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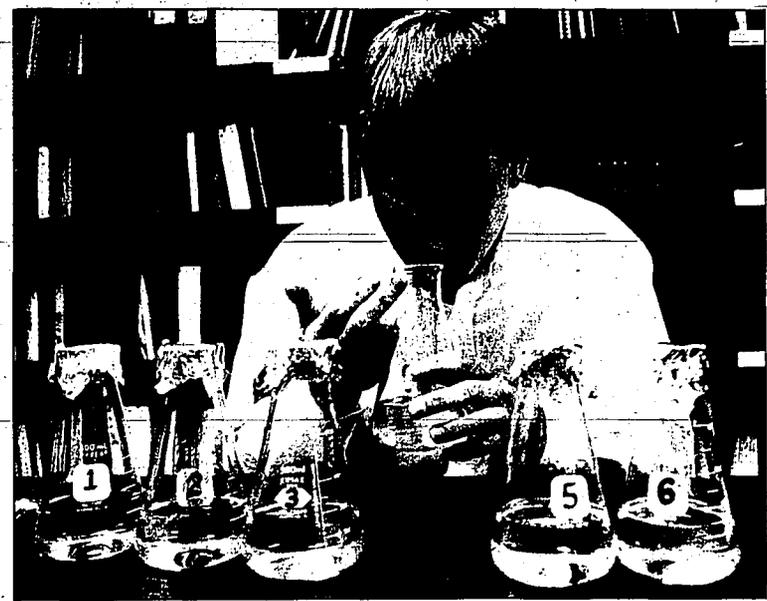
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Think your job stinks?



Steve Stauffer, an environmental science specialist with the Department of Environmental Quality, demonstrates how odor sniffers learn to rate the intensity of smells.

Odor sniffers move in when complaints are aired

By John T. Huddy
Times News writer

TWIN FALLS - When the air is rank, odor sniffers get to work.

The job title might sound silly to some people. But it's no laughing matter for citizens upset about malodorous dairies.

The state Department of Environmental Quality's trained odor-sniffers in Twin Falls take their job seriously, too.

Answering complaints can even mean going out in the middle of the night to take a whiff of something foul.

"It can really be a burden," said Greg Misbach, a DEQ drinking water and wastewater engi-

neer who moonlights as a sniffer.

"It pretty much keeps you at home when you're on the schedule," Misbach said he was out until 1 a.m. one morning doing his sniff job. Public relations are "a big part of his job."

"The first part of the discussion is where you're located and what's going on," Misbach said. "Then you ask, 'Is this a situation that occurs only at night or

can we come out in the daytime hours?'"

"We try to get answers the best we can. What they think the source of the odor is, what the odor is, and basically if they say it's at night, then we drive out."

The sniffers rotate their schedules each week. Misbach might be the on-call sniffer one week, another DEQ employee the next.

So what makes the trained

odor sniffers better smellers than the rest of us?"

"Nothing other than that we have had some instruction as to what the sensory receptors are and how they can vary somewhat, and then we have some idea of what level of intensity an odor rates," Misbach said.

"Basically we're instructed to try and make some determination of what we think the source of the odor is. We rate it and give it a number. It's a subjective decision."

As part of their instruction, the sniffers-to-be smell several flasks of butanol - a strong-smelling chemical that contains

Officials scramble for school violence solution

Precautions don't stop second gunman

The Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. - Three weeks ago, after a deadly shooting spree at Santana High School, officials at the regional school district took steps to prevent such an attack from ever happening again.

Full-time, armed police officers were assigned to the district's 12 campuses. Administrators and teachers reviewed crisis plans, and students were encouraged to report the slightest threat or rumor.

In spite of the precautions, a Granite Hills High School senior named Jason Hoffman allegedly knelt next to a eucalyptus tree in a small quad in front of the school and opened fire with a 12-

gauge shotgun, wounding three students and two teachers.

In the aftermath of Thursday's attack, school and city officials wonder if there is anything they can do to prevent campus violence.

"You figure the odds are astronomical it would happen in the same school district," said El Cajon Mayor Mark Lewis, a 1966 Granite Hills graduate. "We're just going to have to seek a solution - if there is one."

The Granite Hills and Santana campuses are both in the Grossmont Union High School District, hardly six miles apart. Students from the schools share sports rivalries and friendships, and see each other on Sundays at



A sign at the front entrance of Granite Hills High School in El Cajon, Calif., thanks the police officer who subdued a gunman at the school Thursday.

chance.

After the March 5 rampage at Santana, district officials were well aware of the possibility of a copycat crime, said school board member Ted Crooks.

Safety had always been a top priority, he said, but officials stressed it more than ever at Granite Hills and other campuses.

Workers move an Oscar decoration across Jefferson Boulevard on Friday in preparation for Sunday's 73rd Annual Academy Awards.

Valley's 'pork' a bit lean

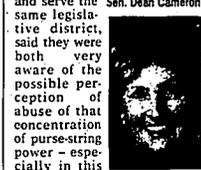
Key lawmakers are wary of perception

By Michael Jousse
Times News writer

BOISE - Some call it pork. But if that's the case, the Magic Valley's portion of the bacon is a bit lean this year, despite the fact that two members of its delegation are running the Legislature's powerful joint budget committee for the first time.

The lack of fat may not be by accident.

Both Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who co-chair the committee, and serve the same legislative district, said they were both very aware of the possible perception of abuse of that concentration of purse-string power - especially in this first year of 52 billion-dollar budgets for the state.



Rep. Maxine Bell

Neither said they went out of their way to avoid projects

or spending in the region, but they each pointed out their consciousness of what people might think.

"People need to know that Dean and I are not in those positions for that purpose," Bell said. "We're there to watch out for the interests of our constituents, but also to do our job (as chairmen)."

Despite all that, both pointed with pride to the biggest direct benefit for Magic Valley residents to come out of their committee this year: a portion of the

Contribution cap ranks high in finance debate

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A hard-fought battle over a \$2,700 cap on individual contributions to federal candidates is set to pass. The only question is how much.

Sen. John McCain said last week as he maneuvered to hold together a shaky coalition behind a bill to ban soft money -

donations will rise if a bill is to pass. "The only question is how much," Sen. John McCain said last week as he maneuvered to hold together a shaky coalition behind a bill to ban soft money -

Oscars come with a bit of stage fright

Uncertainty pervades movie industry

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The applause at today's Academy Awards ceremony will likely come with a fair share of hand-wringing this year.

Traditionally a time of celebration, the prospect of strikes by writers and actors, dwindling box-office returns and the shuttering of theaters nationwide has dampened the Oscar euphoria of 2001.

"We are scared," said

DreamWorks SKG executive Jeffrey Katzenberg. "Anybody who says they're not scared isn't being honest."

The entertainment industry's dark economic outlook has created anxiety at the studio, he said, despite his 18 Oscar nominations this year, including 12 for best-picture contender "Gladiator."

The usual revelry has been sidelined by serious concerns "personally, professionally, for our colleagues and families."

Some industry insiders say discussions about the Oscars frequently start with "Who will win?" but end with "What about the strikes?"

"I've heard it another way," said Robert J. Dowling, editor in chief of The Hollywood Reporter. "The conversation starts with 'Do you think we'll have a strike,' and then it ends with, 'Do you think we'll have a strike.' The topic is really dominating everything."

NATION

Treasury secretary ruffles some feathers

O'Neill irks market traders, lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Asked if he had any words of assurance as millions of investors watched their stock portfolios melt down this past week, the president's chief economic spokesman demurred. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill did not see much benefit in spinning on day-to-day market movements.

His reticence struck many as unusual. Not only had past secretaries spoken calming words during turbulent times, but Wall Street's volatility is one of the few things about which O'Neill has not made his opinion known recently.

During his first two months in office, O'Neill has managed to infuriate market traders, perplex currency and bond investors, irk a powerful Democratic senator, muddle the president's tax message and outrage conservatives with a memo on global warming.

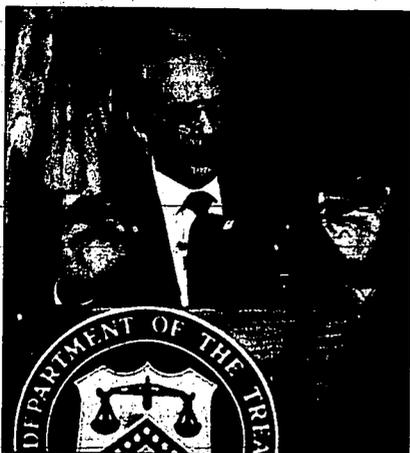
To O'Neill's supporters, the blunt-speaking former chief executive of aluminum giant Alcoa, who bears a resemblance to Harry Truman, is bringing a refreshing dose of candor.

Others wonder if the miscues are becoming a distraction for the administration's leading salesman on behalf of President Bush's \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut.

"It is always hard for someone who has been a chief executive officer to move into a political position where you have to be more careful about what you say. But he has made more than the usual number of political and financial stumbles," said David Weiss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's Corp.

O'Neill's independent thinking became apparent early. During his Senate confirmation, he rejected the idea that Bush's tax cut should be sold as an antidote for a recession, though the president at the time was promoting it that way.

On his first trip to Wall Street as Treasury chief, O'Neill had to



Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill discusses taxes during a news conference at the Treasury Department last month. The former CEO of aluminum giant ALCOA is becoming known for his blunt speaking.

placate executives unhappy with his comments in a newspaper interview that Wall Street traders were people who "sit in front of a flickering green screen" all day and were "not the sort of people you would want to help you think about complex questions."

It was not long before O'Neill saw how powerful they were. They sent the value of the dollar down sharply after O'Neill seemed to suggest in another interview a change in America's strong-dollar policy.

O'Neill had to move quickly to clarify those remarks. Similarly, he had to clarify later comments that the price of Treasury bonds plunging temporarily because his words were seen as critical of a Treasury program to buy back debt.

O'Neill said he was continuing to learn "things you can't talk about if you are Treasury secretary." Market analysts had their own take: The former corporate executive was inexperienced in the ways of Wall Street, and it was showing.

"A Treasury secretary needs to be someone who understands markets and can stand up at the right moment and make statements that people can believe and have confidence in," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "O'Neill has gotten off on the wrong foot."

O'Neill's comments on bonds came at a briefing on Bush's budget that also featured a tense exchange in which reporters repeatedly challenged him and

other administration officials to disclose what percentage of the tax cut would go to the nation's wealthy.

Afterward, O'Neill mused, "I've got to learn to control my temper." But the next day, O'Neill, who often responds to questions with the brusqueness of a business leader used to telling subordinates what to do, found himself in hot water with Democrats at a Senate Budget Committee hearing.

Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia lectured O'Neill on the finer points of Senate courtesy after O'Neill had interrupted the questioning of freshman Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich. During the exchange with Stabenow, O'Neill said he wondered whether people did not understand the Medicare program or "whether it's just convenient not to understand."

Schools require slogan to be displayed

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Gov. Ronnie Musgrove signed a law Friday mandating that public schools display "In God We Trust" in classrooms, cafeterias and auditoriums.

"Our nation was founded as a godly nation and we put it on our money, 'In God We Trust,'" said Musgrove, who signed the bill despite the threat of a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU maintains that requiring a reference to God in public classrooms violates the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state.

"Contrary to popular belief, the ACLU is a strong advocate of religious liberty," said Jane Hicks, an ACLU board member. "Like the U.S. Supreme Court, we believe the best way to protect religious freedom is by keeping religion and government separate."

The law, which takes effect July 1, says the slogan must be displayed on a framed background of at least 11-by-14 inches. Supporters say they believe the slogan will withstand a court challenge because it was adopted as the national motto in 1956 and appears on U.S. money.

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Oscars

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The Oscars, he said, may serve as morale boosters.

"There's a lot weighing heavily on the entertainment business, but as we get closer to that night, maybe all of it will be blocked out," Dowling said.

After that, however, the industry will still face a period of tremendous upheaval.

Hollywood had record domestic revenues of \$7.7 billion last year, yet it was the second straight year for a recessionary fall. The number of moviegoers dropped to 1.42 billion, down 44 million from 1999.

Meanwhile, 10 of the nation's largest theater companies have filed for bankruptcy protection since last summer, burdened by debt from constructing improved seating and sound systems.

To reduce costs, theater chains plan to close about 200 screens a month over the coming year.

Concern about actor and writer walkouts this spring has shaken everyone from top executives to crew workers.

The Writers Guild of America's contract ends May 1, while the Screen Actors Guild's expires June 30.

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WORLD

Satellite plots Scandinavia's rise from ice age

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rebounding from the weight of ice sheets that depressed the land during the ice age, Scandinavia has risen more than a half-mile in the past 20,000 years, according to new satellite measurements.

In a study appearing Friday in the journal *Science*, researchers report that Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark are moving upward at almost a half an inch per year as a rebound from the melting of two-mile-thick ice mountains.

"There is not one place in Scandinavia that was not covered with ice," said Jerry X. Mitrovica of the University of Toronto. "The land was pressed down about a kilometer (five-eighths of a mile), and when the ice melted, the land started going up in a process that continues even today."

Mitrovica, co-author of the study, said the weight of the ice was equal to about 6.6 million pounds per square yard of land surface in Scandinavia.

Scientists have long known that Scandinavia, Canada and other places buried under frozen mountains during the last ice age have been rebounding. Until now, however, researchers were not sure

Scandinavia is getting bigger

Scandinavia was covered with 2-mile-thick ice sheets 20,000 years ago, compacting the earth under millions of pounds. A new study using the Global Positioning Satellite system shows the land is rebounding.



SOURCES: ESRI, Science

how fast the land was rising. Mitrovica and his co-authors used data from 33 sensors placed strategically around Scandinavia

to pick up signals from the Global Positioning Satellite system. Combining this data and correct-ing it for atmospheric distortion

enabled them to measure the land movement to a scale of about 1 millimeter, a fraction of an inch, per year.

They found that, on average, the land under the ancient ice burden is rising annually by about 9 millimeters. An inch is about 25 millimeters.

"Knowing this amount of rise, Mitrovica said, makes it possible, for the first time to use two centuries of sea level measurements from Scandinavia.

"The best-kept records for sea level change in the world is in the Scandinavian region," said Mitrovica. But scientists have not been able to trust the records, because they knew the land rebounding from the ice age was affecting sea levels in the area.

For instance, Mitrovica said, the ocean could be rising at 7 millimeters a year in Scandinavia, but because the land was rising at 9 millimeters a year, it would appear that sea level was dropping.

"Our study confirms that the sea level in Scandinavia is doing what others have seen in other parts of the globe," said Mitrovica. "This is one of the important confirmations of sea level rising."

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Strong earthquake hits southwestern Japan

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — A powerful earthquake convulsed southwestern Japan on Saturday, buckling roads, snapping power lines, damaging houses and killing two people with falling debris.

The magnitude-6.4 tremor caused damage in five Japanese states and was felt as far away as South Korea, more than 150 miles northwest of the epicenter. Authorities reported 123 injuries, 12 of them serious, and scores more in surrounding states.

Broken roof tiles and window shards littered streets in the city of Hiroshima, which has about 1 million people, and thousands of households were left without running water.

"Plates fell off shelves and waitresses screamed in panic," said Koji Akimoto, who was sitting in a Hiroshima coffee shop when the mid-afternoon quake hit. "I rushed outside because I was scared to be in a crowded area. It seemed like an eternity but it only lasted a minute or so."

An 80-year-old woman died in Kure, a city about 12 miles south of Hiroshima, when she was buried under the rubble of a collapsed wall. In nearby Ehime state, a 50-year-old woman fleeing her home in the city of Matsuyama was killed by roof tiles that fell on her head.

The quake, centered some 38 miles below ground, struck at 3:28 p.m. near Hiroshima, about 430 miles southwest of Tokyo, the Meteorological Agency said.

Car bombs kill 20 in Russia; rebels accused

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — Three bomb-stuffed Russian cars exploded almost simultaneously Saturday, killing at least 21 people in three towns near warring Chechnya in the worst act of terror to hit the region in months.

Russian officials accused Chechen insurgents of the bombings, but an evidence was offered and rebel leaders denied responsibility. Police were on alert around the country, and top government officials flew to the scene.

The worst blast hit Saturday morning near a bus stop at the

entrance to a bustling farmer's market in the city of Mineralnye Vody, leaving bodies and bloodied, burst shopping bags strewn across the pavement and survivors collapsed from shock.

Nineteen people were killed and 96 were hospitalized, said Col. Alexander Lemushev, duty officer for the Emergency Situations Ministry in the northern Caucasus. Another 34 people were lightly injured in the blast, caused by a bomb placed in a car and detonated by remote control, he said.

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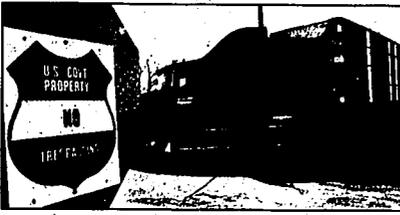
NATION

USDA takes second flock in for testing

AMES, Iowa (AP) — A second flock of Vermont sheep suspected of having been exposed to a form of mad cow disease arrived Saturday at a U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinary laboratory for testing.

The 126 East Friesian milking sheep were seized Friday from a farm at East Warren, Vt. The owners, Larry and Linda Failace, had fought to keep their flock, urging officials to first complete tests on a flock of 234 sheep confiscated Wednesday from a farm in Greensboro, Vt. Their request was denied.

The government says some of the sheep may have been exposed to mad cow disease through contaminated feed before they were imported from Europe in 1996.



A semi-trailer load of sheep arrive at the USDA lab Saturday in Ames, Iowa. Federal officials fear the sheep, which will be tested and then destroyed, are infected with a version of mad cow disease. The sheep were seized on Friday morning from the farm of Linda and Larry Failace in East Warren, Vt.

The Greensboro flock arrived at the lab Thursday. Lab workers began killing the sheep and taking brain samples Friday. Four of those sheep had earlier tested positive for transmissible

spongiform encephalopathy, or TSE, a family of diseases that includes both bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, and scrapie, a common sheep disease that doesn't affect humans.

Nearly 100 people in Europe have died of a human form of BSE since 1995, but no cases have been confirmed in the United States.

Testing at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames will determine which of the TSE strains the sheep contracted.

Sheep brain tissue will be injected into mice, said Dr. Linda Detweiler, senior staff veterinarian with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Damage to the brain tissue of the mice will tell scientists what strain of TSE the sheep had. It will take two to three years before results are known.

"There is importance to our public to reassure them that we are doing everything possible to protect our country from any diseases or concern to animals or to the public," Dr. William Busech, acting director at the lab, said Thursday.

Bush moves to sidestep abortion vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush plans to sidestep congressional foes of his plan to freeze U.S. foreign aid for abortion-related activities, employing the policy as a special memorandum that his advisers say is not subject to review.

Bush had already tried to adopt the ban as a rule — a move which Democrats and a few Republicans had hoped to defeat with a vote.

Now, it appears they might not get the chance to sink the policy.

"The president has determined the most effective way to have his Mexico City policy carried out is through the issuance of a presidential memorandum, as opposed to rule-making at a government agency," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said in a telephone interview Friday. "It gets the same thing done. The substance is exactly the same."

The restrictions on foreign aid are referred to as the "Mexico City policy" because former President Reagan first announced his plans to implement the strategy at a 1984 population conference there.

The Clinton administration quickly reversed the ban on unrestricted family-planning aid overseas and, on Jan. 22, Bush put forth rules to re-establish it. The planned memorandum will take the place of those rules, said an administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Democrats were irate over Bush's latest move.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who led the effort to overturn Bush's first policy, said she still hopes to find a loophole that will allow a challenge to the memorandum.

"No matter how he executes his policy, it doesn't change the fact that the denying of family-planning assistance will lead to an increase in the number of deaths due to unsafe abortions," Boxer said Friday night. "I will continue to do whatever I can to bring this before Congress and reverse it."

Jim Farrell, a spokesman for Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., questioned the timing of the administration's comment.

"He (Bush) doesn't want to announce these things in the light of day, during the middle of the week," Farrell said. "This administration likes to do its business on Friday and Saturday afternoon, when fewer people are watching."

The ban will stretch to international groups that use their own money to support abortion — either through performing surgery, counseling on abortion as a family-planning option or lobbying foreign governments on abortion policy.

Five Senate Republicans and two Democrats introduced legislation Tuesday to overturn Bush's original action, using a 1996 law that permits the House and Senate to pass legislation rejecting regulations. Republicans this month used the same law to overturn Clinton administration rules aimed at protecting workers against on-the-job injuries.

But a presidential memorandum does not appear to be open to a vote.

The White House released a letter from the U.S. Agency for International Development's program director to the agency's chief general counsel, spelling out Bush's plans to issue a memorandum that would allow the president to make the initial order.

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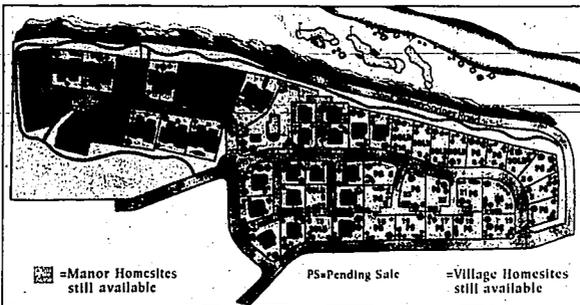
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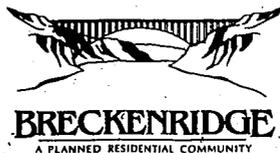
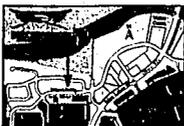
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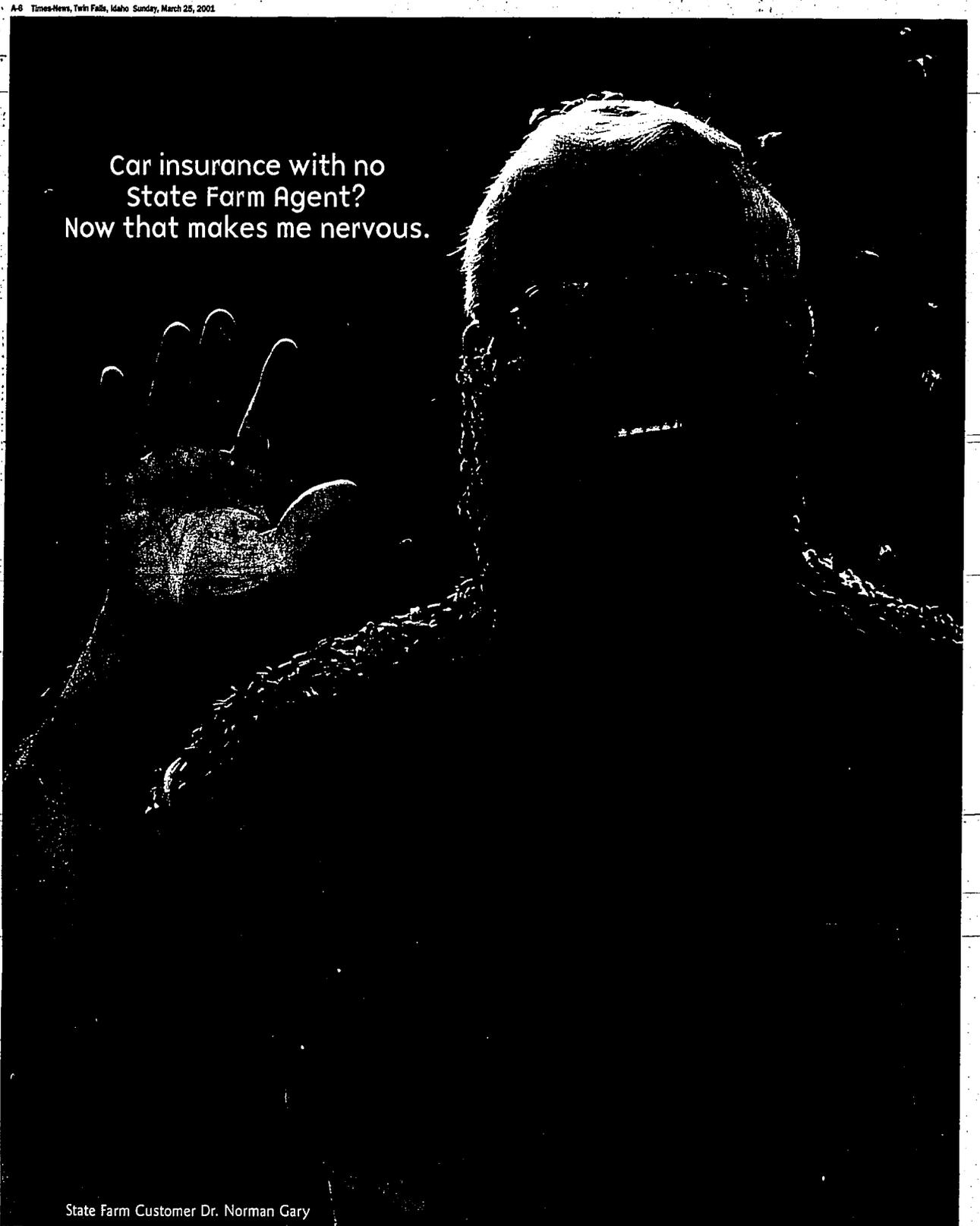
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Bush offers military support in Macedonia



Secretary of State Colin Powell

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration offered to help improve the Macedonian government's military capability on Saturday, hoping to quell the conflict with rebellious ethnic Albanian guerrillas in the border area near Kosovo.

Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke by telephone with the Macedonian president, Boris Trajkovski, emphasizing the strong statement a day earlier by President Bush in support of the Macedonian government, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Saturday.

Powell told Trajkovski in a 20-minute conversation that the United States and its NATO allies were doing everything they could to help the border and that "we would be ready to assist in improving their military capabilities where necessary and supporting their efforts to bolster a democratic, multiethnic state," Boucher said.

But Powell also strongly condemned the violence and expressed firm support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of

Macedonians along with Trajkovski's efforts to uphold democracy and the rule of law, according to Boucher.

The diplomatic efforts reflect the White House's mounting concerns that Macedonia may become a war zone like other former Yugoslav republics. Macedonian helicopters were firing rockets near downtown Tetovo on Saturday as fighting escalated between government forces and rebels besieging the country's second-largest city.

"It's the gathering momentum of both NATO's cooperation to support the Macedonians as well as the events on the ground," Boucher said. "The concern is that ... the extremists are attempting to control territory and carry their violence to Macedonia, and we need to help the Macedonian government cope."

Mexican rebel leader pledges demilitarization

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The leader of Mexico's Zapatista rebels said his group is moving away from armed struggle and acknowledged that further fighting "would be a failure," in an interview published Saturday.

In an interview with Colombian novelist Gabriel Marquez, Subcomandante Marcos acknowledged personal details that have long been suspected: that he is the son of a middle-class, provincial family, and that he is the movement's military leader, not its "assistant commander" as he has long depicted himself.

"If the Zapatista National Liberation Army continues as an armed force, it is destined for failure," Marcos told Garcia Marquez, whose novel "100 Years of Solitude" he praised.

The interview was published in the Mexican newspaper Reforma.

Marcos said the Zapatistas' military wing had been "dwarfed" by the political movement built after they staged a brief armed uprising in the southern state of Chiapas in January, 1994, demanding greater democracy and Indian rights.

"In that sense, it not only

wasn't a burden to move without weapons, but in a certain sense it was a relief," he said, referring to the rebels' current unarmed, monthlong bus caravan tour of Mexico.

That tour will culminate Wednesday when 24 rebel leaders are scheduled to address legislators on the floor of Mexico's congress.

In the interview, Marcos — who the government identified in 1995 as former university instructor Rafael Sebastian Guillen — loosed his usual string of hostile remarks against conservative President Vicente Fox, who has repeatedly invited the

rebels to a face-to-face meeting, only to be snubbed by the Zapatistas.

Marcos accused Fox of wanting "a piece of the media pie" and of wanting to have his picture taken with rebel commanders. He said the rebels would rather meet with Fox's peace negotiator, Luis H. Alvarez.

Marcos was coy about the possibility of the Zapatistas expanding into a broader political movement. He said they had consciously limited their demands to Indian rights. "We came to lead the fight for this demand, and based on that, others could follow," he said.

U.S. hunts another double agent

NEW YORK Daily News

NEW YORK — Although alleged traitor Robert Hanssen is behind bars, counterintelligence agents are on the trail of at least one more Russian spy still inside the U.S. government, according to a magazine report.

"There's a massive mole hunt

going on" in the CIA, State Department and National Security Agency, a former CIA official still closely tied to the agency says in this week's edition of U.S. News & World Report.

Although the huge probe is in its early stages, security is so tight that each agent has undergone a polygraph test.

China's president tempers warning with conciliatory talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Combining strong talk with some conciliatory comments, Chinese President Jiang Zemin warned that U.S. sales of advanced weapons to Taiwan would accelerate China's effort on modernizing its military.

In an interview in Saturday editions of The Washington Post, Jiang expressed a basic optimism that the two nations can overcome disagreements as he urged the Bush administration to "think strategically."

Jiang said, however, that "if the United States were to sell advanced weapons to Taiwan such as the Aegis (ship missile) system, that would be very detrimental to China-U.S. relations."

"The more weapons you sell, the more we will prepare ourselves in terms of our national defense. This is logical," Jiang said in Beijing.

He spoke of U.S. leaders in personal terms, saying that "in terms of private friendships, I think I have more friends in the Republican Party," citing former President Bush among others.

"The father of President Bush, Bush Sr., came over to China many, many times and had many meetings with me in the seat you

are now occupying," Jiang told his interviewer. "We believe Bush Sr. will definitely push Bush Jr. to bring U.S.-China relations to a new level."

He referred to Republican foreign policy elders such as former national security adviser Brent Scowcroft and Henry Kissinger at a time when China's deputy prime minister, Qian Qichen, is in Washington lobbying against selling U.S. weapons to Taiwan.

Of Qian's visit, Jiang told the Post that "these activities have been taken ... with the idea of promoting mutual understanding."

Jiang contended in written remarks that it is "groundless" to feel China and the United States will inevitably come into conflict.

Later, Jiang said "I don't have a naive or romantic view that the strategic partnership proposed by President Clinton was a relationship free from struggles or containment. It involved both. Conversely, I do not believe that" the relationship between the two countries under the current administration "does not contain any element of cooperation."

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California power bills may double

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The state's power purchases for 2003 are projected to cost \$23 billion by the end of next year, leaving customers paying at least 50 percent more for electricity, The Associated Press has learned. State officials told several key legislators Friday that the state's efforts to help credit-poor Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. could hit \$23 billion by 2003, a legislative source told the AP on condition of anonymity.

