. Former

U.S. President George Bush, the Gulf War leader and father of the current president, is among the guests expected for the Feb. 25-26 celebrations.

Al-Ameeri and 30 volunteers are racing to open the museum beforehand, even if it's three months from completion.

"Unfortunately, our celebrations are all happy events filled with music and dancing," al-Ameeri said. "Yes, we can be merry, but we have to tell our story, with him (Saddam) still threatening us."

Museum halls have been constructed and some of the exhibits are in place, including a mock-up of an Iraqi trench complete with looted TV set and VCR.

Volunteers say the unfinished museum already attracts crowds of Kuwaitis and foreigners. A volunteer, Rawnak Mohammed, said she has shown ambassadors, labor leaders, allied forces soldiers and Arab actors around the exhibits.

Using photos, panoramic illustrations and miniatures, the completed museum will offer a half-

hour sound-and-light trip through history - the invasion, Kuwaiti resistance, hundreds of its oil fields aflame and Kurdish shrieking with joy on liberation day.

There will be photos of Kurdish victims of Iraqi chemical attacks and of Iraqi rebels killed in the failed uprising against Saddam that followed the war.

Like many Kuwaitis, al-Ameeri watches with dismay as support for Iraq grows in the Arab world, even as Saddam's regime continues to threaten Kuwait and lay claim to sovereignty over it.

While Kuwait is still waiting to learn the fate of more than 600 people who went missing after the invasion, it sees ordinary Arabs growing sympathetic to the sanctions-stricken Iraqi people and increasingly enthralled by Saddam's anti-Israel rhetoric.

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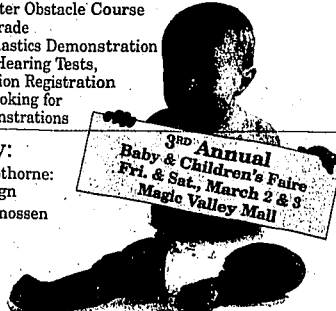
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Turkish prime minister responds to financial crisis

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Despite growing financial turmoil, Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit brushed aside calls for an overhaul of his government Saturday, saying that sacking any ministers was "out of the question."

Ecevit called an emergency meeting of his coalition allies Saturday to discuss a financial crisis that led to an almost 40 percent devaluation of the Turkish lira.

The premier said his government would introduce measures on Monday "to elevate the economy to a sound level," but gave no details.

Ecevit was responding to reports that the energy minister, who is widely accused of being corrupt, and the transport and communications minister, who has opposed the government's privatization program, were likely to be dismissed.

Two newspaper reporters reported Saturday that the government was considering replacing the two ministers with top economy bureaucrats.

WORLD

U.S. veterans help build 'peace village' in Vietnam.

Volunteers remove mines, create haven for Vietnamese families

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - For decades, more than 250 land mines, bombs and shards of shrapnel lay buried beneath the site of a former U.S. Marine base in Vietnam - a hidden danger to anyone maimed or killed members of more than 100 local families.

Now, after months of clearing mines, a group of American volunteers - including former Vietnam veterans - broke ground on the 40-acre plot this week for the building of a "peace village" to house the victims' families.

"This is a good experience to close out that part of my life," said Barry Geller, 49, of Anchorage, Alaska, who served as a military helicopter pilot in central Quang Tri province in 1970-71. "I'm glad I decided to come back."

Geller joined a group of 17 volunteers, including five Vietnam veterans, who joined Vietnamese to plant 500 trees at the site of the new village, once the Dong Ha Combat Base in central Vietnam.

The two-year, \$385,000 project is sponsored by PeaceTrees Vietnam, a nonprofit group based in Bainbridge Island, Wash., that educates about the dangers of land mines, helps remove the explosives and plants trees.

Unexploded ordnance remains a huge problem for Vietnam since the war ended 26 years ago, particularly in the central region along the former Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ.

About 38,000 people have been killed by leftover bombs or land mines over the last quarter-century, the government says.

Between 1985 and 1994 alone, nearly 500 people were killed and more than 4,000 injured in Quang Tri province. Children account for one of every five casualties.

Frequently shelled during the war, the former Marine base had been the site of a number of accidental explosions over the years, triggered mainly by children playing with leftover explosives.

PeaceTrees cleared out the site for good in December, and by the end of 2002, it will be home to the families.

In addition to the new houses, the "peace village" will include a kindergarten, a community hall, a sports field, and new roads and utilities.

For Trish Kozma, a Red Cross volunteer during the war, the PeaceTrees project offered a chance to return to Vietnam alongside others who had been through similar wartime experiences.

"I wanted to see it through the eyes of my peers. The veterans were like the guys I knew," said Kozma, 52, a retired teacher from Seattle. "Coming back with them has been wonderful. We could sit and talk and know what the other was feeling."

Most importantly, the project also offered a constructive way to help Vietnam, Kozma said. "It's very symbolic to plant a tree, but there's a permanency to it. There was so much damage done to this country that, in a small way, it was trying to erase the ravages of war," she said.

World Bank, IMF chiefs rule out total debt cancellation

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) - The heads of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund told 12 African leaders it would be impossible to cancel the entire debt of the world's poorest nations, as many have asked.

IMF director Horst Kohler and World Bank President James Wolfensohn said total debt would leave the two institutions cash-strapped and unable to provide the new loans to developing nations, said G.E. Gondwe, director of the IMF's Africa department.

"You would look at the issue of closing the bank," Gondwe told reporters Friday at the beginning

of a two-day IMF-World Bank summit to discuss how their agencies can help countries alleviate seemingly never-ending poverty.

Callisto Madavo, World Bank vice president for Africa, said the interests of the bank's shareholders ruled out debt cancellation.

"It is the shareholder perspective that is the bottom line," he said. The World Bank, which provides nearly \$16 billion in loans each year, is owned by more than 180 member countries.

Rwanda, Uganda, Mozambique and Tanzania, which sent representatives to the 12-nation summit, are among 18 sub-Saharan

nations that qualified for partial debt relief last year as long as they met certain conditions set by the lending institutions.

But most African governments say the continent will only develop if the billions of dollars of debt the countries have accumulated in their post-independence years is unconditionally canceled.

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Italian murder case sparks outburst of xenophobia

ROME (AP) - When an Italian woman and her 12-year-old son were murdered last week in the town of Novi Ligure, Italian newspapers were quick to point the finger. Immigrants, they declared, must be to blame.

Playing on fears of foreigners, right-wing political parties took up the cry. Anti-immigrant rallies were scheduled, denunciations flew thick and fast.

Then, police announced they had arrested a suspect - the woman's 16-year-old daughter.

It took just two days to close the investigation, but that was long enough for the ugly public uproar to build, prompting the mayor of Novi Ligure to say, "We've gone from one horror to another."

By Saturday, there was clear revision, at least in some quarters,

over the emotions exposed by the misdirected reaction to the killings. The accused daughter, meanwhile, was in jail in Milan.

In the tiny town of Novi Ligure, Susy Cassini, 45, was stabbed to death in her kitchen while her husband, Francesco do Nardo, was at a soccer game. Her 12-year-old son, Gianluca, was slain while trying to hide in the bathroom.

The ANSA news agency said hundreds of people jammed their little parish church, filling it with the sounds of sobs. Even the priest wept.

The xenophobic charge was led by allies of media magnate and conservative leader Silvio Berlusconi, whose law-and-order message caters to public fears that crime is rising and that immigrants are to blame.

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Report paints troubling picture of airport

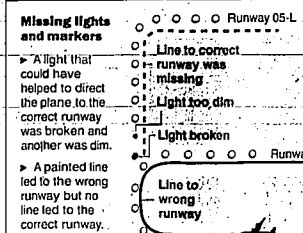
TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Crash investigators painted an alarming picture last week of Taipei's airport, where broken lights and missing markers might have helped cause a Singapore Airlines jet to slam into debris and explode while taking off on the wrong runway.

The officials, who have yet to say how caused the Oct. 31 accident that killed 83 people, also provided new details about how the pilots of Los Angeles-bound Flight SQ006 ignored instruments that indicated the plane was not on the correct runway.

During torrential rains caused by an approaching typhoon, the Boeing 747-400 roared down the runway that was under repair and plowed into concrete blocks and construction equipment. The jet burst into flames and broke into three pieces.

Investigators on Friday said they were just presenting the facts they have collected, and they declined to speculate on the chief cause of the accident. They said a final report might be released in December.

But chief investigator Kay Yong said that two lights that



SOURCES: Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration; compiled from AP wire reports

help guide the plane to the correct runway were not properly working. The lights - one was broken and the other was too dim - were at the critical point where the pilots mistakenly turned onto the wrong runway, parallel to the one they were supposed to use, said Yong, managing director of Taiwan's Aviation Safety Council.

Another problem was that a line was painted on the taxi way leading to the closed runway, which

Airport troubles in Taipei

Investigators painted a troubling picture for Taipei's airport. In a preliminary report on a Singapore Airlines jumbo jet that slammed into debris while taking off from the wrong airstrip on Oct. 31. Here are some problems crash investigators found.

was not completely blocked off because sections were used by taxiing aircraft. Yang said no line lead to the correct runway.

Chang Kuo-cheng, deputy director of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, responsible for the airport, said he could not comment on the details until investigators release a final report.

But Chang said that all the airport's facilities were installed according to international stan-

dards when it was built in 1979. "But I can't say if there were any changes in the guidelines that we didn't know about," Chang said.

In a brief statement, Singapore Airlines did not discuss the report's details. "We will await the final analysis before commenting further," the company said.

The air traffic control did not have ground radar and had no way of checking during the storm that the pilot was on the wrong runway.

Britain begins to slaughter pigs in disease outbreak

LONDON (AP) - Workers began slaughtering thousands of British livestock Saturday, as the government said its measures to contain an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease appeared to be paying off.

Pigs, sheep and cattle were being killed on six farms where the disease has been confirmed and at two others that had "dangerous contact" with the infected sites, Chief Veterinary Officer Jim Scudamore said. The carcasses would be burned to keep the risk of transmission to a minimum.

Officials said it was a positive sign that no new cases of the highly infectious disease had been confirmed since Friday.

"We know that quickly and that this is the crucial time," said Agriculture Minister Nick Brown. Foot-and-mouth disease affects cloven-footed animals, including sheep, goats and cows. Causing blisters on the mouth and feet, fever and loss of appetite, it is not usually fatal, but is highly infectious, capable of being carried on the wind. Transmission to humans is rare.

Philippines truce doesn't halt clashes

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - Philippine soldiers and Muslim rebels on Saturday accused each other of launching attacks in the southern Mindanao region despite the government's declared ceasefire.

But Ghazali Jaafar, Moro Islamic Liberation Front chairman, said Saturday his men "are being hunted like wild animals by troops."

In a telephone interview from a Mindanao hide-out, Jaafar accused the army of provoking clashes de-

spite President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration Tuesday of a ceasefire in a bid to restart peace talks.

The rebels have not declared their own ceasefire but said they would only fight if attacked. The MILF is the larger of two Muslim groups fighting to carve separate Islamic states out of Mindanao.

Peace talks collapsed last year after then-President Joseph Estrada ordered a massive military campaign that captured at least 45 MILF camps in Mindanao.

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Indigenous Dayaks brandish spears and machetes as they roam the streets Saturday looking for Macreese settlers in the outskirts of Sampit, a central Kalimantan province on Borneo Island, which is about 450 miles northeast of Jakarta, Indonesia.

Brutal ethnic violence erupts in Borneo, leaving dozens dead

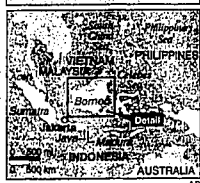
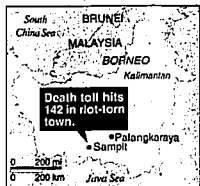
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SAMPIT, Indonesia — Assyri and her family were less than a mile from a makeshift refugee camp on Thursday when a mob of screaming, machete-wielding men caught up with them. "You people don't belong here," she recalled one of the men growling at her family, which migrated to this town in central Borneo from another Indonesian island more than a decade ago. He threatened to turn them into satey, a dish of grilled meat on a stick.

Moments later, the men, members of the native Dayak ethnic group, set upon her brother, beheading him and holding up his head as a trophy before marching off in search of other families from Assyri's homeland, Madura Island.

By the end of the day, Dayak fighters had beheaded and hacked to death scores of Madurese migrants, including women and young children, in one of the most savage raids of ethnic violence to strike Indonesia in recent years.

The violence continued Friday as thousands of Dayaks armed with knives, homemade spears and tridents descended on Sampit — about 450 miles northeast of Jakarta, in the province of Central Kalimantan — from outlying areas to cleanse the town of Madurese. Bands of whooping Dayaks went house to house, searching for Madurese and burning their villages, reducing them to charred wastelands and forcing tens of thousands of migrants to flee. Severed heads were displayed on the roadside, and one group of fighters bragged that their leaders were



playing soccer with one.

On Saturday, thousands of terrified people fought to board an Indonesian navy vessel to flee the six days of brutal ethnic violence. Some 15,000 refugees were huddled in government buildings and police stations to avoid armed mobs as they waited to leave Sampit. As the refugees scrambled aboard the large navy transport, two dead bodies floated past the crowded pier, a stark reminder of the savage fighting that has seen beheadings and mutilations.

Officials said three more ships were expected to arrive in the next 24 hours to ferry away refugees, and military aircraft were flying in troops to control the fighting.

The fighting on the verdant flatlands of Borneo is the latest in a series of brutal ethnic clashes

that have erupted across the Indonesian archipelago as the country struggles to deal with a breakdown of law and order after more than three decades of authoritarian rule and with the fallout of the former government's forced migration policies.

Although Indonesia is besieged with a bloody sectarian conflict in the Spice Islands and separatist insurgencies in two resource rich provinces, the rise of ethnic violence could destabilize vast areas of the world's fourth-most-populous country, officials and analysts say. During the 32-year reign of former dictator Suharto, the government forcibly moved people to every corner of the nation to relieve overcrowding and to dilute the political strength of local ethnic groups.

Tensions frequently arose between the new arrivals and indigenous populations, particularly over jobs and other economic concerns. During the Suharto years they were kept in check by military repression. Now that Suharto has fallen and Indonesia is struggling with democracy, however, the military and police no longer are employing the same tough measures.

Although the Dayaks and Madurese peacefully coexisted for years — sometimes even intermarrying — tensions have escalated in recent years over economic issues. Dayaks accuse the Madurese of monopolizing stalls at the market and controlling the local bicycle taxi business. The Madurese also established farms on what had once been traditional Dayak land.

"The Madurese people were a vehicle for economic growth," said Abu Jihan, the leader of a Madurese youth group. "It was a problem for the Dayaks. They couldn't compete with us."

International aid agency to contribute AIDS drugs

BOMBAY, India (AP) — An international aid agency said it will distribute an anti-AIDS drug purchased from an Indian company free of charge in 10 countries. Doctors Without Borders will buy the anti-AIDS cocktail from the Indian company Cipla Ltd.

"In general, where the Cipla drug will be used, it will be supplied free of cost. Wherever it is purchased by governments, it would be sold at reduced prices," Daniel Berman of the agency's Access to Essential Medicines campaign said Friday. Berman said the agency will begin distributing the drugs "over the next couple of months."

On Feb. 7, Cipla offered to sell a three-drug anti-retroviral

cocktail to Doctors Without Borders for \$350 per person, per year, if the aid agency agreed to distribute it for free and took care of the legalities of importing it.

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EDITORIAL

Capitol building needs a major face lift to carry on

At first glance, the Idaho state Capitol is a pretty impressive building. Look a little closer, though, and you'll see the warps and wrinkles of an old building in need of repair.

State lawmakers see it clearly. That's why they've agreed to spend \$32 million of the state surplus, plus another \$32 million from the sale of bonds, to refurbish the Capitol.

Such spending is justified because Idaho's premier public building hasn't received any major improvements since it was built, nearly a century ago. Restoring it is a worthy goal, particularly with its centennial anniversary coming up in 2005.

(In the interests of full disclosure, we note that the publisher of this newspaper sits on the Idaho Capitol Commission - which studied the building and then lobbied state lawmakers for the \$64 million.)

There's a lot to restore in the Capitol building. The plumbing needs renovation. So does the wiring, and so does the heating system, and so forth. The roof is leaky, the windows are drafty, and there are virtually no security devices - even in the governor's office.

If improvements aren't made, soon it will cease to be a working office building for state government. The old Capitol would make a great museum, but Idaho taxpayers then would have to build a new office building for state

government. Almost inevitably, discussion of the state's obligation to maintain the Idaho Capitol building has sparked discussion of the state's obligation to maintain Idaho school buildings. After all, they are public buildings too.

Not all public buildings are created equal. The state Capitol truly belongs to all Idaho residents, and its maintenance is appropriately financed as a statewide obligation. But school buildings are built, maintained and owned by individual school districts.

As such, they are public buildings. But they belong to the residents of individual school districts, not the residents of Idaho as a whole.

That's a fundamental distinction, and it's why taxpayers in individual school districts are the only ones responsible for local school maintenance and construction.

The Idaho Capitol transcends individual school districts because it is the seat of state government. It stands for all Idaho residents.

Restoring the old Capitol won't be easy. At least one legislative session will have to be held elsewhere.

But that's a small price to pay for the renovation to proceed apace. When it is done, the Capitol will shine and sparkle again, ready for many more decades of service.

Spending \$64 million to renovate the Idaho state Capitol building is worthwhile.

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LETTERS

T-N insults Hunt internees

From the oath of citizenship: "I renounce allegiance to any sovereignty of which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen." I will defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

If anything has caused a greater stink recently than anti-hog farm letters, it is the odious editorial on designating the Hunt Camp a national monument. The Times-News' knee-jerk anti-Clinton fulmination goes too far.

Turning Hunt into a national monument "exalts America's misguided focus on group victimization." The Times-News says, an unbelievably egregious phrase. With this stroke of skewed profundity, the Times-News insults 9,000 former "residents" of the Minidoka Relocation Center and by inference attaches such a distasteful characterization to Holocaust survivors.

In references to Japanese-Americans, the operative additional word should be "citizens" - American citizens - which most Hunt internees were. If one substitutes "Japanese-Americans" with "Californians" or "Oregonians" or "Washingtonians," it becomes starkly evident the United States caged thousands of Washingtonians and denied their inalienable rights for the war's duration, long after sabotage and invasion fears had faded.

It wasn't fair, but it wasn't unreasonable to keep (U.S. citizens) interned throughout the war, the editorial says, apparently reasoning that they caused no trouble and they thinned our beads. At the time, however, the courageous North Side News in Jerome raised its editorial voice against the camp's injustice, thus putting to shame The Times-News' current hindsight.

The Hunt chapter isn't a pleasant one in the history of southern Idaho," the editorial concludes. True, but it has an enduring, even monumental value, a point that seems to escape The Times-News in its fog of anti-Clinton phobia. The question of preserving the camp was amply vetted by Idaho's national legislators, President Clinton's representative on-site, and the Jerome County Historical Society as well as officials of the Hagerman Fossil Beds monument, the Bureau of Reclamation and Land Management, and the Japanese-American Citizens League. Presidential "fiat" without local input, as the Times-News claims? Clearly, not so. The Hunt Camp should stand as a monument in living history, where mindless xenophobia was met with matchless patriotism. It should be a place where students of American history can conduct soul-searching searches into why it is necessary to memorialize past injustice.

And The Times-News, after making itself a subject of mockery from the Palouse to Pocatello, should pen an apology.

J. BYRON SIMS
Salt Lake City, Utah

Treatment plant is easy way out

Why is the Jerome Cheese Co. going to such effort to construct a waste treatment plant seven miles west in Gooding County? Looking at locations elsewhere, especially in Jerome County, indicates that better land is available closer to the plant or even at the present plant location. The place to sell the project should be near the area that Jerome Cheese desires to place the industrial processing of waste materials.

When you look at the proposed location by aerial view, the land is marginal and the area for distribution is full of lava basalt outcroppings. How fractured is the land and how will the crops raised uptake the waste? Micro-irrigation of the waste is not going to be easy at best, and each sprinkler will need cleaning out to distribute the waste, almost on a daily basis. What is meant by gravity feed of waste to the processing site? What by-products will be manufactured? Who are the buyers for this product or is there anyone? Who will enforce the production and waste monitoring?

Two agencies - DEQ and Ag - will be involved with this project, yet by record, these agencies do not work well together. That means one can see the plan and make a guess that this idea will work. The area which the project is planned is not ideal.

Testimony provided to the Gooding Planning and Zoning, by the city engineer for Jerome, indicated that very little discussion had taken place.

Another problem I see is from the past. Jerome County has allowed Jerome Cheese to continue development and the city of Jerome was not involved with that developmental approval. The Times-News has reported all the efforts of annexation and or inclusion of the industrial park into the city. There's more to the problems than what is being told to the public. The easy way out for Jerome Cheese is finding a solution such as this project.

Finally, Gooding County does not need the waste placed in an already known warning area of excessive nitrates and phosphates, especially that close to a major industry such as the fish hatcheries. Jerome Cheese needs to be honest and straightforward. It should be selling the local people on the project and have some alternate ways of handling the waste the cheese plant is generating.

DAVID J. ADAIR
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It's time for George W. Bush to lead

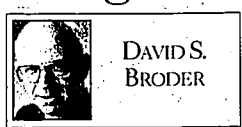
Now comes the first moment of truth for President George W. Bush. After a month of largely pleasant preliminaries, the new chief executive will present himself and his program Tuesday evening for the first time to his most critical domestic audience, the members of Congress. He is assured a warm welcome for his nationally televised address to a joint session.

But everyone in the House chamber will be taking the measure of the new guy, gauging his effectiveness as a speaker and calculating how safe it is to support his policies or oppose them. He will ask for cooperation and he may get it - but only if the politicians facing him judge that he can persuade their constituents that what he is recommending makes sense.

Bush is far from the first recent president to face the necessity of building a mandate after inauguration because he failed to win a clear one from the voters on Election Day. Except for Ronald Reagan in 1981, our pattern of close presidential contests has confronted every newly elected opposition-party president from Kennedy through Bush with a need to try creating a wave of popular support large enough to nudge Congress into action. Some, such as Nixon and Clinton, succeeded at least in part. Others, like Carter, failed.

A critical step for each was not just his first address to Congress but his first Wednesday, and that will be the time when the possibilities and the practicalities of his blueprint for governing become clear.

To govern, as the saying goes, is to choose, and the budget document reveals more plainly than anything else what a



DAVID S. BRODER

president's priorities really are. That is when the broad promises so easily uttered from campaign platforms have to be reduced to dollars and cents - the time when allies and opponents can begin to see how it all adds up.