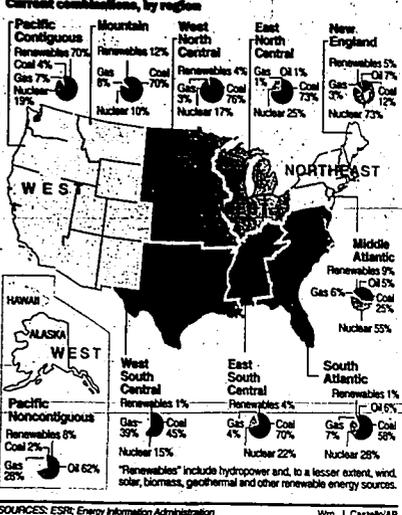
That's far more than lawmakers and Gov. Gray Davis estimated when they approved legislation authorizing the state's power purchases. At the time, they projected they would need \$10 billion in revenue bonds to buy power for the two utilities over a decade. The bonds would be repaid by the utilities' customers over several years. Davis has said repeatedly he is confident the state's power crisis can be resolved without further rate hikes, but the source said cabinet secretary Susan Kennedy, Finance Director Tim Gage, and Deputy Chief of Staff John Stevens all warned lawmakers that customers' rates would have to be raised at least 50 percent to cover the new projections.

That increase would come on top of a 9 percent to 15 percent increase the Public Utilities Commission approved in January, as well as an additional 10 percent increase already scheduled for next year. Davis' spokesman Steve Maviglio confirmed that Kennedy spoke with top Democrats on Friday but declined to elaborate. The source said the calculations were by the administration, not the PUC, which would have to limit any rate increases. Lawmakers weren't told over the time frame such an increase would need to be implemented, the source said.

Consumer advocate Harvey Rotshild of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights promised a rebellion at the ballot box in 2002 if rates continued to rise. "If this goes through, this is the beginning of the ratepayers' revolt," he said. The PUC is expected on Tuesday to address how customer rates will be divided between the state and the utilities. SoCal Edison and PG&E both have pushed for rate increases, and PG&E has said its current rates would be insufficient to cover its bills and the state's. Both say they've lost more than \$13 billion since summer due to high wholesale electricity costs that California's 1996 deregulation law prevents them from collecting from their customers. PG&E's and Edison's credit was cut off by electricity wholesalers in January, and the state has been spending \$40 million to keep the lights on for their customers — about \$4.2 billion in taxpayer money so far. State Controller Kathleen Connell warned this week that the state's power-buying is gutting California's budget surplus and putting the state at financial risk. Wall Street has also been wary. The Standard & Poor's credit-rating agency put the state on a "watch" with "negative implications" when the power purchases began.

Regional recipes for electricity generation

Using a diversity of fuels, such as coal, nuclear and wind, to generate electricity may be the solution to keeping the cost of electricity down in the event of a price spike in one type of fuel.



SOURCES: ESR, Energy Information Administration; Wm J. Caserio/AP

Oregon lawmakers consider buying out Bonneville Power Administration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Oregon lawmakers are thinking big these days. They want to buy out the Bonneville Power Administration, one of the largest high-voltage electrical transmission systems in the world.

Why should they? The Northwest control the power marketing agency that supplies about 45 percent of the region's power, they ask? But Washington Gov. Gary Locke and other lawmakers from his state see it different. They think they have to "protect Bonneville" at all cost as the region faces a power crunch, not try to encourage the federal government to put it up for sale.

"We in the Northwest have to keep BPA as a regional resource, a regional asset to ensure low cost affordable energy for our businesses and our citizens," Locke said. "But you can accomplish that in other ways than buying out all of BPA."

And so it goes as lawmakers look for solutions — long-term, short-term and everything in between — to the Northwest's power woes.

The idea of regionalizing Bonneville, to be sure, is of the long-term variety. It could take decades. Ideas range from actually taking over the entire operation, to just

buying pieces of it to give the region more control. Generally, a buyout is a concept that is getting more serious consideration from some Oregon policymakers. BPA doesn't actually own the 29

hydropower dams, just the power they generate and the transmission lines. Instead, the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation own and operate the dams.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., admits some thought he and his like-minded advocates for regionalization were a little "loopy" when they first started pushing the idea of regional control of Bonneville.

But Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., and state Senate President Gene Derler, R-Salem, are among a chorus of voices actively encouraging regional control.

Other lawmakers, including Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden, a Democrat, and Gordon Smith, a Republican, are open to the idea somewhere down the road. But "you can't do it in the middle of an energy crisis," Smith said. "It's still possible — eventually."

Bonneville was founded in 1937 as a federal agency to market the power produced at the Bonneville Dam, located about 45 miles east of Portland, Ore. Today, the agency has expanded into a power wholesaler harvesting energy from the Columbia and Snake river basins, as well as nuclear power plants.

The agency makes annual payments to the U.S. Treasury for the federal investment in the hydropower network, the dams, which provides the region relatively cheap power.

In the Northwest during 1999 and 2000, Washington consumed an average of 67 percent of Bonneville's energy. Oregon used 23 percent, Montana got 5 percent and Idaho, 4 percent. But persuading those states to buy and share the vast Bonneville network may be no easy task. Such an effort would cost a lot of money — potentially the actual fair market value of the entire system and the power it produces. No one is even offering estimates — outside of billions. The agency also is \$12 billion in debt.

— Washington Gov. Gary Locke

Power experts dispel blackout myths

By Dan McSwain
North County Times (Economidia, Calif.)

As California's power crisis continues to play out, certain myths have cropped up in public statements by prominent actors in the energy drama. Now that long-heralded blackouts are upon us, the North County Times has contacted power experts and reviewed months of research in order to correct a few common misconceptions.

Myth: A 10-year dearth of power plant construction has left California in a chronic power shortage.
The real story: There are plenty of power plants — they just aren't being run by their owners. It's true that no new generators were built in California in the last decade, according to a fresh study by a Berkeley think tank.

Utility executives are fond of pointing out that that average power use doesn't cause blackouts, it's the peak consumption that kills a system. Peak consumption last summer was actually less than in 1998, an unusually hot summer.

Myth: Surrounding states have cut us off, resulting in a sharp drop in power imports that caused blackouts on Monday and Tuesday.
The real story: The state power manager says that imports were actually higher during the blackouts than in recent weeks. On Tuesday, officials imported 4,600 megawatts — enough for 4.6 million people —

up from 3,000 megawatts or less last week. On Monday, when blackouts hit more people and lasted longer, imports totaled 5,200 megawatts.

California is utterly dependent on imports, handling up to 20 percent of summer peaks with electricity from other states. But in the Northwest, the state has in past years exported power to the north, where electric heaters are common.

Now the Pacific Northwest is looking at its worst drought since the 1920s. That has left precious little extra energy for the summer, because the region depends on hydropower.

Net imports into the state fell last summer, but that was partly because in-state power companies exported much of their electricity to California on higher prices, or to bring it back into the state at a greater profit.

Myth: It's California's problem.
The real story: Power shortages and soaring prices have already spread to other states in the West, with blackouts predicted for summer. Federal regulators have ultimate authority over electricity markets, but deregulation is so far along that the outgoing chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission says that it's too late to turn back now.

Capitol Hill Republicans are said to be adamant that the federal government do nothing to roll back deregulation, particularly if it helps California politicians who are overreliably Democratic.

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Batman swoops to aid of an Idaho children's charity, donates winnings

LEWISTON (AP) — Working without Robin, television's Batman still came to the aid of an Idaho-children's charity, donating his \$250,000 winnings from "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Actor and Sun Valley resident Adam West won a quarter of a million dollars on the show aired Thursday night, but the charity has known for nearly a week the money was coming.

"This is just huge," said Joan Way of Craigmont, chairwoman of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund.

Way found out earlier last week from the organization's executive director, Carolyn Beaver, that the charity, which targets child abuse prevention, was about to receive its biggest one-time donation ever.

The money from West will help increase the number of grants given by the trust fund next year.

"We told him that he was our new favorite superhero," Beaver said of the caped crusader.

West appeared on the show during the

classic television stars' edition. Each charity selected by the stars is guaranteed \$32,000 regardless of the star makes it to the "hot seat."

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund was established in 1985.

The Legislature approved the trust fund as part of a national movement spearheaded by Colorado pediatrician Ray Helfer, Beaver said. In the early 1980s, trusts and endowments were being set up for road repairs.

"He was outraged that there was

more money going to roads than to child abuse."

All the money for the Idaho Children's Trust Fund is from private donations, not taxes. It provides grants of up to \$5,000 to grassroots organizations that have programs to fight child abuse.

In the first few years of the program, no more than \$20,000 was given out annually statewide, Beaver said. Then \$30,000 was awarded until three years ago, when aggressive fund-raising

allowed a \$70,000 pot.

The Lewiston YWCA received a grant this year for nearly \$5,000. It provided a teen parenting conference, parenting classes for clients in transitional housing, and educational sessions at the alternative high school dealing with breaking the cycle of violence.

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TV show lands in hot water

SEATTLE (AP) — A local television show is in hot water with Yellowstone National Park officials after its host and producer dug a hole near a geyser to show how the natural heat could cook chicken.

Chastened show crew members say they were a bunch of dumb.

"EVENING MAGAZINE" host John Curley and his producer re-enacted a story they had heard of early tour guides showing off the geysers' heat by cooking meat for visitors, said Mark Matzka, Yellowstone National Park's executive producer of local programming. "Yellowstone officials didn't see the show, but concerned viewers called the park after the segment aired Feb. 12.

Park officials fined the show \$500 for returning to a two-year program for disturbing natural deposits in a national park and stepping off trails near steaming geysers.

"It was an error in judgment," Erskine said. "He probably should have thought a little and realized that's why they stopped doing it."

"It's very dangerous to step off of boardwalks or established pathways because the ground in the thermal areas is very thin," said Matzka. "Yellowstone National Park speaks with one voice. You can easily step through and get into hot water — in more ways than one."

For violating terms of their park commercial permit, any "Evening Magazine" camera crews returning to the park before 2003 must be accompanied by a uniformed ranger and will be billed \$50 an hour, Karle said. "Last week, "Evening Magazine" broadcast an apology, and the show's Web site posted a warning that the stunt was dangerous, illegal and "just plain dumb."

Police arrest teens reportedly seen with gun

EAGLE (AP) — A 15-year-old boy and an 18-year-old man were taken into custody after they were reportedly seen loading the clip of a 9 mm handgun in the parking lot of Eagle High School.

Ada County Sheriff's deputies said dispatchers received an anonymous call around 1:30 p.m. Monday about two people in a Honda Accord who were exchanging negative comments with people standing in the parking lot.

The caller said someone in the car was seen loading the clip of a 9mm.

Officers responded but did not find the car. A Honda was spotted 11 minutes later near the intersection of Eagle and Floating Feather roads. Officers stopped it and saw a gun clip. A 9 mm semiautomatic handgun was found under the seat of the car.

Police said 18-year-old Desman Benjamin Joseph of Eagle was arrested and charged with misdemeanor possession of a firearm on school property. He is being held in the Ada County Jail on \$300 bond.

Eric Exline, a spokesman for the Meridian School District, said the school grounds were nearly empty when the incident occurred.

"There were not that many kids around because the school had let out early due to the start of spring break," Exline said.

By The Associated Press

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SB1013 (Judiciary and Rules) — Makes technical corrections to the jury selection law.

SB1012 (Judiciary and Rules) — Makes technical corrections to the law defining who is an accessory to a felony.

SB1050 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Increases the maximum fee for the issuance or renewal of an Idaho real estate license.

SB1051 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Revises requirements for real estate licenses.

SB1047 (Judiciary and Rules) — Gives either county jurisdiction over misdemeanors or infractions committed in cities located in two counties.

SB1055 (Resources and Environment) — Amends the comprehensive state water for the North Fork Clearwater Basin.

SB1056 (Resources and Environment) — Repeals permit requirements for fishing private ponds.

SB1122 (Resources and Environment) — Allows temporary exchange of water rights during drought conditions.

SB1127 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Exempts legal service expense plans from state insurance regulation.

SB1166 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires insurance policies that cover pregnancy and birth to provide that coverage if the insured is pregnant at the time the policy is discontinued.

SB1174 (State Affairs) — Implements the constitutional amendment creating the Idaho Bond Bank Authority.

SB1143 (Agricultural Affairs) — Revises penalties for violation of domestic child regulations.

HB23 (Newcomb) — Deletes fingerprint requirement for business licenses.

HB28 (Newcomb) — Scrubs barbers and barber stylists under licensing requirements.

HB27 (Newcomb) — Puts trainees under the Real Estate Appraiser Board's licensing authority.

HB29 (Newcomb) — Subjects electronic to state licensing.

HB30 (Newcomb) — Increases application and renewal fees for crematoriums.

HB33 (Newcomb) — Increases fees for morticians, funeral directors and embalmers.



HB34 (Newcomb) — Defines financial holding companies and imposes regulatory requirements.

HB42 (Newcomb) — Removes age restrictions for game tags for persons holding senior citizen licenses.

HB41 (Newcomb) — Authorizes refunds of erroneous employee pension contributions.

HB49 (Newcomb) — Authorizes Idaho to enter into the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

HB50 (Newcomb) — Revises requirements to serve as adjutant general.

HB249 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Requires course work at the Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy.

HB290 (State Affairs) — Removes the statute of limitations on rape.

HB247 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Bills the costs of medical exams for sexual assault victims to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

HB73 (Agricultural Affairs) — Authorizes the Agriculture Department to develop and implement various services.

HB75 (Agricultural Affairs) — Deletes the prohibition from licensing washers with felony convictions or sentence completion within five years.

HB75 (Agricultural Affairs) — Rewrites the commercial fertilizer law and increases civil penalties to \$10,000.

HB76 (Agricultural Affairs) — Increases to \$10,000 the maximum civil penalty for violating quarantine rules.

HB90 (Agricultural Affairs) — Recodifies the veterinary medicine licensing and regulation law.

HB129 (Business) — Includes the Public Works Contractor Licensing Bureau in the Division of Building Safety.

HB30 (Business) — Increases honorarium for certain building services board members.

HB132 (Business) — Clarifies lien holding on certain equipment rentals.

HB147 (Transportation and Defense) — Clarifies instances when national guardsmen can demand trial by court martial in lieu of nonjudicial punishment.

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HB270 (Transportation and Defense) — Increases the time a trip permit is valid for certain vehicles.

HB331 (State Affairs) — Gives the Board of Pharmacy authority to approve forms.

HB162 (Local Government) — Requires at least one copy of the supplemental code to be filed for public use.

HB223 (Resources and Conservation) — Provides landowners free big game tags under certain conditions of depreciation on their land.

HB224 (Resources and Conservation) — Authorizes waiver of deductibles on wildlife depreciation accounts under certain circumstances.

HB183 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Clarifies law on appointment of attorneys for post-conviction proceedings.

HB303 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$10.3 million for 2001-2002 operations of the state Liquor Dispensary.

HB227 (Finance) — Allocates \$2.3 million for 2001-2002 operations of the Division of Professional-Technical Education.

HB182 (Finance) — Allocates \$8.7 million for 2001-2002 operations of Idaho Educational Public Broadcasting System.

HB182 (Finance) — Allocates \$933 million in 2002 state aid to public schools.

SB1171 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates the Idaho Drug Court Act.

SB1182 (Judiciary and Rules) — Implements a coordinated family services plan.

SB1164 (State Affairs) — Includes magistrates under the state's campaign finance disclosure laws.

SB1241 (Finance) — Allocates \$3.9 million for 2001-2002 operations of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

SB1242 (Finance) — Allocates \$52.7 million for 2001-2002 operations of the State Police.

SB1037 (Health and Welfare) — Creates the Idaho Safe Haven Act for abandoned children.

SB1147 (Health and Welfare) — Precludes retention of information about a child or its parents abandoned under the Safe Haven Act.

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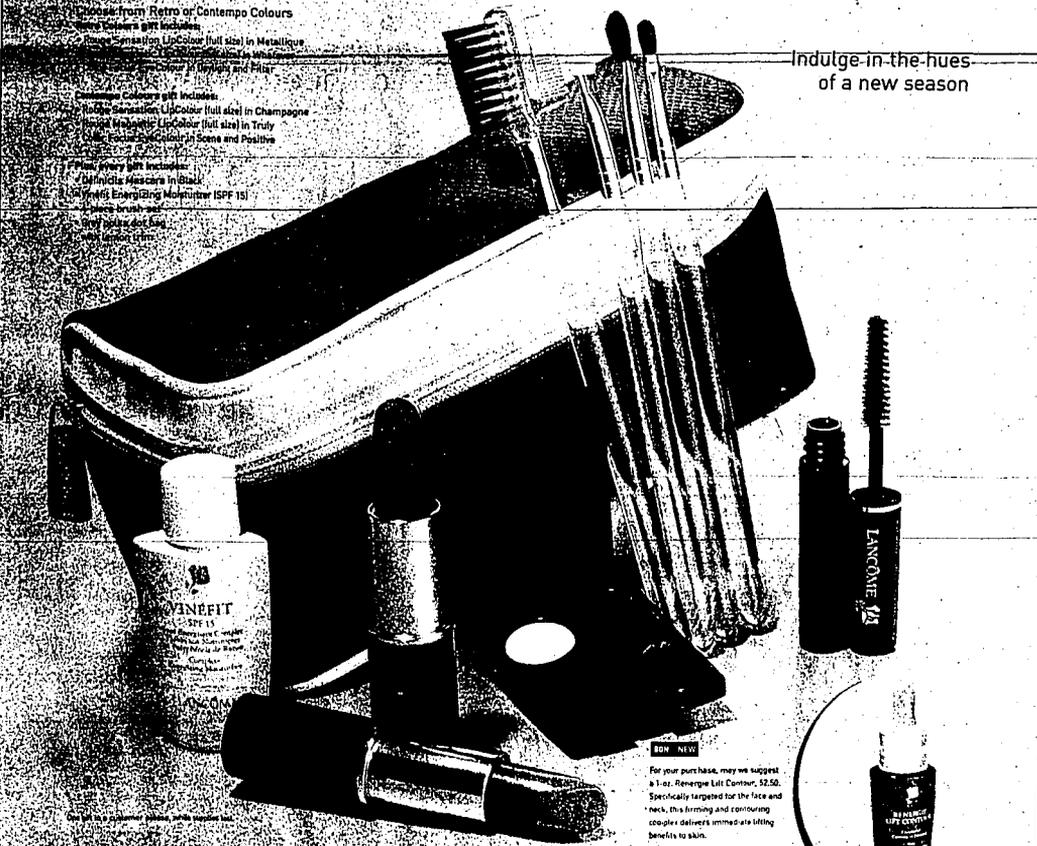
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Hope of containment wanes

Britain to slaughter livestock on farms near foot-and-mouth sites

LONDON (AP) — Britain will slaughter nearly all livestock on farms adjacent to foot-and-mouth infection sites, agriculture officials announced Saturday, as farmers and politicians struggled to absorb dire predictions about the scope of the outbreak.

The agriculture ministry said there had already been some slaughtering of pigs, sheep and cows on farms neighboring those where the virus has been found.

The new move now makes that policy official, said Agriculture Minister Nick Brown and Jim Scudamore, the country's chief veterinarian.

The latest step to try to cap the spread of the highly contagious livestock disease came a day after scientists predicted that the number of cases — now more than 520 — could spiral to 4,000 by June.

Meanwhile, hopes of quickly containing the disease's spread in continental Europe have faded. Netherlands confirmed a fourth case in the northeastern province of Gelderland. France — the other nation on the continent hit by the outbreak — banned most exports of meat, milk and other products a day after its second case was found.

It was not immediately clear how many more animals would be slated for destruction under Britain's new "contiguous culling" policy. So far, 525,000 livestock have been culled or are awaiting slaughter.

An Agriculture Ministry spokesman said veterinarians would make sure animals in neighboring farms were at risk before slaughtering them.

The cull is more limited than a larger extension of the slaughter under consideration Friday. The proposal called for all livestock

Two easily confused cow diseases

The main differences between two diseases that have spread in Europe and are causing concern in North and South America:

MAD COW DISEASE, OR BSE*	FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE
Infects cows; related diseases affect sheep, humans**	Infects only "cloven-footed" animals (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, etc.)
Suspected cause: Disease-carrying proteins called "prions" or heat-resistant virus particles	1 Animal touches or ingests virus
1 Person or animal gets food contaminated with brain or spinal cord tissue from an infected animal	2 Animal becomes sick
2 Disease attacks nervous system	3 Virus spreads easily to other animals
Severity: Can kill livestock and humans; mad seizures may begin months or years after infection	Severity: Causes mild or severe illness; meats that survive produce less meat, milk than usual
Prevention: Destroy infected farm animals; don't use animal products containing brain or spinal cord tissue as livestock feed	Prevention: Stop spread of virus by isolating, destroying infected farm animals; disinfect objects that may be contaminated
*For bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD)	NOTE: Also called hoof-and-mouth disease
**2001 KFT SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. Agriculture Department)	Different from hand, foot and mouth disease, a mild viral infection common in children

within two miles of infection sites to be destroyed.

That policy is already in place for pigs and sheep in hard-hit areas of northern England and southern Scotland.

The government on Friday sent a muddled message on extending the so-called "firewall" cull.

At first, David King, the government's chief scientist, said Prime Minister Tony Blair had ordered such a move. Later, Brown said it was under consideration, but no decision had been made.

Farmers found the back-and-forth agonizing.

"I have got members living on the edge," said David Hill, National Farmers' Union chairman for Devon, in southwestern England. "They are ringing me in tears."

Blair left a European Union summit in Stockholm on Saturday to meet with farmers in Devon, a foot-and-mouth hotspot. He promised the government would spare no expense in wiping it out.

European leaders leave summit optimistic

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — European leaders wrapped up a summit Saturday exuding optimism that steps they were taking to modernize old industries and support new technologies would promote economic growth over the next decade.

But translating lofty talk about making Europe "the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world" into agreement on sensitive issues such as opening up national monopolies proved difficult.

The 15 European Union leaders reached a deal on only one top priority — a plan to streamline regulation of financial markets by 2005, making it easier and cheaper for European businesses to raise capital.

But even that laboriously hashed-out compromise isn't final: European Parliament leaders worried about losing some of their prerogatives, have already announced they "will need some more time to consider its implications" before endorsing the plan.

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Experts say pieces of Mir are valueless

NADI, Fiji (AP) — Space experts who traveled to the South Pacific to watch Russian space station Mir plunge into the ocean have good news and bad news for anyone thinking about salvaging the wreckage.

The good news is parts of the 143-ton wreck may be floating just below the water's surface and could wash up on a popular Pacific island.

The bad news is any salvaged junk will likely be next to worthless — even to people like James George, executive director of the Los Angeles-based Space Frontier Foundation, one of about 30 space buffs who joined an expedition to Fiji to watch Mir's fiery descent Friday.

"A salvaged chunk of Mir ... I personally wouldn't pay a whole lot for it. Mir's down and it's old news," George said Saturday.

"You look at the auctions that happen in Los Angeles all the time, of U.S. and Russian space memorabilia, and you're taking intact items like helmets, valves, gloves and parts of suits. The value is at best a few hundred dollars unless the item is really significant."

Russian mission controllers successfully shunted the 15-year-old Mir out of orbit Friday and sent it on a blazing path into a remote corner of the South Pacific.

Most of the space junk burned up in the atmosphere but bits of Mir survived the fall. Although much of the debris will have sunk, pressurized fuel tanks and other empty containers may have enough buoyancy to float close to the surface, said Rick Citron.

Citron, a Los Angeles lawyer, organized the expedition of space junkies to watch Mir's descent.

"Many of them (pressurized tanks) will float, if not on the surface (and) just below the surface and those are the major pieces that survived ... and could probably be found with simple sonar gear," he said.

Citron said the titanium balls used for fuel storage likely survived.

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Study: Secondhand smoke residue falls

CDC official says results prove bans on smoking are working
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Americans have far less secondhand smoke in their bodies than they did a decade ago, according to a first-of-its-kind study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released Wednesday. Other potentially worrisome chemicals were not found in the general population at alarming levels.

The study measured the levels of 27 substances that people are exposed to in modern life, by sampling the blood and urine of 3,800 Americans. The method is more accurate than traditional estimates of human exposure based on chemical residues in air, water, soil and food.

"For the first time we've accurately profiled what is in people," said Dr. Richard Jackson, director of the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health in Atlanta. Eventually individuals will be able to compare their levels of certain chemicals to this new national average.

In 24 of 27 chemicals, scientists had no data on past levels in Americans. For lead, cadmium and cotinine — a remnant of step-on tobacco smoke — they could compare the levels they found to those in past studies. Cadmium was unchanged. Lead dropped significantly. But cotinine really plunged — down 75 percent since a 1988-91 study.

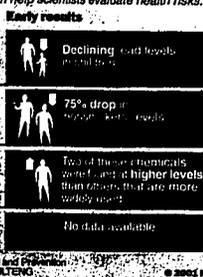
That decrease "is really striking," Jackson said. "You just don't see a fourfold drop."

The sharp reduction proves smoking bans are working, said

Environmental chemicals survey

A survey has begun to track levels of 27 environmental chemicals in humans. Over time, the results can help scientists evaluate health risks.

- Chemicals studied**
- Metals**
Lead, mercury, calcium, cobalt, antimony, barium, seven others
 - Tobacco smoke**
Cotinine, an element of nicotine that tracks smoke exposure
 - Plastic compounds**
Seven chemicals used in soap, shampoo, nail polish, hair spray
 - Organophosphate pesticides**
Six compounds that show exposure to 20 pesticides



Researcher: Lead, Cadmium, Cotinine
Terry Pechacek, associate director of science of the CDC's Office of Smoking and Health.

But because children were found to have almost three times more cotinine than adults, secondhand smoke is "still a major public health concern," Jackson said.

Why kids have higher levels is unclear. Some children tested may have been exposed to high levels of parental smoking with little means of escaping, which could have skewed the statistics, experts said.

"For adults this study is a success story," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids in Washington. "For children it's a wakeup call."

Lower lead levels, especially in children 5 and younger also encouraged researchers. Still, lead exposure, mainly from paint and water pipes in older houses,

remains "a major public health concern," said Eric Sampson, director of the CDC's Environmental Health Lab in Atlanta. Lead can cause brain damage.

Cadmium, a metal used in batteries and many other products, can cause lung and kidney diseases.

For the other 24 chemicals, there were no past blood and urine studies to compare to the new data. In those cases, the new findings will be the baselines for future comparisons.

In a teleconference

Wednesday, CDC scientists said current knowledge gives them no cause for concern about average exposure to the other 24 compounds.

The study "just tells us we've got that stuff in us," said Richard Clapp, professor environmental health at Boston University School of Public Health.

But Clapp said, "The fact that we have so many of these chemicals in us sets us a goal: There's got to be a way to make products that don't have contaminants in humans."

Much interest centers on phthalates, a Scrabble word for a group of plastic residues now found in our bodies. Some older pacifiers and children's toys are suspected of shedding the chemical. It's absent in new toys aimed at children under three.

Environmental groups and some doctors, Clapp included, worry that phthalates can cause reproductive problems and cancer. But industry officials and other scientists see nothing to worry about.

"We haven't seen any effects," said Matthew Stanley of the American Chemistry Council.

One particular type of phthalates was measured at higher-than-expected levels. That's probably because they are present in soaps, shampoos and perfumes that are applied directly to the skin and so get into our bodies easily, said the CDC's Jackson.

Study faults state Web sites

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Further evidence that the cyber-political revolution is not yet fully upon us: A study by the nonprofit group OMB Watch found that although every

state has a government Web site, few provide legislative calendars, email links to legislators or links to the various branches of government. And only two of the 25 sites that track users' movements inform users that they are doing so.

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EDITORIAL

Sneaky dairy amendment was contemptuous of all

No one should mourn the demise of a back-door amendment to a good bill that seeks to hold smelly dairies accountable for their odors.

The amendment, devised by Filer dairyman Hank Haflinger and his attorney, sought to exempt dairy inspection records from public disclosure. They claimed to be protecting proprietary information, but that was a red herring, not a reason. Trade secrets, production records and all manner of business information already are clearly exempted from House Bill 262.

No, the real intent was to keep people from seeing odor

reports produced by the state Department of Environmental Quality. DEQ inspectors have sampled the air near Haflinger's dairy several times this month, and here's what they found:

• At a distance of two miles, the stench was recorded at the maximum level — a "five" on a scale of one to five. Don't forget, that was from two miles away.

• At a distance of one-half mile, the odor was off the scale — at least a "six."

• At one-half mile, the odor was described as "very potent and nauseating."

Results like those are bad news, so it's not surprising that Haflinger and his attorney tried to keep future reports hidden from public view. Yet this is the same Hank Haflinger who has repeatedly said he wants to resolve his neighbors' concerns.

That one man and his attorney should seek to gag public discussion is disappointing. It's also disappointing that the Idaho Dairy Association was supportive of this intrigue. Public trust is at stake here.

A final disappointment is the action of Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, who intro-

duced HB 262. As chairman of the House Ag Committee, he was well-positioned to block these shenanigans — but he didn't.

Idaho lawmakers are instinctively leery of anything that seeks to regulate agriculture, so Jones wanted to ensure that everyone's voice was heard. With that in mind, he allowed Haflinger's amendment into his bill — even though he didn't agree with it.

It was a noble gesture to free speech, but it seriously compromised the entire bill. Allowing his bill to be amended — after it was out of his committee, no less — was

reckless of Jones. Is the bill perfect? Probably not. But HB 262 is a good first step toward the elusive goal of holding malodorous dairies accountable for their stench. It deserves to become law, and the dairy inspection records deserve to be public.

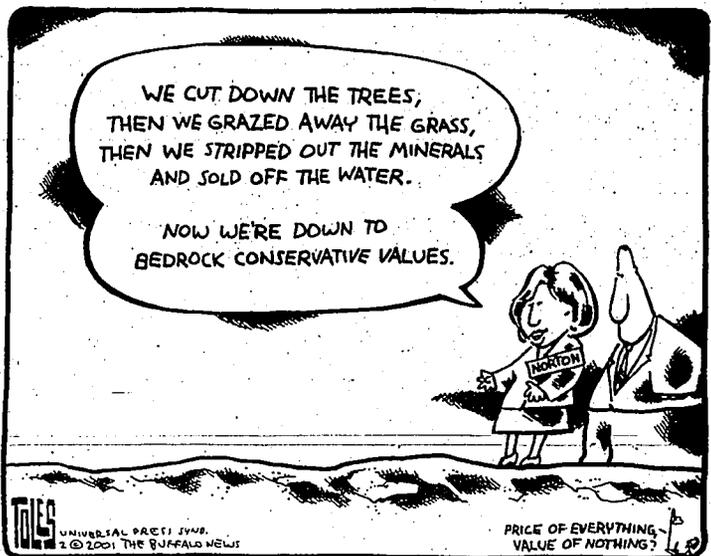
Farewell to three good men

The Magic Valley lost something important last week when three leaders of the Swensen's grocery chain died in a car accident near Wendell. Our hearts go out to the families and friends of Richard Swensen, Jerry Swensen and Larry Yarbrough.

These men were the embodiment of community spirit and everything that's good about America's small businesses. They knew their towns and they knew their customers. In an era of increasingly impersonal service, their folksy stores were more than a place to buy groceries — they were the social hubs around which entire neighborhoods turned.

Richard, Jerry and Larry were members of a rare breed. Their loss will be felt throughout the Magic Valley.

The public deserves to know what state inspectors find at smelly dairies.



Where is America's outrage over China?

ROBERT KAGAN

The mechanism of American human rights policy toward China works like this: The Chinese government tortures people. It tortures people who try to organize democratic parties, who practice Buddhism or Catholicism, or who engage in certain kinds of breathing exercises. It ties them up by their arms or upside down by their ankles and beats them with wooden poles. It listens to them howl, watches them bleed and keeps on beating them. Sometimes it beats them to death.

The U.S. government keeps records. It jots down on pieces of paper all of the instances of Chinese torture. It then prepares annual reports that measure China's progress. Some years the news is good: fewer Chinese people hung from the ceiling and beaten. Most years the news is not good: more Chinese people hung from the ceiling and beaten. Every few months, the U.S. government talks to the Chinese government about this for a few minutes. The U.S. government "raises" the "issue" of human rights. Then it goes back to keeping records.

This is how the system of U.S.-China relations operates, and after more than a decade of repetition, it operates now pretty much on autopilot. So it isn't too surprising that when one variable in the equation is suddenly changed — oops, this time the person tortured by the Chinese government is actually an American citizen — the machine does not adjust but keeps on churning as if nothing unusual has happened.

The Chinese government, we learned last week, tortured a 5-year-old American child for 26 days. No, the U.S. government didn't hang him upside down and beat him. But as any parent of a 5-year-old child knows, what

they did do to Andrew Xue was torture just the same. They took his parents away. They took him away from his parents. They told him nothing about where his parents were, what had happened to them or whether he would see them again. It's hard to imagine the horror and desolation the child must have felt during even the first hour of this ordeal, let alone over the remaining 623 hours of his captivity.

Of course this torture, like all tortures, had a purpose. Andrew's suffering was meant to force a confession. The Chinese government arrested his mother, a Chinese scholar at American University named Gao Zhan, on charges of espionage. Gao, an expert on Taiwan's issues, once wrote that women in Taiwan participate more actively in politics than women in China. Making this point is a criminal offense in China. The Chinese government, therefore, wanted Andrew's father, Xue Donghua, to help incriminate her. The Chinese government tortured Andrew for 26 days to get information from his father and a "confession" from his mother.

As it happens, Andrew, unlike his parents, is an American citizen. So how has the U.S. government responded to the Chinese government's abduction and torture of an American citizen? So far, very much like the soulless machine it has become on all matters Chinese.

It has, according to State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, "raised" the matter of Gao's detention with Chinese officials. As for young Andrew, Boucher professed at his Wednesday news conference to be constrained by the

Privacy Act from saying anything about an American citizen — even though the child's father had already told his story to the press. All Boucher was permitted to say was that "if a child was detained for 20 days without access to his parents, without the benefit of consular notification, that would be a real problem for us."

How much of a problem remains to be seen. No doubt Secretary of State Colin Powell "raised" the "issue" Wednesday with Vice Premier Qian Qichen. Perhaps even for several minutes. No doubt President Bush raised the issue again with Qian on Thursday. And no doubt the whole event will be jotted down in the State Department log, along with next year's new category will have to be added to the annual record-keeping tortures of American citizens.

And what of Gao's colleagues in the scholarly world? Well, there is a mechanism that grinds away there, too.

In the United States there is a community of China experts. Many go to China to study the development of the "rule of law." They come back with statistics showing that the "rule of law" is gradually taking hold in China. They think this is a potent rebuttal to charges that China is a barbaric police state. They argue, carefully, that it's a mistake to pay too much attention to a few bad apples hanging from the ceiling. They suggest, cautiously, that a 5-year-old American boy crying himself to sleep in — Chinese jail for 26 days should not be allowed to poison the U.S.-China relationship. Then they get ready for their next trip to China — but plan on leaving their children at home.

Robert Kagan, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

Ad tests First Amendment freedoms

LARRY EICHEL

One day last June, the Philadelphia Daily News ran a guest column by a well-known conservative writer named

David Horowitz. In an often provocative way, the piece made a 10-point argument against the idea that African-Americans should be paid reparations for the harm done by years of slavery and segregation.

The column provoked a few spirited letters, pro and con, and an op-ed piece a few weeks later taking Horowitz on. And nothing more.

Why do I tell you this? Because it demonstrates the unfortunate point that sometimes what's considered legitimate political speech is determined not by what is written or said but by who is reading or listening.

A version of that same opinion piece, in the form of a paid advertisement offered to college and university newspapers, is now at the heart of a controversy over political correctness and freedom of expression that has been consuming some of the nation's most prestigious universities.

In the last few weeks, publication of Horowitz's "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too" has generated confrontations (at Berkeley), the storming of editorial offices (at Wisconsin) and the theft of a paper's entire run for a day (at Brown).

According to the scorecard Horowitz is keeping on his own Web site, he's made the ad available to 51 college newspapers. Twenty-one, including those at Penn, Harvard and Notre Dame, have rejected it. Twenty, including the Daily Collegian at Penn State, are listed as having taken no action. Ten have put it in

print, only five without apology or incident.

The most recent of those incidents was the theft of the papers at Brown, organized by a coalition of groups representing students of color. Participants accused the Brown Daily Herald of profiteering from the exploitation of minorities (by accepting payment for the ad). They demanded that the paper apologize, donate the proceeds to a Third World cause and give them equal space to respond.

To their credit, the Brown editors have refused to give in. Instead, they've justified their decision by citing a newspaper's role in the "unfettered spread of ideas" and by arguing that printing the ad was a service in a "closed community" where "it is far too easy... to fall into complacent liberal idealism."

The editors are to be praised, and those who threatened them condemned. But that doesn't mean, as Horowitz and his backers have implied, that every paper that rejected the ad is a menace to democracy. It's just not that simple.

Freedom of the press, if it means anything, includes the right to decide what not to print. That includes advertising.

At Columbia University, for instance, the editors of the Daily Spectator say they rejected Horowitz's submission because of a long-standing policy of not running political ads from outside the university community, regardless of content. That's perfectly reasonable and well within the paper's rights. But I suspect that many other papers rejected it on less defensible grounds, such as opposi-

tion to Horowitz's position and concern over campus reaction.

This case isn't about academic freedom, either. At most of these universities, the papers are independent entities that receive no funds or supervision from the institution. So what happens on their pages is not the equivalent of what happens in a classroom or during university-sponsored symposium.

And, yes, some of the points Horowitz makes against reparations seem designed to antagonize. He notes, for instance, that African-Americans are "the richest and most privileged black people alive" and says that rather than seek restitution they should be expressing gratitude to white America for having fought a war to end slavery and having pressed for equal rights. By asking papers on liberal campuses to run the ad, he's intentionally stirring up trouble.

But all of that, ultimately, is beside the point. He is, in his own way, merely expressing an opinion on a public issue, and it's hardly a fringe viewpoint. His conclusion, if not his reasoning, is shared by millions upon millions of Americans.

Nowhere it is written that political discourse has to be polite or popular to be legitimate. In an editorial after the theft of the papers, the editors at Brown wrote that the fact that many of their readers found Horowitz's views offensive made this "the very kind of speech that must remain free."

Precisely.

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LETTERS

Reach out to the homeless

Why do people look down at the homeless? We are all "God's people."

A long time ago, I went all around, state to state, on foot back in the '70s. I worked. Know they looked down on the homeless.

There is a woman in Twin. She doesn't ask for help. She is in her 40s. She sleeps where she can on Main or where she puts her head down to sleep. She will die for not eating. I gave her \$5 to get something to eat one day.

MICHAEL SINCLAIR
Twin Falls

Engage in war against drugs

On July 21, 1861, war was inevitable. This was the date of the first battle of the bloodiest war this country has ever seen — the Civil War. Civilian spectators gathered on the sun-warmed grassy hills with picnic lunches to pass the time before the battle ensued. The battle of Manassas was considered entertainment for the many spectators because this was a safe battle! Only the participants were supposed to die, not the spectators!

By day's end, 4,865 combatants were listed as casualties, along with the many (no one counted) spectators on the grassy knolls. Even those who only came to watch were involved! It was no longer a "safe war or a spectator war."

The war we are involved in today can no longer be a "spectator war" either. What war I refer to is the ongoing war on drugs. It is being fought every day in every neighborhood in every city and town in the United States. Thousands are losing their lives. This war is costing billions of dollars. Lost wages, crime, family abuse, auto accidents and the list goes on. We cannot afford to be a spectator any longer!

I am not able to win this war however, I am able to participate in some of the battles. The battle I am engaged in now is for the 12 Civil Air Patrol cadets (ages 14-17) who are eligible to receive flight ground school and actual flying lessons in a Cessna 172. I am looking for community help in this battle. The Twin Falls Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol has qualified ground school instructors, two flight instructors, insurance supplied by the U.S. Air Force and a Cessna 172, but we do not have funds.

We need money for these young people.

so we are asking for the Magic Valley community's support. We do qualify for government grants such as "Kids at Risk." My personal response is "let's help these 12 so they don't become 'at risk.'" If we can capture these cadets' time and energy to focus on aviation, I think we can win 12 small battles in the war on drugs! With financial help from our great Magic Valley, and the dedicated volunteers in the Civil Air Patrol, we can win this battle.

JIM DAVIDSON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Jim Davidson is the commander of the Twin Falls Civil Air Patrol Squadron.)

Statement was erroneous

I would like to take issue with phrase written by Michael Journee in his article March 20 in The Times-News titled "Dairy odor bill gets OK."

In this article, he states that Rep. Doug Jones "has led an assault in the House against the growth of the dairy industry." Having testified at several hearings myself, including when House Bill 262 was discussed in the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, I certainly did not hear anything of the kind. I heard Rep. Jones talk about his personal dealings with dairymen in his area and how he was not against that industry nor against their growing and how a healthy dairy industry contributed to his own well-being.

As a member of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, I served on a confined animal feeding operation subcommittee which worked with Rep. Jones, Sen. John Sandy and Laird Noh and Commissioner Gary Grindstaff. This committee solicited these legislators' help in trying to formulate some kind of legislation to deal with the CAFO issue. At no time did I hear any comments from these men to hurt the industry, but rather what could be done to facilitate good-neighbor relationship between the industry and its neighbors.

I believe Mr. Journee made a serious error when he described Rep. Jones as leading the assault in the House against the growth of the dairy industry. I would like to see a retraction of that statement in The Times-News. Mr. Journee's employer.

JOHN HAIGHT
Twin Falls

OPINION

Israel shudders in a time of siege

JERUSALEM — One by one, people around me are beginning to vanish. So far, the random disappearances haven't clued anyone in my intimate circle. But the background of my daily life is gradually being depleted. Casual acquaintances, who fill the empty spaces of the day with small pleasantries, now appear on the front pages of Israeli newspapers, smiling for the last time.

In recent weeks, the violence in the West Bank has penetrated my Jerusalem neighborhood of French Hill. A month ago, my neighbor's son was shot dead in a terrorist ambush on a West Bank road; a few days ago, the janitor of my son's school was killed in a similar attack while driving to work. Now, when my neighbors and I greet each other in the parking lot and ask what's new, what we really mean is: Has anyone we know disappeared today?

But that increasing sense of Israeli despair seems to have gone largely unnoticed abroad. Our victims tend to disappear from press reports about the intifada's casualties — "most of them Palestinians," as the media formula goes. And when a murder is reported, the victim is often dismissed as a "scouter," forfeiting his civilian status and his place in the ledger of mourning.

The implicit assumption in that contempt for Israeli deaths is that our casualties are somehow deserved because we are supposedly the Goliath of this conflict, the occupiers and the aggressors. That assumption ignores the fundamental shift that has occurred in the balance of moral power between Israel and the Palestinians. Beginning with the Oslo process in 1993 and culminating with former Prime Minister Ehud Barak's peace overtures, Israel did what the international community had been demanding of it for decades: empower the Palestine Liberation Organization and agree to redivide Jerusalem and withdraw almost fully to the 1967 lines, offering land within

**YOSSI KLEIN
HALEVI**

French Hill. Once I would have considered that a routine drive. But in recent weeks, sniper fire has targeted the road between our two neighborhoods, and now I drive there reluctantly, aware that I have become a target.

Down the road from Neve Yaakov is the West Bank town of Ramallah, which has been under varying degrees of military closure for more than a week. Once I might have considered that tactic excessive. But this time my Israeli conscience is clear. The closure, after all, was imposed after intelligence warnings that a Ramallah-based terrorist group was planning a series of bombings in Neve Yaakov. And not just any terrorist group but members of Arafat's own elite guard, Force 17 — which left-wing Israeli governments armed as part of the Oslo process, in the forlorn hope that placing police uniforms on terrorists would turn them into allies against terrorism.

Having urged us to empower the PLO, some in the international community now seem to believe that we have no right to protect ourselves from the terrorist entity rising on our borders. If it is immoral to respond to the Palestinians' siege of terror against us with a counter-siege of Palestinian towns, how do we prevent those trying to kill us from entering our neighborhoods? Or is that right too now forbidden us?

The other night I drove a friend back to his home in Neve Yaakov, a working-class neighborhood mere minutes from

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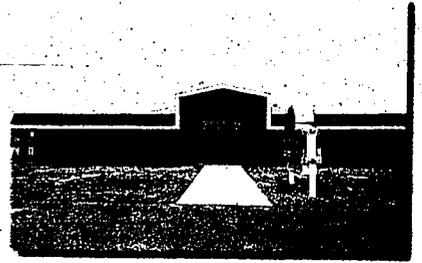
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Section B

Does Rupert need two traffic lights?

For the better part of the century that the Magic Valley has been in business, the communities of this green and pleasant land have nurtured a finely tuned balance of power, during good times and bad.

No town was better than another, but if there was a litmus of progress, it would be the traffic signal. Or more precisely, how many traffic lights your town had.

One meant that the community wasn't going to blow away with the tumbleweeds; two, on the other hand, was a clear sign of presumption.

And the leap from one to the next was a quantum change, requiring many years and much soul-searching - if it happened at all.

The two-tier trafficlight hierarchy served as an unmistakable fault line in the scheme of things, for it divided the Twin Fallses and Burleys and, more recently, the Jeromes on the one side from the Wendells and Shoshones and Ruperts on the other.

Now comes news that Rupert has jumped the fence to add a second stop-and-go - and soon, a third signal, and that bodes nothing but ill for life as we've known it hereabouts.

What is a Heyburner or a Paulite to make of Rupert's unilateral declaration of urbanization? Rupert, after all, is a community that's done quite nicely with one set of red, yellow and green flashing more or less in sequence for the better part of 95 years.

Does the change mean that folks from Rupert won't sit with people from Heyburn or Paul at the Minidoka High basketball games anymore? Will the churches of Minidoka County segregate the two traffic-lights from the one traffic-lights at Sunday services?

At one time, uptown Ruperts invite their country cousins Thanksgiving dinner solely because they'll have to stop twice en route? I've seen this happen before, in eastern Idaho, and it wasn't a happy experience.

Alameda was a kid, much of the population of Bannock County was balkanized into small towns. Two - Alameda and Chubbuck - stood out like Mickey Mouse ears on Pocatello's head.

Competition to see which could avoid being swallowed by Pocatello was always keen, but the arms race really heated up in the early 1960s after Chubbuck - which lies astride the old north-south highway - added a second traffic light when it really didn't need the one it already had.

Alameda, which had three traffic signals at the time by virtue of being closer to Pocatello, foolishly tried to up the ante with a fourth traffic light, and then a fifth. Turned out to be more than the city treasury could handle, property taxes went up, in 1963, Alamedans voted to merge with Pocatello.

Would Alameda still be around had not Chubbuckers felt compelled to stop once more before they got to Blackfoot? Probably. Would Chubbuckers have been better off had they not? Most assuredly.

Today, that intersection has metastasized into pre-fab boxes, mobile homes and a strip mall, and it's not hard to see something similar happening in Rupert one day.

In fact, by 2050 traffic signals might stretch from Acapulco to Paul because it's all one big town Minidopolis, maybe. And all because each town just had to one-up the next in which could have more controlled intersections.

Better, I think, to follow the example of Buhl, which has somehow managed both economic and population growth on just one stop light.

My mother, who grew up here in the years after World War I, had a picture of that same traffic light in the family album, which I inherited.

The intersection doesn't look that different than it does today, except that in the photograph my grandfather's Model-A Ford is waiting at the light. And it had been waiting long enough for my grandmother to have slipped out of the car, popped her eight kids on the hood of the Ford and snapped a picture with her Kodak box camera. Therein, perhaps, lies the secret of Buhl's happy mixture of the bucolic and the progressive. That red light has never changed.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

FLYING HIGH



Paragliders aim for their targets after soaring off Bald Mountain in the second annual Dave Bridges Memorial High Rise 'Sun Valley Fly-In' Saturday. The exceptionally physically fit pilots ran 3,400 feet up the mountain before sailing off the top.

Paragliders sail off top of Bald Mountain

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - With only an estimated 3,600 certified pilots in the nation, paragliding may be the most exclusive U.S. sport today, and more than 50 of the best and most daring of the breed showed their stuff Saturday at the second annual Dave Bridges Memorial High Rise 'Sun Valley Fly-In' at Bald Mountain.

Lugging backpacks containing 40-pound paragliding parachutes, or "wings," 37 exceptionally physically fit pilots ran 3,400 feet up Bald Mountain from the base on the River Run side, then leaped from the 9,150-foot summit.

The object of the race was to be the fastest to reach a target base at the base, and to hit the target or have a minute added to the elapsed time for every foot the target was missed.

Paragliding is a breathtaking sight, as pilots dangling under 200-square-foot nylon-like "wings" in cushioned seats weave their way through wafting winds. The sport attracts converts by the hundreds. One of the

Race founder hopes to make next competition a triple crown event

most celebrated newcomers is U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who has a home in Ketchum and has been taking lessons at Bald Mountain.

Pilots can manipulate wings for speed or hovering and can remain airborne for hours while riding winds for lift, or rapid descents.

Hundreds of spectators ringing the landing zone on Saturday saw the other side of paragliding - heart-stopping aerobics and fast-descent maneuvers in which pilots can loop, spin and perform a maneuver known as the Rodriguez after its Argentine creator - pilots gyrating so fast in circles that they're horizontal with the "wing."

One injury marred the day. Bob Rinker, of Seattle, suffered an ankle injury during a hard landing, and was taken to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. The fastest race time was considered sizzling fast - one hour, six minutes and 49 seconds.

The top four who were separated only by matters of seconds - Will Gadd of Banff, British Columbia; Honza Rejmanek, of the Czech Republic now living in Ketchum, Matt Combs of Jackson, Wyo., and Nat Scales of Ketchum - received \$1,000, \$500, \$300 and \$200 in cash respectively.

In a separate accuracy spot-landing contest, the three closest landings were made by Chuck Smith, of Ketchum, Will Gadd, of Banff, and Nat Scales, of Ketchum, who were awarded \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively.

Race founder Wolf Riehl, 37, a former German Army paratrooper who now owns the Bigwood Bakery in Ketchum, said planning is under way to make the race next year a triple crown event with events in two other mountain resorts, Aspen and Telluride, Colo.

Paragliding elite from throughout the United States were joined for Saturday's events by foreign pilots from Sweden,

Japan, and Canada who raised in tribute to David Bridges, a world-class climber and paraglider pilot as well as renowned high-altitude videographer, who died in an avalanche on the demanding Tibetan mountain, Shisha-pangma, in October, 1999, along with climber Alex Lowe.

One of Saturday's racers was Cherie Silvera, of Aspen, who produced a TV documentary on Bridges. Paragliding was born in France in the early 1980s when a handful of skydivers modified their conventional parachutes for gliding. In Europe alone today, the sport attracts some 300,000 pilots.

But because paragliding has more restrictions imposed on it in the United States, such as certification by the U.S. Hang Gliding Association and access ideal mountain peaks on public lands, the sport has grown slower.

Lessons leading up to paragliding might cost \$1,200 and up, while equipment ranges from \$2,500 to \$6,000.

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

Residents seem wary of census

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The thing about small towns is that the people who live in them, know the people who live in them.

The communities of Hazelton, Albion and Minidoka were among the region's cities that showed growth at extreme ends of the scale, according to 2000 U.S. Census figures released Friday. But the towns' residents are not necessarily ready to embrace the numbers as completely accurate portrayals of their growth.

"When I hear something that says we're losing population, it surprises me very much," said Don Danner, chairman of the Albion Valley Planning Council. "It doesn't seem to fit what I've observed here."

Albion is a lush town hidden in the hills southeast of Burley. It's situated along the City of Rocks Back Country Byway and is home to the Albion Normal College - a small and still grand campus that has been largely unused for 50 years.

The 2000 Census says Albion's population dropped 14 percent from 305 in 1990 to 262 in 2000. It shows Albion as the only south central Idaho city that lost population during the decade.

"We've had some growth here within the city limits, and we've had some families moving into the country part of our valley," Danner said. "I can't hardly believe it seems to fit what I've observed here."

Despite its sleepy image, Albion is a town very much alive. Voter turnout is upwards of 80 percent and just about everybody belongs to a civic club. A new community events center hosted Albion's first cowboy-poetry-gathering this weekend.

"The community recently formed the valley planning council to develop strategies for developing its lifestyle while preserving its tourism and recreation. The town also is actively shopping for options to restore and re-open the college campus.

The growing town of Hazelton showed up at the other end of the extreme as the population growth chart. The numbers show Hazelton's population jumped from 394 to 687 residents between 1990 and 2000. That is a nearly 75 percent increase.

The numbers don't surprise Mayor Rex Yonkovich, who said that while Hazelton is making infrastructure improvements and would like to see some business growth, most of the gains have come from new housing in town and the city's annexation of housing developments. Hazelton is a growing boom community between Burley and Twin Falls.

The mayor is concerned that

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Projects aim at city's infrastructure

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Traffic lights are going up, trees are going in and streets are being torn up and replaced.

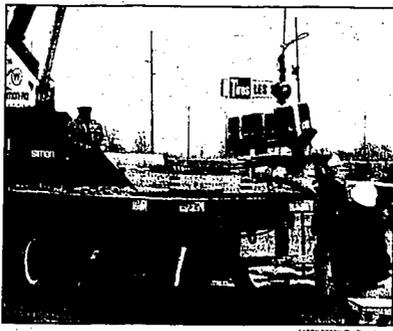
It's a sure sign that efforts to increase beauty and safety in Rupert are under way.

"Basically, we got aggressive on everything we had going," said Bob Rummann, Rupert's street and maintenance head.

The city government is spearheading much of the cosmetic work, with the help of Rupert Renaissance and several grants, Rummann said. Trees and shrubs are new additions to the park by the railroad tracks on Oneida and F streets.

Once this landscaping, done in conjunction with Rupert Renaissance, is complete, several signs will be added to the park. The signs will be "giving some guidance as to where downtown Rupert is," said Charlie Warren, chairman of the Community, Image, and Attitude committee of Rupert Renaissance.

Planting trees and shrubs there is the final step of a cleanup effort that has spanned



Wheeler Electric employees Joe Zelara, foreground, and Chris Lochridge work at installing a traffic light as Kevin Cameron operates the crane to put the light in place. The new traffic light, a state project, is one of several construction projects emphasizing infrastructure and beautification in Rupert.

much of the past two years, said Rupert Renaissance member Bob Cameron.

The soil there was contaminated with diesel fuel from the

railroad, and two feet of earth had to be removed and replaced before any planting could be

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Address confusion concerns officials, emergency services

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - There's a place in southern Idaho that residents and county officials say is neither fully Minidoka County nor fully Cassia County.

And it's the subject of considerable strife.

Cassia County emergency service providers say they're concerned about safety in the Jackson area, a portion of Cassia County roughly bordered by the Snake River and Interstate 84.

Most of the area's addresses are based on Minidoka County coordinates, which create duplicated coordinates in the same county. Sometimes, emergency services are dispatched to the Cassia County coordinates instead.

Few calls come from that area, but each one could be a matter of life and death. In the last year, roughly 35 calls with Rupert-area prefixes have come to Cassia County, said county 911 supervisor Kent Searle.

That doesn't include Jackson area calls that may have come from one of the few homes with

Declo-area prefixes, or calls made on cell phones.

Officials years ago discussed giving the residents Cassia County coordinates. Residents resisted, and the issue was dropped.

The issue is being revisited, and Searle said all options are being examined. The simplest one, he said, would be giving the area Cassia County coordinates and re-routing mail through Declo.

Rupert postmaster Tom Moore recently told county officials that red tape and union politics would make that difficult, and the most resistance could come from residents.

Bill Heyworth, said Jackson area residents want a solution, but it's extremely unlikely they will support an address change.

"I've exhausted all reasonable possibilities, then I think we will strongly resist the collective changing of addresses," he said.

Residents are reluctant to change addresses and have their mail routed through Declo because they consider them-

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

SERVICES

Alfred Thaxton of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; burial with military rites will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Gallin 'Pete' C. Pearson of Jerome, graveside service at 2

p.m. Monday at West End Cemetery in Buhl with military honors by Buhl F.V.F. Post 3604 (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Joel Devon Carter of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and from 1-1:45 p.m. Monday at Rasmusen Funeral Home.

Kenneth George Koeppen of Shoshone, service at 2 p.m.

Monday at the Shoshone Baptist Church; burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

George Hutchinson Swan of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the 3rd Ward LDS Chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary and from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

OBITUARIES

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

CAREY



Milton Keith Bame

Milton Keith Bame, 71, was born in London, Utah, on Oct. 30, 1929, and died at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum, Idaho, on March 21, 2001.

He was the fifth of eight children born to George Ansel and Pearl May Bame. Milton attended school in Utah and joined the Navy when he was 17-years-old. He served on Guam during the Korean Conflict. He married Phyllis Mable Hill in Payson, Utah on Sept. 23, 1949, and was sealed in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Idaho Falls Temple on April 18, 1970. The family moved to Carey, Idaho, in 1959, where Milton later worked at the Kraft cheese plant. He retired in 1986, after 25 years. He enjoyed golfing and loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Bame of Carey, Idaho; children, Keith (Nanette) Bame of Las Vegas, Nev., Karl (Shirley) Bame of Frith, Idaho, Raymond (Sandra) Bame of West Valley City, Utah, Charlotte (Bill) Blackhurst of Centerville, Utah, and Michael (Valene) Bame of Burley, Idaho. He was very proud of his 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2001, at the Carey LDS Chapel. The family invites you to visit from 12-1:30 p.m. at the church. Milton will be buried in the Carey Cemetery immediately following the services.

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

Aug. 30, 1921, to Ransom Wilma Under and Margaret Ella Walker, both from Utah. Wilma was the fourth child, born on her folks' fifth wedding anniversary. Her father, Wiley, was a "jack-of-all-trades" and no doubt passed his sense of humor on to her.

Wilma was very close to her siblings, an avid reader and worked her way through Albion State Normal School. She graduated valedictorian of her class in 1941, and taught school near Rupert, while at Albion, she met and fell in love with Denny Pace. They were married on Sept. 12, 1942, in San Mateo, Calif. At the end of WWII in 1946, Denny and Wilma returned to civilian life in Sun Valley and Ketchum. Denny worked as a waiter at the Sun Valley Duchin Room and Wilma substitute taught at Ketchum Elementary. While living in the Trail Creek Cabins, they built their log home on Garnet Street in Ketchum with the help of family and friends. Daughters Patti and Pam, were born soon after its completion.

In 1950, Denny was recalled into the Air Force and in 1953, their son John was born in Texas. So began the Pace family's journey to Wiesbaden, Germany on to Delaware, South Carolina, Georgia and finally back to Ketchum in 1964, when Denny went to Vietnam. Wilma was a dutiful military type and Denny had a wonderful mother who loved to cook, garden, play golf and cards. She helped her children learn to swim, ski, play tennis and most importantly, to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors while watching birds. Denny and Wilma divorced in 1980, but remained close.

From her view of Baldy from her front window and she loved her family with no strings attached. "Mi casa su casa" she would often say.

She was predeceased in death by both her parents; her brother, Vercel Winder and her sister, Thora.

The family she leaves behind are her loving daughter, Patti Anderson, Patti's husband Denny and their daughters Lannette and Tawny of Mission Viejo, Calif.; Wilma's grandson, Sandy McKinley and Sandy's wife Ingrid and their son Daniel of Bothell, Wash.; her daughter, Pam Rayborn (who took special care of her mother) and Pam's son, Steve of Bellevue; Wilma's loving granddaughter, Angie Miculski and Angie's husband Joe and Wilma's favorite grandsons Jake and Zachary of Bellevue; her special son, John Pace and John's caring wife Valdi of Halley and Wilma's special granddaughter Brooke Pace of Lee, NH; her brothers, Eric Winder of Tacoma, Wash., Jay Winder of Surprise, Ariz.; a sister-in-law Gem Winder of Iona, Idaho, plus numerous nephews and nieces on the Walker side.

Friends and family gathered for a memorial service on Saturday, March 24, 2001, at the Wood River Chapel in Halley, Idaho. There will be a celebration of Wilma's life at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2001, at the Blaine Manor in Halley. Some of Wilma's ashes will be scattered on Baldy, her favorite mountain, in July 2001, and the rest placed in the Ketchum Cemetery.

Services are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Shannon Rindisbacher Fund at the Mountain West Branch Bank, 206 N. Main, Halley, ID 83333.

Good-bye Mom, We'll miss you.

1964, they moved to Gooding where they lived until 1969, when they moved to Fairfield to continue farming. The couple later divorced and in 1985, Carol moved to Gooding. She was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church and was active with the Rebekah Lodge holding many local and state office positions.

Carol is survived by a daughter, Debbie J. Johnson of Boise and a son, Mark Alan Tate of Fairfield also four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Inurnment will follow at the Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise at 3 p.m. Family suggests that contributions be made to the Camas County E.M.S. Program at P.O. Box 7, Fairfield, Idaho 83327.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Inurnment will follow at the Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise at 3 p.m. Family suggests that contributions be made to the Camas County E.M.S. Program at P.O. Box 7, Fairfield, Idaho 83327.

TWIN FALLS



Clyde Bott

PAUL - Clyde Bott, 76, of Paul died Friday, March 23, 2001.

At the family's request there are no services scheduled.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th St., Rupert.



Harold Arthur Goodrich

Harold Arthur Goodrich, 75, of Twin Falls and formerly of the Murtaugh area passed away Friday, March 23, 2001, at his home in the presence of his loving family.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1926, in Royal Center, Ind., to Ivan and Thelma White Goodrich. After serving in the Navy during WWII he married Joyce Shogard on Jan. 9, 1947, in Topeka, Kan.