Not all budgets are created equal in candor. When David Stockman was rushing Reagan's first budget up to Capitol Hill in 1981, he covered its flawed arithmetic with what came to be known as "the magic asterisk," unspecified spending cuts which - surprise, surprise - never materialized. The result was more than a decade of runaway deficits from which we have only recently recovered. Bill Clinton's first budget was a good deal more honest in acknowledging that he had abandoned the middle-class tax cut he promised during his campaign in favor of a progressive restructuring of the tax burden, which benefited low-income people, raised taxes on the well-off and did little or nothing for those in the middle.

His party paid a political price, but Clinton was re-elected on the tide of good economic news that resulted, at least in part, from that first budget.

Bush is seeking a Reagan-like reduction in marginal income tax rates, but is doing it without the policy mandate Reagan could claim from the sweeping Republican victory he had led.

To make his case to Congress, Bush must first mobilize the public, and that

he has yet to do. Factors largely beyond his control have crowded Bush offstage and out of the news headlines in the run-up to this week's big speech and budget rollout.

Every day, it seems, something unexpected has pulled the TV news focus and the front pages away from the event Bush's handlers had planned. For days, people were caught up in the mystery of how the USS Greenville, our nuclear submarine, could have sunk a Japanese fishing boat while showing off to civilian visitors a rehearsal of its high-speed surfacing capabilities.

Then, we had the missile attack on Saddam Hussein's air defenses, ordered by Bush when the threat to American overflights became intolerable. Then, the capture of the teen-agers sought in the Dartmouth murder case. Then, the death of Dale Earnhardt, America's premier race car driver, killed in a crash on the last lap of the year's biggest race.

Then, the arrest of Robert Hanssen, accused of spying for the Russians for 15 years while occupying one of the most sensitive posts in the FBI's elite counter-espionage unit. And then, the revelation that Hugh Rodham, the lawyer-brother of Hillary Rodham Clinton, had profited from pressing for a new law and a commutation for two of the more unsavory characters on Clinton's snail list of underserving but well-connected presidential favor-takers.

If the Democrats had tried, they could not have contrived a more effective strategy for blocking Bush out of the news. Bush has to make up for lost time and now the moment of truth is at hand.

David S. Broder is a national political reporter for The Washington Post.

LETTERS

Let Big Sky Farms come in

If I read Lovell Turner correctly, he and 99 percent of the "coalition" are telling us they are still misinformed, still have not put forth the effort to educate themselves and still want our county officials to cover to the whining of the squeaky wheel. Well, there are two ways to stop the squeaking. Give the squeaky wheel the oil or let the car run out of gas.

So how's it going to be? Do we let the coalition drive away another chance to prosper or do we let our commissioners know that there is a not-so-loud majority in the community who knows we need some help soon.

Mr. Turner praises our local journalist for investigative journalism. What about the whole story?

Mr. Achi's bad checks made front-page news, but the article reporting the history of mishandled electronic transfers by his bank was several pages back in The Times-News, and I have not seen it in the South Idaho Press. Is that investigative journalism or just half-hearted effort? Aren't news articles supposed to be informative and objective?

If the facts had been presented, readers would not send letters to the editor with statements like "a million hogs" or "poisonous gas" or "500 documents against." At the last planning and zoning meeting, I understood the number related to the pieces of evidence on both sides was about 377. If all the facts had been presented, everyone would know that we have nothing to fear from a proposed pilot project.

Odors are not going to stop anyone on the freeway nor keep them from touring our local Arby's and Chevron. If the poisonous gases were such a horrific problem, how did our brave county officials ever return from the pits of doom and

hell they visited? Were there warning signs? Were they issued military grade gas masks for the tours?

Finally, in the words of Mr. Turner, I also urge everyone to "join the fight." This is Cassia County, not Coalition County. Don't make Big Sky Farms another infamous "Cassia-ity" (casualty). I say "damn the winners, full speed ahead!"

TRAVIS WORTLEY
Burley

Don't repeal the estate tax, fix it

Complete repeal of the estate tax would be bad for our democracy, our economy and our society. Repealing the estate tax, a constructive part of our tax structure for 85 years, would leave an unfortunate legacy for America's future generations.

Recognizing the importance of protecting America's family farms and small businesses, the estate tax already has many special provisions that do so. If more provisions of this kind are needed, let the law be amended but don't use it as a rationale for eliminating the estate tax all together.

Only the richest 2 percent of our nation's families currently pay any estate tax at all. Repealing the estate tax would further enrich the heirs of America's millionaires and billionaires while hurting families who struggle to make ends meet.

The billions of dollars in state and federal revenues lost will inevitably be made up either by increasing taxes on those less able to pay or by cutting Social Security, Medicare and many other government programs so important to our nation's continued well-being. The estate tax exerts a powerful and positive effect on charitable giving.

Repeal would have a devastating impact on public charities ranging from institutions of higher education to organizations that assist the poor and disadvantaged.

Let's fix the estate tax, not repeal it! For more information on this issue, see United for a Fair Economy's website: <http://www.fairtax.org>

CHRISTOPHER HORMEL
Bliss

Museum benefits the children

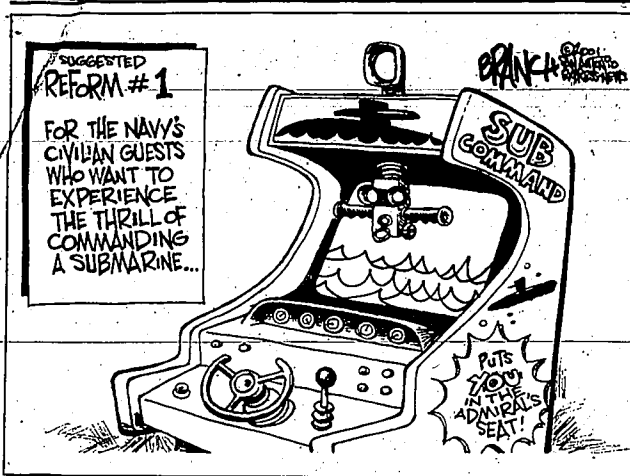
Regarding the Jerry Lee Young article: Boy, what a sneaky y'erson Jerry Lee Young is! Can you imagine he is so sneaky that he steals artifacts and then boldly displays them, in public no less. He also is so cunning that he has been able to do this for years and the government is just catching on! (Give me a break.)

I have known Jerry since grade school; he is the most considerate and caring person who is openly sharing his love of history with all who care about the Indian heritage and history. My children and grandchildren love the museum. They would never have had the opportunity to see the history of the American Indians if it were not for his hard work that created a wonderful place to go back in time.

I agree with the article in the paper that someone is jealous and not happy with what Jerry has accomplished. But in knowing Jerry, he did it all legally. It's a shame the government is putting his whole family through this heartbreak. People of Idaho, this is one of our own. Speak up in his behalf. Don't let the government destroy the museum and a good family.

JOHN AND FRANKIE KREPS
Twin Falls

OPINION



Don't close off military exercises

A Navy submarine surfaces under a Japanese fishing vessel, sinking it and killing nine civilians. The Army, reacting to news that civilian guests were on the sub, immediately acts to ban all civilians from helicopters, tanks and the ubiquitous Hum-Vee.

This is an absurd and harmful response. But first a few words about the Greenlee disaster. No one has yet suggested that the submarine did anything other than what the junior sailors overseeing the vessel would have done. The presence of civilians at the controls is a good example of something that looks bad but is meaningless.

ELIOT A. COHEN

from military friends to get my students to military bases. When they go there, I want them to climb inside, on top of and around military hardware. I want them to breathe the dust and diesel fumes, and to feel what it is like to carry a 155mm artillery shell.

I want them to meet the sergeants and corporals who do these things daily. Those weather-beaten young men and women will not speak so frankly in tidy briefing rooms as they will while spooning out Meals Ready to Eat after an 18-hour day in the field or showing their guests how to stay (relatively) dry in a wet bivouac. My students need to walk, however briefly, in those soldiers' boots.

I want them to do these things because they will go on to become Capitol Hill staffers, journalists and program officers at relief organizations. They will say and do things that shape when and

where the military will be used, and what the American people think of it when that happens.

I want my students to attach names and faces to what the briefers call "capabilities" and "force structure." Cut them off from those experiences and you guarantee that they will know little when the time comes.

It's our military, and within the bounds of safety and common sense, no anxious general or bureaucrat should try to cut the American people off from intimate contact with it — and, yes, that means rides in tanks.

To be sure, sometime and somewhere, someone will get hurt as a result of this interaction. But if the leaders of our armed forces have the civic courage required to meet the sterner tasks of command in war, don't they have the moral fortitude to accept that risk?

Eliot A. Cohen is professor of strategic studies at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

The latest word is that a sonar operator will claim the presence of civilians in the control room directed him from his task. One can understand what sailors would do for any reason that helps excuse, or at least explain, a horrifying safety failure. But even if this is correct, it's more appropriate to assign responsibility to the officers who failed to maintain standards for visitor decorum than to define the problem as one of "civilians at the helm."

Back to the Army's response to this naval accident: no civilians on any vehicles. It's a policy unenforceable to the point of silliness and will eventually melt away in repeated episodes of noncompliance after much energy is wasted on it. But what tells us about the state of mind in the military is worth pondering.

This sort of response reveals all too clearly the prevalence of the "zero-defects mentality." An obsession with keeping any one's own docket clean regardless of consequences is a form of bureaucratic dry rot to which all military organizations are prey. This pathology has developed new and dangerous forms for the complete prevention of casualties, to the point that American soldiers have gone into peacekeeping operations with the order ringing in their ears that "force protection is the primary mission."

Around the world, soldiers and civilians will hear of this latest order and shake their heads in ridicule or disgust. Many may take it as just another sign that senior leadership is primarily interested in protecting itself from blame. It may cause a further erosion of confidence in the good judgment that is one of the prime qualifications of leadership everywhere, but at the top above all.

Moreover, the kind of restrictions the Army has imposed would work to the detriment of both military and civilian society. They would fall most heavily on citizens who want to know something about the military for which they pay and in which their children serve — the people to whom the general is responsible.

I confess that I'm an interested party in this. As a professor of national security studies at a graduate school of international relations, I unashamedly beg favors

LETTERS

Dairy odor really stinks

Last week while riding toward Twin on my way home from a ski trip to Sun Valley, nearing Jerome I was awakened by a horrible smell; it actually made my eyes water and my stomach knot. Many a time, Filer, it was even worse. I have read some of the stories about the smell from the dairies but experiencing it firsthand made me realize how bad it really is.

I grew up on a farm and know there are ways to control the smell. I suspect those responsible just don't want to spend the few bucks necessary to do so. I'm surprised those living downwind have not revolted as the smell is most revolting.

CAROLYN SMITH
Walnut Creek, Calif.

heartbroken child or adult who is wondering why their pet has not come home. A tag would provide the opportunity for owner and pet to be reunited once more, even if it is only to say good-bye.

I realize that not everyone treats their dogs like their natural

born offspring the way I treat mine, but if a person has some regard for their canine companion, then an identification tag can be a small but important step in maintaining that relationship.

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Put a tag on your dog

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The other times I have wished a dog had identification tags is when I have come across a dog who has died, whether from being hit by a car or drowned or whatever.

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Section B

Here's to staying up past 10

It'll turn 50 later this year, and all of the questions I have about becoming a seasoned citizen, one prerequisite:
Will I be required to eat supper at 4:30 in the afternoon?
Older people do, you know. Walk into any local buffet-style eatery any day at that hour, and you'll see them in their multitudes, laddling gravy over Jell-O salad and complaining about the government.
I'm worried that this practice may be a prerequisite for membership in AARP. And to be perfectly truthful, I'm not at all hungry at 4:30 p.m. and I do my best grousing about the gummin' in the mornings.

Conventional wisdom has it that senior citizens dine so early because they get up so early and are in bed before their grandkids. This is goofy.
If you're retired, why get up at 5 a.m.? And where is it written that you can't stay up until quarter past Leno without falling asleep on the couch and waking up to a test pattern?

It seems to me that older folks have succumbed to the bad example of their parents and grandparents, who got up early because they were being inquisitive about the 75 and went to bed at 8 because they were bored beyond all reason.

And to the propaganda of the Bureaucrator Co., which can only stay in business by convincing people that they're very, very sleepy.

But let's be exquisitely frank for a moment: An awful lot of older Americans lead terrific lives. "The Lawrence Walk Show," "Jeopardy?" "Wheel of Fortune?" Please. Those programs would put Richard Simmons to sleep.

Plus senior citizens place such a premium on wearing comfortable shoes and never drinking coffee after 8 a.m. that it's no wonder they're dead on their feet by sunset.

I see one-third of a nation sleeping through prime time, and it's high time it stopped.

So I propose dinner at 8 for everyone over 50. And any retired person rising early enough to watch Orion Samuelson on the teevee would automatically be kicked out of the Mall Walkers.

No one who remembers the Eisenhower administration should be allowed to listen to music in 3/4 time except for strictly limited Sunday dances at the seniors center, and anyone - regardless of age - who owns boots should be required to scot them.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but too many of you older people are dull, and I'm afraid the dull is going to rub off.

For I am, you understand, quite the opposite: bon vivant, raconteur, part-time dressmaker's dummy. I swing with a sparkling crowd, go clubbing into the wee hours of each morning and trade bon mots with the glitterati.

Which, of course, means I drink beer with the neighbors, exchange insults with my barber and am usually in bed by 11.
But that's a lot more lively than those of you in the 4:30 dinner crowd. You folks have just given up. Supper before 5 is the moral equivalent of wearing sweatpants all the time.

And I don't care if you're hungry at 4:30. Get over it.
You are, after all, over 21. You can drive a car. You can dance with your spouse, and if you're none, you're fully capable of asking a person of the converse gender to tea.

In short, you still have a fully operational Groove Thang, and you should shake it at every possible opportunity.
Follow my 49-year-old example. Last Saturday, I walked three miles, shampooed the carpet, gave the dog a bath, sanded down a coffee table I'm refinishing, took a friend to dinner, and stayed up until midnight.

I felt like a million bucks, and slept in until 10 on Sunday morning. And I certainly wasn't eating supper at 4:30 that afternoon.

Couldn't have, I was taking a nap.
Times-News feature editor Steve Crump once stayed awake through almost an entire episode of "Antiques Roadshow." Would have made it, too, but it comes on at 10.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Bills tighten up dairy regs

By Michael Jormee
Times-News writer

BOISE - They say they don't care who does it, as long as the job gets done.
Local lawmakers are looking for some way to make someone responsible for the foul air that has some Filer residents refusing to go out into their own yards, stuffing wet towels along their door jams, sleeping with face masks doused with cologne, and even fearful for their families' health.



They're mad. So mad several of them, as well as representatives of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and local government, drove the two hours to Boise this week to tell their stories to lawmakers discussing measures intended to help ease their plight.
The eight bills currently in front of the Legislature, some of which are having a difficult time getting by the agriculture-friendly lawmakers, are intended to lay responsibility for monitoring dairy operations, and the atrocious odor they sometimes emit, at someone's feet.
"These are my business partners," said Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, chairman of the House agriculture committee and himself a farmer. He's also a neighbor of some of

the contentious dairies. "This is all very important to me on a personal level."
Despite his interest, Jones said, somebody has to be made responsible.
But who?
Dairymen say they're doing everything they have to under the law, and then some at a few locations.
County commissioners said they didn't have the technical expertise for an investigation of what's wrong with an especially

offensive waste lagoon, and besides they didn't have the authority to do anything even if they had the know-how. So far the only tool they have is declaring moratoriums against building new dairies, which three Magic Valley counties - Twin Falls, Jerome, and Gooding, where most of the state's dairies are concentrated - have done already.
State agencies typically responsible for agricultural or environmental concerns said they have

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Home & Garden Show draws crowds

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Husbands and wives urged each other along through the obstacle course of people at the annual Home & Garden Show Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho.

On one end of the bark chip-covered floor of the CSI Expo Center sat rows of pool tables. On the other end, hot tubs.
And in the middle, cell phone vendors, kitchen appliance vendors, bank merchants, lawn and tree care vendors and home patio vendors camped out.

It's a homeowner's dream - and it continues today.

"We came down to the Herrett Center with our kids, but we saw everyone coming in here so we wanted to check it out," said Rita Gardiner of Carey, who came to the show with her husband Bill and their children, 4-year-old Shawn and 7-year-old Garrett.
"We've signed up for everything."

In its 21st year, the Home & Garden Show is one of the biggest trade shows in Idaho.
Cars and trucks lined North College Drive as swarms of people from throughout the Magic Valley lined up for tickets.

Vendors and merchants from as far away as Salt Lake City come to the annual show to sell their goods.

"It's going pretty good today," said Mike Poulton, a vendor from Salt Lake City who was selling "The Ultimate Survival Bottle," a water bottle that turns murky water into clear and drinkable water thanks to a built-in filter.

"There's a lot of outdoors people who can really use these."

And right around the corner from "The Ultimate Survival Bottle" booth were rows of John Deere lawn mowers - some costing as much as \$5,800 dollars.

"Business is slow during the winter, but spring is coming up



Mike Poulton of Butler Home Products out of Utah demonstrates the Ultimate Survival Bottle to spectators at the 2001 Home and Garden Show Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho.

Interested?
The 2001 Home & Garden Show continues today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho's Expo Center.
Special workshops at the Kimberly Nursery booth include a landscape design basics at noon, rose selection and care at 1:30 p.m. and lawn and tree care at 3 p.m.

Man dies in wreck near Burley

BURLEY - A Utah man was killed and another man severely injured in a one-vehicle accident Saturday morning on Interstate 84.

According to the Idaho State Police, Constantino Ayllon, age unknown, of West Valley, Utah, was driving too fast for the weather conditions when he lost control of his 1993 Mitsubishi Eclipse at milepost 258.5 on I-84 near Burley at about 9:05 a.m. Saturday. Ayllon lost control of the car and went into the median rolling, an ISP news release said.

His passenger, 25-year-old Dante Jucemarayan, also of West Valley, Utah, was ejected through the car's sunroof and died instantly. Constantino suffered severe head injuries and was taken to Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, the news release said.

According to the ISP, the car was equipped with automatic seat belts but the two men failed to fasten their lap belts and both were ejected. The case is still under investigation, the news release said.

Ketchum museum showcases history

KETCHUM - The Ketchum-Sun Valley Heritage and Ski Museum is a speeding locomotive headed in opposite directions - toward the past and the future - at the same time.

Maybe that's why the green and white compound in the heart of Ketchum feels so dynamic from the moment you walk in the door.

Only five years old, the museum is well on its way to becoming both a showcase that honors the Wood River Valley's colorful past and a forward-thinking tool for teaching about the natural world, something that has always been dear to the hearts of local residents.

This is not your grandfather's dusty, dusty museum. Of course it has the requisite displays of artifacts and photographs marking the evolution from Native American hunting grounds, to rough-and-tumble mining town, to world-class ski resort, to glittering home of celebrities and Olympians.

But there's also a computer in the center of the warm and brightly lit room where visitors, with the click of a mouse, are encouraged to learn about their natural heritage - the plants, animals and geography of Idaho.

"We've just begun," said education director Chris Gerstchen. She runs the Sawtooth Science Institute from the museum in a partnership begun last spring to enhance the museum's educational arm.

She said visitors, especially kids, love to sit at the computer and work the museum's digital atlas, a project of the Idaho Museum of Natural History at Idaho State University. The computer program allows peo-

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Courthouse security remains issue in area

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

BURLEY - In October 1998, the Cassia County Courthouse turned into a bunker.

Rumors had circulated that a group from Salt Lake City was planning to liberate "murder defendant Martin Fernandez. So camouflaged officers stood guard with rifles. Fernandez' arraignment was moved to the county commissioners' chambers in the basement. The entire judicial floor was evacuated.

Nothing came of the threat. But there's aren't what concerns 5th District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

"It's the time we don't have warning," Carlson said.

Security continues to be an issue at the Cassia courthouse, and it's one reason commissioners keep putting away \$200,000 every year for a new judicial building.



RUTH STREATER/The Times-News

Fifth District Magistrate Judge Roy Holloway stands by the now secured door leading to his office at the Cassia County Courthouse. Security continues to be an issue at the courthouse, with its multiple entrances and lack of metal detectors.

Holloway said. It's not only an issue for Cassia County.

"I have concerns about several of my courthouses," said Linda Wright, the 5th District trial court administrator in Twin Falls.

Accessibility is a significant concern, Wright said, especially for Cassia, Lincoln and Jerome counties. Those counties have multi-entrance courthouses, housing a variety of county offices. Such buildings are harder to protect than buildings dedicated solely to the justice system.

In Minidoka, Blaine and Twin Falls counties, the judicial buildings contain only courtrooms and judicial offices.

Magistrate judges may have the most to fear. The volatile nature of many magistrate cases - domestic disputes and civil suits - often makes Magistrate Court more emotionally charged than District Court.

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and people want to fill up their garages," said Kelly Rost of Tri-County Tractor in Wendell.
And while some people may make purchases at the event, most people merely stroll the aisles picking up gardening tips and other useful ideas along the way.

Dennis and Kathy Boran drove down from Bellevue to check out Saturday's show.
"The pool tables look kind of fun," Boran said.
But as for making any business deals, Boran said he and his wife

would probably hold off "until we see something we can't live without."

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we're a small community, we aren't immune to things that happen in other places," Magistrate Judge Roy C.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Grant provides university with new program

MOSCOW (AP) — Thanks to a \$45,000 grant from the Freedom Forum, an American Indian journalist will join the University of Idaho School of Communication and head up a new multicultural program.

Lori Edmo-Supphah, 41, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe and editor for seven years of the weekly Sho-Ban News in Fort Hall, will also lead a summer journalism workshop for Northwest high school and junior college students of color.

She will head a project in the fall designed to get university journalism students out on reservations to experience Indian culture.

The journalism-in-residence program is modeled after a similar project at the University of Montana, where the number of Indian journalism students has increased from three to 20 in the last four years.

"If we could at least get some

native students interested in journalism, whether mainstream or working for their own tribes... it's important," said Edmo-Supphah. "Part of our culture is being storytellers. The more we have, the better off everyone is."

The Scripps Howard Foundation and the university will kick in \$10,000 and \$15,000 respectively to help the program. School of Communication Director Chris Campbell said the program is right in line with the

university's efforts to embrace diversity.

The \$45,000 grant was provided by Mark Trahan, a Freedom Forum trustee.

Trahan also is a member of the School of Communication's advisory board and former editor and publisher of the Moscow-Pullman Daily News.

"This is just a tiny seed that will grow into something remarkable," Trahan said. "Idaho is just a natural spot for something like this."

Lawmakers give computer chip company a tax break

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Although Micron has not produced any computer chips in its \$1 billion plant in northern Utah County, the company and other semiconductor businesses received a tax break Friday from state lawmakers.

The bill is part of the Republicans' \$25 million tax cut package.

Democrats and some moderate Republicans questioned how much an open-ended tax break on semiconductor production would cost the state.

Asked by Rep. Sheryl Allen, R-Boise, if the price tag could be \$15 million in lost revenue, especially if Micron goes into full-scale production, Rep. Glenn Way, R-Spanish Fork, responded, "I hope it does."

He said that would mean the computer chip-making firms in Utah would be employing "4,000, 6,000, even 7,000 people. These are new jobs. This (Micron) facility in Utah County, it put \$1 billion in our economy. It's time we stand forward, offer the same exemption to this industry like any manufacturing firm."

The chip-making industry doesn't qualify for the regular manufacturing exemption because some of its high-tech production doesn't have a life span of three years, he said. Springville Rep. Matt Throckmorton and other Republicans mentioned Gov. Mike Leavitt's Silicon Valley Initiative — where the governor is trying to attract high-paying, high-tech jobs to the state.

Judge postpones Post Falls shooting trial

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Jurors from another county will be brought into the case of a Post Falls man accused of negligently shooting and paralyzing his neighbor.

Shatana Pole, 22, faces charges of aggravated assault, discharging a firearm at an occupied residence and aggravated battery.

The trial, which was scheduled to start the week of Feb. 26, has been postponed another month while court officials arrange for a jury from another county, a court clerk said.

District Judge Craig Kosonen granted the change after defense attorney James Sieber conducted a survey to determine if Pole can receive a fair trial before a jury selected from Kootenai County residents.

The telephone survey of 200 residents indicated that 153 participants had heard of the case. Of those, more than 90 had negative opinions of the defendant.

The trial will be held in 1st District Court in Coeur d'Alene.

The victim, Tara Laclelle, 20, had said it would have been diffi-

cult for her to attend the trial if it were moved to another county.

"Laclelle was struck by a bullet on July 7 as she slept in her apartment next door to Pole.

She has since been confined to a wheelchair and may never walk again.

Pole told police his handgun fired accidentally as he flamed it in front of friends during a night of heavy drinking.

Deputy prosecutor Rick Baughman contends the shooting was negligent beyond a mere accident.

Boise airport to clean up properties

BOISE (AP) — Complaints about run-down properties have prompted the Boise Airport to hire a new property manager as part of an effort to clean the properties.

Airport Director John Anderson said The Winder Co., which works with the airport to acquire houses in an area close to the runway, where noise is a problem, recently hired Homefinders Rental Service to manage the properties.

"(The previous property manager) wasn't doing the job, so we insisted they hire someone who does," Anderson said. "We are cleaning up."

The change pleased City Councilman Mike Wetherell, who was "shocked and appalled" by the condition of a few of the homes he visited after getting a complaint from someone who lives in the neighborhood.

"People who live by a city property shouldn't have to worry, the city property will be a mess," he said.

Whether, who wants the city to draft an ordinance to deal with eyesores, said the city should first properly care for its properties.

"In all fairness to private landowners, if I'm going to make a stink about them doing this, I ought to point out some places where the city can improve," he said. "I think the city should set the standard."

In 1998, the Boise Airport started buying properties that are close to the flight path and that have problems with noise.

DEATH NOTICES

Elizabeth Rice
TWIN FALLS — Elizabeth Rice, 92, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at Desert Rose Retirement Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Dell Timpson
TWIN FALLS — Dell Timpson, 67, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Richard L. Fetterly
TWIN FALLS — Richard Lee Fetterly, 39, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lois L. Hatmaker
JEROME — Lois L. Hatmaker, 97, of Jerome, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, at Creekside Residential Care Center in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hove-Robertson

Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Jesse Beutler
BURLEY — Jesse Beutler, 82, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Fella LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 400 S. 160 W. in Burley with Bishop Bruce Bowen officiating. Burial will follow at the View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and 10-10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

Ruben DelBosque Sr.
BURLEY — Ruben DelBosque Sr., 65, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at the Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

LeRoy B. Glauner of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Melvin Hayes of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

SERVICES

Randy Roberts of Jamestown, N.D., service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Eddy Funeral Chapel in Jamestown; visitation at 1-9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Eural Bake of Prescott, Ariz., and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the View Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

LeClaire West of Caldwell and formerly of Eden and Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m.

HOSPITALS

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Some names are omitted at patients' request.

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RUPERT
brother, Charles Gene Hatch of Burley; a sister, Beth Louise Fowler of Oregon; 12 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Homer T. Hatch and Orson Fred Hatch; and a great-grandson, Tate Ryan Bingham.

Feb. 23, 2001, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls of an extended illness. Clarice was born April 6, 1911, on the Salmon Tract in Twin Falls County, Idaho, to D. C. and Ida Mae Kennison. She attended school in Twin Falls and married Albert Hartley.

Harold J. Hatch
Harold J. Hatch, 78-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2001, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

KIMBERLY
She was a very loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed. She loved being around the grandkids and adored her family, and the great family gatherings. She was an encourager of all of us.

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Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Carolyn (David) Walker of Rupert, Kay Dawn (Theron) Andersen of Rupert, and JLYnn (Chris) Christensen of California; a

Clarice Buree Kennison Tilley
Clarice Tilley, 89, long-time Kimberley resident, passed away

The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at White Mortuary Chapel with Brian Nickens officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizen Center, 310 Main N., Kimberley, Idaho 83341.

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FOR THE RECORD

Cassia County

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

Misdemeanor dismissals
Leticia Saplen, 23, 1651 Albion Ave., Burley; petty; Magistrate Judge John Melanson.

Anthony Keshish, 27, 777 E. 200 S., 4th Salt Lake City; one count failure to appear on misdemeanor traffic citation; one count driving without privileges; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Harold Edward Lutzon, 63, 602 N. Fourth St., Anderson, S.D.; one count failure to appear on misdemeanor citation; one count driving with expired license; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Idefonso Munoz, 31, 411 Arvin B. El Paso, Texas; failure to appear on misdemeanor citation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Miguel Sanchez Ramirez, 21, 4700 Onieda, No. 2; Rupert; possession of controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Carina Zamora Debra, 29, 601 Miller, Burley; failure to appear on misdemeanor traffic citation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Remiah Kite, 21, 211 W. 490 S., Ogden, Utah; one count possession of a controlled substance; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Guadalupe Jaramillo, 37, 726 Miller Ave., Burley; one count driving without privileges; one count failure to appear on misdemeanor citation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Scott A. Lane, 29, 133 S. Rail, Shoshone; one count failure to appear on misdemeanor citation; one count permitting unauthorized minor to drive; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Donald E. Westfall, 71, 2343 Atlantic Drive, Burley; three counts vehicular manslaughter, two dismissed, one withheld; Judgment Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Facundo Villa Rodriguez, 35, 1031 B St., Pocatello; one count failure to appear on misdemeanor citation; one count invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Christy Janal Beckman, 23, 1700 S. 4375 W., Salt Lake City; one count inattentive driving; one count failure to appear on misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentences
Charles D. Young, 36, 1024 N. Fulton Ave., Tulsa, Okla.; without flag on legal load; pleaded guilty; \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Walter Walker, 47, 113 Hadden Ave., Box 1293, Duncan, S.C.; exceeding allowable gross weight loads; pleaded guilty; \$67 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Gorogonio C. Decha, 43, 467 Charolais Drive, Gozales, Calif.; does not speak or read English; pleaded guilty; \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Steven Francis Masel, 43, Box 352, Faith, S.; exceeding allowable gross weight loads; pleaded guilty; \$67 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Clinton Max Jewkes, 48, 3320 N. Plain City Road, Plain City, Utah; exceeding allowable gross weight loads; pleaded guilty; \$269 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Gary D. Finley, 57, 1803 N. Cleveland, Amarillo, Texas; motor carrier log book violation; pleaded guilty; \$263.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

James R. Buckley, 61, 2738 E. 2880 S., Salt Lake City; exceeding allowable gross weight loads; pleaded guilty; \$41 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Yale Dismore Bishop III, 63, Box 1865, Comer, Texas; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Daniel R. Barnes, age unavailable, 5660 Bony No. 56, Springfield, Ore.; failure to obtain overseas permit; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

John Michael Taylor, 33, 2022 Breckle Ave., Heyburn; contempt of court; pleaded guilty; 21 days in jail, one year's probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Laurie L. Mata, 22, 1051 19th St., Heyburn; driving without privileges; amended to invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$236.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jeremy Alan Mason, 21, 3804 San Angelo, Las Vegas; willful concealment; found guilty, \$150, \$63.50 court costs, \$25 defender fees, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, one year's probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Nathaniel Lee Hodgson, 19, 736 Hilland Ave., Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days in jail, 88 days suspended, one year's probation, six months' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Guadalupe Rito Arredondo, 23, P.O. Box 243, 198 S. 100 W., Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year's probation, six months' driver's license suspension, time credited, two days' Mini-Cassia work program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentencing
Tahitua Tara Jaramila, 17, 757 Normal, E.; Burley; invalid driver's license; found guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Minidoka County
RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals
Bill Stuart, 40, 905 Sixth St., Rupert; one count domestic violence violation of protection order; one count battery domestic violence; violation of no-contact order; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Scott A. Lane, 29, 133 S. Rail, Shoshone; battery; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Fredy Vega, 25, 611 S. C. Rupert; transporting open container of alcohol; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Kimberly Joe Marston, 24, 851 Burton Ave., Burley; two counts carrying a concealed weapon without a license; one count driving without privileges; two counts contempt of court; one count resisting officers; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Joan E. Wells, 49, 2233 E. 3600 N., Filer; check fraud; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Duane Harrington, 21, 2021 18th St., Heyburn; battery; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

William D. McDaniel, 45, 4843 Lakeview

Place, Boise; infraction exceeding maximum speed limit; amended to misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentences:
Erica A. Hawker, 19, 272 E. 350 N.; Rupert; petty theft; pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, 12 months' probation, 180 days driver's license suspension, two days' Mini-Cassia work program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Levi Ann Delgado, 27, 458 Normal Ave., Burley; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

James Marie Cummings, 20, 715 Center St. E., No. 149, Kimberly; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty, \$136.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, one year's probation, three days' Mini-Cassia work program; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Pietro Arreaga Ruiz, 26, 1006 Third St., Rupert; one count invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$30 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, amended to inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$50 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Scott A. Lane, 29, 133 S. Rail, Shoshone; use of telephone to harass; pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 defender fees, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Scott A. Lane, 29, 133 S. Rail, Shoshone; use of telephone to harass; pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 defender fees, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Ernest L. Homestead, 75, 823 A St., Rupert; inattentive driving; pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, \$71 S., Stephanie Gunder, 29, 600 W. 71 S.,

Burley; contempt of court; pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, one day in jail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Drunk-driving sentences:
Andres Gutierrez, 24, 251 E. Baseline, Rupert; two counts contempt of court, dismissed; two counts invalid driver's license, dismissed; two counts misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, first count, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 360 days in jail, 321 days suspended, two years' probation, 12 months' driver's license suspension, count two, \$300 fine, \$232 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days in jail, 88 days suspended, two years' probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension, release to border patrol; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Javier Mendoza, 25, 735 Hansen Ave., Burley; one count driving with an open container, dismissed; one count driving without privileges, dismissed; one count providing false information to officer, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 fine, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 360 days in jail, 342 days suspended, 24 months' probation, 12 months' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Shawn L. McFadden, 27, 1275 N. 400 W.; Rupert; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$71.50

fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, 12 months' probation, 90 days' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony dismissals
Miguel Angel Lopez, 24, 600 Hansen, Burley; one count felony possession of a controlled substance; one count misdemeanor frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; one count misdemeanor driving without privileges; one count misdemeanor contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Carlos Balboa, 29, P.O. Box 751, Heyburn; no-account check fraud; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences
Jose Joaquin Rodriguez, 16, 197 N. 400 W.; Rupert; misdemeanor driving under the

influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$88.10 court costs, 10 days in jail, eight days suspended, six months' probation, 180 days' driver's license suspension, 15 hours' community service with juvenile probation in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Lacretia L. Yezza, 16, 320 E. Second St.; Rupert; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Marysol Chacon, 16, 1006 15th Drive, Rupert; misdemeanor invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Juvenile dismissal
Adam Jose Tamayo, 15, 610 Shamrock, Rupert; misdemeanor invalid driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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Female BSU student takes plunge

Eagle gets first woman search and rescue diver

EAGLE (AP) - Brigitta Ruggiero hates being bored. But with her resume, that's not much of a concern.

The 21-year-old Boise State University student who lives in Meridian is a volunteer firefighter for the Eagle Fire Department and the first female member of its newly created search-and-rescue dive team.

In order to be certified, Ruggiero had to tread water for 15 minutes, retrieve weights ranging from five to 30 pounds from the bottom of a swimming pool, demonstrate basic scuba diving skills, and complete day and nighttime dives in a naturally warm lake at Wendover on the Utah-Nevada border.

The requirement to swim 500 meters in under 12 minutes was a snap: the former competitive swimmer did it in 6:08.

She and another potential candidate broke the Ada County record among dive team members.

As a woman, Boise Fire Department dive instructor Greg Briggs said Ruggiero received no special treatment.

"I don't make any allowances," Briggs said. "I train to a standard. I could care less who they are."

Ruggiero is used to that. The past two summers, she fought fires as part of a Bureau of Land Management engine crew.

"You're just expected to keep up with everybody else," she said.

"Anyone who's a firefighter whether it's wildland or a struc-



Brigitta Ruggiero is seen last March at the Eagle Fire Department in Eagle. Ruggiero became an Eagle volunteer firefighter and the first female member of their search and rescue dive team.

ture fire, they have to be pretty assertive," Eagle Fire Chief Dan Friend said. "You've got to be pretty aggressive fighting fires."

A desire to "see the other side of fire" is what prompted Ruggiero to join the Eagle Fire Department in March of last year.

"I've always liked emergency rescue stuff. I get a rush," she

said. So far, Ruggiero has responded only to false alarms during her one or two-per-month fire shifts, and she was out of town during the dive team's first rescue, of a car that had been driven into the water, but that doesn't dampen her enthusiasm.

Briggs was so impressed by her positive attitude that he invited

Ruggiero to accompany a group of his friends on a three-week whitewater and paddling trip on three Mexican rivers.

Ruggiero is studying to be a nurse and she'd like to specialize in trauma care.

But she hopes that job will be just the foundation for a career as a full-time firefighter in a city station.

Linguist traces language through regional dialects

POCATELLO (AP) - What you and your family call a ditch or a wedding celebration can provide clues to where your family lives or came from, says Sonja Launspach, professor of linguistics at Idaho State University.

In southern Idaho, the term most commonly used for a roadside ditch is "borrow pit" or "borrow pit." Old-timers call wedding celebrations a "shivaree," derived from "charivari" a confused medley of sounds.

"But the 18 to 30 set are clueless," Launspach said. "There are many changes in vocabulary over time, shifts in the way we live."

For the past year and a half, Launspach's students have been collecting linguists' data from their families and friends, people who have lived their entire lives in the area. Subjects are asked 105 vocabulary questions. The survey is broken down into three age categories: 18 to 30, 31 to 59, and 60 plus.

Launspach recently received a \$4,000 faculty research grant enabling her to pay a graduate student to compile the answers in a computer data base.

"When I moved here, I wanted to read about the dialect in this

area," Launspach said. "There wasn't much written about this region except a 1985 survey."

Am except a 1985 survey? Launspach, a West Texas native, has been teaching at ISU for two years.

Launspach said that over the years she's noticed a rise in the use of brand names for terms. Kleenex for tissue is an example.

Some terms that are distinctive in the area include: jockey box (for glove box), cube of butter (rather than "stick") and gunny sack (instead of burlap bag). Desert terminology figures high as well: alkali flats, scabland bushes or brush fires.

Spanish is the most important non-native language in the western region, other than English. Spanish shows itself particularly in ranching terms, words like "larari" and "lasso."

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Wyoming lawmakers work on how to handle rare surplus responsibly

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Slightly over a year ago, with most of the country enjoying a prolonged economic boom, Wyoming was mired in a near decade-long slump. But the tables have turned this winter.

As other states cut back their budgets because of less-than-expected revenues from sales and income taxes, Wyoming's minerals-based economy has been filling the state's bank account to levels not seen in decades.

Because the state sits on vast reserves of natural gas, it is now reaping the benefits of high demand.

On Jan. 9, the first day of the Legislature's 2001 session, word came that Wyoming's budget surplus had grown to \$695 million, or equal to half of the state's \$1.2 billion general fund spending in its current two-year budget.

"I don't even have a word to describe it other than phenomenal," Gov. Jim Geringer said.

"We've never had an undesignated amount of money this large in the state's history."

While other states grapple with where to cut back, Wyoming lawmakers have been pulled and tugged by interests looking for a piece of the surplus.

"I wish we were still broke because then we wouldn't have all these requests," Rep. Pete Illoyar, R-Cheyenne, said. "Then we could say no."

Among the new spending lawmakers are considering: \$75 million more to schools, \$30 million to establish an endowment fund for the University of Wyoming; \$23 million to renovate the state penitentiary; \$30 million for state employee salaries.

"I think we all were somewhat giddy at the beginning of the session," Rep. Randall Luthi, R-Freedom, said. "And I think we are surprised at how much of the surplus we have already obligated."

As the session nears an end, lawmakers are setting on a plan to spend about half the surplus and sock the rest away in various savings accounts.

Legislators say they want to handle the surplus responsibly because they know that from past experience the new wealth can disappear as suddenly as it appeared.

Since statehood, Wyoming has tied its wagon to mining and drilling, which provide good-paying jobs and bulging government coffers. The state's sparse population (493,000), small labor force and climate have long discouraged growth in other sectors. Only Nevada and Hawaii have smaller manufacturing industries.

But with dependence on the minerals industry comes the booms and busts of a commodity-based economy. Wyoming suffered for years after a bust in the oil and uranium industries in the mid-1980s.

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—NASCAR racer Jeff Gordon, donning a No. 3 Dale Earnhardt cup at a news conference Saturday after earning the pole for today’s *DuraLube 400*

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Name at least two players among the six traded to Quebec along with two draft picks and cash for Eric Lindros in 1992.
...answer below

IN BRIEF

Jerome High athletes earn scholarships

JEROME — Jerome High School seniors Dusty Schvaneveldt and Kendra West have accepted full-ride scholarships to compete in college next year.

West, a senior starting post on the Tiger girls’ basketball team that finished runner-up in the state Class A-1, Div. II tournament last week, will play basketball at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston. West was a Basketball Congress International All-American, helping the BCI Idaho team to back-to-back national championships the past two summers.

Schvaneveldt, starting point guard for the Tigers, will head to the University of Idaho this fall on a track and cross country scholarship. An all-conference first-team runner, she finished fourth at last fall’s state cross country meet in Engle after nailing down a conference title.

Schvaneveldt’s not sure what track event she’ll run in Moscow under distance coach Wayne Phipps — “hopefully the 2-mile,” she said. But for now, there’s more pressing matters at hand anyway. Namely, her final high school season at Jerome, and a chance to move on from that second-place basketball showing against eventual state-champion Caldwell on a night the Tigers’ shots simply would not fall.

“We couldn’t hit anything,” Schvaneveldt said. “And they were shooting at the same baskets we were. ... We had good season though.”

Magic Valley Babe

Ruth needs more coaches
TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Babe Ruth Ball League needs coaches and people willing to help coach teams this summer.

All past and potential future coaches are invited to attend an informational meeting next Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at Maxie’s Pizza and Pasta. For more information, call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532.

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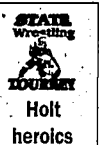
Peter Forsberg, Steve Duchesne, Kerry Huffman, Mike Ricci, Ron Hextall and Chris Simon are correct answers.
The deal also included \$15 million cash and draft picks who became Jocelyn Thibault and — in a pick that was eventually traded to Washington — Nolan Baumgartner.

TUNNEL VISION

Wood River’s Goicoechea grabs another state title

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Wood River senior Cory Goicoechea had been dreaming about avenging last season’s loss in the 171-pound state high school wrestling championship to John Plato of Bonners Ferry for close to a year.



Look inside for final-day results from the Idaho high school wrestling tournaments in Pocatello.
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Wolverine teammate senior Josh Alstrom hadn’t even thought about making it to the final 189-pound round.

On Saturday, the two were six minutes and one win away from calling themselves the state’s best in Class A-2.

“I’ve been dreaming of getting back to the finals since I lost last year,” Goicoechea said. “This whole weight class is tougher than hell. I knew that if I could get back to Plato, I’d be ready for him.”

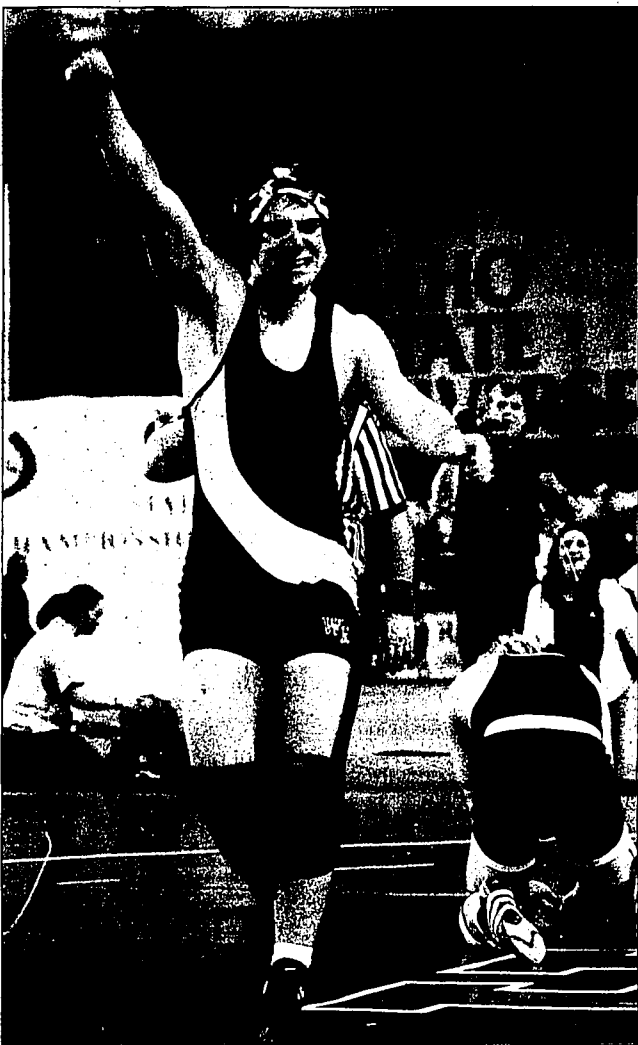
Goicoechea made the road to the finals look easy. He pinned his first two opponents, each in under two minutes, and cruised to a 5-1 win in the semifinals to set up a rematch with Plato.

Alstrom entered the tournament unseeded and pulled an upset in the quarterfinals, and then again in the semis, to set up his showdown with defending state champion Casey Phelps of Lakeland.

“I never could have imagined being in the finals,” Alstrom said. “I was pinned earlier in the year by one of the guys that was in my bracket but I got by him and made it in.”