Together they had seven children.

Harold loved to fish, travel and camp, but was most at home working on small projects in shop.

Harold leaves behind his wife - Joyce of Twin Falls; sons - Mike (Jean) Goodrich of Santa Clara, Calif., Sam (Cindy) Goodrich of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Bob (Becky) Goodrich of Lomita, Calif.; daughters - Jan (Brent) Reval of Boise, Sue (Coy) Baker of Hazelton, Pa. (Gary) Dugan of Twin Falls; daughter-in-law - Rose Granado of Riverside, Calif.; brother - Howard Goodrich of Royal Center, Ind.; sister - Marjorie Osborn of Gulf Port, Miss., along with 22 grandchildren and live great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the Valley Assembly of God Church in Hazelton. Friends may call Monday from 9-11 a.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery. The family would like to offer a special thanks to all the staff at the St. Alphonsus Nephrology Center in Twin Falls and Burley and also the staff of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Home Health and Hospice.



HAILEY

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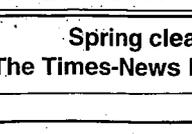
Good-bye Mom, We'll miss you.



Carol J. Tate

Carol J. Tate, 69, a Gooding resident died Saturday, March 24, 2001, at the Gooding Rehab. & Living Center in Gooding.

Carol was born Nov. 16, 1931, in Weiser, Idaho, the daughter of Mattie (Duch) and Joseph T. Miller Harness. She graduated from Gooding High School in 1948 and attended college at ISU for three years. She married Norman H. Tate on Dec. 27, 1953, in Carey, Nev. They lived in Pocatello where Carol worked as a bank teller. In



Wilma Winder Pace

Wilma Winder Pace, 79, passed away at Halley's Blaine Manor on March 21, 2001. She was lived for the past 2 1/2 years.

She was born in Idaho Falls on

Inexorable urban shift continues

Quick legislative impact unlikely

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE - As the 2001 session ground toward adjournment, Idaho's handful of Democratic lawmakers took a stand for repeal of the sales tax on food.

A popular cause with broad support, it made as much sense as any of the other tax breaks Republicans have been promoting in the race to see who can give taxpayers back more of the record \$330 million cash surplus.

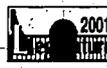
Every Senate Democrat voted for it. It failed 32-3. The outcome - and spread - would likely have been the same in the course of the nation's most Republican Legislature.

But some leaders of the party, all but irrelevant just 12 years after one of its greatest electoral victories in generations, are taking heart in the 2000 census figures that confirm Idaho's inexorable urban shift.

The state was the nation's fifth-fastest growing during the 1990s, but two of every three new people taking up residence did it in either the Boise or Coeur d'Alene metropolitan areas.

"That's not to say there'll be a strong unified urban voice," said James Weatherby, head of the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Boise State University.

Idaho's latest economic activity has prompted people to follow jobs from rural communities to the cities, he suggested, so "there are still within these urban areas



people who came from rural Idaho and still favor it."

But Democrats believe the steady flow of people to cities gives them an ever larger audience that should be less amenable to the agrarian message that has long been a staple of the Republican majority. Combined with the new bipartisan citizen commission taking the issue of drawing new legislative districts out of the hands of incumbent politicians, the party is optimistic.

"I don't think you're going to see the gerrymandering that

we've had in the past with regard to making a real rural bias to those districts," said Wesley Jaquet - Ketchum - the Democratic leader in the House.

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Lewis received his B.A. from Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho in 1973, and is a graduate of Mt. Hood College of Mortuary Science. Lewis moved to Twin Falls in 1977 where he became affiliated with White Mortuary, Inc.

1989 he became a partner in the firm and has been manager since 1995.

Lewis is an active member of the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, a past president of Twin Falls Exchange Club, past president of the Idaho Funeral Service Association, a past member of the Policy Board for the National Funeral Directors Association, a member of the Twin Falls Rotary Club and a member of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Lewis and his wife, Jan, a teacher in the Jerome School District, have enjoyed raising their three children, Kirby, Keegan, and Kenna in Twin Falls.

FRED COGGBURN Reynolds Funeral Chapel

Fred was born in Idaho and raised in Twin Falls. He has been with Reynolds Chapel since early 1981. And for the past 3 years he has served as Office Administrator for both Reynolds Chapel and White Mortuary.

Fred is a 1966 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1971 graduate of Northwest Christian College. He is past president and currently secretary of the Twin Falls Lions Club and a member of Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene.

Fred and his wife, Vicki, have 2 grown children, Dan and Bethany.

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Federal building to get seismic skeleton

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Wallace Bennett Federal Building will take on a new skeletal exterior next year that will make it more resistant to major earthquakes.

The General Services Administration has authorized the \$20.5 million renovation for the eight-story, 36-year-old building.

"We're using light shading and reflecting devices," said architect Michael Stransky of Gillies Stransky Brems Smith Architects. He said the new exte-

rior will "shade the harmful light and harvest other light" to conserve energy.

Crews for Big D Construction Corp. will remove the building's concrete panels to anchor seismic bracing, a new kind of building technology pioneered in Japan.

The GSA considered options for the office building in 1997 that ranged from razing it to opening it to the homeless. In the end, the agency decided to make repairs and safety improvements.

That, pleased Sen. Bob

Bennett, R-Utah, whose father is the building's namesake.

"I've always liked the outside of the building," Bennett said Friday. "But I've been a little disappointed of the institutional look of the inside."

The building will remain occupied during the 14-month renovation. The work involves replacing out-of-code electrical wiring and overhauling heating and cooling systems. The interior will see some updates, mainly in the lobby.

Authorized during the

Kennedy administration, it was known simply as the federal building which it opened in 1964 at a cost of \$10.5 million. But in 1985, Congress named it after Wallace F. Bennett, U.S. senator from Utah from 1951 to 1975.

The building houses several federal agencies, including the offices of Sens. Bennett and Orrin Hatch and Rep. Jim Matheson. D-Salt Lake City; the Department of Veterans Affairs; the headquarters of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and the Bureau of Reclamation.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Blaine County School District

All elementary Lunch menu.
Bellevue Elementary has no self serve bar.

Monday: Beef and bean burrito, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrot sticks, bread sticks, peaches. Self serve bar: Top a tater with chili.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger, Danimals yogurt, shoestring fries, apple quarters, crispy rice treat. Self serve bar: Make a sandwich.

Wednesday: Ham wrap, boiled egg and roll, oven browned tort, green

beans, chocolate pudding. Self serve bar: Cheese nachos.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, string cheese and crackers, oven browned tort, muffin, banana half. Self serve bar: Salad bar.

Friday: Combo pizza, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, soft bread pretzel.

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or fax it to 734-5539, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Preservationists fight to protect historic hotel

SEATTLE (AP) — Managers of a hotel in the historic Pioneer Square neighborhood say they will follow the advice of structural engineers and tear down the earthquake-damaged Cadillac Hotel.

But preservationists are fighting to protect the 111-year-old hotel, even though it isn't formally listed as a landmark.

"This is Pioneer Square," said David Brunner, a member of the local community council. "When you come down here, you either preserve or restore or fix it."

The outcry from locals prompted the city to step in. Independent engineers, funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, inspected the building

Wednesday to see if there was any way to restore the hotel, said city historic-preservation officer Karen Gordon.

Officials are awaiting study results.

Seattle's building code bans demolition of historically significant structures unless they endanger the public. At that point, the decision goes to Jim Diers, director of the city's Department of Neighborhoods.

Diers hasn't said whether he would save the hotel or not.

"The main thing is to get more information," he said. "We have the perspective of the structural engineers hired by the owner, but we have other engineers inspecting it."

The hotel was hard-hit in the Feb. 28 earthquake, with piles of bricks left on the sidewalks around and gaping holes around the building.

Two structural engineering firms have recommended tearing down the hotel, which housed the nightclub, the Fenix Underground.

The Pinnacle Realty Management Co., which manages the building, and Goodman Financial Services, which owns it, say they would like to preserve the building, but fear workers would be endangered.

"If it were a matter of cost, we'd do what we have to do," said Cara McDonald, spokeswoman for both companies. "But the contractors

don't even want anybody even going into the building."

The Cadillac Hotel, which was called Elliott House until 1920, may not be a formal landmark, but it can be traced to the days after the great Seattle fire of 1889, said local historians Greg Lange and Tim O'Brian.

The hotel's brick structure fits in with other post-fire construction, they say.

Some claim the owners would choose demolition over renovation because it is more convenient.

"This is the second earthquake in Pioneer Square," said Daniel Mitchell, who has run Trattoria Mitchell for 25 years in the neighborhood. "This time, it's a man-made one."



Chip Rossmel from Seattle lies on his back as he flies a kite on Saturday during the 17th annual Boise Kite Festival.

Car crash injures driver, officer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake County Sheriff's deputy crashed his patrol car into a pickup while chasing a drunk driver late Thursday night, injuring the truck's driver and himself.

Deputy Thad Phillips, 28, had a broken arm and leg and was at St. Joseph's Hospital, Matthew Reid, 30, was taken to the University of Utah Medical Center and was being checked for possible internal injuries.

But Reid's father said the accident might have been much less serious. Reid was wearing a 6-foot tall, 300-pound weightlifter.

"I was told at the hospital that if my son would have been a lot smaller, he likely would have died in that wreck," said Terry Reid.

The elder Reid also wants to know why officers did not call a helicopter out for help in Thursday night's pursuit, official Thad Phillips advised his deputies on the ground. County officials recently decided to cut \$1 million from the sheriff's budget, which caused the office to ground its two helicopters rather than lay off 35 officers.

The county made a bad mistake in grounding its helicopter.

The officer could have been killed, and so could have my son."

At about 11:15 p.m. Thursday, a Salt Lake County sheriff's deputy radioed for backup to help stop a suspected drunken driver, who officers said had run two stop signs and a red light.

Several blocks away, Deputy Thad Phillips activated his lights and siren and sped east, driving through a red light.

Matthew Reid was turning in that intersection when the patrol car plowed into his Toyota truck. Both vehicles slid east, where the patrol car smashed into a concrete wall, police said.

Reservation police fall under scrutiny

FORT HALL (AP) — A human rights organization working with Shoshone-Bannock tribal members says it has sparked an investigation of reservation police, although federal officials have not heard of the Center for Human Rights and Indian Law.

"This is the second earthquake in Pioneer Square," said Daniel Mitchell, who has run Trattoria Mitchell for 25 years in the neighborhood. "This time, it's a man-made one."

Recent samples show some packages may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, the company said on Saturday.

The organism can cause serious or fatal infections in children, sick or elderly people. It also can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

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The problem was discovered during routine analysis, and no illnesses have been reported, Fresh Products said.

The product was distributed to

Company recalls apples

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — Fresh Products Northwest is recalling its "Crunch Pak" Fresh Sliced Apple packages in 17 states, including Idaho, because of possible bacterial contamination.

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The product was distributed to

wholesalers and retailers in the following states: Arizona, California, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

All varieties of the "Crunch Pak" brand are included in the recall.

The recalled products will have a "best if used by" print of March 21 through April 11 printed on the bag or carton label; the company said.

The recalled apples are in 2 ounce, 6 ounce, 6.75 ounce, 1 pound and 3 pound bags, as well as the 40-pound bags in shipping boxes.

The company said it is working with the Food and Drug Administration.

Man pleads guilty to Internet sex charge

BOISE (AP) — A Boise man arrested this winter on charges of attempting to solicit sex from a teenage girl over the Internet has pleaded guilty to a related charge.

John R. Hennessey, 30, one of seven men arrested in an undercover operation, pleaded guilty to attempting lewd conduct with a minor.

He could face prison.

Hennessey originally pleaded not guilty in February but changed his plea Friday.

Hennessey will be sentenced in May by 4th District Judge Darla Williamson.

He is the first of the seven to enter a guilty plea in connection with the case, said Deputy Ada County Prosecutor Shelly Armstrong.

Hennessey will undergo a special sex-offender evaluation before sentencing, which will factor in his sentencing, Armstrong said.

If the report recommends that Hennessey needs to be incarcerated to receive treatment, prosecutors are recommending that he be sentenced to 10 years in prison, with three years fixed and seven years indeterminate.

Census

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the city might have been undercounted. The city figures that is what happened in 1990, because it estimated its population had been larger than the Census reported.

The Idaho Department of Commerce says the Census count is important to cities because population helps determine distribution of federal and state funds to municipalities.

Minidoka, the region's smallest incorporated city, sits northeast of Rupert where paved roads end and desert begins. The Census shows that Minidoka saw the highest percentage of all south central Idaho towns. The figures surprised Mayor Maxine Homer. Minidoka's population nearly doubled from 67 in 1990 to 129 in 2000. The former sounded a bit low, and the mayor was surprised that the latter was that high. But she said the city has grown within the past year and is upgrading its water system.

"The thing that we've noticed lately is young families moving in. They're buying the houses, fixing them up, and it looks like they're staying. We're really happy about that," she said.

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City	2000	1990	Growth	Pct. change
Acequia	144	106	38	35.8
Albion	262	305	-43	-14.1
Bellevue	1,876	1,276	601	47.1
Bliss	275	185	90	48.6
Buhl	3,985	3,516	469	13.3
Burley	9,316	8,702	614	7.1
Carey	513	427	86	20.1
Castelford	277	179	98	54.7
Declo	338	279	59	21.1
Dieden	411	314	97	30.9
Fairfield	395	371	24	6.5
Filer	1,620	1,511	109	7.2
Glenns Ferry	1,611	1,304	307	23.5
Gooding	3,384	2,820	564	20.0
Hagerman	656	600	56	9.3
Hailey	6,290	3,575	2,715	73.4
Hansen	670	848	-178	-24.4
Hazelton	687	394	293	74.4
Heyburn	2,899	2,714	185	6.8
Hollister	237	144	93	64.6
Jerome	7,780	6,529	1,251	19.2
Ketchum	3,003	2,523	480	19
Kimberly	2,634	2,267	367	16.2
Malta	177	171	6	3.5
Minidoka	129	67	62	92.5
Mountain Home	11,143	7,913	3,230	40.8
Murtaugh	139	134	5	3.7
Oakley	688	635	53	8.2
Payson	998	901	97	10.8
Rhinefield	412	383	29	7.6
Rupert	5,645	5,455	190	3.5
Shoshone	1,398	1,249	149	11.9
Sun Valley	1,427	938	489	52.1
Twin Falls	34,469	27,634	6,835	24.7
Wendell	2,338	1,963	375	19.1
Idaho	1,293,953	1,006,743	287,210	28.5

Beauty

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done, he said.

It is part of an ongoing effort by the city and Rupert Renaissance to spruce up the city, Cameron said.

"There's a lot of good things happening," he said. "And it's really created a new spirit here in Rupert."

Two local improvement districts, one in the area of Neptune Park and another targeting First Street, from Oneida to between F and G streets, are under way.

There is a limited window of opportunity to do this work, Russmann said. Such improvements, which involve upgrading water and sewer upgrades, can only be done in the spring and fall when the groundwater levels are low, he said.

Two new traffic lights are also in the works.

One is almost complete at Cameron's Corner, at the intersection of Oneida and 100 West. Construction is under way to redirect Idaho Highway 25

across Oneida at that location, Russmann said.

A second traffic light is set to go up at the intersection of Oneida and 100 South. Both traffic lights are state projects, Russmann said, and are being put up because of safety concerns.

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Address

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selves part of Rupert.

"I haven't been in Declo (in) probably 15 years or more," said Jackson area resident Ceria Hansen.

Although Hansen would keep her Rupert post office box, others don't want the address of a community they have no identity with.

"We're concerned about 50 years of tradition and relationship with Rupert," Hepworth said.

But Hepworth also says residents are concerned with safety just as much as the county officials are.

"It's a misnomer to think we're not interested in safety, because we're the ones being sued," Hepworth said.

Hepworth said there won't be a perfect answer. But he believes others make more sense, such as routing Rupert-area calls back through Rupert.

Only within the last couple years has Cassia County fielded Jackson area 911 calls. Until that time, there wasn't the technology to route those calls into Burley, said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hagens.

"It's a matter of taking less time to dispatch emergency services, Searle said. And while fire protection comes from Minidoka County, law enforcement comes from Cassia County and ambulance service could come from either, he said.

And of the three services, police are most frequently dispatched to the area, Searle said. The county's 911 system tells dispatchers which ambulance units to send out. But for the Jackson area, it's unclear, Searle said.

To make matters worse, not every home in the Jackson area

has Minidoka County coordinates. And no one knows the dividing line between homes with Rupert-area telephone numbers and Declo-area numbers.

Most Rupert-area phone calls that come to Cassia County are from the Jackson area, but not all are, Searle said.

Both sides argue for better training and education.

Hansen recalled a May incident when she needed an ambulance. She said she distinctly remembers telling the dispatcher she lived in the Jackson area, but the ambulance still went to the wrong address.

Once the problem was discovered, the ambulance arrived within 10 minutes, Hansen said.

Searle said he could not find a record of Hansen's call in order

to verify the conversation. But he said dispatchers are trained to ask whether a suspect set of coordinates is based in Minidoka or Cassia county.

"If a dispatcher made a mistake, Hagens said he would want to know about it, in order to correct it."

But Hagens and Searle have also seen incidents where confused residents have confused themselves.

Sometimes the emergency feeds the confusion. Other times, residents simply don't know their own address.

"There is a confusion out there," Searle said.

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Gooding County

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

Arraignments and appearances

Edwin John Becker III, 19, 1673 S. 1625 E., Gooding, driving without privileges; court trial April 19, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Brenda Cox, 27, 317 22nd Ave. W., No. 2, Gooding, violating traffic regulations; pleaded innocent; court trial April 26; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Lester Garcia Alvarez, 21, 1917 California St., Gooding, resisting, obstructing police officer; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference March 29, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
W.C. Gooding, probation violation for possession of controlled substance & possession of instrument to be used in perpetrating an offense; admitted violation; sentencing April 26; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Joe Antonio Sibilla, 64, 234 Seventh Ave. W., Gooding, dog nuisance (barking); pleaded innocent; court trial March 29; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Jesus Dolmas Valencia, 16, 7th Eighth Ave. W., Gooding, driving under the influence; court trial March 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Sentencings

Kenneth L. Bond, 55, 315 Clear Lakes Lane, Burli, driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$750 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days in jail, 178 suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation. 90-day driver's license suspension, 430 days after immediate trial; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Constance K. Kirkaldy, 40, 129 Oregon St., Gooding, possession of controlled substance; \$1,000 fine, suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$100 public defender fee, 330 days in jail, 120 suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 90-day driver's license suspension, 430 days after immediate trial; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Christopher G. Larsen, 19, 154 S. 1400 E., Gooding, driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days in jail, 178 suspended; 12 months' supervised at the discretion of probation officer; 90-day driver's license suspension, 430 days after immediate trial; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Miguel A. Lora, 34, 1015 N. Fir, No. 6, Jerome, driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jerome County

JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Sony J. Anderson, 29, 140 Eighth Ave. E., No. 45, Jerome, driving under the influence; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Steve Ambrose, 19, 217 E. Avenue H, Jerome, burglary (theft); pretrial conference March 19, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Urd G. Ayala, 19, 138 W. 300 S., Jerome, possession of controlled substance with intent to manufacture/deliver; change plea/sentencing March 19, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Clara Bernard, 47, 1908, 1200 E., Eden, lewd conduct with child under 16 (three charges); pretrial conference April 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
David Christenson, no age available, P. O. Box 411, Mountainburg, failure to obtain special driver's license; change plea/sentencing March 19, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
James Brian Fraley, 39, 375 N. Fir, Jerome, driving without privileges in presence of insurance; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Arthur Keller Gaudin, 26, 3219 E. 4300 S., Jerome, driving under the influence; possession of open container; failure to purchase, invalid driver's license; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Leonard Thomas Gattard, 19, 197 Glenn Loop, Jerome, disturbing the peace; sentenced March 19, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Ruberto Gil, 18, 320 W. Second Ave., Jerome, disturbing the peace; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Benito D. Gonzalez, 24, 1010 N. Lincoln, Apt. 4, Jerome, disorderly conduct; sentencing March 26, Multnomah County; suspended; sentencing for disturbing the peace March 26, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Jason L. Kelley, 23, 799 E. Ave. D, No. 1, Jerome, driving under the influence, present at sentencing April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
John Leckwith, 12, 118 W. Marble Springs, No. 5, driving without privileges; failure to appear at hearing; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
John McLaughlin, 26, 2026 N. St., Sparks, No. 5, driving without privileges, no prior of insurance; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
James Ryan Mendelhall, 19, 525 W. Avenue E., Jerome, possession of controlled substance; pretrial conference March 19; granted guilty, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Stephanie J. Mitchell, P. 707 Ninth Ave. E., Jerome, driving under the influence (under 21); driving under the influence (senior); driving without privileges; present at sentencing; alleged revoked driver's license; sentencing April 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Anthony Billie Mulligan, 19, 464 S. 100 W., Jerome, burglary (two charges); sentenced April 19, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Thomas M. Nelson, 19, 490 S. Fillmore, No. 1, Jerome, possession of open container; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Rick M. Nelson, 27, 101 Kanah Creek, Whitewater, Colo., reckless driving; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Danna Mae O'Brien, 21, 301 W. Avenue B, Jerome, obstructed view; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Amanda Phillips, 19, 500 W. Ave. E., Jerome, frequenting place controlled with intent to use; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Raymond John Praeger, 19, 427 S. 100 W., Jerome, driving without privileges in possession of controlled substance; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
James Daniel Wood, 18, 210 E. Avenue E., Jerome, burglary (two charges), Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Dennis Kim Yarwood, 48, 200 W. 27th N., Jerome, theft (first); pretrial conference April 2; violation of probation; pretrial conference April 2; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Sentencings

Thomas Roger Atkins, 61, 304 E. Ave. P, Jerome, criminal trespass; \$200 fine, suspended, \$6.50 court costs, \$35 public defender fee; six months' unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Walter Mike Erickson, 44, 315 S. Fir, Jerome, driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$500 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; 12 months' supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Jason Jacob James Galley, 18, 197 W. 500 N., Jerome, flee or attempt to elude police officer; amended to notify upon striking unattended vehicle; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; 12 months' supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 50 suspended, 48 discretionary; reckless driving; \$150 fine, \$100 suspended; 90 days in jail, 98 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Christopher L. Gontener, 21, 213 North St., Burli, driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$600 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; 12 months' supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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vised probation, 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, 180-day driver's license suspension; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
John William Lamb, 29, 210 Eighth Ave. E., No. 1, Jerome, driving under the influence; \$750 fine, suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; 24 months' supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 90 suspended, 90 credited, 60 discretionary; 180-day driver's license suspension; driving without privileges; possession of drug paraphernalia; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Roger Leon Rhodes, 40, 850 E. 200 S., Jerome; battery amended to disturbing the peace; \$200 fine, suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; six months' unsupervised probation; 10 days in jail, suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Misty Jo Singleton, 20, 435 Third St.,

Hannigan; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended; \$53.50 court costs; \$35 probation fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
David Antonio Salazar-Garcia, 24, 2850 Birch Creek Road, Huntington, Ore.; violation of restricted license; \$77 fine; speeding; \$53 fine; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Daniel Shane Warfield, 24, 613 E. Avenue B, Jerome, robbery amended to battery; \$200 fine, suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 public defender fee, \$30 probation fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 61 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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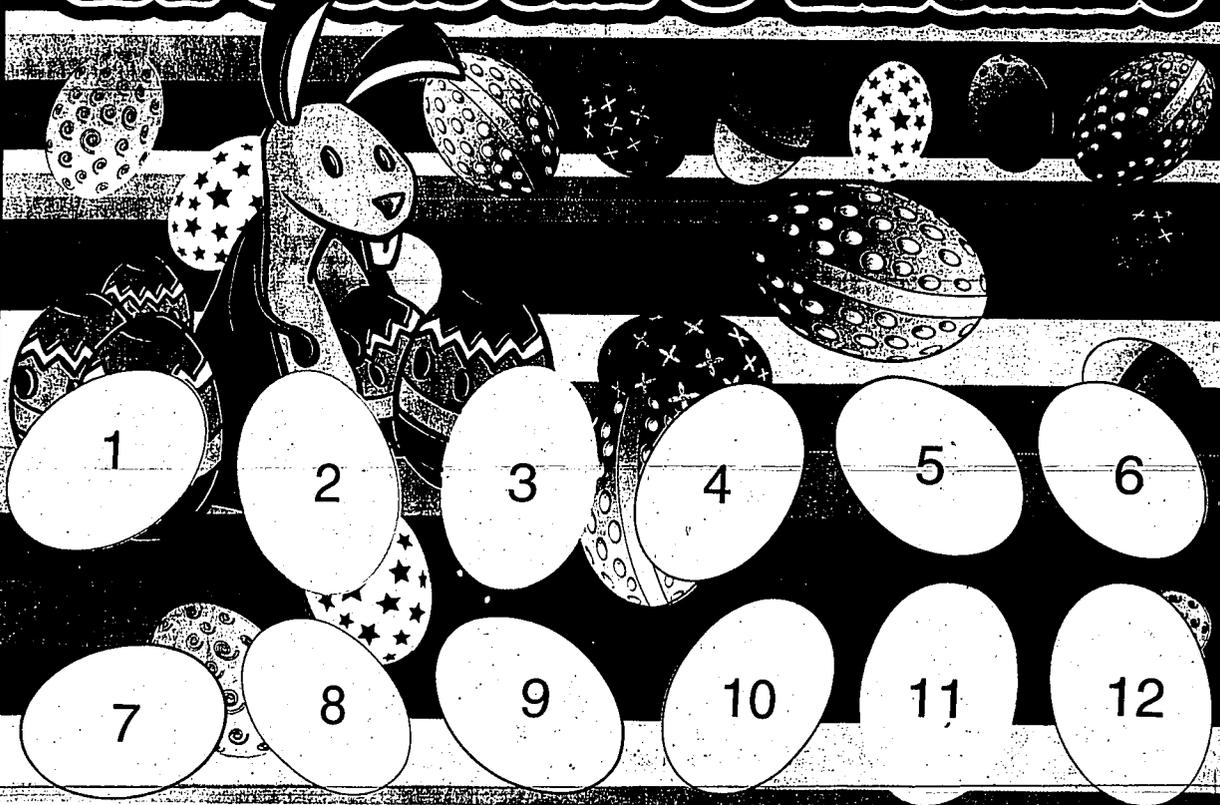
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Ranchers fear losing streamside access

LEWISTON (AP) — White Bird rancher Ernie Robinson says streamside access in rugged Idaho often are the only access to water for their animals, and proposed federal environmental rules could change all that.

"It's really going to affect all of us," he said. "It's going to cost money and I'm not so sure that's needed. There needs to be more fitting done before we believe that we are hurting the water."

For several months of the year, Robinson's 1,200 feeder cows and yearlings lounge along the rocky banks of the Salmon River. He has drilled wells and built watering troughs to cut down on damage to the streams.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's current rules are aimed mainly at larger animal feeding operations. The proposed changes would include feedlots, cow-calf and purebred operations much smaller in size.

The proposed rules update the 1976 Clean Water Act to expand the definition of cattle-feeding operations to take in nearly all places where animal discharge could affect water sources.

The agency estimates as many as 39,000 operations nationwide could be affected, at an average cost of \$70,000 each.

Robinson knows new regulations will probably change the way he feeds and waters his cat-

tle.

"They're changing boats in mid-stream," he said of the department. "We really don't know what the regs are going to be."

Ranchers have been packing public meetings nationwide to talk about the rules, such as one this Thursday in Boise.

"It's been standing-room only," said Lloyd Knight of the Idaho Cattle Association. "It's going to have an impact on cow-calf guys as well as feeder guys across the board. It's going to hit everybody under 1,000 head."

He suggests stockmen read the rules and put together comment.

The proposed regulations are to assure the public that cattle-feed-

ing operations and their large quantities of manure are properly maintained, said Karen Metchis of the agency's Office of Water Management.



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Death row inmate loses appeal, gets life sentence

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Death row inmate Shawn Eric Smith will spend the rest of his life behind bars, as endless death sentence appeals would not bring closure to his murder victim's family, 7th District Judge Richard St. Clair ruled Friday.

St. Clair had handed Smith the death penalty in 1998 in the slaying of David Thompson, but the sentence was vacated in 1999 when another judge ruled the man's former attorneys did not do enough to defend Smith at the first sentencing.

Smith has no possibility of parole.

"If I institute the death penalty, this case will result in more appeals," St. Clair said.

Smith, 31, killed Thompson in January 1998 over the affections of a 15-year-old girl. The girl broke off an engagement to Smith and lied to him, saying she was pregnant with 16-year-old Thompson's child. Smith shot

Thompson and left his body at 17-Mile Cave, west of Idaho Falls.

Authorities claim Smith planned to disfigure the body and burn it, but fled when he spotted a car near the scene.

Smith threatened to kill the three men he had coerced into helping him if they told anyone, Bonneville County Prosecutor Kipp Manwaring said.

Manwaring contends the judge should have again sentenced Smith to death, arguing the slaying was heinous and that Thompson was kidnapped before he was killed. He said that Smith, a convicted burglar, bought the gun for the murder and solicited a man to hide it.



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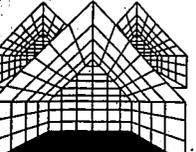
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TRIVIA

QUESTION:
 What was the last game Bob Knight coached at Indiana?
 ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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 Canyon-Springs-Amateur, Canyon Springs CC.

IN BRIEF

Bruins hold softball camp over spring break

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Bruins softball team will hold a two-day spring break camp for girls in grades 3-8 on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11.4 p.m. each day.
 Cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt and lunch on Wednesday and free admission to the Twin Falls game against Boise on Thursday. Participants may register at the field Tuesday.
 For more information, call Nick Baumert at 733-4978 or 420-4978 (cell).

Jerome Legon holds volleyball tournament

JEROME - The Jerome American Legion baseball team is holding a volleyball tournament fundraiser on April 7. Cost is \$75 per team and the tournament will consist of A, B, C and D leagues. Deadline to register is April 1.
 To register call Rod or Patty Burk at 324-5730 or Ray Lott at 324-8572.

Bengal football begins spring workouts Monday

POCATELLO - The Idaho State football team begins spring workouts on Monday as the Bengals and their coach Larry Lewis take to the field for the first of 15 practices, culminating in the annual spring game on Saturday, April 21 at 1 p.m. at Davis Field.
 Spring practices, which are open to the public, start daily at 3:45 p.m. The Bengals return just four full-time starters on both sides of the football. The team also has 37 letterman back.