It took Goicoechea just 20 seconds to score a takedown against Plato. That set the tempo that would earn the Wood River grappler a 1-2 decision and the title.

Goicoechea attacked from the beginning, putting Plato on his back within the first minute of the match, but missed near-fall points when the two rolled out of bounds. Plato evened the score 2-



Wood River High School’s Cory Goicoechea celebrates after beating John Braden Plato of Bonners Ferry for the Class A-2 state championship in the 171-pound class at Pocatello Saturday.

2 with a reversal late in the first round, but Goicoechea took Plato to his back to start the second

and finished the round with a pair of takedowns to lead 7-2. “I knew I couldn’t relax once I

was ahead,” Goicoechea said. “He’s a great wrestler. Luckily he Please see STATE, Page C3

Soph sendoff
Eagles close perfect home season with win

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was a fitting send-off for the five sophomores on the College of Southern Idaho men’s basketball team.

Women win — C-4

The Golden Eagles closed out a perfect 10-0 home regular season with a 102-76 triumph over North Idaho College Saturday night at CSI Gymnasium.



Uche Okafor led six Golden Eagles in double figures with game highs of 19 points and 18 rebounds. Cardell Butler chipped in 15 points, Jason Brazier added 14 on 7-of-7 shooting. Tim Ellis scored 13, Mark Popovic 11 and Blandon Ferguson 10.

Butler, Ferguson and Bradley Jackson’s mothers were in attendance.

Southern Idaho, which shot a blistering 55 percent (39 of 71) in the game, improved to 14-2 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, 25-3 overall with the triumph the Eagles’ 12th in a row and 28th consecutive at home.

Head coach Derek Zeck said it was a perfect way for his sophomores to say goodbye to their home court of the past two years.

“They’re going out on a great note,” Zeck said.

Then Zeck returned to the work at hand, which includes a road trip to Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College to close out the regular season next week.

“We just have to keep playing well,” Zeck said. “Utah Valley is the toughest place to play in the conference and they’re playing well. We have to keep playing aggressive.”

Steven Bonner led North Idaho (97, 19-8) with 18 points and nine rebounds before leaving the game with what was reported as a bruised hip.

Bonner landed hard on his left hip while attempting an off-balance shot underneath with about four minutes left. He remained prone on the floor while play took off toward the other end, and eventually had to be wheeled Please see EAGLES, Page C3

Nampa’s in, Burley’s out

Bulldogs edge Bobcats, claim place at state

By Don Dutton
Times-News correspondent

DECLO — With a state playoff berth at stake, Nampa High School cut short Burley’s boys’ basketball season with a 65-56 win over the Bobcats in a loser-out, Class A-1, Division II inter-district play-in game Saturday in Declo.

“The kids really played hard. They are just a great group to coach,” Harr said. “Elliot (McMillan) helped keep us in the game, and Eric (Berg) really stepped up for us today.”

In the end, Nampa’s 3-point shooting and aggressive defensive play spelled doom for the Bobcats. Nampa scored 30 points from outside the arc, while Burley answered with a dismal 2-19 from 3-point range.

Nampa senior Chris Ybarquen

Boys’ playoff hoops

Kimberly High School squared off against Sugar-Salem in its own play-in game on Saturday in Pocatello.

—Page C4

led all scorers with 21, including four 3-point field goals, followed by Kemp Goodwin with 11. Josh Williamsen added another 10 for the Bulldogs.

Josh Garn’s 12 points led Burley’s scorers, with Elliot McMillan pitching in another 11 for the Bobcats.

The game began on a fast pace as both teams showed they were not ready to end their season just yet. Nampa jumped to an early lead as Ybarquen hit a 3-pointer, with Williamsen pitching in four from the charity stripe.

Another pair of long-range 3-pointers put Nampa ahead by four at the end of the quarter.

Opening the second period tentatively, neither team seemed able to make a decisive run. But midway through the period, Nampa started an 11-2 run which consumed nearly four minutes of play and gave the District II fifth-place team a 36-27 lead.

The Bobcats’ season seemed to Please see PLAY-IN, Page C4

U.S. soars in Alps
But it’s Clark, not Street, who wins downhill

The Associated Press

LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland — On a big day for U.S. skiing, Kirsten Clark won a women’s downhill race Saturday for her first World Cup victory.

“It’s a dream come true,” said Clark, whose previous best result was eighth place in a super-G in Germany last week. “I felt a (top-three finish) was in play this year. It was my goal at the start of the year, but by no means did I think I’d win a race.”

Clark’s best finish in the downhill this season had been ninth, at Lake Louise, Alberta.

She was timed Saturday in 1 minute, 27.07 seconds, giving the United States its first World Cup victory of the season by a man or woman. Two other Americans finished in the top 10 Saturday — Sun Valley’s Picabo Street was seventh, Megan Gerety eighth.

It was Street’s first top-10 result in her comeback from a two-year layoff because of injury. She was just .01 seconds behind Italy’s Isolde Kostner, the downhill leader this year.

Street’s previous best result was 15th, in a downhill in Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy, last month. Street, who made her return in December, was sidelined after a crash at the World Cup finals in Crans Montana in 1998. She shattered her left leg and ripped liga-



Kirsten Clark of the United States speeds down the hill in the Women’s Downhill World Cup race in Lenzerheide, Switzerland, Saturday. Clark finished in 1st place.

ments in her right knee. With the Olympics on home snow less than a year away, the Americans have been getting consistently stronger and faster. “One of us has always done pretty

well at any given race,” said Gerety, who finished fourth in super-G at the world championships. “We’ve gotten close to the podium and I think it was a relief, not a surprise, to finally get someone there.”

STATE WRESTLING 2001

Wendell crowns a champ

Trojans finish sixth on strength of Hall's title

By Jeff Behlman
Times-News writer

POCATELLO - Glass A-3 Wendell High School sent two wrestlers to the finals at Holt Arena, and crowned 160-pound wrestler Doug Hall state champion on Saturday.

Hall, who won a 3-1 decision over Matt Harvey of Cambridge, ended his season with a 24-3 record.

"It feels great to come out on top," Hall said. "It gives me goose bumps when I think about it."

The match began fairly evenly, but after Hall took the lead in the third, he just hung on until the time expired.

"Neither one of us got a takedown in the first round. It started out pretty close," he said.

Some wrestlers have an easier time with nervousness as they accumulate wins and experience at the state level.

But such was not the case for Hall.

"I was totally nervous going into the last match. It was actually a lot worse as I won more," he said. "I put a lot of pressure on myself when I realized that there was only one more win, and this was the only one that matters."

Also in the championship round for Wendell was Jason Blair, who lost a 1-0 decision in



Wendell's Jason Blair tries to take down Dallas Herbst of Firth in the Class A-3, 189-pound final. Blair lost to the No. 1-ranked wrestler in the country 1-0.

the 189-pound bracket to Dallas Herbst of Firth High School.

Blair made it to the championship match in just his first appearance at the state tournament and sailed through - until the anxiety of being one step away from a state championship got to him.

"It was fine all the way up to the last round, and then my head got in the way," he said. "This was my first time at state, so yeah, I was pretty nervous. ... I had a perfect shot at a takedown on him in the first round but I let it go. He got the escape right at the whistle at the end of the second and then stalled out the rest of the match."

Wendell assistant coach Gordan Gunter was very happy with his grapplers' overall performance at state.

"We started out in sixth place and pretty much stayed there the whole tournament," said Gunter, whose team pulled in six medals in all.

"We've only got one guy coming back next year, and with Diamond, Cutler, Hall and Diemart all gone after this year, we're losing a pretty good chunk of our nucleus," Gunter said. "But Jason Blair will come back, and Will Yoder is only a sophomore so we should be decent shape next year."

Times-News sports writer Jeff Behlman has spent the week covering the state high school wrestling tournaments. He can be reached at (208) 677-4042, or by e-mail at jbehlman@magicvalley.com.

Consolation prize suits several wrestlers just fine

By Jeff Behlman
Times-News writer

POCATELLO - Sessions IV and V of the Idaho State High School wrestling championships Saturday saw 28 Magic Valley wrestlers compete for anywhere from third to sixth place.

Among the combatants were local boys Cody Cooper and Adam Cox of Minico, Jason Jones of Burley and Kenny McCoy of Jerome.

In the A-1, Div. II heavyweight consolation final, Jones, who was coming off a tough loss in the semifinals to Dan Lizza of Caldwell, snatched third place from McCoy with a second-round pin.

It was the second time Jones addressed off a win against Jerome, the first victory coming in Round 1 against Richard Gaver earlier in the week.

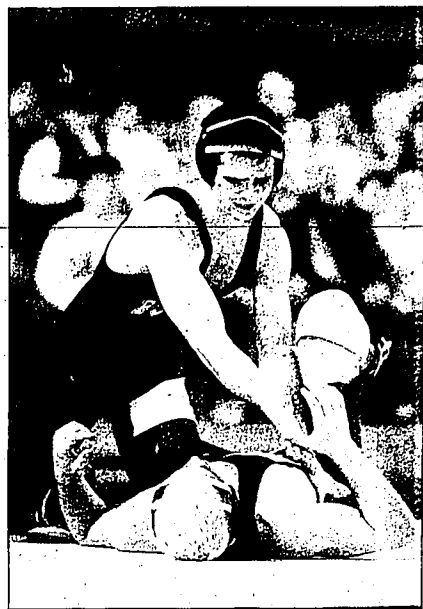
"Yesterday was tough. I couldn't fall asleep until four in the morning," Jones said of the effects of Friday's loss. "I wasn't anywhere near as nervous today as I was yesterday. I almost pinned him in the first round, but was able to get his head and arm again in the second to put it away."

In A-3, Div. I Minico's Cody Cooper didn't fare as well, as he lost his battle for third against Matt Densley of Century.

"I gave him two big takedowns that I shouldn't have," said Cooper, who found himself with a second chance to come out on top after a locking penalty on Densley tied the match at 4, sending it into overtime.

Cooper was down 2-1 early in the first round, but came back and tied it at 3 with a takedown in the second. Densley rebounded and took the lead with a takedown of his own, but then gave it up in the beginning of the third with a locking penalty.

In overtime, Cooper came out the aggressor but ended up paying the price. "I shot in at the beginning, but he sat on my knees and took me down to end it," Cooper said.



An emotional Justin Reed from Minico gets a hand up from opponent Zac Rice after Rice beat him in the Class A-1, Division I final.

Also taking third was Adam Cox of Minico, who beat Century's Nick Smith.

"This is a dream," Cox said. "Last year I went two-and-out, and I had to watch all the other guys take spots on the podium. I knew I

wanted to be there."

Cox took a one-point lead in the first round off an escape, and held on to the narrow lead for the win. "It was a tough one. I definitely had some butterflies," said Cox, who ended his season at 25-8. "It feels great."

CONTINUING A TRADITION

Raft River takes A-4 title again

The Times-News

POCATELLO - The Raft River High School wrestling team successfully defended its state title

Saturday, finishing the tournament with 41 team points to lead the Class A-4 ranks.

Two Trojans finished in the top six in their weight classes and Raft River sent its first wrestler ever to the semifinals.

"It feels really good to win this again," Raft River coach Justin Bair said. "We had some under-

classmen that came here to get some experience and they won some big matches."

None were bigger matches than the ones won by senior Jim Campbell and junior Tyson Hutchison. Campbell became the first Raft River wrestler in the school history to make it into semifinals and finished fourth at

135.

Hutchison made it to the quarterfinals before finishing fifth at 130.

"We're always a little nervous coming in here because we are such a young program," Bair said.

"Kids are starting to see what they can do here and their goals are getting higher every time."

Eagles

Continued from C1

off on a gurney. He left the arena under his own power, however, following the game.

Johathan Anderson added 14 points for North Idaho and Winston Brooks and Desmond Bacon chipped in with nine apiece.

But the night belonged to the hosts, who broke open a tight game early to take a 50-32 lead at the break. Eventually the lead would reach 24 points after hovering over 20 for most of the second half.

Jackson said the Eagles just wanted to keep the momentum rolling into the Region 18 Tournament March 7-10.

"The last couple of games we've been playing really well as a team," he said. "It's been pretty fun. We're trying to finish it out and maybe we can still get the No. 1 seed."

To earn that ranking, league leader and No. 1 Dixie State, which earned outright hosting privileges Saturday with a win over Utah Valley, must lose at Snow College next week. And CS1 must sweep UVSC and SLCC.

Butler and Ferguson were

only thinking about their last home games of their junior college careers, however. For Butler, who added eight assists in the game, it was just a matter of the team finishing its home season on a high note.

"It hurts playing the last game (here)," Butler said. "But that's going to be a memory for the rest of my life."

Ferguson echoed that sentiment.

"I hasn't really settled in," he said. "I don't think it is really going to settle in until after the season is over. 'What a way to go out.'"

Hall falls to Mello in muscle match

By Joe Sunnon
Times-News writer

POCATELLO - Glens Ferry High School junior Corey Hall tried to do what he does best on a wrestling mat Saturday against Stacey Mello of McCall-Donnelly.

Simply out-muscle his foe.

Unfortunately for Hall, the defending state champion had other ideas.

Mello caught Hall off-balance and hit a single-leg takedown to open the scoring 2-0 in the first period of their championship, Class A-3, 215-pound bout. The two pushed and pulled each other in the center of the mat for most of the first two minutes, but Hall couldn't use his strength to jerk Mello into a mistake.

"He's a good technician," Hall said. "He was quick and he was able to work some things."

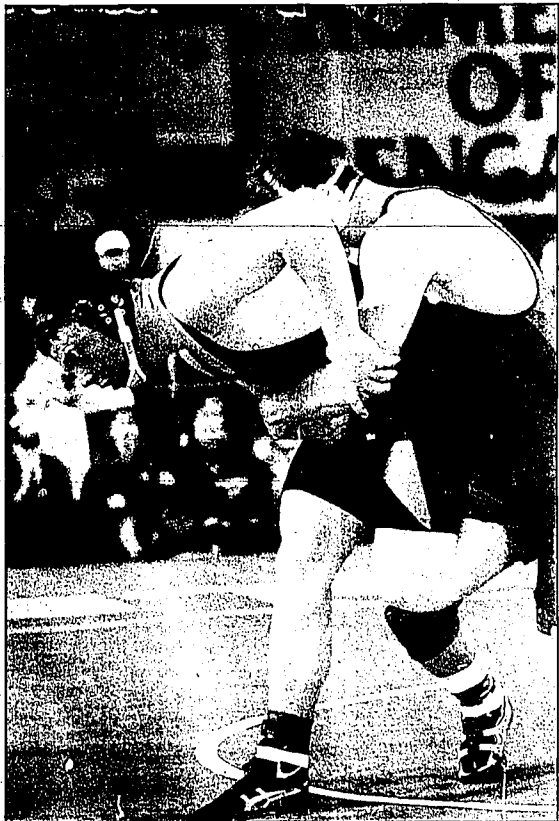
Mello started the second period in the down position and easily worked to his feet. Before Hall could take Mello back down, the lanky 215-pounder was able to spin behind Hall and take the Glens Ferry Pilot to his knees for another two points.

With the score 4-0, Mello worked in a cradle and started to move Hall to his back. After a few seconds of fighting, the match was over and Hall was handed his first loss of the season.

"I just need to work a little harder on the mat," Hall said. "Right now, the only thing that's hurt is my pride."

It was the second year in a row that Hall has placed at the state tournament. He finished fourth last year as sophomore.

Hall is also the Pilots' starting running back on the football team, the starting post on the basketball team and a track and field athlete in the springtime.



Glenns Ferry's Corey Hall can't break the hold of McCall-Donnelly's Stacey Mello in the Class A-3, 215-pound final.

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made the mistakes out there and I didn't."

Plato fought off his back for most of the third period after Goicoechea caught him in a head-and-arm takedown to widen the lead to 9-2. Goicoechea took a 12-2 lead 40 seconds later on near-fall points, and rode out the rest of the time to claim the title.

The win moved Goicoechea's season record to 59-1. He also won a state championship as a sophomore.

"I've been working my whole life for this," Goicoechea said. "To win it as a senior was my goal and Plato is who I wanted to beat."

Goicoechea's teammate wasn't quite so lucky.

Phelps planted Alstrom on his back 1:32 into their match, and 10 seconds later the referee signaled a pin.

"I was pretty nervous," Alstrom said. "I wasn't really intimidated. I try not to think about that. Phelps had only lost three times, and one of those was to Jake Rosholt of Sandlot. He's one of the best wrestlers in the nation."

Alstrom finished the season 25-7 with the loss. The Wolverines placed ninth as a team.

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SPORTS

Bulldogs' state bid falls short

By David M. Ward
Special to The Times-News

POCATELLO - Cody Patterson led Sugar-Salem High School with 32 points as the Diggers beat Kimberly 71-39 in an elimination Class A-2 boys' basketball state play-in game Saturday at Century High School.

Class A-2 state play-in

Kimberly got 15 points from J.J. Plew and 10 from Cody Askwed, but it was not enough. The victory assures the Diggers of a trip to the A-2 state basketball tournament this week in Nampa.

Duncan helps Spurs fend off Mavs

DALLAS (AP) - Tim Duncan had 31 points and 13 rebounds, his NBA-best 44th double-double of the season, as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Dallas Mavericks 107-104 Saturday night.

NBA

Duncan scored six of his points over the last 12, including 4-of-5 free throws, to ensure the win for San Antonio. He has 198 double-doubles in his 261 career regular-season games.

Boys' state pairings

- First-round pairings for this week's boys' high school basketball tournaments by classification, with venue and record (if known) also listed:
Class A-1, Div. I
At the Idaho Center in Nampa
Lake City (17-5) vs. Highland (14-11), 1:45 p.m.
Madison (17-8) vs. Capital (13-10), 3:15 p.m.
Pocastote (16-8) vs. COA (11-14), 6:30 p.m.
Meridian (15-8) vs. Rigby (18-8), 8 p.m.

of transition points. Both teams battled back and forth in the first half until Sugar's Greg Hymas took over during the final two minutes. The Digger sophomore reeled off eight consecutive points, including a thundering dunk to end the half.

Hornets 86, Sixers 85

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - David Wesley hit a 3-pointer with 5.9 seconds to play Saturday night to lift the Charlotte Hornets to an 86-85 victory over Philadelphia, snapping the 76ers' six-game winning streak.

WASHINGTON - Vince Carter, one night after playing 63 minutes in a triple-overtime loss to Sacramento, scored 19 points as Toronto snapped a two-game losing streak.

19 points and a career-high eight steals. The victory was Chicago's ninth of the season, meaning the Bulls can do no worse than tie the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers for fewest wins ever. The 76ers went 9-73, and the Bulls still have two months to add to their win total.

Blue Devils survive feisty Wake Forest

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) - Chris Duhon hit a running, off-balance 15-footer at the buzzer as No. 4 Duke survived upset-minded No. 24 Wake Forest Saturday, 82-80.

College basketball



Wake Forest's Robert O'Kelley and Duke's Chris Duhon embrace at the end of the game after Duhon hit the game winner at the buzzer giving Duke an 82-80 win over Wake Forest at the Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C., Saturday.

Indiana 85, Wisc. 55
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Tom Coverdale scored 24 points and Indiana hit 14 3-pointers Saturday as the Hoosiers beat No. 19 Wisconsin 85-55, the most points allowed by the Badgers in more than five years.

Notre Dame 85, Virg. Tech 61
BLACKSBURG, Va. - Troy Murphy hit 20 points and 10 rebounds and Notre Dame posted its biggest margin of victory in the Big East and clinched first place in the conference's Western Division.

Mississippi 64, Auburn 62
OXFORD, Miss. - Justin Reed had 21 points and Rahim Lockhart 16 as No. 12 Mississippi used dominant inside play to beat pesky Auburn.

points and Rutgers took advantage of two scoring droughts by West Virginia.
Iowa State 82, Texas A&M 61
AMES, Iowa - Angie Welle scored 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Megan Taylor became Iowa State's career rebounding leader.

Georgetown 72, Syracuse 61
WASHINGTON - Demetrius Hunter, playing on a sore Achilles' tendon, scored 21 points, and Ruben Boumtje Boumtje had 10 points and two big blocked shots for the Hoyas.

Boston C. 59, Providence 58
PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Boston College overcame its worst half of the season and foul trouble to leading scorer Troy Bell to clinch a bye in the Big East tournament. It allowed the Eagles (20-4, 11-3) to continue their pursuit of becoming the first team in league history to go from last place to first.

Women's Top 25
Notre Dame 65, Georgetown 53
SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Ruth Ribeynd had 21 points and nine rebounds and Nicole Ivry scored eight of her 10 points in the second half as Notre Dame overcame its worst home performance to win its regular-season home finale.

Tennessee 78, Vanderbilt 70
NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Vincent Yarborough scored 20 points without missing a shot as Tennessee broke a five-game losing skid.

Maryland 68, Oklahoma 60
COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Juan Dixon scored all 23 of his points in the second half as Maryland extended its home non-conference winning streak to 77 games.

Rutgers 67, W. Virginia 53
MORGANTOWN, W. Va. - Davalyn Cunningham scored 19

Florida 89, Alabama 68
GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Udonis Haslem scored a career-high 28 points to help Florida to its win over frustrated Alabama.

Play-in

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... is drowning in the sea of Nampa 3-point baskets. But in less than a minute of play, the 'Cats had clawed their way back, sparked by pair of field goals from Garn and Eric Berg followed by a steal and device by Kam Redder.

long-range jumper from the top of the arc. That shot found the bottom of the net, knocking the score at 36 and bringing the Burley crowd to its feet.
... Having seen its lead evaporate, the stunned Nampa team went to the locker room with the game's momentum clearly in Burley's favor.

Ed baskets - and the lead - for most of the third period.
... But a pair of 3-pointers at the end of the period handed Nampa the lead for good. Managing only nine fourth-quarter points, dismal shooting from the field kept the Bobcats from mounting a comeback.

in," Harr said. "It seemed like the basket just had a lid on it."
Burley finishes the season at 16-5 while Nampa takes its 12-12 record to the state tournament Thursday against Moscow at Northwest Nazarene University.

... We just didn't shoot very well - we couldn't get the ball to go

Lady Eagles win home finale

Three score in double figures for CSI

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Beware the team forced to claw and fight its way out of a corner. The College of Southern Idaho women were that team Saturday night as they scratched out a 67-53 victory over North Idaho College at CSI Gymnasium.

Desperate for a win after dropping six of their last eight, the Lady Eagles showed a renewed sense of purpose in splitting the season series with the in-state rivals.

CSI outshot (49-32 percent), outrebounded (48-29), outplayed the Cardinals for the win, which coach Kendall Grant earlier had called necessary to avoid a first-round matchup with Ricks College at next month's Region 18 Tournament.

Friday night, the Vikings posted a 32-point dismantling on CSI. "Hopefully (the win) gets us out of opening with Ricks," Grant said. "I changed my mind, I don't want to open with Ricks. We've got some work to do to get ready for them."

The Eagles showed they were more than ready for North Idaho, even if it didn't look that way early as CSI spotted the visitors a 5-0 lead to begin the game.

Both sides promptly battled for the momentum, exchanging the lead five times during a six-minute stretch before a Natalia Korisova 3-pointer put the hosts into the lead for good at 18-16 with 9:31 left.

CSI then proceeded to rattle off 12 unanswered points as the Cardinals went cold, missing eight shots and committing four turnovers during a 6:37 scoring drought that saw CSI holding a 30-19 lead following an Angie Lewis 3-pointer with three minutes still to play.

The Eagles kept on the pressure with Angela Williams burying back-to-back long balls to give CSI a 14-point advantage, 36-22, with 1:30 left. A pair of Elisha Booth baskets put CSI up 40-24 at

halftime. CSI shot 53 percent in the half and tripled NIC 27-9 on the boards.

The Eagles weathered a 13-3 second-half run by North Idaho, which closed within six, before outpacing the Cardinals 24-16 in the final 12 minutes for the win.

Gosschalk, playing in her last home game, scored 16 points and hauled down 10 rebounds to lead the winners, who shot 49 percent (29 of 59) from the floor. Williams added 13 points on 3 of 4 from the 3-point arc and Booth scored 12 for CSI (7-9 Scenic West Athletic Conference, 17-10 overall).

The win kept Southern Idaho firmly in sixth place in the league with one weekend left in the regular season. Grant said his team adjusted its game after the shock of Friday's loss.

"Mentally, I had them thinking so hard (against Ricks)," he said. "Tonight, we went back to our normal stuff, threw in just a little bit of the new stuff, and I thought it worked well."

Twins Amy Lewis (19 points) and Angie Lewis (11) led the Cardinals (5-11, 14-13), who have dropped six of their last seven games.

A dependent NIC coach Greg Crump said the combination of CSI's harassing defense and his team's tired legs and a lack of depth figured in the loss.

"They came out really hard defensively and took us out of our offense," he said. The Eagles close the regular campaign next weekend at Utah Valley State College on Friday and Salt Lake Community College Saturday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

- Pee Wee basketball starts March 1 in TF
TWIN FALLS - Pee Wee Basketball for boys and girls in second and third grade starts this Thursday and runs through March 22 at the Twin Falls High School gym.
Times for the March 1, 8, 15 and 22 sessions are 6-7 p.m. for girls and 7:15-8:15 p.m. for boys. The camp will be supervised by Twin Falls coach Lawrence Plefforle, current Bruin assistant coach and former College of Southern Idaho coach Steve Irons and players from the Lady Bruin basketball team.
No scores will be kept - the camp's goal is to let young players compete and learn in a game-like setting promoting good sportsmanship and having fun. Cost is \$18 if registered before March 1 or \$23 at the door. Checks may be sent to TFHS Girls' Basketball, 1615 Filer Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.
For more information, call Pfeiffer at 734-6623.
Hawaii's Jones upgraded to 'guarded'
HONOLULU - Hawaii football coach June Jones remained in guarded condition Saturday and is expected to be hospitalized for several weeks following a car accident.
Doctors are optimistic about chances for a full recovery. The 48-year-old coach has regained consciousness after losing his arms and legs. Dr. Gail Tominga, director of trauma services at The Queen's Medical Center, said Jones was nodding in response to questions and had started to open his eyes.
Hawaii will begin spring football practice on schedule Thursday without Jones.
Men's skiing downhill wiped out again
SNOWBASIN, Utah - This was supposed to be an Olympic preview, and it was. Not for racers, but for course workers.
A men's World Cup downhill was called off for the second straight day because of snow and poor visibility Saturday, preventing skiers from familiarizing themselves with the course that will be used for the 2002 Winter Games.
The delays have instead given Salt Lake organizers an opportunity to test their ability to react to a weather emergency.
Thousands mourn Mateen's slain brother
FLINT, Mich. - Detroit Pistons players and politicians were among the thousands to brave the freezing rain and snow Saturday to attend a funeral for MATEEN's slain brother.
The service lasted more than two hours, as several religious and community leaders challenged the crowd to take action against the same violence that left 27-year-old Herbert Clowes dead last Sunday.
"It was great," said Myoee Webber, father of MATEEN's brother Chris Webber and Central Michigan standout David Webber, as he left the service. "The message was clear, that the community will work together for peace."
Once-paralyzed Penn St. player returns
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - Adam Tallafiero, back at Penn State for the first time since a neck injury left him paralyzed, made it clear that he intends to help the Nittany Lions win.
The 19-year-old freshman cornerback from Voorhees, N.J., was injured in a September game against Ohio State. Doctors initially were unsure whether Tallafiero would ever walk, but he has undergone a remarkable recovery, going home on crutches just three months after he was hurt.
Compiled from staff and wire reports

SPORTS

Hitmen sack Chicago, end winless streak

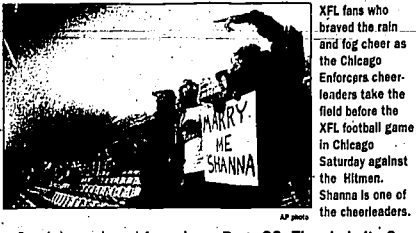
CHICAGO (AP) — If only Dick Butkus had slipped up... The NFL and February football made their debut as Soldier Field belted in a freezing drizzle Saturday night and the outcome had a familiar look: Chicago lost.

The New York/New Jersey Giants got the lone touchdown of a sloppy played game to slog past the Chicago Enforcers 13-0, leaving the Enforcers as the only team in the fledgling league without a victory.

The matchup of winless teams drew respectable crowds of 14,856, most of whom stood through and stayed in the end despite temperatures in the 30s, steady rain and an icy breeze blowing off Lake Michigan.

How chilly was it? In between flashy dances in slinky black leotards the mounted cheerleaders spent much of the game in parkas.

After going without a touchdown for a second straight game, the Enforcers (0-4) took steps to ensure fans don't abandon them, announcing they will let all of Saturday's fans in to the home game for free as a reward for braving the elements.



Joe Aska, activated from the practice squad for the game, scored on a 14-yard run with 2:47 left in the third quarter to lead a Chicago tumble. Leo Araujo kicked two field goals.

It was Chicago's first look at the NFL after three games on the road. Despite opening remarks from Hall of Fame linemaker Dick Butkus, the NFL's director of football competition, the Enforcers evoked unfavorable comparisons with the other football team that plays home games at Soldier Field.

"They're just like the Bears — they stink," said 16-year-old Mike Zakaras of Naperville.

XFL fans who braved the rain and fog cheer as the Chicago Enforcers take the field before the NFL football game in Chicago Saturday against the Hitmen. Shanna is one of the cheerleaders.

ORLANDO, Fla. — Defensive end Bill Durr scored on a 48-yard fumble return as the Orlando Rage improved to 4-0 with a 30-6 victory over Birmingham on Saturday night in the XFL.

Duff scooped Casey Weldon's fumble and raced to the end zone to give Orlando a 14-0 lead in the second quarter.

"I saw the end zone and nobody around me, but I'm not sure that I could have gone another 20 yards," Duff said. "I might have started looking for a defensive back to pitch it to."

Flyers, Lightning play to scoreless draw

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Roman Cechmanek made 36 saves and Kevin Weekes stopped 27 shots for Tampa Bay as the Flyers and Lightning played to a 0-0 tie Saturday.

It was the first scoreless game in the nine-year history of the Lightning. The last such game for either team came at home against Montreal on Feb. 11, 1993.

The Flyers, who had their five game winning streak snapped at the New York Islanders on Thursday, increased their Atlantic Division lead to three points over New Jersey.

Philadelphia is unbeaten in its last seven home games (6-0-1).

Capitals 2, Hurricanes 1. RALEIGH, N.C. — Andrei Nikolishin scored with 8:47 left as Washington extended its unbeaten streak to 12 straight by beating Carolina.

The streak by the Capitals (10-0-2) matched Phoenix and St. Louis for tops in the NHL this season, and is the team's best since 1984.

Islanders 5, Panthers 4. UNKONDALE, N.Y. — Mariusz Czerkawski scored twice and assisted as the New York Islanders beat a four-goal lead, then held on to beat Florida.

Jason Blake, Dave Scatchard and Roman Hamrik also scored as the Islanders won two straight games for the first time since Nov. 1. Rick DiPietro stopped 25 shots for his second NHL win.

Kings 3, Blue Jackets 1. LOS ANGELES — Bryan Smolinski scored the go-ahead goal with 2:45 left and Ziga Padiglioni had two goals as Los Angeles handed Columbus its fifth straight loss.

Espen Knutsen ended a 10-game goal-scoring drought and Ron Tugnutt made 29 saves for the Blue Jackets, who are winless in their last seven games (0-6-1). They are 1-7-3 in their last 12, following a three-game winning streak.

Senators 3, Canucks 0. OTTAWA — Patrick Lalime stopped 25 shots for his second shutout in three games to lead Ottawa over Vancouver.

Maple Leafs 5, Canadiens 1. TORONTO — Steve Thomas, Sergei Berezin, Gary Valk and former Canadian Jonas Hoglund and Shayne Corson scored as Toronto beat Montreal.

Curtis Joseph made 23 saves for the Leafs, who have won two straight since a trade for Philadelphia's Eric Lindros fell through. Toronto ended a six-game winless streak Thursday.

Predators 2, Wild 1. NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville's Scott Walker scored a power-play goal, and Mike Dunham made 28 saves, leading the Predators to a 2-1 victory Saturday night over the Minnesota Wild.

The Predators, with 62 points, stayed one point behind ninth-placed Los Angeles in the Western Conference. Both teams are chasing Edmonton for the final playoff berth.

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Senior, seen through the eyes of his son

I know a man whose hands are so calloused that gloves aren't necessary. Once, while cutting down a tree, he cut the back of his hand to the bone with a chainsaw. He didn't even stop to look until the job was done.

I've seen him get thrown from a tractor. The tractor, as large as a small home, was flipped by the trunk of a stubborn oak tree. His first thought was not fear, but how quickly he could get the tractor back on its tracks to complete the task. He has suffered broken bones and never had one complaint. Not to anyone, not even to himself.

This man could lead the world's finest army. He has wisdom that knows no bounds. No fire could burn his character, no stone could break it. He maintains a private existence. One that shelters his most coveted thoughts from the world.

His upbringing was no controlled creation. His hardworking family was like many from that era. He gained his knowledge in hard dirt and second hand tools, from his toys as a child to the trucks he drove in his 20s. From that natural upbringing, he has an incredible sense of good and bad. He sees it before it sees him, in people, in anything imaginable. Where did he learn this? How does he know so many things?

I've seen this man create many things. With no blueprints, he has carved and produced wonders upon wonders. His resume shows he has created major companies. He has hammered out deal upon deal - always being as fair as God would have it. He has taken land with thick soil and deep valleys and molded them into a frontier fit for heaven. He has built homes that kings couldn't fathom.

Solving problems is as easy as breathing for him. They are thrown his way like the morning paper. People surround him daily, wanting solutions. He hands them out with pride and passion. Each solution is a battle won. He calculates his every action, demanding the same from everyone else. He is honest in letting you know your end of the bargain.

His friendship is the greatest gift you could ever obtain. Out of all his attributes, it is the most impressive. You see only a few with this gift. If you ever break that trust - it is over. He accepts few apologies. Many have crossed him and they leave with only regret for their actions. In every result, he stands as an example of what hard work and dedication will achieve. Even his enemies know this.

I have had the pleasure of joining him on the battlefield. I have experienced his intimidating wrath. That may sound strong, but I know what I am talking about. He roams like a lion, king of his jungle. His jungle is his and his alone. Every step he takes has purpose. Every walk has reason.

He praises God, loves his family, enjoys his friends. I wonder what his future holds. He has so much to be proud of. To this point, he's only barely satisfied. His eyes see much more than my imagination could produce. He is Dale Earnhardt.

Dad, the world's finest army awaits.

MAN IN BLACK

Reflections on a champion over 21 years

By Mike Harris
The Associated Press

The first time I approached Dale Earnhardt for an interview was in Riverside, Calif., in 1980, the year after he was NASCAR's Rookie of the Year.

I was the new motorsports writer for The Associated Press, making my first visit to the Winston Cup garage area - a daunting task.

Earnhardt was leaning against the door of his garage with his arms crossed and a distant expression on his young, mustache-faced face.

"Hey, Dale," I said eagerly. "Can I talk to you for a few minutes?"

He turned slowly, as if he only half-heard what I'd said, glared at me with those hawk-like eyes and blurted: "No. Get out of here."

Chastened and angry, I spun on my heels and began to stride away. Then I heard the deep-throated chuckle that I came to know so well over the next 21 years.

"Hey, man, Don't take it personal. Get back over here," he called.

The answers to my questions that day started a dialogue that turned into, if not a close friendship, a fine acquaintanceship.

Over the years, I saw just about every side of a complicated

often-enigmatic man. Some days he was The Intimidator, Old Ironhead, baying me and glaring as if he was about to strike. Yet, I never felt truly threatened because he always kept his anger or frustration in check, even when asked the most personal or idiotic question.

Other times, he was all wolfish grin and boyish charm.

In Florence, S.C., the weekend of a Southern 500 in the mid-80s, I ran into Earnhardt in the lobby of our hotel and he invited me to join him and a group of people for dinner.

I offered to drive. A big mistake.

As I drove sedately along a Florence boulevard at 45 mph, Earnhardt gripped about the latest NASCAR rule change. Suddenly, he shouted, "Think fast," leaned across the front seat and rammed the gearshift lever on the automatic transmission into park.

The car skidded and swerved to a halt with me and the passengers in the backseat hyperventilating and Earnhardt roaring with laughter. I let him drive back to the hotel and never told the car rental company.

Earnhardt was somewhat ashamed of having only a ninth-grade education, but often liked to brag about how much he wished he had more "book learnin'." But he had common sense and the business acumen of an MBA candidate.

Sitting at lunch one day at yet another racing function, I was talking to Don Hawk, then Earnhardt's business manager. I asked him to explain the marketing strategy that had helped his driver gain 40 percent of all souvenir and memorabilia sales in NASCAR.

Before Hawk could open his mouth, Earnhardt leaned across the table, his eyes sparkling, and gave me a cogent and informative 15-minute lecture on the art of marketing a race driver.

"See what I have to contend with," Hawk said, obviously proud of his student.

Although he was often an absentee dad, particularly in the early years of his racing career, Earnhardt's four kids meant the world to him.

When he talked about daughter Kelley graduating from college, his eyes glistened and his chest puffed out. "She's the first one in our family and she worked hard and earned it," he said.

Youngest daughter Taylor, the only child of Earnhardt's 18-year marriage to third wife Teresa, was able to turn the hard-driven racer into Jello with just a look.



As for the boys, Kerry and Dale Jr., Earnhardt didn't push them into racing, or discourage them. Both had to show how much they wanted to be drivers before he gave them any kind of helping hand.

Once they showed they were serious about the sport, though, it was obvious the father was going to take a role. It was the deciding factor for him in starting Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Two years ago, when Dale Jr. was racing in

"There ain't nothing wrong with me," he blustered at the time. "It was just something I ate or some flume thing."

The 1997 season was the first time in 15 years that Earnhardt failed to win a race. Everybody, including me, wondered if it was the beginning of the end of Earnhardt's career.

It wasn't. He won the Daytona 500 at the start of the 1998 season, after 20 years of trying to win NASCAR's big one. It ended a 59-year winless string and sparked the resurgence of his career.

The morning after the victory, Earnhardt was still pumped. After talking with a few writers, a broadcaster from a local morning radio show approached and said:

"Hey, Dale, is finally winning the Daytona 500 as good as the best sex you ever had?"

Without missing a beat or blurring an eye, Earnhardt replied: "Man, you ain't never met my wife."

The seven-time Winston Cup champion not only continued to find Victory Lane but became a contender again in 2000.

He raced well just about everywhere, but he was definitely at his best on NASCAR's biggest and fastest tracks - Daytona and Talladega.

Last October, he was spectacular. New aerodynamic equipment kept nearly the entire field at Talladega wrenched together at speeds close to 200 mph for 500 miles.

Earnhardt saved the best for last - somehow picking his way through a wall of speeding cars to shoot from 18th to first in the last five laps, earning the last of his 76 victories.

"Man, all I did was aim the car where they wasn't and hope there'd still be a hole when I got there," he said happily. "I could't even believe it."

I knew he took chances, but, for some reason, I never worried about Dale Earnhardt.

For years, I worried about the aging A.J. Foyt, Mario Andretti and Richard Petty - then the three biggest names in U.S. auto racing - as their skills faded and people wondered why they didn't retire.

But I never worried about Earnhardt. He was too tough, too focused, too ... well, Dale. Now, unbelievably, he's gone.

Mike Harris has covered motorsports for The AP since 1970 and has written about more than 600 feature races.

Gordon honors Earnhardt after winning pole

ROCKINGHAM, NC (AP) - Jeff Gordon walked into the media center at North Carolina Speedway after winning the pole Saturday for the Dura Lube 400, wearing a baseball cap with a big No. 3 on the front.

"I put this hat on and let everybody know we're thinking of Dale," Gordon said. "I want to dedicate this pole to him. It's a great opportunity to let everybody know how much I respected him and how much we're going to miss him."

Earnhardt was killed in a last-lap crash last Sunday in the Daytona 500.

Gordon turned a lap of 156.455 mph on the way to the 34th pole of his career and a second on Rockingham's 1.017-mile oval. He barely nipped Steve Park, whose lap was 156.395 - just 0.009 seconds slower. Both drive Chevrolets.

Baby-faced blonde, Kevin Harvick takes over

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. - Dale Earnhardt's car will be back on the track this weekend with a different look, a different number and a different driver.

That's the way most people prefer it.

Kevin Harvick, a 25-year-old Busch Series driver, was promoted Friday into Earnhardt's car for the rest of the season. He takes over for a seven-time Winston Cup champion.

Harvick was known that he's certainly not replacing Earnhardt.

"I'd like to say one thing, Harvick said, pointing out into a crowd of reporters. "Dale Earnhardt is probably the best race car driver that ever came through NASCAR. I hope you guys don't expect me to replace him because no one ever will."

Drivers remain leery of HANS device

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. - Increased safety dominated conversation in the NASCAR garage Saturday, but many of the drivers calling for it still aren't willing to use a controversial new device that ever came through NASCAR.

The HANS device, short for the Head and Neck Support, has been the buzz word since Dale Earnhardt was killed in a wreck in the Daytona 500.

The U-shaped device is designed to protect drivers from neck and spine injuries, but many find it too bulky and uncomfortable and still have too many questions about it to use it in today's race at North Carolina Speedway.

Bodine's gamble pays off in ALLTEL

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. - Todd Bodine gambled on a late spot and made it pay off with a victory Saturday in the ALLTEL 200 Busch Series race at North Carolina Speedway.

Bodine, a regular in NASCAR's Winston Cup series, was leading when rookie Scott Wimmer's car hit the wall on lap 183 of the 197-lap race.

The leader managed to avoid a five-car pileup on lap 193 and, with a two-lap sprint to the end following that final caution, beat Kevin Harvick - last year's top Busch rookie and the driver replacing the late Dale Earnhardt in his Winston Cup ride - by 0.407 seconds - about seven car-lengths.

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Smoke from Florida fires disrupts spring training

POLK CITY, Fla. (AP) - Crews worked Saturday to assemble a pipeline to carry a constant stream of water to a point of swamp wildfires that have closed a major highway and interrupted major league baseball spring training.

By Saturday, the two blazes had charred about 10,500 acres. Neither fire had gained ground since Thursday and the larger one, a 10,000-acre blaze called "Stagecoach," was 85 percent

contained. Authorities believe the fires started by a resident illegally burning trash. The fires in the rain-starved Green Swamp, about 30 miles southwest of Orlando, were close to training camps for major league teams from Atlanta, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston and Kansas City. Since they broke Feb. 16, smoke has occasionally cut practice short.

"It's the luck of the draw, depending on which way the wind is blowing," said Kansas City

manager Tony Muser, whose team is about five miles from the fire.

The fires were feeding partly on swamp muck, a thick layer of decaying plant material that could smolder for months.

Firefighters began building a 3,000-foot pipeline on Saturday to carry a steady stream of water onto smoldering muck in the median of Interstate 4, central Florida's major traffic artery. The highway, connecting Orlando and

Tampa, has been closed for more than a week.

"Normally, we'd take some time and let it burn itself out some, but in this situation we can't allow that," Wayne Jones, a spokesman for the Division of Forestry, said Friday.

Officials hope to have the pipeline in place today. If all goes as planned and the weather holds up, it should be opened Monday, although only for a few hours during daylight, Jones said.

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With unlikely birdie, Love clings to lead in a cold rain at Riviera

Davis Love III tips his hat after finishing his round during the Nissan Open at the Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles Saturday.



LOS ANGELES (AP) — At least everyone knows who they are chasing in the Nissan Open — Davis Love III, who finally separated himself from the pack Saturday with an unlikely birdie that gave him a three-stroke lead going into the final round.

Struggling with his driver on a cold, rainy day at Riviera Country Club, Love made a 40-foot birdie putt on the 17th and had a 3-under 68 to wind up in an ideal position.

For one thing, he finally got out of the soggy, chilly conditions just as the rain began to come down hard. Better yet, Love is the 54-hole leader at 203, never a bad place to be when more rain is in the forecast.

And he at least has room for error. When Love made the turn, 25 play-

Golf

ers were within four shots of the lead. A dozen players were two good putts away from being in the lead. Now, everyone has a tougher chore ahead of them — catching perhaps the hottest player in the game.

Corey Pavin, who returned to his old swing coach four weeks ago, took a big step toward returning to his old form. Winless since 1996, Pavin put on a magnificent putting display for Tiger Woods and had a 67 to get to 206.

"My putter was really working well," said Pavin, who took only 22 putts. "It made up for a lot of things today." Pavin was joined by Dennis Paulson

(68) and Craig Barlow (70) and Australia's Robert Allenby (69), who was one stroke behind until he made a bogey on the difficult 18th and Love was making his birdie on the 17th.

Nick Price had a 69 and was among those at 207, while Woods made 16 pars and two birdies in his round of 69, which left him in a large group at 208.

Colbert matches course record with 62

PUEBKA, Mexico — Jim Colbert matched the course record with a 10-under-par 62 on Saturday for a share of the second-round lead in the Mexico Senior Classic.

Colbert, 59, who won the last of his 19 Senior PGA Tour titles in 1998, tied

the mark set by Hubert Green last year in the final round of his five-stroke victory.

"I didn't make any 8s today," Colbert said, referring his triple bogey Friday on the par-5 ninth hole. "I hit every green and every fairway. When you do that, the game seems easier."

Colbert, who tied for second last year, made a 40-foot eagle putt on the par-5 10th hole, and had eight birdies. "I thought I held my wedge at 18. It spun back to 8 feet, and I missed another birdie chance," said Colbert, who has twice shot 61 on the senior tour.