Kimberly Youth Assoc. signs up ball leagues

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Youth Association will be holding softball, baseball and T-ball sign-ups on Saturday and April 7 at Pearson's in Kimberly from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 For more information, call 423-6173 or 423-4629.

Pair tie for lead at Canyon Springs AM

TWIN FALLS - Boise's Tom Smith and Candace Ryan and Benedictson both shot 2-under rounds 70 for a share of the first-round lead of the Canyon Springs Amateur on Saturday.

Smith won the tournament in 1999. Benedictson is a student at Utah Valley State College.
 Three Boise golfers are two back at 72 including Bret Rupert, Marc Rhoades and Shane Newcomb.

Locally, Gary Jenkins is tied at 73 with UVSC freshman Brady Stanger and Sun Valley golfers Dave Cropper and James Morley.
 Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The first round of last year's NCAA tournament, Knight's Hoosiers were thrashed by Pepperdine, 77-57.

The next Gretzky?

Hockey prodigy Joey Sides ices the competition

By Karen Bosack
 Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Fourteen-year-old Joey Sides careers through the hockey sticks he has set on orange cones. Slowing down for a split second, Sides slips the hockey stick he's holding between his legs and hooks the puck.

"Clang!"
 The thunk of rubber smacks a coffee can hanging by a string inside a homemade goal at the end of the ice rink Sides' father, Steve, built behind their 1896 home in downtown Hailey.
 The shot is one of thousands the youth will make over the course of the year. It's also one-in-a-thousand, or perhaps, a one-in-a-million shot, calculated to give him a chance at the NHL.

The big game

It's why Joey and his dad have traveled 817 miles every weekend for the past three years from Hailey to Vancouver, B.C., to play hockey with the rougher, tougher Canadian teams. It's why Joey spends 2,000 hours a year, or 250 eight-hour days, training on the ice, compared with 350 hours of ice time the average player his age sees each year.

It's why his father shells out \$70,000 a year to drive him to tournaments in far-flung places such as Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It's why the Yale University preparatory school Avon is standing in line to offer young Sides a \$58,000 scholarship.

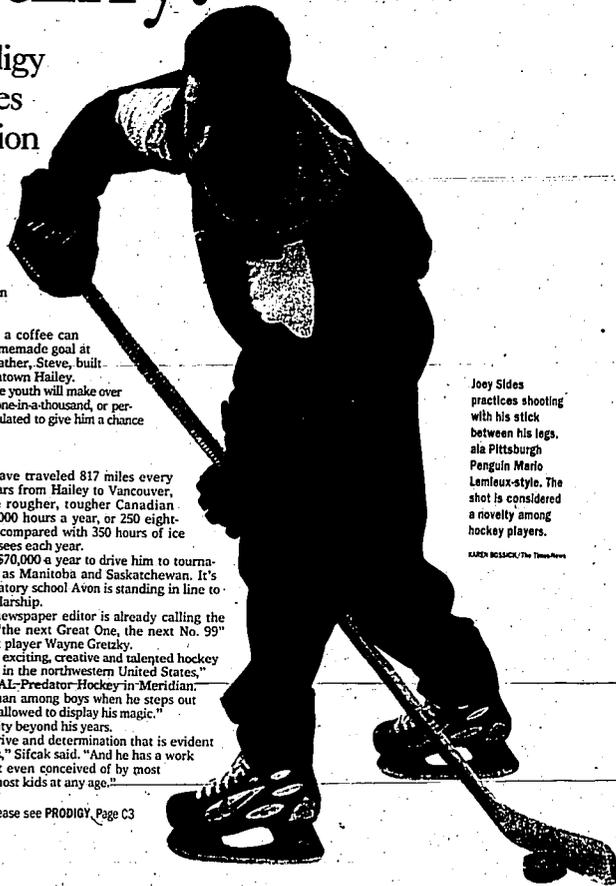
And it's why one Canadian newspaper editor is already calling the 135-pound, 5-foot-6 youngster "the next Great One, 99" after arguably, hockey's greatest player Wayne Gretzky.

"Joey Sides is one of the most exciting, creative and talented hockey players to ever come along here in the northwestern United States,"

said Joe Sifcak, president of PAL-Predator Hockey in Meridian. "He's 14-years-old, but he is a man among boys when he steps out on the ice, is given the puck and allowed to display his magic."

Sifcak said Sides shows maturity beyond his years. "He possesses an unbridled drive and determination that is evident every time he laces up his skates," Sifcak said. "And he has a work ethic that is unmatched and not even conceived of by most kids his age or, for that matter, most kids at any age."

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Joey Sides practices shooting with his stick between his legs, ala Pittsburgh Penguin Mario Lemieux-style. The shot is considered a novelty among hockey players.

KAREN BOSACK/The Times-News

Eight second dream

World champion bull rider returns to CSI

By Joe Surren
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Cody Hancock calls the three-inch reminder that runs along the underside of his chin a "shaving scar."

Aside from a broken ankle, a broken nose and various bumps and bruises, the scar is the only real injury the 1998 College of Southern Idaho graduate and 2000 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association World Bull Riding champion has had from a lifetime atop bucking bulls.

He's been lucky.

"I've seen a guy get killed on a bull, but that's part of the game," Hancock said. "Sometimes it crosses my mind, but I have to block it out or I won't be able to ride bulls. There isn't as much fear about getting on the bull as you'd think. I love to ride bulls."

In only his second year as a professional cowboy, the Taylor, Ariz. native lived the dream of every rodeo athlete - winning a PRCA world championship in bull riding. Now, when he's not signing autographs, he's defending his title on the rodeo circuit.

On Friday during the 25th annual CSI Rocky Mountain Regional rodeo, Hancock returned to his old stomping grounds at the CSI Expo Center to conquer them.

"It's an honor to have him here," CSI rodeo coach Shawn Davis said. "It's a big event to have one of our students become a professional world champion. We're real proud of him."

Hancock was also happy to be back at the school he called home for three years.

"It's good to get back here," Hancock said.

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Cody Hancock

Bruin softball rolls along

Twin Falls stays undefeated with pair of pitching gems

By Joe Surren
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - High school softball teams aren't supposed to have a No. 2 pitcher this good.

The Twin Falls High softball team continued its early season dominance with a pair of wins against Region III rival Pocatello Saturday, 13-1 and 10-0, to remain undefeated at 7-0 this season and 3-0 in the region. The Indians fell to 1-5 overall and 0-2 in region play.

Sophomore Cathryn Walker threw her second no-hitter of the year in Game 2, while junior Briana Allen pitched her second consecutive no-hitter in the first game.

The Bruins have allowed only five hits this season while outscoring opponents 84-4. The four runs



PHOTO BY G. GIBSON/The Times-News

Pocatello Indian Melonie Holmes runs back to third base after Twin Falls' Ashlee Pfeiffer misses the ball.

The Bruins have given up have been unearned. The team's earned run average is zero. They've played in only one game that has

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Eagles come up short

CSI splits doubleheader with Salt Lake

By Joe Surren
 Times-News sports writer

SALT LAKE CITY - The College of Southern Idaho baseball team got the pitching perfor-

mance they needed and still dropped a game. That's the type of season it's been for the Eagles.

CSI split its doubleheader with Salt Lake Community College Saturday, taking the first game 2-0 before falling in the second 3-2. The split moved CSI's record to 12-15 overall and 5-7 in the Scenic West



Athletic Conference. Salt Lake improved to 13-10 and 5-4.

Freshman Andy Myette went 5 2/3 innings in Game 1, striking out six, to end the Eagles' two game losing streak and notch his second win of the season. Sophomore Paul Boyd took the loss in the second game.

"Myette threw very well," CSI assistant coach Boomer Walker said. "He's not really 100 percent right now and he was still able to

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DUKE DOMINATES

Duke's Jason Williams shoots past Southern California's Sam Clancy during the second half of NCAA East Regional final Saturday in Philadelphia. Duke won 79-69.



Blue Devils prove too good for USC

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - In the end, Southern California ran out of answers against a Duke team that would not be denied in the NCAA East Regional championship Saturday night.

The Trojans thought they had taken Duke's best shot in the first half, trailing by five points at

43-38 against a team that was shooting 55 percent from the field. Then they held Shane Battier to one basket in the last 20 minutes and forced Jason Williams into shooting 4-for-13 in the second half.

And they lost 79-69. "We played one of the best teams we played all year tonight," coach Henry Bibby said. "I don't know if there's anybody that can beat Duke. I thought we were it in

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SPORTS

Bruins earn sweep of Pocatello Bonneville beats Bobcats in rout

By Kevin Hall Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS - Senior Eric Rambo retired 10 of the 14 batters he faced in 3 2/3 innings of relief and Twin Falls capitalized for five runs on four base on balls and a hit in the fourth inning to rally for an 11-5 Game 1 win over Pocatello at Bruin Field on Saturday.

The Bruins then swept the Region III doubleheader by winning the second game 7-1 as Sean Bernhard and Jacob Eldredge combined to pitch a two-hitter.

The wins marked a successful home debut for the Bruins, who improved to 3-2 overall, 2-0 in Region III. Pocatello dropped to 2-4 overall, 0-3 in the conference.

"We'll take that," said first-year Twin Falls coach Matt Rasmussen. "That's great for us. Anytime you can get that first one, it's big."

Pitching, defense and manufacturing runs paved the way for the Bruins, who scored their first six runs in Game 1 without a hit.

When the hit did come - a high chopper in the fourth that Carl Blackwood beat to the bag - it seemed to re-energize the Bruins, who chased Indians starter Clayton Hubbard after his fourth base on balls in the inning.

The Bruins added two more runs when Nathan Holman took home on a Ben Mueller steal and a Colt Jones sacrifice fly for the 8-5 lead.

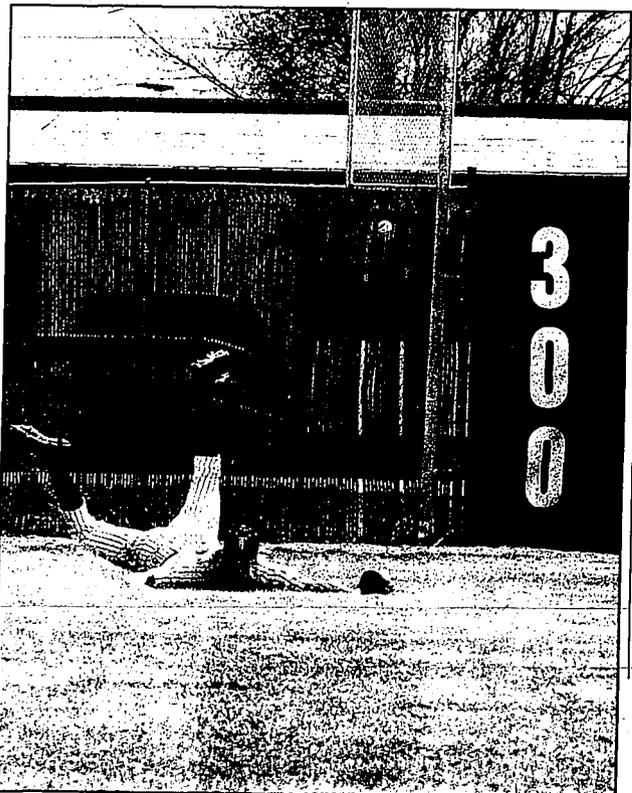
Rasmussen said he knew his team could put up runs on the Indians.

"We had some times when we felt we could run," he said. "Even though we weren't getting the hits, we felt we could manufacture runs with our speed."

With Rambo keeping the Indians mum at the plate, the Bruins went back to work in the fifth as Joel Osborne ripped a line drive to center field scoring Jake Asher, who had reached on a leadoff walk and stolen second.

Blackwood followed by slapping a grounder to second but the Indian infielder couldn't check the ball as it bounced up and over his shoulder into right field placing Osborne. Mueller then smacked a line drive to left-for-the-frame's final run, but he was tagged out trying to advance to second base.

But it didn't matter, as the score read 11-5.



Twin Falls right fielder Seth Merritt makes a diving stab at a Pocatello hit Saturday at Bruin Field. Twin Falls swept a doubleheader from the Indians 11-5 and 7-1. Twin Falls plays Friday and Saturday in Nampa.

Despite the team's slow start, Mueller said he was confident the Bruins would get their offense rolling.

"We weren't hitting, but when we did get on base we had aggressive runners," said Mueller, who missed all of last season because of a back injury.

Mueller also had a hand in turning a pair of double plays in the game, including a game-ending 1-6-3 combination.

Rasmussen said Mueller's influence is spreading on the team. "Ben Mueller kind of

emerged as a leader today the way he handled himself on the field," Rasmussen said. "He'll be a big player for us."

But it was Rambo, who stepped for a laboring Tyler Maxfield in the fourth to grab his first win of the season with the work. The senior, who after the game was running laps around the high school track, finished with four strikeouts, zero walks while giving up only two hits.

Maxfield had eight walks with one strikeout. "Eric pitched very well

today," Rasmussen said. "Tyler didn't have his best stuff but we got guys to step up for us."

Twin Falls heads to the Nampa Invitational on Friday and Saturday playing the hosts and Skyview before finishing with Meridian and Kuna on Saturday.

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By Jeff Behlman Times-News writer

BURLEY - Playing their third conference game of the week, Burley baseball team saw its three-game win streak come to an end in a 19-3 beating from the Bonneville Bees at Burley High School on Saturday.

A five-run second inning and a nine-run sixth allowed Bonneville to put the game away long before Burley came to bat in the seventh.

"We had some chances to stay in this one, but we've got to start being more aggressive at the plate," Bobcats head coach Matt Har said.

It was the first conference loss for Burley (4-5 overall, 3-1), who are now tied with the Bees for first place in District IV, V, VI competition.

"I didn't expect this at all," Bonneville coach Kirk Copeland said. "They just happy to get out here with a win."

Defensively, there was little the Bobcats could do to stop Bonneville.

The Bees got it going early, taking a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning on RBI singles by Shane Smith and John Pauley.

Burley had opportunities to stay in the game, however. In both the first and third innings, the Bobcats had the bases loaded with only one out.

But Bonneville pitcher George Chapa worked himself out of both jams, only beaming Jackson Jones to score Joe Peterson in the first.

The Bobcats left seven men on base in the two

innings. "We definitely provided them with some situations to capitalize on," Copeland said. "But they weren't able to today."

Copeland said the long week probably caught up with Burley.

"Their best pitcher had already thrown this week," he said. "And with this being their third league game of the week they were probably a bit worn out."

Whether they were tired or not, the Bees easily handled the Burley pitching staff Saturday.

Bonneville held a comfortable 7-1 lead after a five-run second inning. It would prove to be the only runs the Bees would need.

"That was by far the best game we've played both defensively and offensively," Copeland said.

The Bees added two more in the fifth and then exploded with a 10-run outburst in the sixth to all but end the game.

"They jumped off the bat swinging the bat and we didn't compete," Burley assistant coach Shaun Walker said.

Harr used three arms in the frame to try and stanch Bonneville's offense first pulling Peterson in favor of Kam Rader.

But after eight more batters and only one out, Harr gave the nod to Andrew McMurray.

McMurray gave up two more doublers before ending the onslaught.

"Our kids are swinging the bat really well right now," Copeland said.

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Rodeo

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Hancock said. "It seems like just yesterday I was getting ready for a college rodeo and now I'm back having won the world. It's pretty amazing."

Hancock came to CSI in 1994 and returned in the spring of 1997 after taking a few years off. Before CSI, he was Arizona's bull riding and bareback champion. In 1998 he earned the Rocky Mountain Region All-Around title as well as the bull riding title. He is currently ranked 16th in the world in the event and finished 16th in the world in 1999.

"I rode bulls when I was growing up and since I was two or three all I could ever think about being was a bull rider," Hancock said. "I've been on bulls ever since I can remember."

Hancock was the last rider to qualify for the world championships at the National Finals Rodeo in 2000, but won the first two rounds to advance into the

finals. Each contestant rides 10 bulls in each round and Hancock drew the bucking bull of the year in the first go-round of the finals for \$9,300 prize.

The momentum continued from there.

"It was a dream come true to win the world," Hancock said. "It was the greatest feeling to win the globe that I'd been dreaming of all my life. When I took that victory lap, it was pretty amazing."

Hancock had a familiar face to give him advice and support while competing at the NFR. Davis is a producer of the event and met with Hancock every night in the locker room before his rides.

"I'm not the most talented guy," Hancock said. "Everybody knows that. There are guys that ride better or better than I do. I just try harder than anybody else. Every morning I wake up with a craving to ride that bull. Hopefully I'll be able to do it for a long time."

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throw out of a lot of jams."

In the first game, Freshman Christian Colonel started the Eagles with an RBI single in the fourth and sophomore Kevin Sytko delivered an RBI single in the sixth to give CSI a 2-0 lead. Freshman Brad Burrow came in on relief of Myette, despite pitching on less than a day's rest, to close out the game. The Bruins managed just six hits.

"It was a good game to be a part of," Walker said. "Both teams played well and there was a lot of good baseball. The Eagles wouldn't be so lucky in Game 2."

CSI freshman Creighton Fuss and sophomore Toby Barnett singled in runs in the second to give the Eagles a quick 2-0 lead but the Bruins battled back to even the score 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh and force extra innings.

Salt Lake scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth on a slap bunt up the third-base line

with the bases loaded. CSI used four pitchers in the game to try and close down the Bruins.

"It was a tough loss, really another heartbreaker," Walker said. "You'd think if you give up three runs in two games you'd win both games. I guess that isn't always the case."

Colonel finished the day 4-for-7 to lead the Eagles and Barnett broke out of a five game slump, going 2-for-5. The Eagles host Weber State in a non-conference doubleheader on Tuesday before traveling to Colorado Northwestern for four SWAC games on Friday and Saturday.

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Glens Ferry brushes back Filer, zooms to 8-0

By Holly Keyt Times-News writer

GLENS FERRY - Down by three in the bottom of the third inning, the Glens Ferry Pilots sent cleanup batter, sophomore Zach Simmons to the plate against nonconference foe Filer.

Simmons saw a pitch he liked, connected and the Glens Ferry fans watched as the ball cleared the right field fence for a three-run home run, scoring Scott Uhl, Ryan Simmons and himself for the 3-3 ball game.

The Pilots trailed again in the fifth, but came back for runs in the sixth and seventh innings for the 4-5 win Saturday in Glens Ferry.

"It's hard to lose a game that close, that tight," Wildcat coach Kent Klinger said.

Filer started out with the advantage, putting Matt Woody and Luke Tucker on base before sophomore Luke Gerrish hit a grounder through the Glens Ferry shortstop to score Woody. Tucker came home next on a Pilot throwing error, as Glens Ferry found itself in a rare hole at 2-0.

Ethan Mittelstadt reached base in the second after Glens Ferry's catcher dropped a third strike. The Wildcat then stole around the bases, scoring as Woody grounded out to second base for the 4-0 lead.

In the third, Pilot pitcher Ryan Simmons retired three Wildcat batters in order, then the hosts followed up with their three-run inning thanks to Zach Simmons' first home run of the young season.

"He threw me a good pitch, so I just drilled it," he said.

Both teams felt silent in the fourth, as two Filer players struck

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lasted longer than five innings this season.

"Walker threw some tough pitches," said Twin Falls coach Mick Baumer. "She was able to get out of some jams. She didn't have her best stuff today but she really battled and hit her spots."

When Walker does have her best stuff watch out. The tall right-hander struck out 10 and walked four in five innings against the Indians. She's compiled 30 strikeouts in three games this season while giving up just one hit in only her second year as a pitcher.

"I couldn't really hit my groove today," Walker said. "It just wasn't really with me. I guess it's hard when I get behind in my pitches and then have to come back and throw strikes."

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for a while, but they keep coming at you.

"I felt good at halftime. Five points is nothing in college basketball. Eight or nine is nothing with 3-point shots. My concern was we turned the ball over two or three times without a shot. You're not going to win a championship if you come down and get no attempt. We did that six or seven times."

The Trojans were not intimidated against the region's topseeded team after beating No. 3 Boston College and No. 2 Kentucky in the previous two games. But 15 turnovers hurt them.

Early in the second half, USC

trimmed Duke's lead to three points at 48-45 and seemed to have momentum. In an instant, though, Williams and Chris Duhon hit consecutive 3-pointers and the Trojans were back in trouble again.

"Those were two big 3s," said Brian Scalabrine, who had three of his own and scored 13 points. "That's going to hurt you. It was a defensive breakdown on my part on Williams' 3. We deviated. We were supposed to do one thing and another happens. Three becomes nine in two possessions. It's hard to fight back."

Bibby said USC's game plan was to pound the ball inside on offense and force Duke to fight either options on offense. The Blue Devils

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play defense. I did a good job of getting the ball. I got a lot of shots. They didn't all fall."

Bibby said the inside strategy was obvious to him.

"We knew they weren't a big team and we knew they didn't foul a lot," he said. "Our plan was to go inside offensively against those guys. Sometimes you get the calls and sometimes you don't."

"We felt two guys on their team could beat you - Battier and Williams. You play with statistics. We went with the percentages on Duhon. What did he make? Three or four baskets? That's not much. You can't shut down everybody on a great team, the No. 1 team in the country."

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SPORTS

Kelly holds lead at TPC Prodigy

POINTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jerry Kelly wasn't fazed by the pressure of The Players Championship or the perks that came with winning. On Sunday, he'll find out if he can hang on as the final round paired with the best player in the world.

While Kelly plodded along with only a few mistakes in a solid round of 2-under 70, Tiger Woods fired off a collection of sensational shots and holed a 60-foot birdie putt on No. 17 to get into the final group his third tournament in a row.

Woods had a 66 to finish only two strokes behind Kelly going into the final round on a 54-hole course that is getting firmer, faster and more unforgiving. Kelly was at 11-under 205.

Woods, who has won every other important event on the PGA Tour, was at 207 along with Masters champion Vijay Singh (70). Another stroke back was Scott Hoch, who bogeyed the 18th for a 71.

"At stake Sunday is a chance for Kelly to win for the first time on the PGA Tour, become an instant millionaire from the \$6 million purse and earn a three-year pass into the Masters, the one major championship he has never played."

"No one has ever got his first PGA Tour victory in the Players Championship, the tournament considered a fifth major because of the tough field and demanding course."

Aussie shoots to front of Nabisco Championship.

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Australia's Rachel Teske shot the lowest round of the tournament, a 6under 66, to take the third-round lead in the Nabisco Championship. Swedish's Annika Sorenstam, chasing her third straight win, was just a shot behind after shooting her second straight 70. She was



Jerry Kelly reacts to missing a birdie putt on the 18th green during the third round of the TPC in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Saturday.

led with 1998 winner Pat Hurst and Akiko Fukushima, with two-time winner Dotie Pepper another shot back. Teske started the day 1 over but finished at 5 under after a round that included six birdies and 12 pars. It could have been even better, but Teske failed to birdie any of the par-5s on the Mission Hills Country Club course.

Schroeder heads up Emerald Coast Classic

MILTON, Fla. — John Schroeder, seeking his first victory in six seasons on the Senior PGA Tour, shot a 3-under 67 to take a one-shot lead in the Emerald Coast Classic. Schroeder had an 8-under 132 total on the Moors course. Jim Ahern was second after a 64. Andy North and Mike McCollough were three strokes back at 135, and Larry Nelson, Jose Maria Canizares and Bruce Fleisher were another shot behind.

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Sides, it would appear, was born to play hockey. His father played hockey as did his grandfather and great-grandfather.

His older brothers turned their little niche of Tucson, Ariz., into a roller hockey haven when Steve Sides fashioned a hockey rink out of an old tennis court and put his sons in skates — the forerunner of in-line skates. One brother went on to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs another, for a minor league hockey team, the Saskatchewan Swift Current.

Joe was still in diapers when he began skating — hockey stick in hand. From Day 1, it seemed, he was in training. He skated around cones first on his inside edges, then on his outside edges, forward and backward. Next it was skating on only his right foot, then entirely on his left.

"He doesn't practice. He trains, that's what he does," Steve Sides said. "He'll work on something until he gets it right."

By age three, Joe was barrel jumping in professional ice shows in Sun Valley and performing duets with Olympic figure skaters Kristy Yamaguchi, Nancy Kerrigan, Katarina Witt, Brian Boitano and Tonya Harding, Paul Wylie and Norman Cousins.

By age six, he began to drape the walls and counters of his home with hockey hardware. Medals and trophies came first, then the pictures of Joey standing next to his heroes: Gretzky, Brett Hull and Gordie Howe.

Joey was named Most Valuable Player and won scoring titles in hockey's Mite division two consecutive years. More MVPs and scoring titles came in the Squirt division while he was still considered a Mite. He again added MVP to his name with more scoring titles at the Pee Wee ranks, playing against boys 6-to-8 inches taller and 80 pounds heavier.

Moving on up Rated in the top 15 percent of



some 4,000 hockey players his age from across the world, Joey has played for Team USA, Team Canada, the Hockey Future Organization and the Intermountain Hockey Association. And, at the tender age of 10, while a fourth-grader at Hemingway Elementary, he found out what it was like to score the winning goal in a championship game against a Russian team with two minutes remaining at the Brick International Tournament in Edmonton, Alberta.

"Not only was Sides named MVP in that game but he was the fourth-leading scorer among 320 players in the tournament. All that, despite playing with a severe ankle injury that required several stitches.

"It's just fun," he shrugs modestly. "I'd just like to go out on the ice and beat everyone."

Fast forward to the present and you'll find Sides, who already holds every Idaho scoring record in goals, assists and points for his age, closing in on 100 goals this year. He would be only the fourth junior in the Northwest ever to score in triplicate. He recently bagged nine goals and eight assists in a state junior hockey tournament in Boise. Now he's on his way to regionals in Denver where you can bet scouts from as far away as Calgary will

passion. She's replaced 'broken blinds' the result of an impromptu indoor hockey game. She's put up with dripping hoses in her bed as they're pulled through the house and out the window to the ice rink in back, and she's housed entire hockey teams for sleepovers.

Joey's father built the ice rink complete with lights, goal lines, blue lines, goalie creases, full boards and face-off circles, in the backyard where others put patios and hot tubs. When other fathers turn on Jay Leno, Steve Sides is hearing the rink. He trudges through the heated warming and dressing room, which is stocked with 60-plus pucks, skates and sticks, out into the 12-degree night where he pours hot water onto the ice so that it'll freeze from the bottom up without crystallizing.

Joey does most of his schoolwork in the car on route to tournaments. The 12-hour drives are no distraction — he maintains a 3.75 grade point average at Wood River High School, where he's a freshman. His father and he often return to their home at 7 a.m. Monday morning, just in time for Joey to take a shower and head to school.

But it's hockey, not algebraic equations, that really get Joey's juices flowing. When he saw Pittsburgh Penguin icon Mario Lemieux make a shot with the stick between his legs, Sides immediately started whizzing by him. He had could send the same shot hurtling toward one of the five holes that's been cut into a plywood board in front of the goal.

Still, it's Sides' modesty that scores the most points with many of his competitors. "He's always humble, not at all bragadocious, and he never has a need to show off," said Sutter Stremmel, a hockey player from Reno, Nev.

"He's a man playing among boys who lets the scoreboard do his talking," Stremmel said. "And he's a true gentleman on and off the ice."

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Major League Baseball Standings table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams and their records.

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ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

Hot-shooting Maryland shocks Stanford

Terrapins earn their first-ever Final Four berth

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — There are no All-Americans on this Maryland team. It doesn't need any.
Six weeks after their season seemed to be coming apart, the Terrapins used their speed and depth to upset top-seeded Stanford 87-73 Saturday and reach the Final Four for the first time.

"We're just really proud of ourselves," said Lonny Baxter, who led Maryland with 24 points in the West Regional final. "I was really desperate to make it to the Final Four, get coach there for the first time."
Coach Gary Williams made it in his 23rd year as a major college coach, the last 12 with Maryland.

He didn't allow himself to celebrate on the sideline until Drew Nicholas dribbled out the final seconds before heaving the ball high into the air.
"I knew we'd come out and play well. Whether that would be enough against a team like Stanford, I didn't know," Williams said. "The big thing is, we made our shots."

The Terrapins hit over 58 percent from the field, including 9-of-13 from 3-point range.
Baxter, a 6-foot-8, 260-pound junior, had his way inside against the taller Cardinal players and went 11-of-18 to win the region's MVP award. Juan Dixon added 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting, including 2-of-3 from 3-point range.

Over the years, the Terps have had their All-Americans, like Len Elmore, Len Bias, John Lucas, Steve Francis, Joe Smith and Buck Williams. None of them took the team this far.
These Terrapins lack such a star, but they're still playing.
The third-seeded Terps, 10-1 since losing at home to lowly Florida State on Feb. 14 for their fifth loss in six games, are headed to Minneapolis, where they'll



Maryland's Lonny Baxter is congratulated by fans after Maryland beat Stanford 87-73 in the NCAA West Regional final Saturday in Anaheim, Calif.

face East Regional champion Duke for the fourth time this season in the NCAA tournament semifinals next Saturday.
Top-ranked Duke jumped Southern California 79-69 for the East Regional title in Philadelphia on Saturday.
Maryland's slump began Jan. 27 when it blew a 10-point lead over Duke in the final 54 seconds of regulation and lost in

overtime. By the time it ended, the Terps were 15-9 and anything but a sure bet for the NCAA tournament.
"The big thing is, we stuck together," said Steve Blake, who had 13 points and seven assists.
Maryland made 32 of 55 shots while Stanford, which hit 57 percent from the field in its three previous tournament

games, shot just 23-of-56 for a season-low 41.1 percent.
"We've got to be in a groove, we never got confident, and there you have it," Stanford All-American Casey Jacobsen said. "I think it was Maryland's offense that did us in. We could not stop them from scoring."
Reserve Taj Holden added 14 points and Terence Morris had 11 points and 10 rebounds for Maryland, whose substitutes outscored their Stanford counterparts 22-8.
Ryan Mendez led Stanford with 18 points. Jacobsen added 14 points and nine rebounds; Michael McDonald had 12 points and seven assists, and Jason Collins scored 12 for the Cardinal. His brother, Jarron, added seven points, and the twins combined for just seven rebounds.
"It seemed like the guys were just a little bit too relaxed," Mendez said. "When you look in their eyes, there should be a look. The more you see we're going lose this game. I just thought that sometimes that look wasn't there."
Stanford coach Mike Montgomery said he believes Maryland has a legitimate chance to win the national title.
"I'm sure Gary is relieved, excited, ecstatic," Montgomery said. "He's a great coach. I'm sure it's a great load off his back. In a bitter-sweet sort of way, it's nice to see Gary do that."
The sellout crowd of 18,008 at Anaheim Arena clearly favored the Pac-10 champion Cardinal over the Terrapins of the Atlantic Coast Conference, playing 3,000 miles from home.
In the end, it didn't matter as the Cardinal, ranked second in the final Associated Press poll, failed in their attempt for a second Final Four berth in four years.
Maryland, ranked 11th, reached the third round of the fifth time in eight years before advancing to its first regional final since 1975.

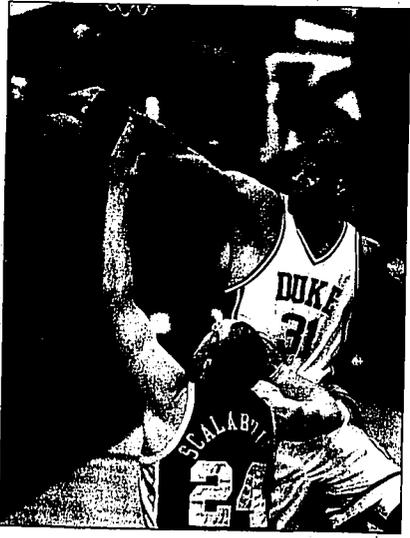
Duke advances to 13th Final Four

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Duke's been down this road before.
Jason Williams scored 28 points and Shane Battier added 20 points and 10 rebounds as Duke beat Southern California 79-69 Saturday night.
Duke's 13th Final Four and the ninth under coach Mike Krzyzewski.

The opponent next weekend in Minneapolis will be very familiar — the Blue Devils will face Maryland for the fourth time this season. The Atlantic Coast Conference schools both won regional finals over teams from the Pac-10, with the Terrapins beating Stanford 87-73, in the West.
Duke (33-4) won two of the three games against Stanford, but each win was by two points, while Maryland's victory was by 11.

The Blue Devils are 9-1 in regional finals under Krzyzewski and the latest win has them back in the Final Four for the second time in three years.
Their last national championship came in 1992 and it was on the same trip as this year's run — the first and second rounds in Greensboro, N.C., the regionals in Philadelphia and the Final Four in Minneapolis.

The Trojans (24-10) were looking for their third Final Four berth and first since 1954.
Duke's two All-Americans, the senior forward Battier and the sophomore guard Williams, ended those dreams with two more great performances in the NCAA tournament.
Battier had at least 20 points and 10 rebounds in each of the four games, while Williams' 28 points against Southern Cal was one of his average over the first three games.



Duke's Shane Battier blocks a shot by Southern California's Brian Scalabrine during the NCAA East Regional final Saturday in Philadelphia.

Battier and Williams combined for all but 10 of Duke's 43 first-half points as the Blue Devils took a five-point lead.
Then each time the Trojans scored ready to make a run, the

Blue Devils had an answer.
Three times Southern Cal was within seven points. The last two times Williams scored to put Duke back up by at least nine.
The final killer for the Trojans came from Duke freshman Chris Duhon, who finished with 13 points.
Sam Clancy, who led Southern California with 19 points, hit a turnaround with 5:47 left to make it 67-59. Battier missed a shot on the next possession but Duke kept the ball when a foul was called.
After taking the inbound pass, Duhon hit a 3-pointer from in front of the Duke bench to make it 67-59. Battier missed a shot on the next possession but Duke kept the ball when a foul was called.
Duke started the game by hitting 10 of its first 15 shots, but Southern California's matchup zone had a lot more success in the second half.
The Blue Devils missed 17 of their first 24 shots in the final 20 minutes, but it seemed Williams or Battier came up with a big play to offset the shooting slump.
Duke's biggest lead of the first half came at 32-20 when Dunclevy hit a 3-pointer with 7:50 to play, the Blue Devils' last field goal for 5:10.
A layup by Duhon ended the drought and made it 40-30, but Scalabrine hit consecutive 3s for the Trojans to make it 40-36 with 1:08 left. Duke got the lead back to 43-36, but Desmond Farmer's drive with 23 seconds left brought Southern California within five points at halftime.

Kentucky Wesleyan earns eighth Division II title

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Gino Bartolone scored 12 of his 15 points as Kentucky Wesleyan dominated the first half of a 72-63 victory Saturday over Washburn that gave the Panthers their eighth NCAA Division II basketball championship.
Bartolone made five of eight 3-pointers in the game at Cal State Bakersfield. Lorico Duncan and Marshall Sanders added 13 points each, and Duncan had 11 rebounds for the Panthers (24-3).
Randolph Williams had 19 points for Washburn of Kansas, which trailed 48-32 at halftime.
The Ichabods (29-5) regrouped in the second half, scoring the first seven points and closing the gap to their own 4-4 remaining.
But Washburn didn't score again until Melvin Ware made a 3-pointer in the final seconds.

Washburn committed six fouls in the final minute in a desperate attempt to regain possession — but succeeded only in allowing the Panthers to add six points on eight free throw tries.
It was the fourth consecutive season of 30 victories or more for Kentucky Wesleyan, and third straight year in the Division II final game. The Panthers won in 1998-99, and lost a year ago to Metro of Denver.
"They've been here before, they did a very good job in the first half," Washburn Coach Bob Chapman said of the winners: "Then our guys came back like we knew they would. We had two or three shots there to tie it, that didn't go."
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Arizona began the season with so much depth and talent that analysts hinted that the national title wasn't a high enough goal. Center Loren Woods said the Wildcats might go down as the greatest team ever.
Then, before the first tipoff, Woods was suspended. Three weeks after he returned, the coach's wife died. A week later, Arizona was in a tailspin and in jeopardy of dissolving into an overrated flop.
Now the Wildcats are three wins from the national championship. And while their rebirth sets up a heartwarming tale about a group of young men coming together in tough times and using adversity as a springboard, players say it's no big deal.
"It's really hard to put a finger on why this is special to us, but I won't say it's because of things

Arizona winds up where it expected

on physical play and everyone is expecting more of the same with a spot in the Final Four on the line this time.
"I wouldn't say we'll approach it as a street fight, but there's going to be a lot of banging," said Illinois' Frank Williams, who set a career-best with 27 points in the first game against the Wildcats, then topped that with 30 against Kansas in the regional semifinals Friday night.
Said Jefferson: "It's East vs. West. It's not friendly. If anyone saw the second game, it was a battle. There were quite a few scuffles. We're going into this game expecting the same thing."
Illinois, on its longest tournament run since 1989, is peaking at the right time. After beating early round foes by 42 and 18 points, the Illini beat the Jayhawks by 16. It was the biggest blowout loss for Kansas

coach Roy Williams in 37 games over 12 NCAA tournaments.
Illinois didn't shoot very well, but didn't have to because of excellent defense and rebounding and aggressive inside play that wore out the depth-challenged Jayhawks.
Although a similar game plan worked for the Illini against Arizona in Chicago, the Wildcats are ready for it this time. They seem ready for anything at our winning 18 of 20 since enduring a 5-5 December-January funk.
"I don't see any weaknesses with their team," Illinois coach Bill Self said. "When they were the preseason pick to win the national championship, I don't think many people disputed that. The way they're playing right now, they would definitely be considered one of the premier teams in the country."

Chaney cajoles Temple to cusp of Final Four

ATLANTA (AP) — He sniped. He smirked. He cajoled. He antagonized.
John Chaney was perfectly cast Saturday in the role of grumpy grandfather-figure, reveling in stories about the good of days and serving notice to his Temple players they'll never be good enough to beat a big, bad team like Michigan State.
"That team is a champion," Chaney said, cutting his eyes disdainfully at David Hawkins. "They're going to rip you up."
Of course, this was all part of Chaney 101: Tear his players' down, nippick their every flaw, challenge them to please him when nothing ever will.
Maybe, just maybe, this formula will finally end the Chaney to the Final Four. For the fifth time, he's come to the brink by reaching today's title game in the South Regional.

Temple (24-12) fell short the last four times, most recently in 1999. To break that streak, the Owls must beat the defending national champions, a Michigan State team that has won nine straight NCAA tournament games by double figures, the average margin a staggering 17.4 points.
Of course, the top-seeded Spartans (27-4) haven't beaten Temple since the early 1940s, losing five of the last four years against Chaney's middling 1-3-1 zone defense.
Except for those wearing green, just about everyone if pulling for

South Regional final
Who: Michigan State (27-4) vs. Temple (24-12)
When: 2:40 p.m. MST
TV: CBS

Chaney to win again. He is unquestionably the sentiment favorite in the dwindling NCAA field, a rumped, 69-year-old curmudgeon hoping to reach the pinnacle in the twilight of his career.
That Temple is an 11th-seeded team, saddled with a seven-game losing streak early in the season and a nine-player roster because of injuries and expulsions, only adds to the storyline.

With one day to prepare for Michigan State, Chaney had little time to relish the moment or shower his team with praise. Not that he's ever very generous with that sort of talk, putting down his foot at the first 5 a.m. practice and not letting it up until a player's career is over.

Michigan State receives the same sort of treatment from Izzo. He's a generation younger than Chaney but a non-nonsense producer from Mountain, Mich., where winters are brutal and eggs are not allowed.

Michigan State is trying to reach the Final Four for the third year in a row, having plucked the game off of its departing stars guard, Ron Mousain, Morris MATEEN Cleaves and Morris Peterson but still feeling like a bit of an outsider.

"We're kind of just floating," Izzo said. "We're not Cinderella, but we're not Duke or Stanford. I'm just hoping we float into the Final Four and do some damage."

Midwest Regional final
Who: Arizona (26-7) vs. Illinois (27-7)
When: 9 a.m. today
TV: CBS

that happened in the past. That's definitely not why," forward Richard Jefferson said.
"We never made excuses that this is why or this is what's going on. We knew we just had to play better. Once we got into a groove, we knew things were going to turn around for us."
Second-seeded Arizona (26-7) plays top-seeded Illinois (27-7) in the Midwest Region final today. It'll be the third time this season the teams have played.
The first two games — a 79-76 Arizona win in Maui on Nov. 22 and an 81-73 Illini victory in Chicago on Dec. 16 — were heavy

ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

Riley leads Irish over Utah

DENVER (AP) — All-America center Ruth Riley scored 18 of her 24 points in the second half, leading top-seeded Notre Dame over fifth-seeded Utah 69-54 Saturday night and into the NCAA Midwest Regional final.

Riley also had 14 rebounds and six assists.

Midwest Regional

Notre Dame (31-2), which matched the school record for victories in a season, got 15 points from point guard Niele Ivey and 11 from Alicia Ratay.

Erin Gibbons led Utah (28-4) with 14 points. Kristina Andersen had nine, all in the first half.

The Fighting Irish, who battled for the nation's No. 1 ranking all season before finishing second to Connecticut, overcame an early four-point deficit, built a seven-point halftime advantage and gradually pushed their lead to 19 late in the game.

Utah entered the game as the nation's best defensive team, holding opponents to an average of 50 points, but Notre Dame was too talented. The Irish shot 47 percent compared to Utah's 36 percent and outrebounded the Utes 41-28.

The 6-foot-5 Riley scored 12 of her team's first 13 points in the second half.

Ivey's 3-pointer made it 50-40 with 9:30 left in the game. Three minutes later, Riley's two free throws expanded Notre Dame's lead to 60-44, and two more free throws by Riley made it 67-48 with 2:20 remaining.

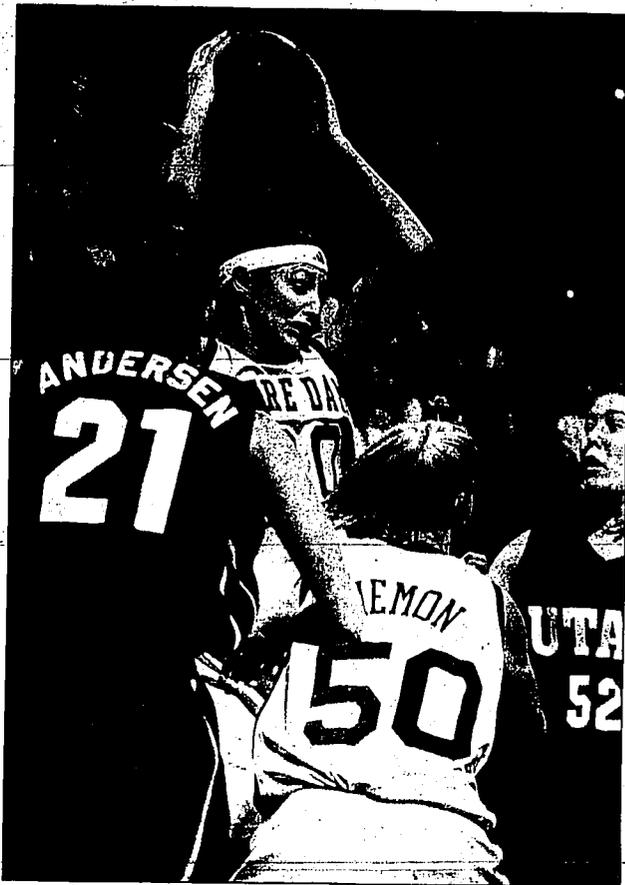
Notre Dame had little success early in the game trying to jam the ball inside to Riley. The first-team All-American and Naismith Women's College Player of the Year.

Three baskets by Kristina Andersen helped keep Utah in contention, and Erin Gibbons' long 3-pointer gave the Utes a 17-13 lead with 10:05 left in the half.

The Irish responded with an 11-2 run which started on Riley's putback of a missed 3-pointer by Alicia Ratay. Moments later, Ratay made a 3-pointer on a kick-out pass from Riley. Ratay then hit a pullup jumper. Riley made two free throws and Ericka Haney a driving layup for a 24-19 lead with 5:42 remaining in the half.

Baskets by Andersen and Lindsay Herbert drew Utah within one, but back-to-back 3-pointers by Ivey and Ratay made it 30-23.

The Irish, who shot 52 percent in the half compared to Utah's 38



Notre Dame center Ruth Riley pulls down a rebound over teammate Kelley Slemmon (50) and Utah's Kristina Andersen (21) and Lauren Beckman in the first half of an NCAA Midwest Regional semifinal in Denver, Saturday.

percent, led 32-25 at intermission. Utah lost its best defender and third-best scorer, Amy Ewert, for more than six minutes to foul trouble early in the second half.

Despite Riley's early-second-half heroics, Utah's Gibbons and Katherine McCall kept the game close until Riley fed Haney for a layup. Haney was fouled and

missed the free-throw, but Notre Dame got the rebound and Ivey hit a 3-pointer for a 10-point lead. Utah got no closer than eight points after that.



Tennessee's Sarah Edwards (31) walks off the court at the end of a 80-65 defeat at the hands of Xavier in the NCAA Women's Midwest Regional at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center in Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday.

Xavier stuns Tennessee; Purdue ends Texas Tech

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Xavier pulled off a stunning upset, knocking Tennessee out of the NCAA tournament, sending the Lady Vols to their earliest exit in seven years.

The Musketeers overcame Tennessee's height advantage and athleticism with sharp shooting and outstanding team play to earn an 80-65 victory Saturday in the Midwest Regional semifinals.

Xavier built a 10-point lead in the first half, fought off Tennessee's repeated comeback attempts and, remarkably, won going away.

Tennessee's unmatched tradition, which includes six national championships, and all of Pat Summitt's coaching acumen could not save the Lady Vols (30-3) in this one.

It was the earliest Tennessee has been eliminated from the tournament since a loss to Louisiana Tech in the 1994 regional semifinals. Instead it will be fourth-seeded Xavier, which never has come this far in the tournament, advancing to Monday night's regional final against the Purdue-Texas Tech winner.

Purdue 74; Texas Tech 72 — BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Once again, Purdue's triumph is bitter-sweet.

Katie Douglas led a short runner with 30 seconds left and the Boiler-makers took advantage of early foul trouble by Texas Tech's best post player for a 74-72 win Saturday in the NCAA Midwest Regional semifinals.

That set up a matchup Monday

Midwest regional

night with Xavier as Purdue (29-6) tries to duplicate its title run of two years ago after losing in the second round of the NCAA tournament last season.

The bad news for Purdue was that freshman Erika Valiek, a native of Lubbock, Texas, tore a ligament in her right knee, with just over four minutes left after scoring 13 points. She got hugs from her hometown team after the game.

"We've gone through a lot this year, but it's never as good as last year," said Camille Cooper, who had 17 points on 8-of-11 shooting. "It's still a bit unnerving. But I don't think it would be Purdue if we didn't have a little adversity."

"We just rallied together and tried to win the game for her," said Young. "The win was also for Tiffany Young, a popular Purdue player who was killed by a drunk driver a few months after the 1999 championship season. Young was a native of nearby Hillsboro, Ala., and much of her family was on hand Saturday."

Texas Tech freshman Julia Perkins scored 18 of her career-high 22 points in the second half to rally the Lady Raiders (25-7) from a 10-point deficit. The Lady Raiders had made the regional final in two of the last three seasons.

"There were a couple of times when we could have folded, but we didn't," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "We kept playing hard and trying to make every play to give ourselves the win."

"I think we'll be back."

Knight meets with his new team

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Bob Knight wasted no time getting to work Saturday, holding a 7 a.m. closed-door meeting with his new team at Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena.

"I won't be sleeping my life away anymore," freshman guard Mike Marshall said. "My job is to come out and work hard everyday."

Saturday's 20-minute discussion with Knight was just long enough for the team and the "General" to get a feel for one another a day after Knight signed a five-year contract with the school. The agreement will allow the coach to make about \$400,000 a year from the school and another \$500,000 in outside income.

This week, Knight will have individual conferences with each of the players.

The volatile coach was forced into a six-month hiatus from coaching after Indiana fired him last fall for breaking a no-tolerance behavior policy when he grabbed a student by the arm for referring to him by his last name.

Coach players said Knight did not discuss any of his turbulent past with them, instead focusing on the future and making sure his new team is aware of his expectations.

"He told us three things: Play hard, play smart and go to class," Tech guard Jamal Brown said. "He came in like any coach should — he came in with charge. It's either his way or the highway."

Marcus Shropshire, a freshman guard, says the team has a tough road ahead, but said everyone on the squad should be able to handle it.

"He's very demanding," Shropshire said. "Basically you have a choice. Either you do what he asks or you don't do what he asks. If you don't do what he asks, you pay the consequences."

The tough approach is something Brown likes.

"That's what this team needs," he said. "We need discipline. Discipline doesn't win games, but

Bobby's back

Former Indiana University head coach Bob Knight was named coach of Texas Tech University on Friday, replacing the fired James Dickey. The team was 7-8 at home and finished 9-19 overall.

Ellis would like to play in the NBA after his final season at Tech next year. He says having a coach like Knight can only improve his chances.

"It's going to be great for anyone who wants to continue on after college," he said. "You can see in the last week how much exposure Tech has gotten. He's a legendary coach you always watched on TV and wished you could one day play for, and now he's here. It feels kind of weird."

As he left Saturday's team meeting, Knight declined to speak with reporters. He seemed bothered by a small media presence outside the arena as he headed into the 7 a.m. meeting.

"Would it be possible for you to leave me alone," he told a photographer as he entered the building.

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UConn, La. Tech meet for first-ever game in tournament

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Leon Barriere wasn't ready for retirement, and neither were his Lady Techsters, who are back in the NCAA final eight despite an off-season upheaval.

Takeisha Lewis, taking over as Missouri's front line got into foul trouble and had 20 of her 27 points in the second half as Louisiana Tech relied on its tournament posture to beat the Tigers 78-67 Saturday and reach the East Regional final.

The Huskies (31-2) can reach their fifth women's Final Four since 1991 on Monday by beating Louisiana Tech. The two longtime powers have four NCAA titles between them, yet have never met in an NCAA tournament game.

Brooke Lassiter had 25 points, including five in a quick flurry with just under two minutes remaining after Missouri — a 10th-seeded team playing in NCAA women's round of 16 for the first time since 1982 — had closed within four points.

"I'll tell you one thing, this bunch has a lot of heart," said Barriere, one of the most successful coaches ever, with 521 victories. "We've got no seniors, and look where we came from. We've gotten everything out of this team we could possibly get."

The Techsters are in a regional final for the fourth consecutive season, even though Barriere retired for 17 days before being coaxed back last year and Tech lost six key players and two assistant coaches from a regional final team.

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"The whole year has been a battle, but we're just hungry for this championship," Lassiter said.

Lewis got the Techsters in front in the second half, but it was the 6-foot-9 Lassiter who kept them there.

With Louisiana Tech leading 64-60 and trying to run down the clock, Lassiter slowly brought the ball over the time line, drove to the baseline and back out, then hit a fallaway as the clock shot ran out.

Then, quickly getting off the floor, she jumped up and made a steal off the inbound pass, hit a layup and finished off the three-point play by making the free throw to increase Tech's lead to 69-60 with 1:38 remaining.

"What did that mean? Just the ballgame," Barriere said. "That was a great shot she made, the fallaway. It was the play of the game."

Missouri (22-10) had lost 6-foot-1 Evan Unrau and leading scorer Amanda Lassiter, who scored 19 points, to fouls, and 6-2 Marlena Williams was playing with four fouls.

Missouri, trying to become the first Big 12 team to reach the women's national semifinals, didn't get off to a good start by making only one of its first 10 shots.

But the Tigers still stayed close with the help of 11 first-half Tech turnovers, despite going 0-for-11 on 3-pointers before halting. They finished 4-of-21, with Amanda Lassiter hitting two in a row to start the second half as Missouri briefly took the lead.

Connecticut 72, North Carolina State 58

PITTSBURGH — Diana Taurasi gave defending champi-

on Connecticut a big lead with her 3-point shooting and the Huskies overcame a splashy second half to beat North Carolina State 72-58 Saturday and reach the East Regional final.

Taurasi, the nation's most heavily recruited high school player a year ago, had 24 points — 19 in a first half in which she was 5-for-5 from a point range. Sue Bird had 16.

Connecticut won its ninth in a row in NCAA women's Final Four.

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Connecticut and N.C. State have met before — as the Huskies were frequently reminders of the N.C. State upset heavily favored UConn 60-52 in the 1998 East Regional championship, a loss Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma counts as one of the worst of his career.

This time, the Wolfpack (22-11) weren't about to stick up on the Huskies. Even though Svevlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph — All-American selections last season — are injured and out for the season, and a nervous State crowd, UConn opened a 12-0 lead in the first 3.5 minutes and led by as many as 20 points before halftime.

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Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	32,059
Shaquille O'Neal	23,924
Elmore Smith	23,771
Paul Westphal	23,767
George Mikan	23,667
Bob Pettit	23,665
Bill Russell	23,657
Elgin Baylor	23,656
Earl Monroe	23,655
John Havlicek	23,654
Walt Frazier	23,653
Tim Duncan	23,652
David Robinson	23,651
Scottie Pippen	23,650
Kevin Garnett	23,649
Grant Hill	23,648
Chauncey Billups	23,647
Steve Nash	23,646
Chris Paul	23,645
Blaine Anderson	23,644
Earl Lloyd	23,643
Earl Boyden	23,642
Tommy Burleson	23,641
Tommy LaGarde	23,640
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Tommy Mack	23,638
Tommy West	23,637
Tommy Williams	23,636
Tommy Jordan	23,635
Tommy Helms	23,634
Tommy Kelle	23,633
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Malone sets free throw mark in win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone became the NBA career leader for free throws made and Jacques Vaughn scored a career-high 48 points as the Utah Jazz beat the Washington Wizards 119-93 Saturday night.

Malone became the NBA career leader for free throws made when he converted a pair of foul shots with 10:48 remaining in the third quarter. Malone, who has made 8,534 of 11,576 free throws in his 16-year career, passed Moses Malone, who made 8,531 of 11,020.

Donyell Marshall scored 16 points, Malone added 15 and Scott Padgett 13 for the Jazz. Richard Hamilton scored 25 points for Washington, which has lost five of its last six games. Jahdi White added 18 as the Wizards closed their road trip with a 1-4 record.

The Jazz, coming off a disappointing 101-99 loss to Portland on Thursday, charged to a 28-8 lead in the first eight minutes. Utah scored 20 of its first 28 points on a combination of layups, dunks and free throws, shooting 82 percent in the first quarter.

The Wizards shot 26 percent and trailed 41-13 at the end of the first quarter. Utah set season-highs in first-quarter and first-half points. The Jazz led 70-40 at the break.

Mavs 103, Hornets 100

DALLAS — Michael Finley had 31 points and 10 rebounds, and Dirk Nowitzki added 27 points as the Dallas Mavericks ended a two-game losing streak with a 103-100 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Saturday night.

Steve Nash also scored 22 points for the Mavericks. David Wesley and Elden Campbell each had 25 points for Charlotte, which lost its second straight.

The Hornets had been the league's hottest team, winning 13 of 15 before Friday night's overtime loss at Chicago and



Utah's Karl Malone shoots and makes a free throw to break Moses Malone's all-time record for free throws made in a career, in the second half of the Jazz's 119-93 victory over the Wizards, Saturday in Salt Lake City.

Saturday night's defeat.

Cavs 117, Nuggets 105
CLEVELAND — Andre Miller had 24 points and 13 assists as Cleveland won back-to-back

games for the first time in two months.

Seven players scored in double figures for Cleveland, which went 4-23 since earning back-to-back wins against Portland and Chicago in January.

Chris Gatling scored 20 points, Lamond Murray 16 and Matt Harpring 13 for the Cavaliers.

Antonio McDyess had 32 points and 13 rebounds and Nick Van Exel scored 26 points for Denver.

Avs, Bourque skate past Bruins 4-2

BOSTON (AP) — Ray Bourque's return to Boston got off to a rousing start and a victorious finish.

In between, he and his Colorado Avalanche teammates struggled to stay ahead before beating the Bruins 4-2 Saturday for their fifth straight win.

The two-minute, pregame video tribute to Bourque barely ended when Colorado scored as Joe Sakic tied a team record for fastest goal to start a game by connecting at nine seconds.

Bourque assisted on goals by Dan Hinote and Chris Drury to boost the lead to 3-0 at 4:01 as Colorado, which leads the NHL in points, showed why Bourque has a solid chance of winning his first Stanley Cup in 22 NHL seasons.

The improbability of that happening in Boston was the reason he asked the Bruins to trade him in his 21st season with them. They sent him to Colorado on March 7, 2000, and the Avalanche are 61-15-10-4 since.



Colorado Avalanche defenseman Ray Bourque (77) is checked by Boston Bruins wing Joe Thornton during the first period in Boston Saturday.

Steve Duchesne had two assists for the Red Wings, who took 47 shots.

Osgood, who earned his first shutout this season, wasn't heavily tested en route to his 23rd victory.

Blue Jackets 6, Flames 4

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Espen Knutsen set a team record with five points — all assists — as Columbus beat Calgary.

Three other Blue Jackets tied or set career highs for the NHL expansion team. Jamie Heward scored two goals, David Vyborny added a goal and two assists, and Deron Quint finished with a goal and two assists to set a career-high in points for a season with 21.

Columbus, which had scored only two power-play goals in its previous 27 chances, tied a franchise record with four. The Flames entered the game having killed 10 consecutive penalties.

Ronald Petrovicky and Jarome Iginla had a goal and an assist each for Calgary, winless in its last seven road games.

Mighty Ducks 3, Kings 3

LOS ANGELES — Oleg Tverdovsky scored with 7:09 left in the third period to help lift the Anaheim to a tie with Los

snapped the Hurricanes' season-high four-game winning streak, ending their bid to win five straight for the first time since February 1996.

Maple Leafs 5, Flyers 3

TORONTO — Yanic Perreault had a goal and an assist to lead Toronto over Philadelphia.

Mats Sundin, Igor Korolev, Akh Berg and Daroy Tucker also scored for the Maple Leafs, who played the Flyers for the first time since a possible deal for Eric Lindros fell through.

Mark Recchi scored two third-period goals for the Flyers, who almost overcame a 4-1 deficit.

Tucker scored an empty-netter with one second left. Toronto's Danny Markov got two assists after missing the previous 22 games with back problems.

John LeClair and Simon Gagne each had an assist in their returns to the Flyers' lineup. Gagne missed 12 games with a dislocated left shoulder, and LeClair 46 with back problems.

Thrashers 3, Canadiens 2

MONTREAL — Steve Guolla scored the go-ahead goal in the third period and added two assists as Atlanta rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat Montreal.

Hnat Domenichelli also had a goal and two assists for Atlanta, which beat Montreal for the first time in eight meetings. Jeff Odgers also scored for the Thrashers, who won for the first time in 39 games this season when trailing after two periods (1-32-51).

Martin Rucinsky and Richard Zednik scored for Montreal, which is 1-5-2-1 in its last nine.

Capitals 3, Lightning 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Steve Konowalchuk scored the go-ahead goal on a power play with 4:19 left in the third period as Washington snapped a five-game losing streak.

Konowalchuk scored on a rebound during a goal-mouth scramble after goalie Kevin Weekes stopped Ulf Dahlien's backhand. Peter Bondra had a goal and an assist for the Southeast Division-leading Capitals, who overcame an early two-goal deficit.

Goals by Ben Clymer and Fredrik Modin, coming on Tampa Bay's first three shots against Washington backup goaltender Craig Billington, made it 2-0 three-minutes in.

Spurs hit it all together

By Mark Heisler
Los Angeles Times

Listed by Ranking Team Record (through Friday) Comment

1. San Antonio, 49-20, Imagine that: a Western elite team on which everyone likes everyone else.
2. Sacramento) NBA Top 10 Management isn't backing Jason Williams: They'd just as soon start Bobby Jackson.
3. Utah, 46-21 Sloan's 13th season with them. One other coach (Tomjanovich) is over six.
4. Portland, 45-24 Now for darned rally you ever saw? After 1-6 fall, Trail Blazers win at Dallas, Utah.
5. Philadelphia, 45-21 Palled rabbits out of hats all year but not last week without Brown, Iverson.
6. Milwaukee, 43-25 Could heat be lost to anyone: Bucks are 7-3 against NBA's top six teams.
7. Los Angeles Lakers, 46-23 So much for into-season rally. Better start praying for playoff miracle.
8. Dallas, 43-25 Nelson now starting Bradley, preparing for big playoff foes.
9. New York, 41-27 Oops: On 7-1 run before heading west, managed to Nets at home.
10. Miami, 41-27 East teams are scared Murrain's coming back this spring rather than next fall.