Mike McCullough shot a 68 and Bob Eastwood had a 71 to match Colbert at 8-under 136 on the scenic Las Vista Country Club Course.

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Where is the safest place for my child to ride?

The back seat is generally the safest place in a crash. If your vehicle has a passenger air bag, it is essential for children 12 and under to ride in the back, as a rapidly inflating air bag can cause them serious injury or death.

Which way should the car seat face?

Babies of up to one year and 20 pounds should ride facing the rear. Children over age one and at least 20 pounds may ride facing forward.

What is the best way to install the car seat?

The safety belt must stay tight around the safety seat. If your safety seat can be used facing either direction, make sure to put the seat belt through the right slots. Harness straps go over the child's shoulders and should be adjusted so you can slip only one finger underneath the straps at your child's chest.

Until what age should a child restraint be used?

Keep your child in a safety seat as long as possible, at least until 40 lbs. Then use a booster seat to make the vehicle's belts fit better. Most children this size are much too small to fit correctly in safety belts.

What about older children?

The child must be tall enough to sit without slouching, with knees bent at the edge of the seat. The lap belt must fit low and tight across the upper thighs. The shoulder belt should fit over the shoulder and across the chest. Never put the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back.

Where can I get more information about choosing the right type of child restraint?

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Couch is no slouch

Hometown favorite wins PBA title outdoors

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (AP) — Jason Couch, competing before home fans on outdoor lanes, won his ninth career title Saturday by capturing the Villages PBA Open.

Couch, of Clermont, Fla., defeated Chris Barnes, of Wichita, Kan., 223-201 in the title match at The Villages Town Square.

"There's a lot of pressure to compete in front of your hometown," Couch said. "But it's an incredible feeling to win with your friends and family there."

Mike Aulby, of Indianapolis, finished third, followed by Doug

Kent, of Newark, N.Y., and Pete Weber, of St. Ann, Mo.

Couch earned \$25,000 for his first victory of the year. He entered the championship round as the tournament leader and started the match with three strikes.

Barnes has made 16 consecutive championship round appearances without a title.

"Until the ninth frame, I felt I had finally gotten to a point where I could win," he said.

After striking in the ninth frame, Couch needed only a strike and five pins in the 10th frame to seal the victory. Couch struck and picked up nine pins on his second ball.

Barnes, who received \$13,000 for second place, advanced to the title match by beating Aubly, a PBA Hall of Famer, 219-213 in the semifinal.

Sheffield, Thomas remain unhappy

The Associated Press

While Gary Sheffield and Frank Thomas still aren't happy with their contracts, Omar Vizquel is close to signing an extension with Cleveland and two Milwaukee slugers got new deals Saturday.

Sheffield made amends with his teammates, although he said he won't be happy if he starts the season with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Sheffield said he was misquoted in an article this week that attacked teammates Darren Dreifort, Eric Karros, Shawn Green, Kevin Brown and Carlos Perez.

"Those who know me know I don't have to knock teammates," Sheffield said from Vero Beach, Fla. "It doesn't do any one good and it's not Gary Sheffield."

Sheffield, who wants a contract extension, expects to be traded soon and expressed an interest in playing for either the New York Yankees, Mets or Atlanta.

He said there still was a possibility that he'd start the season with the Dodgers even though that would bother him.

"Wearing this uniform I won't be happy, but I'll go out and do my job," he said.

Thomas, looking for more money from the Chicago White Sox, skipped his fourth straight spring training workout in Tucson, Ariz.

Manager Jerry Manuel said the team would prepare for the season without Thomas and use veteran non-roster invitee Harold Baines as a backup at first base and designated hitter.

Manuel, who spoke with Thomas on Thursday, said he didn't know how long the two-time MVP would stay out. Players are required to be in camp Tuesday before they can be fined.

"We have to do what we have to do to get ready without Frank. Harold is relishing the role tak-

Spring training

ing ground balls at first. And Frank has to do what he has to do," Manuel said.

Vizquel, who has grumbled in the past about being underpaid compared to other shortstops, said he is close to signing a contract extension with the Cleveland Indians.

"The deal is almost done," he said after finishing his first spring training workout at Winter Haven, Fla. "I think in the next week or two something will get done. I'm real happy about it."

Vizquel, who has won eight straight Gold Gloves, is signed through the 2002 season at \$3 million a year.

The salaries of other shortstops have skyrocketed since the contract Vizquel signed in 1995.

During the offseason, Alex Rodriguez signed a \$252 million contract with the Texas Rangers and Derek Jeter signed a \$189 million to stay with the New York Yankees. Both deals are for 10 years.

"My contract looks like a minor league deal compared to those," Vizquel said. "It's not like I'm making 3 cents. I get a good check, but it looks small compared to the others."

Young slugers Geoff Jenkins and Richie Sexson, the cornerstones of the Milwaukee Brewers' rebuilding efforts, each signed four-year contracts. Jenkins got \$18 million and Sexson signed for \$17.5 million.

Jenkins, a left fielder who made \$282,000 last season, and Sexson, a first baseman who made \$247,000, are both 26 and would have been eligible for arbitration for the first time next year.

They traded in the chance to hit the jackpot in year-to-year arbitration hearings for the security of knowing a bad season or an injury won't hurt their earning potential.

Hingis triumphs at Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Martina Hingis beat Nathalie Tauziat for the sixth straight time Saturday, needing just 72 minutes to win the final at the \$565,000 Dubai Open.

The 6-4, 6-4 victory over the third-seeded Tauziat gave the top ranked Hingis her second title in a row. She won the Qatar Open last weekend.

"I have played Nathalie many times and I call her 'Professor' because I have learned so many things from her over the years and she is such a great player and competitor," said the 20-year-old Hingis, who's 13 years younger than Tauziat.

Federer, Escude reach \$850,000 Rotterdam final

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Roger Federer beat Romania's

Andrei Pavel 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-0 Saturday to reach the final of the \$850,000 ABN AMRO indoor tournament.

Today, the 19-year-old Federer will face France's Nicolas Escude, who beat Vladimir Volchokov 6-4, 6-1 in the second semifinal.

Philippoussis advances in St. Jude, could gain title

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mark Philippoussis' knee is just fine, thank you.

The Australian, who had knee surgery in December, beat Tommy Haas 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5) Saturday in the semifinals of the Kroger St. Jude, and now he has a chance to cap his return with a title.

"Now I know everything's been fixed," Philippoussis said. "I know it's 110 percent. I'm working hard, and I'm not going to look back."

The second-seeded Philip-

poussis will play either Sebastian Lareau or No. 9 seed Davide Sanguineti, who played late Saturday night, in the championship today.

Kuerten gains final in Buenos Aires AT&T Cup

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Gustavo Kuerten, struggling to find his rhythm, beat Fernando Vicente of Spain 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. Saturday to advance to the final of the AT&T Cup.

Kuerten, a Brazilian ranked No. 1 last year, will play 18-year-old Argentine Jose Acasuso in today's final. Acasuso beat countryman Gaston Gaudio 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 in the second semifinal.

Suarez, Kuti Kls scorned

Copa Colsonias tournament

BOGOTA, Colombia — Top-seeded Paola Suarez of Argentina beat

countrywoman Mariana Diaz-Oliva 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3 Saturday to reach the final of the Copa Colsonias tennis tournament.

In today's final, Suarez will play Rita Kuti Kisi of Hungary, who beat Cristina Torrens-Valero 6-4, 6-1 in the other semifinal.

Seles advances in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY — Monica Seles, the defending champion and top-seeded player, beat Japan's Shinobu Asagoe 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-2 Saturday to reach the final of the IGA U.S. Indoor Championship.

The fourth-ranked Seles will meet the winner of the late-Saturday Jennifer Capriati-Daniela Hantuchova semifinal for the title.

The unseeded Asagoe was playing in her first WTA Tour semifinal.

MSU, WSU win Big Sky indoor track titles

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Shannon Agee and Michelle Tronstad went 1-2 in the pole vault Saturday to lead Montana State to its first Big Sky Conference Indoor Track and Field championship since 1983.

Jeremy Tolman and Charles Clinger led the Weber State men to a decisive team title.

Agee and Tronstad both cleared 12.35, but Agee did it with fewer misses. Her height was well below her season-best of 13-2.

Montana State edged the Weber State women 124 points to

120, after MSU finished second in the 4-by-400 relay, despite the fact that Carrie Damschen was knocked off the track by a Cal State Northridge runner. Damschen immediately got back on the track and finished her leg.

"It was tense," Damschen said of the time between the end of the relay and the decision to uphold the results. "But I knew we would win it. We deserve it."

Montana State's Lacy Hinz peter won the 400 meters and finished second in the 55 meters, the 400 meters and the long jump.

"It all comes down to this being a team win," said MSU coach Dale Kennedy. "The 20 girls that competed, and the girls that didn't, and the four coaches all contributed to this. It's a great feeling and a great accomplishment."

Tolman won the mile and 3,000 meters and was named the men's track athlete of the meet. Clinger won the high jump and finished second in the triple jump and long jump to be named co-field athlete of the meet with Eastern Washington's Kurt Kraemer. Kraemer won the long jump

and triple jump and was fourth in the high jump.

The Weber State men finished with 121 points. Cal State Northridge was second with 107, one point ahead of Northern Arizona.

Stephanie Hansen of Weber State, who won the 200 meters, was named the women's track athlete of the meet. Dee Scott of Cal State Northridge won the triple jump, finished sixth in the long jump and eighth in the 55 meter hurdles in earning women's field athlete of the meet honors.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

HANSEN - After 26 years of service to the U.S. Postal Service as a rural carrier in Hansen, Darlene Higgins is retiring.

The public is invited to an open house set for 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Old City Hall on Main Street. Refreshments will be served.

TWIN FALLS - Royle Hardy was named Customer Service Representative of the Year for 2000 for AmeriPride Apparel and Linen Services.

Following graduation from Kimberly High School, Hardy worked at Troy National Laundry, which became Gem Linen. Except for an eight-year hiatus, he has worked for AmeriPride (formerly Gem Linen) since then, for a total of 27 years. He has won several sales and service awards. Hardy's other achievements include past president of the Twin Falls Jaycees and Jaycee of the Month. He and his wife live in Twin Falls.

Hardy services AmeriPride's local industrial accounts.

AUSTIN, Texas - The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 3,900 attorneys, including Edward D. Hellewell, as members of the college during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin. This group of attorneys accounts for less than 8 percent of all attorneys in Texas.

Hellewell is the senior vice president and senior underwriting counsel for the Stewart Title Guaranty Co. in Houston.

He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1966, received a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in 1971 and a doctoral degree from Texas Tech University in 1976. His mother, S. Doyle Hellewell, lives in Filer.

ROGERSON - National Cattlemen's Beef Association Past President George Swan, a cow-calf operator from Rogerson, served on the executive committee of the NCBA at its winter meeting Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 in San Antonio, Texas.

Members in attendance heard information on beef demand, which the association said has increased for seven consecutive quarters, based on the beef demand index. Year-end beef demand for 2000 is about 3.6 percent higher than 1999 levels, resulting in fed cattle prices that are \$100 per head higher at the start of 2001, a press release from the NCBA said. Consumer spending for beef in 2000 topped a record \$52 billion.

To build on that momentum, the NCBA board approved a long-range plan to keep demand and profitability growing. The plan is built on increasing beef demand and improving business climate. The Stakeholders Congress later ratified the plan.

The executive committee meeting was part of the 2001 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show.

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Realty said Hunter Rowland joined its team of Realtors.

Hunter, a native of Ohio, moved to the West in 1986. He said he gained insight in real estate from working in various phases of residential and commercial construction. He attended the Pioneer Real Estate School in Boise.

TWIN FALLS - McClure Engineering Inc. announced the addition of three new employees.

Billie Joe McWinn attended the College of Southern Idaho from 1994-98 and received associate's degrees in engineering, mathematics and liberal arts. She attended Idaho State University from 1998 to

2000 and received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. She performed two summer internships for Argonne National Laboratories-West at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. She was secretary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ISU Student Chapter, from 1998-99, and president of the American Nuclear Society, ISU Student Chapter, in 2000. She now does mechanical engineering for McClure Engineering.

McWinn lives in Twin Falls with her husband, Matt.

Cody P. Wright graduated from Filer High School in 1996 and attended High Tech Institutes in Phoenix from 1996-97 for architectural drafting. Wright was employed by POWER Engineers in Hailey from 1998-99 and now does plumbing drafting for McClure Engineering.

Wright lives in Filer.

Bradley Dewey attended the Denver Institute of Technology in 1992 as an associate in computer-aided design with an emphasis in architecture. He owns a business doing architectural renderings and worked in that field while employed by Case, Lowe and Hart in Ogden, Utah. In 1995, he worked as a design drafter for Arctec Inc. in Phoenix. He now does plumbing drafting for McClure Engineering.

Dewey lives in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS - Jeff Bartos of Dover, Ind., completed the four weeks of training for a Class A commercial driver's license with a professional Truck Driving School of Twin Falls.

Bartos also received the hazardous-materials, doubles-triples and tankers endorsements with high honors. He is employed by Gilmer Trucking Inc. of Jerome.

JEROME - Family Health Services hired Dr. Michael Shaw to provide medical care at its new Jerome clinic at 133 W. Ave. A, Suite B.

Beginning Tuesday, the clinic will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. other weekdays.

Shaw practiced in Mountain Home for the past two years. He attended medical school and did his residency in Nebraska. He is a board-certified family practice physician. New patients, including obstetrics, are being accepted.

Family Health Services' Jerome clinic will provide primary health care to anyone in the Jerome and surrounding areas. Family Health Services also has clinics in Buhl, Burley and Twin Falls. No one is refused service due to inability to pay, the company said.

It can be reached at 324-3471.

GOODING - Les Patterson recently joined the Canyonside GMAC Gooding office.

Patterson has a background in construction, specializing in cabinet making. He also has 14 years' experience in the U.S. Air Force in communications and is currently in the Air Force Reserves stationed in Utah as a communications officer.

He and his wife, Teresa, have six children. He can be reached at 934-4334 or 539-0805.

BURLEY - Glenna L. Navarro was promoted to retail operations supervisor at First Federal Savings Bank, 2059 Overland Ave., in Burley.

Navarro was born in Price, Utah. She began her banking

career in California with Bank of America in 1970. She moved to Idaho in 1978 where she worked at Idaho Bank and Trust, Idaho First Bank, Valley Bank and KeyBank. In 1997 she joined First Federal Savings Bank.

RUPERT - Stephanie Hamilton, an independent businesswoman with The Pampered Chef Ltd., recently attended the company's Leadership Conference 2001, Spirit of Success, held in St. Louis. The conference brought together the company's top achievers from the United States for sales and leadership training.

The Pampered Chef calls it a direct sales of high-quality kitchen tools sold through in-home kitchen shows presented by consultants across the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and Germany. Founded in 1980, by educator and home economist Doris Christopher, The Pampered Chef says it is committed to enhancing family life by providing kitchen products, superior service and information.

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RUPERT - Earl Andrew of Rupert recently completed the certified arborist examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the local chapter of the ISA.

The purpose of the voluntary certification program is to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession. It is designed to help the public identify professionals in arboriculture who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed examination and education program, a thorough knowledge of tree care practices, a press release said. Certification is valid for three years.

ISA calls itself a scientific and educational organization devoted to dissemination of information in the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Home Health and Hospice said Mark Bork joined its team as public relations and marketing director.

Most recently Bork was president of Anmarc Productions, producing numerous video and radio programs for clients from the Magic Valley to Chicago to Israel. He has a bachelor's degree in telecommunications from Arizona State University and a master's degree in communications from Regent University.

Bork lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Anne, and two sons.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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MILESTONES

Real estate group records best month on record

TWIN FALLS - Westerra Real Estate Group said it just recorded its best month on record. In addition to a company record, Westerra said it also finished No. 1 in combined listing and selling production for January for the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors' Multiple Listing Service.

A recent broker's report showed Westerra's total listing and selling production of \$3.154 million for the month of January, the company said. The second-highest office's combined total was slightly over \$2 million, it said.

"With lower interest rates, we should see further increases in market activity in both residential and commercial," said Denise McCluskey, associate broker at Westerra.

"Jerome has stayed very active throughout the winter, especially new construction. The north side has really come alive as a retail hot spot, too," said Melinda Bunn, Jerome branch manager for Westerra.

Westerra said its year-to-date combined listing and sales production through Feb. 20 was at \$5.464 million, achieved with 15 full-time agents.

Video chain posts stronger results, continued gains

TWIN FALLS - Blockbuster Inc., the world's largest video store chain, posted stronger results from operations and continued to gain market share last year, while its fourth-quarter loss widened.

The Dallas-based company's net loss was \$24.6 million, or 14 cents a share, in the period ended Dec. 31, compared with a net loss of \$6.8 million, or 4 cents, last year, said the company, which has a store in Twin Falls.

Excluding goodwill amortization, earnings of 22 cents a share were up 10 percent from last year and exceeded estimates.

The amortization of almost \$6 billion in goodwill was left over on Blockbuster's balance sheet from 1994, when Viacom bought the company. Blockbuster is a publicly traded subsidiary of entertainment giant Viacom Inc., which owns 80 percent of the chain.

John Antiochi, Blockbuster's chairman and chief executive officer, said the company's market share increased last year to 36 percent of U.S. video rentals, up from 32 percent in 1999. The company is poised to end this year at 40 percent, he said.

Total revenue was up 12.1 percent to \$1.34 billion in the fourth quarter from \$1.20 billion last year. Same-store sales increased 7 percent.



Customers walk through the showroom of fancy tubs and other bathroom fixtures at Rocky Mountain Hardware in Ketchum.

Ketchum store showcases kitchen and bath fixtures

KETCHUM - Rocky Mountain Hardware shows off innovations in kitchen and bath design at its new 3,000-square-foot showroom now open in Ketchum. Rocky Mountain blends its own architectural bronze sinks, faucets and hardware into this gallery of new designs in cabinetry, plumbing fixtures, tile, wood finishing and decorative painting.

Customers can step into the kitchen and bath arrangements to open and close cabinets and drawers by Treasure Valley Woodworking of Boise. Run their fingertips over tile and stone by Calfail Tile of Salt Lake City, and feel the heft of bronze handles and operate levers by Rocky Mountain Hardware. And admire the wood finishing by Morgan's and hand-painted murals by local artist Laura Higdon-Weithorn.

One of the showroom's displays is a 12-foot-long shower with 30 shower heads. From beside a half-wall where they'll stay dry, customers can turn on any of the heads to see exactly how the water will spray.

Rocky Mountain Hardware owner Patsy Nickum said she was inspired to develop the showroom by comments from the valley's design community. "We were hearing a lot of frustration that there was no place in this region to shop for the really cutting-edge designs for kitchen and bath," Nickum said. "Architects and designers were frequently going all the way to Seattle or San Francisco just to

get a look at what's new and exciting."

The staff at the new showroom includes experts in plumbing and interior design who can guide customers to the best choices in more than 50 lines of high-end plumbing fixtures, the business said.

The new Ketchum location also showcases the full line of Rocky Mountain Hardware products, including the recent addition of bronze plumbing finishes; four sinks and matching faucets available in all the Rocky Mountain Hardware finishes are the first entries in the new collection.

Rocky Mountain Hardware said its products are distributed globally and are known throughout the United States for the rich patinas and heavy, timeless feel of their solid bronze architectural hardware: handles, doorknobs, levers, hinges, drawer pulls, window latches and kitchen and bath accessories. Rocky Mountain Hardware also specializes in custom creations for residential and commercial clients.

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YOUR BUSINESS

Economy will alter Idaho miners' search for work

KELLOGG (AP) - Some of the Sunshine Mine workers who were laid off after the mine shut down two weeks ago are optimistic they will find employment, but local job prospects are dim with a sluggish Silver Valley economy.

A 23-year-old miner looked baffled when asked what his plans were. He has never lived anywhere but Pinchurst.

"I really don't have any plans," he said, asking to remain anonymous. "You never know, I might have to leave."

miners will probably get that amount or close to it.

The checks will not go out for at least a few weeks, however. Idaho state law mandates a "wait week" before benefits start. And the state will not pay unemployment the week that Sunshine mails out checks for back vacation pay.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



Money goes as far as it ever did - only now it doesn't take you with it.

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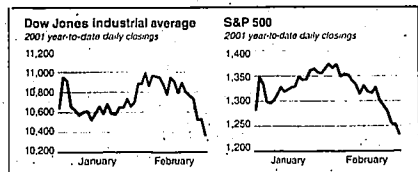
Realtors induct officers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors recently inducted its officers and directors for the year 2001.

Members include Kathy Partridge of Gem State Realty, president; Nathan Lyda of Wills Realty, president-elect; Judy

Hoffman of Barker Realty and Peggy Connolly of Gem State Realty, both state directors; and Ron Freeman of Gem State Realty, Gail Quinn of Irwin Realty, Mike Preece of GMAC Mortgage, Rich Whitescarver of Century 21, Jill Stone of Irwin Realty and Walt Hess of Gem State Realty, all directors.



Source: MSN MoneyCentral, CSI Inc., compiled from AP wire reports

Rate cut could spark rally - but a short one

By Peter Sirls
New York Daily News

It seemed like a continuation of the tormented life of the past few weeks. The Nasdaq, already off 19 percent in February, was down 4 percent mid-afternoon Friday. The S&P 500, down 8 percent this month, dropped another 2.5 percent. Even the Dow, which had only slipped 3 percent, dropped 1.7 percent. Almost everything on my computer monitor was red, meaning most of the stocks were down. This market was no fun.

About 2:20, stocks started to rally. Rhonda Sexter, a smart options trader, called me to say that Wayne Angell, an economist at Bear Stearns and a former Fed governor, had told investors there was a 60 percent chance the Fed would cut interest rates half a percentage point next week.

Since Angell had correctly called the surprise Fed cut of Jan. 3, investors listened. In an instant, stocks turned. The market had been down for a bounce. It had been going down for three weeks. Technically, it was oversold. Cash was building, and investors had absorbed a huge number of corporate profit disappointments.

But a surprise action by the Fed might send it rocketing, as it did Jan. 3. Many hedge fund managers did not want to risk missing the bounce by being underinvested or worse, short high fliers. So in the 90 minutes before the market closed, they went on a buying binge, giving the markets a nice bounce.

The bounce was a welcome relief. But the key question is: Will it continue and how far, will it go?

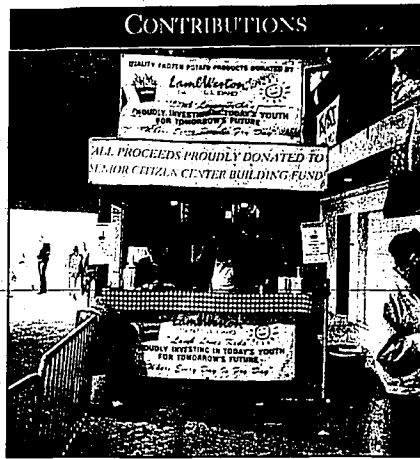
I cannot say for sure. A lot depends on the Fed. If it cuts rates, the bounce will continue. If it does not, we could have another move downward.