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Team	W-L-T
Florida Panthers	31-18-11
Atlanta Thrashers	29-22-11
Washington Capitals	28-23-11
Philadelphia Flyers	27-24-11
Carolina Hurricanes	26-25-11
Montreal Canadiens	25-26-11
Tampa Bay Lightning	24-27-11
St. Louis Blues	23-28-11
Calgary Flames	22-29-11
Colorado Avalanche	21-30-11
San Jose Sharks	20-31-11
Phoenix Coyotes	19-32-11
Chicago Blackhawks	18-33-11
Los Angeles Kings	17-34-11
Minnesota Wild	16-35-11
Buffalo Sabres	15-36-11
Arizona Coyotes	14-37-11
San Jose Sharks	13-38-11
Phoenix Coyotes	12-39-11
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Los Angeles Kings	10-41-11
Minnesota Wild	9-42-11
Buffalo Sabres	8-43-11
Arizona Coyotes	7-44-11
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Shorthanded Minico loses at Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS - With a couple of starters out for personal reasons, the Minico Spartans dropped an 11-6 nonconference game at Idaho Falls on Saturday.
 Ty Dietz led the Spartans (2-2 overall, 1-0 Region III) with two hits, including a double.
 Despite the loss, Minico coach Russ Wright said the season is early. "They played good," he said. "Hard hit ball for hard hit ball, we were probably better, but we just didn't execute the defensive plays."
 Minico returns home Monday for a noon doubleheader with Borah. **Idaho Falls 11, Minico 6**

De La Hoya stops Gatti in fifth round

LAS VEGAS - Oscar De La Hoya, who said he's going to concentrate on boxing instead of singing, pounded out a steady beat on Arturo Gatti's head and body.
 De La Hoya marked his return from a nine-month layoff Saturday night with a fifth-round victory.
 "It was a slugfest from start to finish, but De La Hoya had too much power for Gatti, knocking him down in the first round and stopping him at 1:16 of the fifth."
 After De La Hoya landed a barrage of punishing head shots, Gatti's corner threw a towel into the ring and trainer Hector Rocha began to climb through the ropes. Then, referee Jay Nady signaled the end.
 "I think he expects me to be an easy target," Gatti had said. And, although he fought bravely, a target is what he was.
 Gatti shook De La Hoya with a big left hook early in the first round and brought a roar from a crowd of about 12,000 fans in the MGM Garden. With about 20 seconds left in the round, De La Hoya knocked Gatti down with a left hook, a right and another left hook to the head.
 "I'm not even close to becoming as good as I can become," said the 28-year-old De La Hoya, who has held world titles in four weight classes. "This is just a start. I knew Gatti would be tough."

BSU women's assistant jumps to the WNBA

BOISE - Boise State University women's basketball assistant coach Tricia Binfard has resigned to pursue a WNBA career with the Cleveland Rockers, the school announced Friday.
 Binfard, a Bronco alumna, served two seasons under head coach Tricia Stevens. She played professionally in Australia for two seasons (1997-98), before joining the WNBA's Utah Starz and the Rockers.
 At BSU, she was the team's starting point guard, where she helped the team to two Big Sky Conference titles in 1992 and 1994. She was a three-time all-Big Sky selection.

Malone sets NBA free-throw record

SALT LAKE CITY - Karl Malone broke the NBA record for free throws made Saturday night in the Utah Jazz's 119-93 victory over Washington.
 Malone, who has made 8,534 of 11,576 free throws in his 16-year career, passed Moses Malone, who made 8,031 of 11,090.
 Malone was fouled by Washington's Jahdi White while going up for a shot in the lane. The Utah star made both free throws with 10:48 remaining in the third quarter to give Utah a 85-52 lead.
 Malone shot 9-for-10 from the line and finished with 15 points.
 He acknowledged the standing ovation by the Delta Center crowd and shook hands with his teammates.
 Malone reached the milestone despite shooting 48 percent from the line in his rookie season and less than 60 percent in his second season.

New Mexico blasts Hawaii at WNIT

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Jordan Adams scored 15 of her 17 points in the first half, and New Mexico's defense again was solid as the Lobos advanced to the championship game of the WNIT with a 68-43 win Saturday night over Hawaii.
 New Mexico (22-12) will play the winner of today's semifinal game between James Madison and Ohio State. The Lobos women will be making their first appearance in a national championship game.
 The title game will be played here Wednesday night.

Kwan wins fourth worlds figure skating

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - She laid it out there on the ice, all she had. Michelle Kwan then sat backstage and waited.
 That might have been more difficult than the four minutes of triple jumps, exquisite spins and superb artistry in her free skate.
 And when Kwan learned that archival Irina Slutskaya came up short Saturday night in the World Figure Skating Championships, she bawled like a baby.
 "It's been such a rough year, starting off I had a few doubts," said Kwan, who lost twice to Slutskaya in significant competitions this season.
 Kwan couldn't watch Slutskaya's performance, which came directly after the five-time U.S. champion finished her program, worth 50 percent of the total score. Instead, she watched her coach, Frank Carroll, who took to Slutskaya's free skate on a monitor.
 "Four times, that's awesome. No words can describe what I felt," said Kwan, 20, who now carries a huge edge into next year's Olympics. The woman's gold medalist at the games was older winners preceding the last four Olympics.
 Kwan also tied the U.S. record for world medals with her sixth - she also has two silvers.

Demons down Maniax in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO - Mike Pawlawski threw for 215 yards and three touchdowns as the San Francisco Demons broke a two-game losing streak with a 21-6 victory Saturday night over the Memphis Maniax.
 Pawlawski completed 26-of-44 for 215 yards as the Demons (4-4) moved into a tie for second place in the Western Division of the XFL. Jimmy Cunningham caught nine of Pawlawski's passes for 74 yards, including a 3-yard touchdown with 3:15 remaining giving the Demons a 21-6 lead.
 Memphis (3-5) scored a touchdown with 1:15 left on a 12-yard pass from Jim Druckenmiller to Beau Morgan. The loss all but ended the playoff hopes for the Maniax.
 After the Maniax opened the scoring on a 12-yard TD pass from Druckenmiller to Daryl Hobbs midway through the first quarter, the Demons scored 15 straight points in the second.
 Pawlawski found Travis Moore with a 7-yard touchdown pass with 6:40 left in the half, followed by a 12-yard scoring strike over the middle to Brian Roberson 4:55 later.
 Druckenmiller was intercepted by Terrell Sutton, setting up a 35-yard field goal by Mike Panasuk to end the first half.

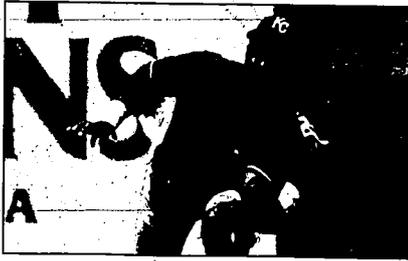
Xtreme outlaw Outlaws 35-26

LOS ANGELES - Tommy Maddox threw for four touchdowns in the first half as the Los Angeles Xtreme defeated the Las Vegas Outlaws 35-26 Saturday night to clinch a berth in the XFL playoffs.
 Maddox completed 25 of 36 passes for 252 yards and was intercepted once as Las Vegas Outlaws (6-2) won their fourth consecutive game.
 Las Vegas quarterback Ryan Clement completed 17 of 31 passes for 190 yards with three touchdowns and one interception, all to tight end Ricky Brady.
 Jose Cortez kicked field goals of 32, 42 and 44 yards, the last coming with 47 seconds left.
 Los Angeles converted two Outlaws turnovers into its first two touchdowns: Maddox threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jermaine Copeland two plays after Tinker Keck forced Chyus Chyusuma to fumble the opening kickoff.
 Saladin McCullough turned screen pass from Maddox into a 19-yard second-quarter touchdown, eight plays after Shawn Stuckey intercepted Clement at the Las Vegas 49.
 Las Vegas (4-4) pulled within 26-20 on Clement's six-yard touchdown pass to Brady in the third quarter.

Injuries leave many stars doubtful

The Associated Press

Nomar Garciaparra is doubtful for opening day. Derek Jeter and Ken Griffey Jr. are also injured. Jeter's wrist is still causing him trouble, and Boston's star shortstop will fly to Virginia on Monday to see a hand specialist.
 "Right now, we want to give it more time to heal on its own," Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette said Saturday at Fort Myers, Fla. "To have Nomar with us on opening day is probably doubtful for us."
 Duquette said no decision has been made about surgery, which could sideline Garciaparra for several months.
 Garciaparra has a split tendon in the wrist, an injury that has lingered since Sept. 25, 1999, when he was hit by a pitch. He played with the problem last season and hit .270 to win his second straight AL batting title.
 Garciaparra was shut down when his wrist ached up early in camp.
 Jeter, slowed this spring by an assortment of troubles, could start the season on the disabled list. The New York Yankees' shortstop did not take part in drills Saturday because of a right quadriceps injury.
 "I can't tell you he'll be ready for the season," manager Joe Torre said before the Yankees played the Philadelphia Phillies in Clearwater, Fla. "There's no plan. We'll see how he feels. In order not to lose him for an extended period during the start of the season, playing here or playing there makes that difference. You have to be cautious."
 Jeter has played in just five games this spring. He has also been sidelined by a right shoulder injury and viral throat infection.
 Jeter underwent an MRI on Friday after running for the first time since leaving a sprained Achilles' tendon on Friday, he has a sprain. He will miss his last scheduled spring start Wednesday.
 "It's stiff," said Brown, who walked with a pronounced limp



Kansas City Royals' center fielder Trenton Hubbard makes a diving catch for the ball off the bat of Atlanta Braves' Pedro Swann during the second inning Saturday.

Spring training

through Los Angeles clubhouse. "I'm trying to stay off of it. I'm not going to do anything to really test it. It all depends on how it recovers, how it responds to treatment."
 Team physician Dr. Frank Jobe said the worst-case scenario is that Brown may be out a few weeks. He cautioned that there's no way to know for sure until the tendon has been rested and treated.
 "The question is, of course, when can he pitch in a real game," Jobe said.

Red Sox 6, Twins 1

At Fort Myers, Fla., Bret Saberhagen pitched two scoreless innings in his first outing against major league hitters since 1999. The Boston right-hander has been trying to come back from reconstructive surgery on his right shoulder.

Orioles 9, Dodgers 5

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Cal Ripken, walked twice in three plate appearances in his spring debut. The Baltimore star, sidelined since the beginning of training camp because of a hairline fracture in his right rib cage, took only one swing and fielded one grounder to third base.

Cubs 7, Mariners 6

At Mesa, Ariz., Sammy Sosa hit his eighth home run of the

salary over the next three seasons.

D'backs (ss) 10, Giants 6
 At Tucson, Ariz., Randy Johnson struck out eight in his final time facing major league hitters this spring. The NL Cy Young winner, also doubled and singled.

Angels 11, Athletics 2
 At Phoenix, Barry Zito allowed 10 runs on 10 hits in two innings for Oakland. Before the game, Athletics pitcher Tim Lincecum (ss) 11, Rays (ss) 5

At Kissimmee, Fla., Brian Jordan hit a pair of home runs, including a grand slam, and drove in six runs for Atlanta.

Indians 5, Astros 2
 At Winter Haven, Fla., Cleveland rookie C.C. Sabathia struck out six in five innings and broke a Houston bats.

Rangers 4, Pirates 3
 At Bradenton, Fla., Alex Rodriguez went 3-for-3 with a home run and Kenny Rogers pitched 7 2-3 effective innings and hit an RBI single for Texas.

D/Rays (ss) 3, Blue Jays 2
 At St. Petersburg, Fla., Ben Griep hit a two-run double and Bobby Smith homered to lead Tampa Bay's split squad.

Royals 5, Braves (ss) 4, 10 Innings
 At Gainesville, Fla., Raul Ibanez hit an RBI in the 10th inning and Kansas City edged Atlanta's split squad.

Tigers 8, Reds 5
 At Lakeland, Fla., Robert Fick and Billy McMillin hit two-run homers for Detroit.

D'backs (ss) 7, Padres (ss) 3
 At Yuma, Ariz., Jack Cust homered, singled and scored a pair of runs for Arizona. The game was played before a sell-out crowd of 7,326 at Desert Sun Stadium. The Padres' spring-training home for 24 years before they moved in 1994.

Mets 9, Cardinals 0
 At Jupiter, Fla., Al Leiter extended his scoreless streak to 15 2-3 innings this spring for New York. St. Louis manager Tony La Russa was ejected for arguing a call on the bases in the second inning.

Brewers 8, Padres (ss) 3
 At Peoria, Ariz., Ricky Henderson went hitless in two at-bats in his first spring exhibition appearance for San Diego. Richie Sexson hit his seventh homer for Milwaukee.

White Sox 8, Rockies 3
 At Tucson, Ariz., Frank Thomas hit a two-run homer for Chicago. Barry Walker homered for the second straight day for Colorado, hitting a solo shot within hours after announcing he would defer \$18 million in

Winston Cup driver Kenseth wins Busch race

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) - Matt Kenseth, struggling this season in his Winston Cup car, found success Saturday in the Busch Series by winning the crash-marred Cheez-It 250.
 Kenseth led the final 48 laps at Bristol Motor Speedway and easily beat Tim Fedewa to the finish line for his 12th career Grand National victory.
 "It's nice to run well and have a good car anytime," said Kenseth, who is 27th in the Winston Cup points standings and hasn't finished higher than 17th this season.
 Kenseth then got into his Winston Cup car for the final practice before today's Food City 500 and his struggles continued - he had the 42nd slowest car of 43 on the track.

Auto racing

Kenseth and Fedewa were the only two cars in contention for the win over the final 10 laps. But Fedewa got stuck in last traffic, allowing Kenseth to build a comfortable two-car-length lead.
 Fedewa was still pleased - his previous best finish this season was 18th - and he was fined \$5,000 earlier this week for banging Ryan Newman after last week's race.
 "To get this car to a second, it gives us some momentum and confidence and we needed it bad," Fedewa said. "It feels good to run so well."
 Randy LaJoie finished third and was followed by Jimmie

Johnson, Kenny Wallace and Newman.
 Pole-sitter Kevin Harvick was seventh and had a strong car - he led a total of 86 laps - but lost ground when he was black-flagged for jumping a restart after a caution.
 Tony Raines was eighth, Tim Sauter ninth and Winston Cup regular Michael Waltrip 10th.

Worsham top Funny Car qualifier
 BAYTOWN, Texas - Del Worsham held the top spot for the first time in 10 years in the Funny Car division after final qualifying Saturday at the NHRA's O'Reilly Nationals.
 Worsham ran a quarter-mile in

4.810 seconds at 313.22 mph to take the No. 1 position for final eliminations today.
 Mike Dunn, Mike Edwards, Antron Brown and Bob Panella were the leading qualifiers in their divisions.
 Dunn, whose first-round qualifying pass of 331.61 mph on Friday was the fastest in the NHRA's 50-year history, led the Top Fuel category with a run of 4.534 at 424.50 mph.
 Edwards led in Pro Stock with a pass of 6.843 at 200.68. Brown led the fastest Pro Stock motorcycle field in NHRA history with a pass of 7.167 at 186.41. Panella set both ends of the NHRA Pro Stock Truck national record with a run of 7.420 at 182.11.

No. 1 Kuersten struggles at Ericsson

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) - Hardcourts aren't easy for Gustavo Kuersten, as he showed Saturday.
 The lucky Brazilian, seeded and ranked No. 1, struggled to beat Hicham Arazi 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-4 in his opening match in the Ericsson Open.
 "It's nice to run well and have a good car anytime," said Kuersten. But like a hardcourt champion, he won with his serve, smacking 10 aces and never facing a break point.
 "I'm pretty confident to come out here and play," Kuersten said. "I know that at least the other guy has to play good to beat me."
 In women's play, second-seeded Lindsay Davenport and No. 4 Jennifer Capriati won following first-round byes. No. 7 Elena Dementieva was leading 6-2, 2-0 when American Alexandra Stevenson retired because of a strained back.

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California focuses on new treatment to combat drug abuse

Program emphasizes rehabilitation, not jail

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The achingly thin, ghostly pale, blonde woman with too-bright blue eyes sits for only a few minutes, waiting nervously among a dozen people seeking drug and alcohol abuse treatment at Walden House.

Then she heads for the door. "She said she doesn't belong with 'those people,'" says Chris Canter, a staff member who followed her outside and chased her down to talk. She never returned.

In truth, the woman in her-20s has much in common with other members of the Walden House "family."

She smoked crack and shot heroin. They abandoned their children and robbed stores. They snatched purses and sold their bodies.

California has embarked on an ambitious experiment to divert thousands of these nonviolent drug offenders out of the prison system and into community treatment programs like this one in the tough Mission District.

Treatment is tricky. Chemical dependency doesn't disappear after addicts swallow a magic pill or learn to "just say no." Addicts' treatment needs are as varied as their drugs of choice.

However, experts agree that behavior modification is a necessary part of any successful treatment program and the longer addicts stay in treatment, the better their chances of staying clean.

Walden House, established in 1965, focuses on a "preparing process" — examining one's life, ridding oneself of bad habits and growing up all over again.

Between 25 percent and 45 percent of Walden House clients successfully complete their treat-



Joshua participates in an anger management meeting in January at Walden House in San Francisco.

time employment or school attendance and general satisfaction with their lives.

"If you listen you will see the love of the staff members," says a client named Angelle during a break at a recent anger management workshop, part of her densely scheduled day. "Once you stop being angry and stop feeling sorry for yourself... once you start trying, everything falls into place."

At 32, the petite woman has 10 children but custody of none. She desperately wants Walden House to work for her. It's her "once in a lifetime chance, and I don't have any more chances left.... It's either use drugs and die or go get help."

Sixty-one percent of Californians passed Proposition 36 last November, despite opposition from police, prosecutors and prison officials. The measure requires treatment rather than

time behind bars for those convicted for the first or second time of being under the influence of drugs or possessing drugs for personal use.

The initiative provides \$120 million annually to treat 37,000 drug offenders, funneled through county governments based on local drug arrests, treatment caseloads and population. The state has already distributed \$60 million in startup funds.

But it's not enough to clear the state's already lengthy waiting lists for treatment, and experts fear much of the money won't go to the most effective programs.

The new law, which goes into effect July 1, doesn't specify what type of treatment offenders receive, and Canter and others believe that most will be directed to outpatient programs, which are less expensive but also generally less effective than residential programs.

A 1994 study showed that cocaine use decreased by 67 percent one year after completion of a long-term residential program; that's compared to a 57 percent decrease after outpatient treatment. Unemployment dropped 13 percent and 7 percent, respectively; law breaking decreased by 67 percent and 36 percent, respectively.

Still, addiction experts say there will be cost savings, citing another 1994 study that found every treatment dollar saves taxpayers \$746 in money not spent cleaning up after addicts' crimes and health problems.

While exclusive retreats like the Betty Ford Clinic charge as much as \$1,400 a day, treatment need not be so costly. At Walden House, which is supported by local, state and federal funds and private donations, residential treatment costs about \$78 a day and outpatient, about \$3.

Some Utah towns cheer new stance on arsenic

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The federal government's decision to switch back to an older drinking water standard could save Utah communities millions of dollars.

The Bush administration announced Tuesday it will reverse a January decision to set the ceiling for arsenic in drinking water to 10 parts per billion. Instead, the maximum will now be a much higher 50 parts per billion.

Had the January level remained in place, Utah communities might have been required to spend as much as \$95 million to bring water systems into compliance, said Russ Donoghue, executive director of the Rural Water Association.

Two of the state's largest water districts — the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District and the Salt Lake City Public Utilities Water Department — already test well below 10 parts per billion for arsenic.

But as many as 50 systems in the state would be affected by the 10 parts per billion standard.

In Delta, where there are still active hot springs, studies have found naturally occurring levels of arsenic in drinking water sources at levels between 11 and 22 parts per billion. The city is already in the midst of a \$50,000 study to determine what types of technology it would take to bring those levels down, said Neil Forster, Delta's public works director.

Old mining communities such as Park City have begun to look at what actions would be needed to meet the lower standards where some sources are testing at 15 parts per billion.

Donoghue thinks the 10 parts per billion level is too low.

"We think (the EPA) has had a rush to judgment," he said. "There hasn't been many studies on the effects on humans."

The Clinton administration set the 10 parts per billion standard. This week, the Environmental Protection Agency decided to revert back to the original standard set in 1942 while it reviews the matter.

Expert says market keeps western art collectors' bids low

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — The C.M. Russell Auction of Old West Art drew bids of \$4.750 Friday night, the third highest total ever.

But officials said 14 pieces didn't meet their minimum bid price as buyers apparently were unwilling to spend freely.

Last year's first night total was \$413,350. The auction's biggest first night was \$431,000 in 1998.

Ginger Renner, the grand dame of the auction and a Western art expert, said art investors were reacting somewhat to the sour financial developments.

"I don't think there's any doubt about it," Renner said of the tanked stock market holding the first night back. The auction has never had 14 pieces fail to meet their minimum, she said.

Auction chairman Jerry Goroski, former curator of art at the Russell Museum, said he wasn't convinced of a connection and things could change dramatically by Saturday night.

As the auction began, former world champion auctioneer Bruce Brock of LeMars, Iowa, went straight at the stock market issue.

"Everybody looking for alternative places, safe places," Brock told the audience. "This is it. It won't drop 60 percent (of its value) next year."

The auction spokeswoman Lisa Pierce said attendance was nearly 1,500.

The auction, in its 33rd year, is a fundraiser put on by the Great Falls Advertising Federation to benefit the city's landmark C.M. Russell Museum.

The event is one of the world's major Western art auctions and attracts buyers from across the nation.

The top price paid was \$15,500 for the oil painting "Pompey's Feather" by People's Choice Award winner Karen Niles of Polson. A Howard Roger's oil also sold for \$15,000.

The Russell Auction was the first big Western art auction held since the market dropped, said veteran dealer Van Kirke Nelson of Kalispell.

However, Nelson remained optimistic and said, "I think that the people who come here are stable."

In fact, the conventional wisdom among artists is that a falling stock market is good for the art market. The theory is that quality art is a stable, relatively predictable alternative place to spend money.

Saturday night's auction includes a Russell watercolor that officials believe may sell for more than \$150,000.

Judge suspends naked attacker's sentence, orders mental treatment

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man who took off his clothes at a stabbed several people has received a suspended sentence and been ordered to get mental help.

David Campbell, 33, was sentenced Friday to up to 15 years in prison for each of two counts of attempted murder. But 3rd District Judge Timothy Hansen suspended his sentence and put Campbell on probation for five years.

The judge ordered Campbell, who has been in jail or a psychiatric hospital since his arrest in April, to go along with whatever outpatient treatment plan is prepared for him by Valley Mental Health. He also said Campbell

must live with his parents, wear an ankle monitor, take medication for his mental illness and stay away from alcohol and drugs.

Campbell pleaded guilty last fall and admitted that while he was a friend's house in Kearns on April 10, he suddenly disrobed, ran outside and smashed his head through the windshield of a parked car.

When he tried to get back into the house, he found the door locked. He forced it open, grabbed a knife and attacked several people. Prosecutors said Campbell also held the knife to the throat of a 3-year-old girl, whom he intended to "sacrifice" to get to heaven.

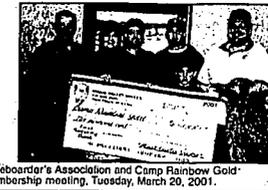
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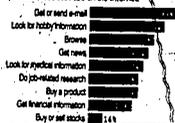
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CSI offers injury prevention classes

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Casita Center is offering a bring-a-sack-lunch Injury Prevention Series from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays in April.

The Injury Prevention sessions are specialized training developed by the American Red Cross to meet the needs of employees, employers and OSHA regulations.

Each one-hour class is taught by an American Red Cross-certified instructor.

The four-course series includes Back Injury Prevention; Ergonomics; Slips, Trips and Falls; and Workplace Violence Awareness. Cost is \$35 for the series, or single classes are \$10.

Call 678-1400.

Red Cross to offer first aid training course

TWIN FALLS - The Sawtooth Branch of the American Red Cross in April will offer classes in "Workplace Training: Standard First Aid," which is adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

Participants will learn to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, ages 9 and above, the Red Cross said.

A single-session class is set for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 14, and the two-session course will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. April 23 and 24 at the Red Cross office, 718 Shoshone St. E.

For more information or to register, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321.

The Center for New Directions holds class

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a career-planning workshop.

"It will benefit people who are beginning an education, trying to identify interests or developing new skills," the center said. A professional career counselor will help students identify their interests, discover their workplace talents, explore careers in demand and investigate their options.

The two-session workshop will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. April 2 and 5 at the Center for New Directions, Call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680. Admission is free; career tests are included.

The Times-News changes submissions deadline

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News this week and next week will change its deadline for submission of news items to print in the Sunday Money section's YourBusiness column.

For the upcoming Sunday edition, the deadline for YourBusiness submissions will be noon Tuesday. Next week, it will be noon April 3.

Then the following week, the deadline will return to the customary noon on Thursday.

Compiled from staff reports

Idaho offers its own 529

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's new college savings program, rolled out Wednesday, is likely to be popular because of Idaho's generous tax break on contributions, said an official of the company that runs the program for Idaho.

"It's one of the best tax deductions in the country," said John D. Middlebrook, TIAA-CREF's program manager for Idaho.

Dubbed "IDEAL," the state-sponsored savings option lets Idaho families earn an annual state-tax deduction of up to \$8,000 while saving for children's college expenses and watching the investments grow tax-deferred.

That tax deduction means Idaho's 529 plan - so named for the section of federal tax law that authorized such programs - offers savers an immediate financial benefit even if there's not much time to save before the beneficiary heads to college, TIAA-CREF spokesman Stephen Ludwig said.

All but one or two other states

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All about Idaho's 529 college savings program

About investing:

- It takes just \$25 to open an account, or \$15 through payroll deduction.
- Contributions per beneficiary can be made until the total balance for all accounts for that beneficiary reaches \$235,000.
- No income limitations prevent folks from investing.
- U.S. residents outside of Idaho can use the state's program, too - though the federal income-tax break might not benefit them.
- The three investment options are: 100 percent equity, investing in both domestic and international stocks with returns that fluctuate; a guaranteed return, such as from a money market fund; and managed allocation.
- The latter - and most popular - option combines a changing proportion of equity, bond and money market funds, depending on the beneficiary's age. Under the managed allocation option,

portfolios are rebalanced regularly as the beneficiary nears college age. Returns will fluctuate and are not guaranteed.

Or the investor may choose a combination of the three investment options. The all-stocks option was popular eight or nine months ago, said Stephen Ludwig, spokesman for program manager TIAA-CREF, which manages 11 states' tuition savings plans. "Right now it's not so popular, for obvious reasons."

- There's no enrollment fee. Total annual expense charge is .86 percent to .94 percent, or 86 to 94 cents for every \$100 of assets under management.
- Contributions can be made by mail, by automatic debit of checking or savings accounts, by telephone or by payroll deduction.

About the taxes:

- Contributions are eligible for an Idaho income-tax deduction of up to \$4,000 per account owner - \$8,000 for joint filers. This year only, applications received by April 15 can be applied to the 2000 tax year.
- Federal and state taxes on the

account earnings are deferred. The eventual taxes, on earnings and the tax-deductible portion of contributions, are paid - upon distribution - at the student's income-tax rate. The student's rate is generally lower than that of the account owner, and possibly zero.

• Contributions made to an Education IRA for any beneficiary for whom a contribution to a college savings program was made in the same year are subject to a federal excise tax of up to 6 percent until the money is withdrawn.

About using the money:

- The money can be used at nearly all accredited colleges and universities in the nation, as well as vocational, technical and graduate schools. Some schools abroad are eligible. Other eligible institutions include proprietary and professional schools and theological seminaries that are eligible to participate in federal financial aid programs.
- Covered expenses include tuition, certain room and board costs, books and other college-related costs.
- Nonqualified withdrawals incur a 10 percent penalty on investment earnings and tax implications.

• Anyone of any age can be a beneficiary - including the person who opens the account.

• Accumulations not used by the account beneficiary can be transferred without tax or penalty to another family member to pay his or her post-secondary education expenses. "The definition of family is quite broad, but it's the federal code that defines all these particular members," said Judy Constock, investment manager for the Idaho treasurer's office, who chaired the committee that last year selected TIAA-CREF to manage Idaho's program.

• Funds can also be withdrawn without penalty in the event of a beneficiary's death, disability or receipt of a scholarship.

About getting started:

- For a program disclosure booklet, call toll-free 1-866-IDEAL.
- Or visit the program's website at: www.idsave.org.

Sources: State Treasurer Ron G. Crane; program vendor TIAA-CREF.

LOVE CAN BE FICKLE

Executives wonder why the bloom is off the rose for America's favorite fuel

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - For a decade natural gas has been the fuel to love. It's clean, plentiful and found close to home. Most important, it was cheap.

No longer. As natural gas prices have soared to as much as five times what they were 18 months ago, consumers - from the elderly trying to heat their homes to executives who are shutting down chemical plants because of high gas prices - are wondering what happened.

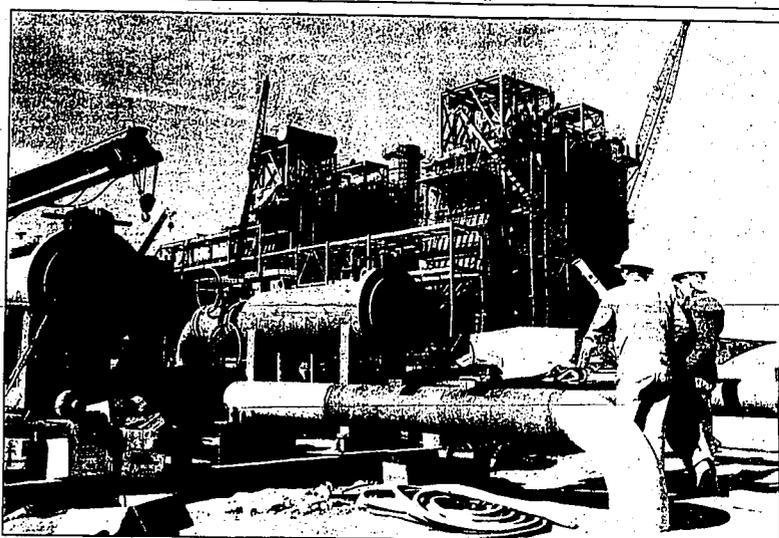
• Are producers profiteering? Maybe. At the very least, they're raking in billions of dollars.

• Will the high costs, which have eased in recent weeks, rebound this summer and into next fall? Supplies remain tight. If the summer is a hot one, prices could again soar.

• Can future production meet growing demand? Most experts say there's plenty of gas; developing it will depend on price and building new pipelines.

• Should the government reimpose price controls? A few advocates say yes; the Bush administration and most economists, no.

Government regulations produced "a couple of real disasters" - gas shortages in the 1970s and a gas "bubble" of too much supply in the early '80s, says Paul MacAvoy, a Yale economist who has fol-



Pipe fitters Joe Lee, left, and Randy Morpheo go over plans of the installation of gas pipes to supply the Calpine 545 megawatt gas-fired power plant under construction near Yuba City, Calif., in this Feb. 2001 file photo. For decades natural gas has provided a clean, plentiful source of fuel until recently when prices have soared as much as five times what they were a year ago.

lowed the industry for 30 years. Despite greater risks of occasional price spikes, MacAvoy argues, a free market provides lower prices and adequate supplies in the long run.

President Bush's energy plan, expected to be unveiled next month, will stress expanding natural gas production and building new pipelines, but experts agree it will be years before those efforts significantly influence the gas market. Meanwhile demand for the fuel will continue to rise, especially for generating electricity.