More problematic is whether a rally will hold. My best guess is that the rally could have some legs, but the bull will not return just yet. The economy is slowing. Profits for many top companies are lousy. While stocks have come down, many are still not cheap. Further, investor sentiment is still far too bullish. The market almost never reaches a bottom when bullishness is high and bearishness is low, as it is now.

It is easy to see that techs and financials could lead a bounce. It is harder to see what groups will lead the next run of a bull market. The fundamentals for techs are just too weak. Health care has already had a good move. Small and medium cap stocks are by far the cheapest, but they do not normally lead the market. So my view is that the Fed could ease and the market could rally, but the rally, while sharp, could be relatively short. Then, I suspect the market will have to back and fill while some of the fundamental damage from the past year is undone. So don't get too greedy or overinvested.

The pain may subside, but we are not out of the woods.

Columnist Peter Sirls is a New York hedge fund manager and author of "Guerrilla Investing."



Jacqueline Nix, left, director of Twin Falls Senior Center, and Walter Stowman of Lamb Weston Inc. work in the food booth at the Latham auto sale held at the College of Southern Idaho. Lamb Weston donated the French fries, manpower and profits from sales to the building fund for a new multipurpose/senior citizen center. Prime Time Foundation, the fund-raising committee, hopes to gather enough money to build a center that can be used by community groups for receptions, reunions and civic meetings as well as by seniors. To help, call the center at 734-5084.



Twin Falls Senior Center recently raffled a car donated by Latham Motors to help raise money to build a new multipurpose/senior citizen center. The drawing was held at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center in conjunction with Latham's auto sale. Chuck Rogers won the car. Since 1976, the center on Eastland Drive has enhanced seniors' lives in Twin Falls. Now, it has outgrown the present facility and is in danger of being demolished because of the roof, plumbing, stairs and electrical system, a press release said. Pictured left to right are Scott Reeves of Latham Motors; Rogers; Jacqueline Nix, director of the senior center; and Jerry Holman, secretary of Prime Time Foundation.

Phone service, Crisis Center help domestic violence victims

The Times-News

U.S. Cellular is partnering with the Crisis Center of Magic Valley to provide wireless phones to victims of domestic violence as part of its Stop Abuse From Existing program. U.S. Cellular donated seven wireless phones preprogrammed



to 911 to be used by those victims at the highest risk for domestic violence.

U.S. Cellular said it has partnered with more than 350 shelters across the nation with its SAFE program.

CareerTrack offers seminar

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - CareerTrack is offering a one-day seminar on "Self-Discipline and Emotional Control" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 24 at the Weston Plaza Hotel, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Participants will learn how to

stay calm and productive under pressure, the company said. Cost is \$129, which includes the course manual, or \$114 each for groups of five or more employees enrolled.

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Shoppers find more brand names, fewer butchers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The corner butcher shop is gone. The supermarket meat cutter may not be far behind.

In a bid to boost profits and cut labor costs, giants of the meat-packing and grocery industries are trying to change the way consumers buy beef. It would no longer be cut and wrapped at the back of the store, instead arriving at supermarkets prepackaged and carrying brand names that packers hope will one day be as familiar as Kellogg's and Campbell's.

Packers can make an extra 60 percent profit on prepackaged, name-brand beef, said Christine McCracken, an analyst for Midwest Research. Beef that's sold in bulk to supermarkets for \$1 per pound would go for \$1.60 if it's sold with the brand.

Stores make up the difference in costs by eliminating the need for meat cutters, who are among the highest-paid employees.

For consumers, the prepackaged beef will be handled less, reducing the risk of bacterial contamination, and it will be easier for stores and health officials to trace when there is a problem, say industry officials.

Special leak-proof, oxygen-rich plastic packages — a new development in the food industry — ensure that the meat is the same bright red color as meat that's cut inside the store. Without that packaging, the beef would turn



Workers at the IBP Inc., meat packing plant in Council Bluffs, Iowa, feed ground beef into hamburger patty machines Feb. 12. Instead of the traditional butcher shop, consumers are finding brand-name beef that is prepackaged by meatpackers and shipped to stores ready to be put into their meat cases.

brown, a sure turnoff to shoppers.

"We really believe it's the way the industry is going to go," said Gene Leman, chief executive of fresh meats for beef industry leader IBP Inc., which introduced its Thomas E. Wilson line of beef last year.

Wal-Mart is switching all its beef sales nationwide to Thomas E. Wilson.

Consumers want "a name in the fresh meat case that they can trust time and time again," Leman said.

Poultry giant Tyson Foods Inc. is betting IBP is right. Tyson, whose brand name now dominates U.S. chicken sales, wants to do the same in beef and pork and recently won a bidding war with rival Smithfield Foods to buy IBP for \$3.2 billion.

The deal will give Tyson "an unparalleled ability to develop innovative, branded food products and market them successfully," says Tyson chairman John Tyson.

Nearly 39 percent of all meat

sold at retail last year was prepackaged, or "case-ready," compared with 23 percent in 1997, according to the Food Marketing Institute, the supermarket industry's trade association.

"The consumer pays about the same price and he gets a better product. It's a win-win for everybody," said McCracken.

Not everybody feels that way. The United Food and Commercial Workers union, which represents supermarket butchers, predicts many consumers will reject the prepackaged meat in favor of beef that's cut in-store because they'll see it as fresher. Wal-Mart's real aim, according to union officials, is to prevent meat cutters from unionizing.

Packers are trying to "force-feed" consumers, said Gary O'Brien, a meat cutter at an upscale Dorothy Lane Market in Cincinnati that has no plans to stop cutting its own meat.

"There are so many people who want special cuts. They want a porterhouse that's cut and an inch and a half thick," he said. "They're going to have to come to these smaller shops. It's like the old gas stations that work on cars. They are fewer and fewer but you still need them."

Cattle ranchers started pushing for brand-name beef in the 1990s in hope of reversing a slump in consumption. They think proces-

sors will do a better job of marketing beef and be more conscious of its safety and quality if they've got their name on the label.

Packers currently do little advertising for beef. The ad campaign — "Beef. It's what's for dinner" — is paid for by producers.

Wal-Mart's shoppers like the prepackaged meat because of the watertight package it comes in, said Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jessica Mouser.

"They like to be able to pick up a nice, clean package. It's not a messy product anymore," she said.

Wal-Mart is selling Thomas E. Wilson beef in about half of its 868 supercenter stores nationwide and plans to phase it into the rest as IBP increases production.

IBP retrofitted a plant in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to cut and package the beef, and has a larger facility under construction in Nashville, Tenn. So far, IBP is selling about 5 million pounds of Thomas E. Wilson products a week, out of its total weekly sales of 210 million pounds.

"It's hard to say that we've reached a point to say that this is the only way we're going to buy beef," said University of Missouri economist Gary Brown. "It's safe to say we're definitely trending in that direction and it will continue to be more and more a dominant part of what happens."

Seniors

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By the next decade, the native labor force will begin to dwindle. Immigrants will only partially offset the loss.

The Committee for Economic Development, a Washington think tank, released a 1999 report on the need to think about the future of the work place.

The committee calls on companies to implement phased retirement programs, reform their pension rules, offer better training to older workers and educate employees about financial planning for retirement. It also recommends that the government increase the age of Social Security-eligibility to 70—more quickly, allow people who receive disability insurance to work and provide Medicare to working people 65 and older.

So far, signs that the message is penetrating are not good. Companies, by and large, still don't court their older employees or actively recruit post-retirees, recruitment professionals say.

"We described our report as a wake-up call, and it's not clear we've succeeded in waking up folks," said Van Doorn Ooms, the committee's senior vice president and director of research. "The prevailing culture and prevailing economic incentives are to have workers retire rather than continue to work when they reach retirement age."

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MONEY

HUD speeds up the 203(k), helping sales of fixer-uppers

By Judy Rose
Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — The last people to own this Little Craftsman-style house were born at the start of the 20th century. They stayed here 64 years, raised their children, saw grandchildren, then great-grandchildren. Last year, when the surviving wife went to assisted living, the house was snapped up by buyers from the 21st century.

They were David Castano and Scott Vincen, an amateur house restorer.

What they bought was a house with a cute, Hansel-and-Gretel exterior, a natural fireplace, heavy woodwork, red millioned windowpanes and coved plaster ceilings, but one that needed major restoration.

The basement walls were bowing inward; the concrete porch was crumbling; the huge old octopus-shaped furnace almost blocked the basement stairs. *Air conditioning? Forget it.* The house was wired with just 30 amps of electricity, not the 100-200 comm. only used today. The kitchen — tiny in any case — was almost unusable.

Luckily, the house is in Ferndale, Mich., where it seems every fifth house is being improved, and neighborhood values are shooting up. Spending money to restore it made sense.

Luckily there's a mortgage just right for the job — the one called 203(k). Under a 203(k), one single mortgage covers both the money to buy a house and the money to fix it. It has FHA's low down payment and generous lending guidelines.

The 203(k) mortgage was born in 1978, but people used to hate it. Even for a government process, it was clumsy and frustrating. House sellers and real estate agents found it added three to six months to the time it took to close a sale.

But in the past few years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has reworked the 203(k) until it's virtually no slower than a conventional mortgage.

Meantime, around the country, and especially in metro Detroit, house prices have shot up so fast in the past five years that many buyers can't afford the house they'd like. The 203(k) lets them buy a bargain fixer-upper and know they'll have money to repair it.

A quick guide to the 203(k) mortgage

- When a buyer gets a 203(k) mortgage, the money goes into two funds. First, the seller is paid off. Then as repairs begin, the rest of the money is released in draws, like a typical construction loan.
- After each repair is done, the work is inspected and the money to pay for it is released. This used to be a terrible bottleneck, but today buyers using the 203(k) say they get the check in 7-10 days.
- It's a version of HUD's popular FHA mortgage, which overlooks more small credit infractions than a standard mortgage does and allows a slightly higher ratio of debt to income. The down payment is 3 percent.
- The loan is written so that the buyer can get up to 110 percent of the value of the house after repairs if they need it. This covers repairs that are more expensive than estimated. It

also can be used to make the loan payment while the work is being done. So if the house is not habitable during repairs, there's not the double burden of rent and a house payment.

- The interest rate on a 203(k) loan is about 1 percentage point higher than on a conventional FHA loan. Right now, a standard FHA loan might be 8.5 percent and a 203(k) loan 9.5 percent. Most people use the 203(k) as an avenue to get the property they want," says Clifford (Skip) Confer, Flagstar Bank's 203(k) specialist. Later, when the real and psychic dust has settled, they can refinance to a standard FHA mortgage, using the same lender.
- Professional rehabbers cannot use 203(k) loans. However, nonprofit groups, like the church and neighborhood groups that rehab houses for low-income people, can.



The staff of 'The Onion' humor magazine gather in its unfinished New York office in January. Standing from the left in the rear are Chris Karkowski, John Krawson, Mike Loew, Chad Nackers, Carol Kolb and Todd Hanson.

'THE ONION' BRANCHES OUT

Unhip Midwestern humor magazine moves to New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Twelve years after taking root in the funky college town of Madison, Wis., The Onion wants more room to grow.

So this burgeoning humor publication is transplanting itself to New York. Or, as one of The Onion's own deadpan headlines might put it, "Odorous Bulb Descends Upon City; Eyes Water, Breath Mints Stockpiled."

As they settle into their new digs, however, the flannel-clad writers of this self-consciously Midwestern operation are adamant about one thing: They are not hip New Yorkers. And they don't even intend to be.

That means no swank soirees with celebs and sushi. No gliding past velvet ropes with Brazilian models. Fancy lunches to curry favor with the New York media elite? Forget about it.

"We're hip-immune," asserted senior writer Todd Hanson, stretched out on a table. "We've always been losers and geeks, and we'll always be that way."

The Onion's new offices are in a slightly shabby part of Chelsea, close but not too close to some of Manhattan's trendiest neighborhoods. And Hanson, true to form, showed up at the tony Century Club recently wearing a ratty tweed jacket that he fished out of the trash.

But as in all things, there is a point that is too far. During a group interview, eight of The Onion's writers were maintaining a uniform disregard for all matters suave, their feet hoisted up on tables while the editor-in-chief gulped down a burrito.

Then came the dreaded faux pas, the slip of the tongue that delineated the point of unhipness beyond which no one must tread. Chris Karwowski, the newest writer, has just crossed it.

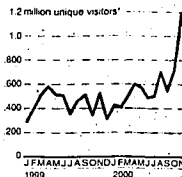
"I'm looking forward to going to the Momo," he blurted out. The backlash from his colleagues was swift and furious.

"Don't you mean MoMA — the Museum of Modern Art?"

"Nice going. Now you're going

The Onion's new digs

The humor publication *The Onion* has uprooted its headquarters from Madison, Wis., and moved to New York. Its online site, which has gained in popularity, had a spike in viewership in November due to rising political interest at the time of the election.



*Unique visitors represent the total number of users who visited a Web site at least once in a given month. All visitors are unduplicated.

Source: Media Matrix AP

to think we're a bunch of midwestern hicks."

"Chris, I think it's time for a downsizing." Even when they're disciplining one of their own for being overly gauche, the men and women of The Onion are doing what comes naturally: cracking each other up with a staccato of jokes and quips.

It's a creative process developed over many years of working together, and it gives birth to stories unlikely to be seen in other media outlets.

"Auto Industry Agrees To Install Brakes in SUVs," declared one headline. "Denny's Introduces 'Just A Humongous Bucket Of Eggs And Meat,'" said another. And "Area Man Proudly Accepts Exit-Row Responsibilities."

How do they sniff out these scoops? The writers gather around a table and read through a list of suggested headlines and keep track of the ones that generate the most laughs. Stories are then written, often in groups, to match the best headlines.

The Onion started in Madison in 1988 as a free newspaper, and

now it's also distributed in Milwaukee, Chicago and Denver. New editions are planned for New York this summer and for San Francisco next year. The Onion.com also gets about 800,000 visitors a month, according to Media Matrix.

It has put out two best-selling books and plans a third. And two movie deals are in the works — "Canadian Girlfriend Unsubstantiated" and "10th Circle Added To Rapidly Expanding Hell."

The Onion already has fans in high places. "I think it's very good and very consistent, and it's so hard to get consistent in comedy," said Conan O'Brien, the late-night talk show host, who once met with The Onion about developing TV specials. "If anyone can succeed with a national humor syndicate, I'd bet on them."

"Some writers broke down and got cell phones, and their new offices — which still have piles of comic books and a drum kit for inspiration — will be more presentable. In the words of senior editor Carol Kolb, "We're gonna cut back on the garbage-al-over-the-floor thing."

But certain principles won't be compromised. During the group interview, lead writer Hanson dusts off his pet idea: to run an actual news story in the paper. "I think it would be hysterical to run something true for a change," he said.

Siegel, ever vigilant in upholding The Onion's editorial standards, quickly wields his veto stamp.

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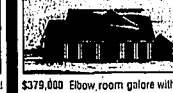
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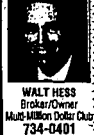
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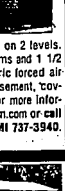
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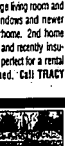
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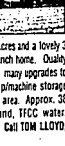
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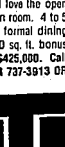
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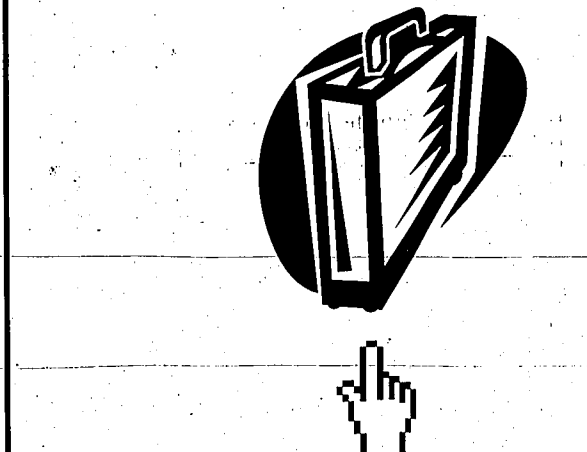
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My Sunday morning with the Methodists

I've been busted. So I guess it's time to confess.

"I didn't drop the hymnbook from the Methodist church balcony in the middle of the Sunday morning service last month, and it wasn't one of those wimpy-sized books of choruses, either. This was a hymnbook—a projectile, traveling downward instead of forward, and picking up speed every inch of the way. The fact that no one was sitting in the targeted spot in the pew was no small miracle.

At first, I wasn't going to tell anyone it was me. But my friends turned state's evidence on me. It was too good a story to keep secret, they said, and they didn't want people to think they might have been the guilty parties.

My family was at the Methodist church that day to attend a Boy Scout Sunday program. We were sitting on the front row of the balcony, where a little red curtain is perched above a ledge. The red hymnbook was partly hidden under the red curtain, and when I crossed my legs "Is anyone screaming?" I whispered to my husband, because I wasn't about to look down. "Are they carrying anyone?"

After the service, I asked attorney friend Laird Stone if he would have defended me if I had murdered someone.

"Well, I guess so," he said, with a smile. "I wasn't exactly a witness, because I didn't see the hymnbook until it was halfway down."

Within three days, Laird had told the story at Kiwanis Club, and the Kiwanians told the Lions and the Lions... well, you get the idea.

The managing editor of *The Times-News*, who shall remain anonymous, has now nicknamed me the "Hymnabomber."

"I always heard if you were killed by a falling hymnal, you get an automatic, free pass to heaven," he said.

He's also chosen a theme song for the entire fiasco: "There's a Song in the Air."

Last week during a planning meeting, one *Times-News* staffer was drawing little pictures of possible reactions for falling hymnbooks, and another was mimicking imaginary scanner calls from the church to the ambulance.

I've also received lots of suggestions, and very little sympathy. One friend suggested I go around to all of the churches and try to kill people with hymnbooks so that God could perform more miracles. (I could drop a "Book of Common Prayer" at the Episcopal church.) Lewis Lenker (White Mountain) said he ought to give me some of his business cards to carry around.

At least the personal stories people have been telling me are evidence that I am not the only one to ever exhibit dork-like behavior.

One man recalled a long church meeting from his childhood when he was sitting in a chair facing a table and he nodded off and his head hit the edge of the table with a very audible bang. Another man told me about kneeling at the altar at his wedding, unaware that his groomsman had written, "HELPI! HELPI!" on the soles of his shoes.

Does all the embarrassing stuff in life happen at church? Or in front of the Boy Scouts... Just this month, Redbook magazine featured a "most embarrassing moment." A Minneapolis woman had her whole house to herself and started dancing to the shower, naked, when she saw that her husband had left the front door open and a Boy Scout was standing there waiting to sell her popcorn.

Oh well. She and I have good stories to tell.

If you are wishing that you, too, had some embarrassing moments to share, take note of the tips (attributed to someone named Erica Lynn Witherell) that a friend just e-mailed to me:

• At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.

• Face yourself over the intercom.

• In the memo field of all your checks, write "for sexual favors."

As for me, I'm done with living on the edge—I'm just planning to spend the rest of my life on the ground floor.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at *The Times-News*.

Listening to Earl and Opal

Who's who:

Earl



Earl is a retiree with way too much free time on his hands. His main hobby is driving his wife, Opal, crazy.

Opal



Opal is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and cat servant. She loves Earl, but doesn't ask her to choose between Earl and Muffin, their cat.

Sylvia



The newlywed daughter of Earl and Opal, and mother of Nelson by a previous marriage, Sylvia is a Type A personality in a Type D family.

Nelson



Nelson is the grandson of Earl and Opal. He likes staying with them because they have the same bedtime as him.

Roscoe



Roscoe is a dog of little brain and uncertain pedigree. His one regret in life is that he wasn't born a golden retriever.

Muffin



Muffin is a cat with little patience for humans. She tries to maintain her superiority while still having to beg for her Meow Mix.



Twin Falls-born cartoonist Crane reaches milestone with 'Pickles'

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — You didn't hear this from Brian Crane, but Earl and Opal Pickles bear a striking resemblance to his in-laws in Pocatello.

"And I'd just as soon you didn't tell them," the Twin Falls-born cartoonist said.

The salty senior citizens of Crane's comic strip, "Pickles," just reached a major milestone in the world of syndicated cartooning: Three hundred newspapers worldwide now carry the strip — putting Crane in the big leagues among the pen-and-ink crowd.

"We're in papers from Malaysia to Amman, Jordan, to Tasmania," Crane said in a telephone interview from his Sparks, Nev., studio. "It's nice, but it really doesn't affect the way I draw the strip."

Although senior citizens are the most devoted newspaper readers in America, there wasn't a comic strip specifically about them until Crane sold "Pickles" to the Washington Post Writers Group in 1999. He gave Earl and Opal an edge — and an extended family that included a divorced daughter.

"I just strive to make them real," he said.

"I try to make (the strip) multi-generational ... not just old-age jokes," Crane told the Dallas



Twin Falls-born cartoonist Brian Crane says his family provides much of the inspiration for his 'Pickles' comic strip.

Morning News. "They can be whatever age the reader wants to be."

The 51-year-old Mormon father of seven knows all about family life. "I was fortunate enough to have some good source material in my parents and relatives," he said.

His own family — he still has relatives in Burley and Oakley — was living in Twin Falls when he was born in 1949. Crane's father, who had spent most of his life on a farm, was selling auto parts at the time.

The Cranes moved to Pocatello when Brian was 2, then later to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he graduated from high school. Crane earned a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in 1973.

After he married, the Cranes moved to Idaho Falls where he started his own free-lance illustration business and worked as an artist and copywriter for Harris Publishing Co., which produces specialty and outdoor magazines.

In 1985, they moved to Reno, Nev., where Crane worked as an art director for an advertising agency. "I figured if I was ever going to sell a comic strip, it would have to be soon," he said. "The idea didn't seem to go anywhere, so I put away my drawings and figured that was that. But my wife talked me into trying one more time, so I sent some material off to the Washington Post Writers Group. To my surprise, they came back with an offer."

Although he draws "Pickles" about two months ahead of publication, Crane is no workaholic.

"I should work every day on the same schedule, but I don't," he says.

He does still spend a fair amount of time in Idaho — in Idaho Falls and nearby Island Park.

"I think there's a lot of Idaho in Earl and Opal," he said. "They're Idaho kind of people."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magickvalley.com

Groups plan play group

Upcoming

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.

BURLEY — The Cassia

To Do for Families

Joint School District is looking for preschool age children who may have special learning needs.

Parents or guardians of a three- or four-year-old child who is experiencing a speech, physical, mental or emotional difficulty, are encouraged to contact the Cassia Joint School District Office. The staff will arrange for you and your child to participate in a free screening. Children who attend private or home schools are eligible and encouraged to attend the screening.

March 5 is the next scheduled screening. The purpose of the screening is to determine if a child is eligible

for the district's Special Education Preschool Program or other Special Education services. Children who have a disability may attend the preschool or receive special education services free of charge.

Appointments for the March 5 screening are required. For an appointment, call the secretary at 678-6627 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Only children and parents who have appointments will be screened.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

Movies can be inspiration for romance in the bathtub

The bathtub has been the vehicle for many a sexy or romantic movie moment. That's true whether it includes rose petals in a "American Beauty," candles as in "Bull Durham," or with a Walkman like in "Pretty Woman."

So use the movies as inspiration, such as the scene from "Notting Hill" where Hugh Grant offers a stressed Julia Roberts a cup of tea or a bath.

How to do it?

• Start with a quick wipe down of the tub, then fill with warm water and a favorite bubble bath or specialty bath salts. If you want to go the extra mile, whip up the aromatherapy bath salt recipe below.

• Turn down the lights, add candles and soothing music. (But of course, don't plug in any electrical stuff anywhere near the tub or other water source.) You also can provide a

Etc...

favorite beverage or treat tubside, whether it's a glass of wine, a few chocolates, spring water or tea.

• For an added touch, toss a bathrobe and towels in the dryer for a few minutes to warm them.

• Some folks may want to add in a post-bath massage, or even a paint job for the toenails, as in "Bull Durham."

Or, whatever else you dream up.

And, though it's nice to run a bath for someone you love, it's also a great gift to yourself.

—Source: Lexington, Ky., Herald-Leader

FAMILY LIFE

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LAND OF THE PHARAOHS
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SHARKS
 Swim in shark-infested waters at www.usdnmr.org/kids/sharks/index.html. The San Diego Natural History Museum's Shark School site is the place to go to learn about sharks. What you learn can help you in the fun fish and games section. Dive deep down to see these scary creatures in their underwater habitat. Don't worry about getting too close. Only about 36 sharks are considered dangerous to people.

SKYWATCH
 Chris Anderson

SKY CALENDAR
 (Through Saturday)

Planets:
 - One-hour before sunrise:
 Mars; S. low
 One hour after sunset:
 Venus; W, low
 Saturn; SW, high
 Jupiter; SW, very high
 - Moon: Near Jupiter and Saturn on Thursday evening.
 First quarter, Friday at 7:03 p.m.

ANY ANSWER your question?

ASK AMY@4KIDS.ORG

Dear Amy: Where can I get info about streaming media? -Lynn Logan, Elgin

Dear Lynn: Streaming media is one of the hottest new technologies on the Web. From music videos to Webcasts, the options seem endless. Streaming video is a compressed version of MPEG. It's the best for a movie, but not so good for a Web page. A program is used to compress and play the image. This allows the user to view the video as it comes to the computer instead of waiting to download an entire file. Streaming media also has sound. Check out the link and have available at www.4kids.org/askamy

Dear Amy: How can I search engines and search engines different? -Jodi, Eugene, Ore.

Dear Jodi: As the Web grows, it gets harder to find the sites we really want. Search engines help us by doing all of the legwork. What they don't find exactly what we need. meta-search engines like www.metacrawler.com use other search engines to find sites, giving you over twice the number of sites you found using regular engines. As with all searching on the Web, be sure to be guided by a parent or adult.

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When lights go down, the stars can come out

Suppose you like to sleep under the stars in your backyard on summer nights. Then one day your neighbor, who's worried about crime, buys a big watchdog. This canine klaxon barks non-stop and your peaceful nights are over.

Would you tolerate this? Of course not - laws exist to protect your rights.

Now suppose your neighbor installs an unshielded "security" light that illuminates your property like the midday sun. Shouldn't there be a law in this case, too?

There's a movement afoot in America to protect our night sky. Dozens of counties and cities have begun to pass laws banning bad lighting. In Idaho, Ketchum and Ada County have instituted light trespass ordinances, and Twin Falls County is currently considering one.

A "full cutoff" fixture, directing all its light below the horizontal, can do the job of a bad fixture yet consume half the power or less. I'll never forget my first nighttime view of the Magic Valley as I drove in over the South Hills. While the lights glittering below were pretty, at the same time I was dismayed by all the wasted energy and loss of the night sky. People often ask me how the ancients created elaborate constellation figures in the stars. Easy - they had a lot more stars to work with, because their skies weren't filled with "light pollution."

Some people have already invested in bad lighting, and don't want to have to replace their fixtures. If only they could see that in the long run, not only do they win (with lower energy bills), but we all do.

Chris Anderson is the planetary production specialist at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrick Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Write to him at canderson@csi.edu

Curious teen can't get answers at home

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl with a big problem. Today, when my father and I went to the supermarket, I saw a book that looked interesting. It was called "How to Win at Love." I picked it up not because I was having a problem with my love life - I don't even have a love life - but I am curious about "love," so I read a few pages and decided to buy it. My dad saw the title and got mad at me. Then one of my sisters started treating me like I was a freak. Now, I'm scared my dad and sister will tell my mom, and then Mom will be mad, too.

My mom has told me I shouldn't have a boyfriend until I'm finished with school. How am I supposed to tell her I was only curious? I know they both think I'm too young to have a boyfriend, but that's not it. The book isn't about guys and marriage. It's about changing yourself and being in charge of your own life. It's not my fault I'm curious about love. It's because my parents won't talk about it with me.

Every time I ask something about it, they say, "Why do

DEAR ABBY

Abigail VanBuren

Write to Abby

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

you want to know? Do you have a boyfriend?" I hate that. What hurts most is knowing if I can't talk to my parents about love, what can I talk to them about?

Right now, I don't want to talk to my parents about anything. Lots of things happen in my life that I wish I could talk to my parents about, but I guess I can't. The only people I

feel safe talking with are my friends.

Abby, what should I do about my parents? Please help me.

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DEAR NO COMMUNICATIONS: Of all the problems about which people write, yours may be one of the saddest. Your parents think by not talking about certain subjects, they can "protect" you. They fail to realize that what they are doing is isolating you. You are afraid to talk to your parents for fear of being criticized or ridiculed, how can you learn their values and share in their knowledge? How unfortunate. While it may seem "safe" to talk to your friends, the problem is they usually don't have any more life experience than you.

It is important that you find an adult in whom you can confide and from whom you can get straight answers when you need them. Perhaps a trusted teacher, a school counselor or the mother of one of your friends could fill that role. A child should have to go through his or her teenage years without an adult to guide

the way when the going gets rough.

DEAR ABBY: I appreciated your article to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Because of his courage, and that of Mahatma Gandhi before him, we see more clearly how it is possible to elevate the consciousness of humankind by how we choose to live. The principles of nonviolence by which these men lived were based on the teachings of all great religions - not just Christianity. The message that both Gandhi and King gave their lives for was one of unity, not separation or exclusion.

People like these men never die. Though their bodies were assassinated, their spirits live on in everyone who tries to be nonviolent. May we as humans learn from their fine example.

- JANNA CABLE PUJON, FORT COLLINS, COLO.

DEAR JANNA: I agree. It's ironic that men who taught the principles of nonviolence and patterned their lives according to those principles died so violently.

You can't talk a child out of fears

Q. Our normally very easy going 4-year-old daughter has started waking up several times a night, wanting us to lie down with her so she can go back to sleep. She often seems genuinely very scared (even shaking) so we don't feel comfortable punishing her for this. She also will not be alone in a room by herself. She even wants me to follow her to the bathroom. All of this came on rather suddenly, and we cannot explain it. Help!

A. First, you are absolutely correct to eschew punishment in this situation.

There is no such thing as a "one size fits all" solution to any parenting/discipline problem. I might recommend a punitive approach to the parents of a child who is disturbing everyone's sleep, then again, I might not. No two such problems are exactly alike. Besides, I generally trust parents' intuitions. If you say punishment isn't appropriate, I have to believe it isn't. You obviously want to help your daughter over this little molehill, and a punitive approach could well turn it into a mountain.

A few things to keep in mind: First, you cannot talk a child out of having fears or anxieties of this sort. In fact, even asking the child to explain why she is fearful may well make matters much worse. Talk, even compassionate talk, often seems to feed beasts of this sort. Second, it is your duty to help her resolve this before these behaviors become "habit." The longer they go on, the stronger they will become.

PARENTING

John Rosemond

Third, all attempts on your part to psychoanalyze the problem will only result in theories that paralyze your ability to deal effectively with it. So...

1. Talk about her fears as little as possible. If she wants to talk, just listen, but don't say or ask anything other than "Well, Sweetie, sometimes these things just happen to children, and just as fast as they happen, they go away."

2. Put up no resistance to her wanting you to lie down with her, wanting you to go with her to the bathroom, or following you from room to room. But tell her you spoke to her doctor about the problem and that he said she can make three such requests in one 24-hour period. (Note: The quota is arbitrary. If you wish, you can give her five such "passes" a day to begin with and reduce them as she begins to improve.) Start counting at bedtime, and be sure to tell her each time she uses a "pass." If she exceeds her quota before supper the next day, she has to go to bed immediately after supper. If she exceeds her quota after supper, then she must go to bed right away.

Remember, the doctor said so.

Do not, under any circumstances, present this as punishment. Simply explain that the doctor said her fears mean she's not getting enough sleep, and the more fearful she is, the more sleep she needs to help her get over her fears.

This sort of approach transforms, through "sleight of language," a complicated problem (one that seems to require a "psychological" explanation) into one even a 4-year-old can understand because the explanation, albeit made up, is commonsensical. The fact that your daughter cannot understand why she is fearful, and sees that you don't understand it either, is making her all the more fearful. The explanation you (backed by the authority of her doctor) will provide will be most comforting, believe me, thus enabling her to gradually move past this little glitch in her otherwise happy childhood. Add in the consequence of going to bed early and you will have a little girl who understands why she is fearful and is also motivated to do all she can to bring her fears under control as quickly as possible.

The success of this sort of approach (and I've seen it succeed many, many times) proves that while a child may be more intelligent than her parents, she is not smarter.

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FAMILY LIFE

Letters from Clara's mother

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." - Henry Ward Beecher

Chicken Soup for the Soul
A mother's love lives on long after she passes away.

When I think of Clara Harden's family, happiness is what comes to mind. The sounds of laughter always greeted my visits. Their lifestyle was so very different from mine. Clara's mother believed nurturing the mind was more important than trivial chores. Housekeeping wasn't a high priority. With five children ranging in age from Clara, the oldest, at 12 to a 2-year-old, this lack of order sometimes bothered me, but never for long. Their home was always in some state of chaos with at least one person's life in crisis - real or imagined. But I loved being part of this boisterous bunch, with their carefree, upbeat attitude toward life. Clara's mother was never too busy for us. She'd stop ironing to help with a cheerleading project, or switch off the vacuum cleaner and call us all to trek into the woods to gather specimens for a child's science project. You never knew what you might do when you visited there. Their lives were filled with fun and love - lots of love. So the day the Harden children stepped off the school bus with red, swollen eyes, I knew something was desperately wrong. I rushed to Clara, pulled her aside, begging to hear what had happened, but no prepared for her answer. The night before, Clara's mother had told them she had a terminal brain tumor, with only months to live. I remember that morning so well. Clara and I went behind the school building where we sobbed, holding each other, not knowing how to stop the unbearable pain. We stayed there, sharing our grief until the bell rang for first period.

delight. I heard lively music and voices raised in animated discussion with lots of giggles and groans. Mrs. Harden sat on the sofa playing a game of Monopoly with her children gathered around. Everybody greeted me with smiles as I struggled to hide my bewilderment. This wasn't what I had expected. Finally, Clara freed herself from the game, and we went off to her room. She explained that her mother had told them the greatest gift they could give her would be to carry on as if nothing was amiss. She wanted her last memories to be happy, so they had agreed to try their hardest. One day Clara's mother invited me for a special occasion. I rushed over to find her wearing a large, gold turban. She explained that she'd decided to wear this instead of a wig, now that her hair was falling out. She placed beads, glue, colored markers, scissors and cloth on the table and instructed us to decorate it, while she sat like a regal maharaja. We turned the plain turban into a thing of gaudy beauty, each adding his or her own touch. Even as we squabbled over where the next bauble should be placed, I was conscious of how pale and fragile Mrs. Harden appeared. Afterward, we had our picture taken with Clara's mother, each pointing proudly to her contribution to the turban. A fun memory to cherish, even though the unspoken fear of her leaving us wasn't far beneath the surface. Finally the sad day arrived when Clara's mother died. In the weeks that followed, there was a sorrow and pain in the Hardens that is impossible to

describe. Then one day I arrived at school to see an animated Clara laughing, gesturing excitedly to her classmates. I heard her mother's name mentioned frequently. The old Clara was back. When I reached her side, she explained her happiness. That morning while dressing her little sister for school, she'd found a funny note her mother had hidden in the child's socks. It was like having her mother back again. That afternoon the Harden family tore their house apart hunting for messages. Each new message was shared, but some went undetected. At Christmas-time, when they retrieved the decorations from the attic, they found a wonderful Christmas message. In the years that followed, messages continued sporadically. One even arrived on Clara's graduation day and another on her wedding day. Her mother had entrusted the letters to friends, who delivered them on each special day. Even the day Clara's first child was born, a card and poignant message arrived. Each child received these short, funny notes or letters filled with love until the last reached adulthood. Mr. Harden remarried, and on his wedding day a friend presented him with a letter from his wife to be read to his children, in which she wished him happiness and instructed her children to envelop their new stepmother in love, because she had great faith that their father would never choose a woman who wouldn't be kind and loving to her precious children. I've often thought of the pain Clara's mother must have experienced as she wrote these letters to her children. I also imagined the mischievous joy she felt when she hid these little notes. But through it all I've marveled at the wonderful memories she left those children, despite the pain she quietly suffered and the anguish she must have felt leaving her adored family. Those unselfish acts exemplify the greatest mother's love that I've ever known.

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Slow your gobbling gourmet

In helping my son Lex with a recent homework assignment, he learned that the fastest thing in the world is the speed of light, which travels in a vacuum at 186,000 miles per second. Today he witnessed the world's second fastest phenomenon. Were we gaining depth into the night sky for this miracle? Nah, he simply watched our black Labrador retriever Sirloin eat his breakfast. It took Sirloin all of 16 seconds to eat his entire breakfast. We timed him. And with Sirloin's dining habits the word "fast" is a misnomer. Instead, words such as inhale, devour, bolt, cram, stuff, annihilate I think you get my drift. Sirloin does not taste, chew or savor. He just gobbles away in a frenzy of delight. Veterinarians have often joked about the eating habits of Labradors, and all those who know their homes with one will vigorously nod their heads in agreement. It's called the Labrador lunge. Those of you who have dainty, pocket-type of pets, the kind that pick up a morsel or two of food at a time and gently masticate each nibble before swallowing, may find this slightly offputting.

THE BOND Marty Becker
What can you do if your dog eats too fast? Dogs tend to eat more quickly when other dogs are around, so if you have more than one dog, feed them at different times and/or out of sight of one another. Also, give them more time to eat before you pick up their bowl or you may leave their empty bowl on the floor for a half-hour after they finish eating. Tripp also recommends giving them the same amount of food split up into two or more portions. Other experts suggest putting a large object in the bowl along with the food. The dog has to eat around the object, thus slowing him down. For large dogs, a jumbo plastic ball or Kong toy works well, for a smaller dog, a

tennis ball can do the trick. When it comes to Labradors, however, getting them to slow down is a lost cause. Labs love food so much that most pet food companies have banned them from the testing rooms as they can't slow down enough to discriminate one flavor from the next. So Sirloin may not realize or appreciate that we feed him a premium food. But just one look at his shiny coat, pink tongue, bright eyes, high energy level and overall excellent health, we know that every morsel counts when it comes to feeding our gobbling gourmet. Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a veterinary contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and is a contributing editor for Dog Fancy. He is the co-author of the best-selling "Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul" and "Chicken Soup for the Cat & Dog Lover's Soul." Write to him in care of Knight Rider/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

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PETERSON-TOOLSON

TWIN FALLS - Dan and Jan Peterson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Peterson, to Cody Lowell Toolson, son of Reed and Janice Toolson and Cheryl and Stan Lewis, all of Smithfield, Utah.

Peterson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, studying exercise science. She is employed at Academy Fitness in Logan.

Toolson is a graduate of Sky View High School in Smithfield and will graduate this spring from USU in Logan with a degree in liberal arts and sciences. He served a two-year mission in the Czechoslovakia LDS Mission. He



Kerri Peterson and Cody Toolson

is employed at Sports Academy and Racquet Club in Logan.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception will be held in their honor from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday at the LDS Church on Caswell Avenue in Twin Falls.

DENTON-HOLTZEN

TWIN FALLS - Dan and Sonya Denton of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Josie Ann Denton, to Mark Louis Holtzen, son of Ramon and Jeannie Holtzen of Jerome.

Denton is a 1998 graduate of Filer High School. She is currently employed at Fox Floral in Twin Falls.

Holtzen is a 1999 graduate of Utah State University. He is currently employed at J-U-B Engineers Inc. in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for



Mark Holtzen and Josie Denton

March 10 at the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church in Buhl.

WAGGONER-HERFEL

TWIN FALLS - Christopher and Katie Blair of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacque Waggoner, to Kevin Herfel, father of Justin and Michelle Herfel of McCall.

Waggoner graduated from Filer High School in 1982 and attended the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University. She is a student and homemaker.

Herfel graduated from Middleton High School in 1988 and BSU in 1999. He is employed as a journeyman electrician at Con-



Kevin Herfel and Jacque Waggoner

Agra Beef in Nampa. The wedding is planned for July 13 in Lewiston.

THE WARDS



Marlon and Buddy Ward

ALMO - Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Ward of Almo will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 4-6 p.m. at the Almo Church. A program will be held at 5 p.m.

Ward and Marion Barnes were married March 5, 1951, in the Logan LDS Temple.



The couple has eight children, Rosetta (Gerry) Whiting of Virginia, Juanita (Gary) Jones of Almo, Connie (Bob) Price of Utah, Douglas (Julie) Ward of Burley, Marshall (Julie) Ward of Texas, Tammy (Brent) Jones of Almo, Angie (Cory) Nilson of Utah and Westen (Jessica) Ward of Declo.

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John and Frances Klamms

PAUL - Mr. and Mrs. John Klamms of Paul will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 4. They will hold a family celebration with their children and grandchildren. They will also be honored at an open house on March 4. Friends and relatives are invited to call from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St. The couple requests no gifts.

Klamms and Frances Sack were married March 4, 1951, in Rupert. They have lived and farmed north of Paul all of their married life.

Their children are Karen

(Gary) McManus, Dan (Lisa) Klamms and Lairy Klamms, all of Paul, and Gary Klamms of Salt Lake City, Utah. The couple has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WEDDING - GLEED-JOHNSTON



Ryan and Alyssa Johnston

RUPERT - Alyssa Gleed and Ryan Johnston were married Jan. 20 at the Community Congregational Church in McCall.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Marilyn Gleed of Rupert. She is a 1997 graduate of Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. The bridegroom is the son of Ron and Barbara Johnston of Greenville, N.C. He is a graduate of Florida State University. The couple resides in Los Angeles.

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Physical appearance loses importance

Do you see yourself as others see you? Sometimes I think we spend too much time in front of the mirror tearing ourselves down, bemoaning our physical appearance and wishing we looked better than we do. How few of us accept ourselves just as we are for better or for worse.

It is probably a good thing overall that the majority of the population wears clothes. Although the abs and pecs of the younger generation are flaunted obviously and often on the TV and movie screen, indicating that we too could look like this if only we would buy this machine or that tape, that almost overnight it will turn us into the man-or-woman-of-our-dreams, and though a good many items must be sold for this exact purpose, truth be known, the vast majority of us, no matter what device we might use, will generally look like what our genetics would indicate. So time spent bemoaning that



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

fact in front of our mirrors is, ultimately, going to do little except to tear down our self-esteem. Though we should try our best to be as healthy as possible physically, our mental self-esteem should also follow the same path, and we should learn to appreciate ourselves for who we really are, not who we would like to be.

An example comes to mind. When I was growing up few people had braces because few people could afford them. Now I had always had a space between my front teeth, and I used to gaze in the mirror at this space and think

how ugly it made me look. How I longed for braces, but I would never have suggested it. They just cost too much money. And so I grew up with the space, always conscious of it, always sure that everyone was looking at that particular spot on my face whenever they saw me.

Much later, after many years of teaching, I was having a conversation with a friend, and we were discussing our physical foibles. I mentioned the space between my teeth. Her daughter, whom I had taught for two years, was sitting there. "I never noticed that before," she said, looking to see if it was really there. This was a student who had looked at me every day for nine months for two school years, and yet had never noticed something that had bothered me all my life.

At that moment I realized how foolish I had been to spend so much time on something that

truly was of little importance. Perhaps the first thing we do when we meet people is, to some extent, give them the "once-over," so to speak. But that soon becomes irrelevant. When you really look at people you enjoy and find stimulating to be around, though most have some physical short-comings, after a period of time you think of them for their ability to make you feel happy or comfortable or appreciated.

What truly stands out about any of us is whether or not we are caring, concerned and loving. Things we consider to be physically unbecoming in ourselves fall by the wayside. It is said, "We are what we eat." Well, I think "We are who we think we are."

Start today to think positively in that direction.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@gmagicalvalley.com

Power of attorney must be specific

Q. Last year, a close friend who does not get along with his family named me as his power of attorney and gave me the authority to take care of his business if he became incapacitated. He had a stroke recently, is in a nursing home and is incapacitated.

I gave a copy of the power of attorney to the nursing home and his doctor, but they would not disclose anything to me. They told me they would have to contact his family, which is exactly what he did not want. Is there anything I can do to make sure his wishes are carried out?

A. If the power of attorney does not contain specific health-care decision-making authority, the nursing home and the doctor are correct in not including you in your friend's case. If your friend had wanted to allow you to make these decisions in lieu of his family, he should have signed appropriate documents.

Since there is a confidential relationship, physicians cannot release records without appropriate authorization. In all probability, your friend's family has the decision-making power under



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your state's adult health-care consent act. If you want to make his health-care decisions you will have to bring a guardianship proceeding in your local probate court, give notice of the proceedings to his family and seek to be named his guardian by proving your case. In the meantime, your hands are tied.

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- Be aware of side effects you should expect from your medications.
- Ask your pharmacist if your medications need to be specially stored.
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- Request non-child resistant closures from your pharmacist only when you cannot use child-resistant closures.

NOTE: Many poisonings occur when children visiting grandparents go through the medicine cabinet or grandmother's purse. In homes where grandchildren or other youngsters are frequent visitors, medicines should be purchased in containers with child-resistant caps, and the caps properly closed after each use. Store medicines beyond the reach of children.



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