It may be some time, perhaps never, Please see GAS, Page D4

Facts about natural gas

- Accounts for 24 percent of all energy used in the United States with 62 million commercial, industrial and residential customers.
- About 58 million homes, 61 percent of the total, use natural gas for heating.
- Current average wholesale price is \$5.50 per 1,000 cubic feet. The wholesale price accounts for 60 percent of total retail price; the rest is for transportation, distribution and other services that normally do not change significantly.
- U.S. total reserves are 1.775 trillion cubic feet.
- Demand is 22 trillion cubic feet annually and

expected to grow to 29 trillion cubic feet a year by 2010 and 31.5 trillion cubic feet by 2015.

- Uses include electricity generation, residential and commercial heating, feedstock for chemical and fertilizer industries, and transportation.
- Environmentally the cleanest of fossil fuels. When burned, it is 50 percent cleaner than oil and 65 percent cleaner than coal in terms of air pollution, emitting less nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, soot, hydrocarbons and heat-trapping "greenhouse" gases.

Sources: American Gas Association, Energy Information Administration, National Petroleum Council.

Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the week.

Symbol	Description	Friday's Close	Previous Friday	Weekly change	52-week high-low	Annual Yield
ABS	ALBERTSON'S	28.30	27.57	0.73	39.25-20.06	2.89%
WCA	WEBSTER	8.24	6.39	1.85	6.34-3.9	NA
CAG	CANAGRA	8.00	7.50	0.50	10.00-5.00	NA
CST	COSTCO	37/1/16	37.18	-1/16	60.12-25.15/16	NA
HD	FEDERATED	43.70	44.40	-0.70	49.80-21.00	NA
BHZ	H J HEINZ	38.00	40.59	-2.59	48.00-30.66	4.13%
HD	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	37.58	37.48	0.09	50.62-33.19	0.27%
HD	HOMER DEPOT	39.67	39.67	0.00	39.00-34.88	0.40%
IDA	IDACORP	34.84	35.44	-0.60	51.81-31.02	5.34%
JFR	JP REALTY	18.45	18.40	-0.05	16.02-0.82	3.24%
KEY	KEY CORP	24.81	23.50	1.31	19.10-4.81	4.79%
KR	KROGER	23.55	23.73	-0.18	27.84-15.89	NA
LR	LAOR READY	2.97	2.86	0.11	11.81-2.50	NA
WV	WIDEVIEW FIBRE	12.50	12.79	-0.29	14.88-11.00	3.84%
MCD	MCDONALD'S	25.0	26.50	-1.50	39.84-24.75	NA
MMC	MICRON TECH	48.83	40.05	8.78	97.80-26.00	NA
PH	PHARMACIA	33.93	33.93	0.00	44.44-17.6	NA
PH	PHARMACIA	46.99	45.18	1.81	64.00-42.60	1.02%
RAD	RITE AID	35.25	36.84	-1.59	66.87-32.12	NA
SKD	SKIDMORE	7.71	8.65	-0.94	11.00-5.16	0.53%
SKW	SKYWEST	20.0	18.12	1.12	30.28-14.17/16	0.41%
TGT	TARGET	34.80	34.93	-0.13	39.60-21.75	0.83%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	52.64	52.64	0.00	57.10-37.00	1.52%
USB	U.S. BANCORP	20.74	20.95	-0.21	26.00-15.38	3.82%
WFL	WASH FEDERAL	47.57	48.93	-0.84	64.84-41.50	0.59%
WFS	WASH GROUP	1.73	2.03	-0.30	47.18-14.21/8	3.62%
ZION	ZIONS BANCORP	49.1/4	47.95	1.16	12.30-1.07	NA
			51.7/16	-2.48	56.38-37.38	2.11%
				-2.318	64.50-51.6	1.02%

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Idaho could see gas prices climb again come summer

The Times-News

BOISE - Idaho's pump prices are nowhere as volatile as they were a year ago, but OPEC's recent decision to cut oil production a million barrels a day could push prices higher in time for the busy summer travel season, an auto association said.

Based on AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report, the average price for a gallon of self-serve unleaded gasoline in Idaho is up about 2 cents in the past month to the \$1.50 mark. That's a dime less than the \$1.60 price Idahoans were paying a year ago. Meanwhile, the national average has eased about 6 cents in the past month to \$1.43, well below the \$1.54 mark from a year ago.

"We're paying less than the record-high prices from a year ago, but the supply anxieties that caused those spikes are still in play," said AAA Idaho spokesman

Dave Carlson. "OPEC's recent decision to curtail production a million barrels a day could have the same sort of impact this year, but it's too soon to say how much."

Nationwide, prices have eased 6 cents in the past month, but prices in the West are generally higher. In California, for example, prices are up 11 cents in the past month to \$1.72.

The diverging price pattern appears to be caused by the switch from winter-grade to summer-grade fuels, which occurs earlier in California than the rest of the nation. As other regions of the country draw down supplies of winter-grade gasoline, fuel prices should remain moderate, AAA said.

Prices are expected to turn higher in the rest of the country with the approach of summer and the introduction of lower-volatility, clean-burning gasoline, which is costlier to produce, AAA said.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - First Federal Savings Bank promoted Lori Hiett to retail operations supervisor at the Blue Lakes Branch.

Hiett began working for First Federal in August 1984 as a teller at the Blue Lakes office as one of five employees. The office now has 10 employees.

Hiett's responsibilities include supervising tellers and handling savings, checking, certificates of deposit and internal procedures. Her favorite challenge is working with individual retirement accounts.

She has been involved in Paint Magic and is this year's team captain for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

First Federal Savings Bank also announced the addition of Bonnie Rast to the Falls West Branch as head teller.

Rast began her banking career in 1990 with KeyBank of Idaho in Boise as a document preparation worker in the indirect loan department.

She joined First Federal Savings Bank as a teller at the Main Branch and recently moved to the Falls West Branch.

TWIN FALLS - On Friday, Idaho Housing and Finance Association's Jim Woxen will retire after 7 1/2 years of service.

Woxen has represented IHFA as an ambassador to the tenants and landlords throughout the eight-county area. He has helped maintain the quality of affordable housing for Section 8 Rental Assistance participants in the association said.

The Woxens plan to continue restoration of the former McCall Hotel in Shoshone. Jim and Wanda Woxen are antique collectors and plan to open an antique store at that location and travel through the country searching for hidden treasures.

IHFA's Twin Falls branch office will host an open house in Woxen's honor from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday at 139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B.

BOISE - The Idaho Hay Association elected new officers and board members at its annual meeting March 23 in Boise.

Those re-elected to the board of directors include Mike Larson of Buhl.

Current board members include Clark Kauffman of Filer and David Olson and Jim

Blankmsa, both of Mountain Home.

The IHA also elected officers for 2001 at its annual meeting; Blankmsa is president and Olson is secretary-treasurer.

Memberships in the Idaho Hay Association for 2001 are still being accepted, and members will be included in the 2001-2002 Hay Directory. For more information, call Brad Hoaglan at 888-0988.

BURLEY - Charles Gummerson of Burley completed the four-week course for a Class A commercial driver's license at the Professional Truck Driving School of Twin Falls.

He also added hazardous materials, tankers, doubles-triples and passenger-bus endorsements to his Class A license.

Gummerson is employed at Idaho Milk Transportation of Burley.

JACKPOT, Nev. - Cactus Petes Resort Casino and the Horseshu Hotel and Casino recently honored team members at the Annual Employee Appreciation Banquet.

Each month, Cactus Petes supervisors and managers nominate superior performers in a variety of departments including gaming, food and beverage, and support.

Three nominees are then chosen as Employees of the Month, who then become eligible for the Employee of the Year recognition.

At this year's banquet, the honored employees were Steve Peterson, manager of the Morning Trent Dotson, beverage bar back, and Nidzara Tulek, guest service representative. Each received a plaque and a cash award.

Plaque Players Club executive host Mike Siebert received the 2000 Executive Committee Award, presented to a nonmanagement employee who demonstrates leadership skills and the ability to supervise others.

Operations analyst Phillip Upchurch was presented with the 2000 President's Award, given to a management staff member. Cactus Petes General Manager Dave Albrecht presented it on behalf of Ameristar Casinos President and Chief Executive Officer Craig Nielsen.

Cactus Petes Resort Casino and the Horseshu Hotel and Casino employ nearly 900 individuals. Of those, 131 have more than 1,700 combined years of service and were commended at the banquet.

Cold rings were presented to those who had dedicated 10 years of service to the property: Isidro Velasco, Albert McAvoy, Mike Yaranga, Fran Williams, Hector Verdugo, Carl Pittman, Terry Withers, Able Resendiz, Roger Greenup, John Timbana, Carrie Yocum, John Rust, Meredith Hart, Alberto Trujillo, Ana Luna, Candido Luna, Darlene Valenzuela, Mario Blanco, James Flaconburg, Richard Vaughn, Delia Trujillo, Mike Leazer, Roger Paulson, Paul Ostyn, Vinita Kondracki and Barbara Vaughn.

Those with 20 and 25 years of service were honored with diamond rings: Rex Cunningham, Marsha Bartlett, William Bryant, Margarita Garcia, Timoteo Gonzalez, Sheri Hettenbach, Rose Mills and Delores Williams.

TWIN FALLS - The U.S. Small Business Administration announced Ray Parrish, senior loan officer of Region IV Development Corp. Inc., was named 2001 Small Business

Financial Services Advocate of the Year for Idaho.

The award, sponsored by the SBA's Division of Advocacy, is given to recognize special efforts to assist deserving small businesses by a member of the financial services industry.

Thomas E. Bergdoll Jr., district director of the SBA's Boise District Office, cited Parrish's "can do" attitude in putting together financial assistance for today's small businesses and his skill in counseling clients on how to complete components of the proposal package.

Bergdoll will present the award to Parrish at a luncheon, sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, at noon June 1 at the Turf Club.

TWIN FALLS - Three employees and an associate of The Finishing Touch Inc. attended recent training sessions in Las Vegas that company leaders say will boost the skills of the rest of the crew, as well.

The World of Concrete 2001 is an annual exhibition and the largest annual commercial construction trade show in the world, said Finishing Touch president and owner Judy Brackman.

Hanley Wood put on the convention Feb. 26 through March 2 in Las Vegas.

Finishing Touch general manager Loren Haugue attended a seminar on decorative concrete stains and overlays, and a seminar on estimating and management principles for concrete contractors.

Laborers Matt Brackman and Andrew Brackman attended a demonstration class on stamping concrete, and Matt Brackman attended a seminar on power-trowel use.

Concrete finisher Lowell Wolters, an associate of the company, also attended the seminar on decorative concrete stains and overlays.

The Finishing Touch is a Twin Falls-based concrete construction company that is in its 25th year of business. With finishing foreman Bill Hanchey III and John Wolters also on the crew, the company specializes in decorative concrete, particularly for residential properties.

BUHL - Kelly Daluiso, the Buhl Arts Council's program director, was appointed by the Idaho Commission on the Arts' Chairwoman Marilyn Beck to serve as an at-large member for the Idaho commission.

It is a one-year term, which can be renewed annually for up to four years.

An at-large member attends the four yearly ICA meetings and participates in the review of committee objectives.

"The ICA has been extremely supportive of the programs at the Buhl Arts Council," the local council said in a statement. "They have provided funding for numerous performing arts events, funding for the ESCAPE after-school art program and offered invaluable assistance in resources and contact support."

TWIN FALLS - Obenchain Insurance Inc. said the designation of certified insurance counselor has been conferred upon Scott Standley of Twin Falls, following his completion of an insurance education program sponsored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors.

The society is a national nonprofit dedicated to professional insurance education. Standley demonstrated professional competence through experience, formal training and a series of written examinations on all major fields of insurance, Obenchain said.

Standley has been affiliated with Obenchain for the past eight years.

Obenchain also said Cricket Leonard joined its agency as manager of its life and health insurance department.

Leonard has four years' experience in life and health insurance with the Twin Falls office of Blue Shield of Idaho. She has worked in depth with various group and life insurance products.

She is active in local organizations including 4-H, Beta Sigma Phi and Delta Epsilon and is the Twin Falls County chairwoman for March of Dimes.

TWIN FALLS - Corrie Orr and Terri Moulton attended a Sebastian International hands-on advanced haircutting and coloring class to learn new techniques for spring.

Orr has over 10 years' experience with many advanced trainings attended recently. She specializes in advanced hair-cutting and color techniques, and color correction.

Moulton has over 13 years' experience and brings to Utopia Salon her education from Gene Juarez Salons in Seattle. She specializes in advanced hair designing and color techniques.

National Small Farm Conference set for July

The Times-News

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - USDA's Risk Management Agency announced the National Small Farms Conference, Survival Strategies for Small and Limited Resource Farmers and Ranchers National Conference, to be held July 23-25 in Memphis.

The three-day conference will provide a forum for networking between public and private agricultural professionals. The conference's goal is to allow various stakeholders to form alliances and information networks in order to maximize their effectiveness in assisting small and limited-resource farmers and ranchers to survive in the current market environment, USDA said.

Attendees will gain a better understanding of the characteristics and risk management needs of this farming sector and agricultural community, USDA said.

U.S. Agricultural Secretary Ann M. Veneman is expected to be the keynote speaker. Other nationally known speakers and presenters will focus on five types of risk - production, marketing, financial, legal and human resources. The conference will also address barriers to success for small and limited-resource farmers and ranchers and by producers in underserved areas.

Contact Marie Buchanan by phone at (202) 690-2686. Registration is also available online at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/calendar2001/july.html>.

expanding its presence and international introduction during the latter half of fiscal 2001 and throughout 2002.

Although only a small portion of the company's revenue is currently derived from Internet subscriptions and sample-pack sales, e-commerce will play an important part in future revenue, the Ketchum-based company said. Business-to-business electronic marketing and ordering systems should be placed into service during the second half of fiscal 2001 to simplify and expedite transactions with major customers, as well as increase margins attributable to Internet sales to final consumers.

MILESTONES

New hair salon in Burley is now open for business

BURLEY - Le's Salon and Supply, at 1251 Hansen Ave. in Burley, opened in early February.

The business is owned and operated by Le Huynh. It is a full-service salon, providing all types of hair care and styling, manicuring and acrylic nails, facials, pedicures and waxing. She also specializes in airbrushing on nails.

The store carries a full line of salon products and professional products for sale, including hair extensions, and nail forms.

Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The business can be reached at 678-0933.

Beverage company reports \$1.2M sixth month revenue

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. reported sixth-month revenue of \$1.2 million for the period that ended Jan. 31.

While Aqua Vie has not posted a profit since it commenced oper-

ations in July 1998, the company said it expects to increase revenue and achieve profitability by expanding its presence and international introduction during the latter half of fiscal 2001 and throughout 2002.

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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:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magicvalley.com

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YOUR BUSINESS

Household finances: Not so good these days

CONTRIBUTIONS

Idaho Power Co. has increased this year's funding to the Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program by \$100,000 to help financially disadvantaged households weatherize their homes.

Normally, Idaho Power would have provided \$212,534. This year, the total will be \$312,534. "Given the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in this year, we thought it appropriate to increase our funding to help low-income families weatherize their homes so they can conserve energy and save money on their energy bills," said Warren Kline, general manager of customer service and metering.

Idaho Power's weatherization program began in spring 1989 to insulate ceilings, floors and walls; repair and plug holes; replace windows and doors; and accomplish other energy-efficient measures.

The money will be divided among five state agencies - including South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls - who also receive federal funding and will administer the money in their jurisdictions to help qualifying residential customers in the company's service area. The money is distributed based on the customer count in the various jurisdictions, and the percentage of the population below the poverty line.



Brooke, left, and Kate Fitzgerald, daughters of two of 4 Bros Dairy's co-owners, present Lincoln County Sheriff Steve Southwick with a bulletproof vest.

4 Bros Dairy of north Shoshone presented a bulletproof vest to Lincoln County Sheriff Steve Southwick March 14. "We were concerned about the safety of one of the county's officers," said dairy co-owner Andrew Fitzgerald, who said he and his brothers decided to make the donation after learning Southwick was on the job without the protection of a vest. Southwick said he had used all available money for vests for his deputies, but there was not

enough funding to buy and wear a vest himself. The Xtreme Armor vest is produced by American Body Armor. Because it is less than a quarter-inch thick, Southwick said he's able to wear the vest comfortably. The county's newest deputy, Josh Eggleston, doesn't have a vest yet. But Southwick said he has applied for a grant to help offset the cost of a new vest when Eggleston finishes his probationary period.

MONEY WELL SPENT



Marty Busa, right, of the Sawtooth Branch of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, accepts a donation from Chris, left, and Cherie Davis of Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza of Twin Falls. With a recent fund-raiser, Papa Murphy's donated \$144.

Oregon Governor's Conference will focus on partnership opportunities

ONTARIO, Ore. - Tribal perspectives of Lewis & Clark's journey, current consumer attitudes about travel and three regional mobile workshops will be featured at this year's Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism to be held Saturday through April 3 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, Ore.

Conference attendees will learn about partnership opportunities designed to leverage marketing dollars, obtain information on how to tap into the power of Oregon's successful brand image campaign and receive tips on how to utilize Oregon's body of tourism research, organizers said. The three-day event draws more than 300 attendees from around the state. This year, western Idaho tourism professionals were invited to join the Oregon conference because of Ontario's proximity to the Boise area. Idaho's tourism director, Carl Wilgus, will help lead the mobile workshop to the Valley and the state's advertising president, Bill Drake, will participate in a panel discussion on creative marketing.

For the fourth year, outstanding workers from every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico will be honored in Washington, D.C., and their home states. Idaho is soliciting nominations from businesses and individuals. Contestants must be 65 years or older, residents of Idaho, currently employed and working at least 20 hours each week for pay. The winner must be able to travel to Washington, D.C., for the award events.

Nominating an older worker is an excellent way to recognize his or her accomplishments, said Margie Alexander, field operations coordinator for Green Thumb. Nominations must include a brief narrative of the older worker's overall contribution to the business, including longevity, experience, skill level, work ethic, any disabilities the nominee has to overcome to perform his or her job, and a description of his or her community involvement. Nomination forms may be requested from Green Thumb, 308 Shoshone St. E., Suite 2, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or by telephone or fax at 734-3305.

April deadline set for 2001 governor's award nominations

BOISE - April 4 is the deadline for nominations for the 2001 Governor's Take Pride in Idaho Awards. The awards recognize efforts to preserve Idaho's natural resources or history and promotion of tourism and recreation in Idaho. Take Pride in Idaho Awards categories include:

- Outstanding Achievement in Recreation and Tourism
- The Idaho Media Award
- Outstanding Visitor Center Award
- Frontliner Award
- Outstanding Historic Preservation Award
- Outstanding Cultural Tourism Award

INEEL and DOE-Idaho Operations. Award speakers and a supplier awards ceremony. A ribbon cutting will then open the doors to the supplier fair, which will feature 75 booths from the INEEL's small-business supplier community, exhibiting the latest products, services and technologies. The day's schedule also provides three individual workshops offering attendees the opportunity to brush up on the latest e-commerce technology, marketing skills and proposal writing tips. The event's objectives are to create and strengthen business relationships, provide an environment for enhanced networking opportunities, offer valuable business information and demonstrate the INEEL's commitment to and appreciation of its valuable small-business community, an INEEL press release said.

The awards will be presented during the Governor's Awards Luncheon on May 4. To make nominations, fill out a form online at www.visitid.org or request one by mail from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0055. For information, call 334-4199.

The Supplier Fair is free and open to the public. Exhibitor booth space is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis as payment is received. For details and registration, visit <http://www.ineel.gov/procurement/itico/>

Other conference workshops will provide up-to-date information on marketing your website, developing a communications plan, sustainable tourism and the small-meetings market. Local cultures will be showcased at the April 1 evening reception, and a barbecue with western dancing will be featured April 2.

The annual Governor's Conference on Tourism is presented by the Oregon Tourism Commission and is wholly supported through conference registrations, sponsorships and exhibitor fees. Group transportation is available, and registration information is available on the commission's website at www.traveloregon.com or by calling the commission at (503) 986-0000.

Green Thumb Inc. searches for Outstanding Older Worker

TWIN FALLS - Green Thumb Inc. is searching for Idaho's 2001 Outstanding Older Worker who will be rewarded with an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the Prime Time Awards.

This year, National Prime Time Awards activities take place in mid-September, with a series of events in the nation's capital capped by a gala awards banquet and ceremony Sept. 15 at historic Union Station.

Green Thumb, which calls itself America's leader in senior employment, launched the National Prime Time Awards Program in 1998 to highlight the valuable contributions that older workers are making in their communities and places of work.

The Times-News: Your guide to life in Magic Valley

NEW YORK (AP) - The financial report card of American households is not good as they deal with the first substantial economic slowdown in nearly a decade. Already deep in debt, many may be forced to borrow even more.

As 2000 ended, outstanding household debt actually exceeded disposable income by \$100 billion, putting the debt-to-income percentage at 101.2, compared with just 87 percent in 1990.

The situation poses problems for families and the economy, especially if jobs are lost. Existing debt also may be worsened if the value of collateral assets, such as homes and stocks, suffered in the slowdown.

As debts rose during the best of financial times, economists justified the borrowing as safe because of the concurrent rise in the value of assets. But some of those assets may themselves have been inflated. The figures are from a review and analysis of Federal Reserve data by the Financial Markets Center, a think tank based in Philomont, Va. It shows that as the expansion faltered, debts grew in the domestic economy.

In all, as the economy slowed to a 1.1 percent annual growth rate in the fourth quarter, household debt rose 8.2 percent, business obligations by 8.4 percent and



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state and local government indebtedness by 4.8 percent. Federal government debt fell 9.4 percent thanks to budget surpluses. The rise of debt without a spurt in economic activity, said economist Jane D'Arista, the report's author, "suggests borrowers used some of the additional debt to consolidate and service outstanding obligations."

Such behavior underscores the fragile situation facing the Federal Reserve in guiding the economy through the slowdown with careful cuts in lending rates that, among other things, would make debt repayments easier.

At the same time, it has indicated that the possibility of inflation atop the already tenuous economic situation still exists, and that overly deep interest-rate cuts might reignite demand and lead in price increases. Meanwhile, three half-percentage point interest rate cuts in less than three months have lessened the strain on many household budgets.

Managed allocation

Deal's managed-allocation option invests more aggressively for younger beneficiaries and grows more conservative as the student nears college age. This is the overwhelming choice within the programs we manage. - said John D. Middlebrook, TIAA-CREF's program manager for Idaho.

Here is a sampling of TIAA-CREF's allocation guidelines for 2001:

Beneficiary's Investment	Stocks	Bonds	Money market fund
Year of birth			
2000-01	75 percent	25 percent	0 percent
1999-95	70 percent	30 percent	0 percent
1988-98	55 percent	45 percent	0 percent
Pre-1984	35 percent	65 percent	0 percent
	2 years or less	10 percent	40 percent

The bottom line

TIAA-CREF has estimated the amount of money that can be accumulated in an IDEAL account over six, 12 or 18 years at several contribution levels. (These calculations assume annual inflation of 3 percent; real annual return on equities of 7 percent; real annual return on bonds of 3.5 percent; real annual return on money market of 2 percent; TIAA-CREF expense rate of .9 percent; and savings-plan earnings taxed at 15 percent for federal and 7.7 percent for state.)

With \$1,000 contributed annually	18 years	12 years	6 years
Before tax	\$35,337	\$18,342	\$7,289
After tax	\$31,402	\$16,902	\$7,073
With \$2,500 contributed annually	18 years	12 years	6 years
Before tax	\$88,343	\$45,854	\$18,477
After tax	\$79,500	\$42,255	\$17,683
With \$5,000 contributed annually	18 years	12 years	6 years
Before tax	\$176,686	\$91,708	\$36,942
After tax	\$157,008	\$84,911	\$33,367

Tax

Continued from B1. have similar plans - some of which are open to Idaho investors without, of course, the break on Idaho taxes.

Some states' 529 programs offer similar state-tax deductions, and some none at all, Middlebrook said.

Michigan, however, offers a deduction of up to \$5,000 per account owner - \$10,000 for joint filers. College savings plans have grown rapidly since section 529 was added to the law in 1996. At the start of this year, New York's plan was the biggest, with investments totaling \$468 million. New Hampshire had \$468 million, and Maine had \$400 million.

Some experts advise opening accounts in several states. "I have accounts in 20 states for my two kids," said Joseph F. Hurley, the best-known explainer of 529 plans. "I do it because this is my job. Most people should be happy with one or two states."

Hurley operates www.savingforcollege.com and is the author of "The Best Way to Save for College: A Complete Guide to 529 Plans."

In theory you could put huge amounts of money into college savings accounts, but Hurley advises against it.

"If a family can agree that it needs to put a kid through a high-priced private college and then medical school, they can put more money in by using multiple states," he said. "But if people start abusing these programs, it's certain the IRS will come up with means to enforce a limit."

Hurley's website is probably the best online resource on 529 plans. The site provides general information about 529 plans, as well as rankings and details on each state's plan.

Federal tax exemption, not just deferral, is possible in 25 plans TIAA-CREF said. For several years, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell and Florida Sen. Bob Graham have sought tax exemption on earnings for the qualified state tuition programs TIAA-CREF said. Congress approved the measure in 1995, but it was attached to the Clinton vetoed. A similar count of events played out in 1999.

However, TIAA-CREF said, bipartisan support remains strong. Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-0931. Ext. 242. Kenzie Riddler News Service contributed to this report.

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before prices again will be as low as they were over a 15-year period covering the late 1980s and all of the 1990s, energy economists say.

During that stretch the wholesale price of gas hovered around \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet. After accounting for inflation, natural gas prices actually declined by almost a third between 1985 and 1999, according to the American Gas Association.

Then in the first six months of last year, the price doubled, then doubled again. By Christmas and into the new year it had spiked to nearly \$11 for the same 1,000 cubic feet. It's been even higher in power-starved California, prompting charges of price manipulation by suppliers and pipeline operators.

As the surge in gas prices drove up home heating bills by 50 percent or more in many areas, businesses and industrial plants saw energy costs cut into profits. Some chemical plants using natural gas as a feedstock have seen foreign competitors grab business because of the high U.S. energy costs.

Redland Brick Inc. of Williamsport, Pa., has seen the cost of firing up its kilns at four plants soar. An expected energy bill of \$4 million is twice what it was in 1999, says James Vinke, the company's president.

In recent weeks, wholesale gas prices have begun to fall back to about half what they were in December and early January, but at \$5 per 1,000 cubic feet, they remain more than double what they were in the winter of 1999.

"The length of time that gas prices have remained so high is unprecedented," the government's Energy Information Administration said in its latest energy forecast. It predicted prices will not ease much this year or next.

Energy experts say prices could just as easily spike again if supplies lag and demand jumps over a hot summer or unusually cold weather next winter. Stocks in stocks are unusually low for the end of winter, raising some concerns if demand this summer is strong.

"It is becoming clear with each passing month that we grossly underestimated the demand pressure facing natural gas," says Matthew Simmons, a Houston-based investment banker and energy analyst who frequently has warned of an impending natural gas crisis. Simmons helped craft a National Petroleum Council report that at the end of 1999, it predicted that over the next 15 years natural gas demand will increase by 40 percent to 31.5 trillion cubic feet annually. With power plant demand having a far longer life, that demand now could come in five or six years, says Simmons.

While the council, an advisory panel to the government, said enough gas exists to meet the demand, it warned that production will have to increase dramatically, including in some areas that long have been off limits or restricted for environmental reasons.

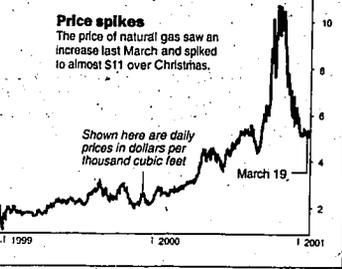
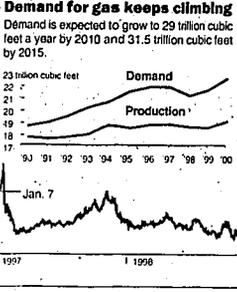
Ironically, the report assumed that even with higher demand, prices would stay under \$3 per 1,000 cubic feet, saying that was enough of an incentive to spur development.

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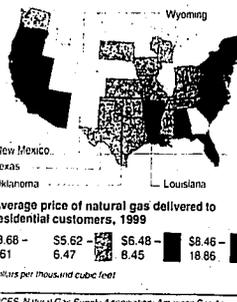
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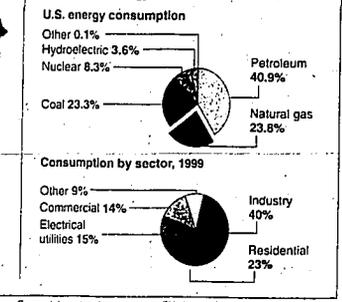
Natural gas prices have soared four to five times what they were a year ago. President Bush's energy plan, expected to be unveiled this month, will encourage expansion of gas production in an attempt to meet the increasing demand that is expected to continue to rise.



Paying more for natural gas



Who is using natural gas



SOURCES: Natural Gas Supply Association; American Gas Association; Energy Information Administration (EIA) Natural Gas Annuals

gas emits far less smog-causing and toxic air pollution or heat-trapping greenhouse gases when burned. Environmentalists embrace it as the transition from fossil fuels to solar technology or hydrogen fuel cells that are still decades away from wide use.

Natural gas also is plentiful. An estimated 2,449 trillion cubic feet of reserves in the United States and Canada is enough to meet today's demand for 100 years. And there is no worry about cutoffs from unfriendly nations halfway across the globe.

Nevertheless, the price explosion of the last year has prompted more than a few energy experts to wonder, only half jokingly, whether the OPEC oil cartel had captured the natural gas market.

Industry representatives and federal regulators scoff at suggestions of price manipulation and collusion, although the red-hot, and severely constrained California market has fueled suspicions of abuses and gamesmanship there. California regulators, for example, argue that pipeline companies have hoarded gas to boost prices, claims the companies have heatedly denied.

Nationally there are thousands of producers, marketers and middlemen. While controls on wholesale prices disappeared entirely in 1989, the federal government still regulates interstate transport and most states regulate retail prices.

"I don't think you can manipulate this market. There just are too many players," says Paul Wilkinson, a vice president of the American Gas Association, which represents local utilities that are having to deal with both higher wholesale costs and the ire of their retail customers.

Still, the run-up in oil and gas prices produced astounding profits last year.

According to the Energy Department, the 37 leading independent oil and gas companies saw profits in 2000 soar nearly 400 percent to \$3.2 billion, most of it from natural gas. Earnings from U.S. oil and gas production among major multinationals jumped 155 percent to \$22.2 billion, about half from gas.

Barrett Resources Corp., a Denver-based gas producer, earned \$68.1 million last year, more than three times its 1999 income. In recent days its financial strength and its status as a leading lease holder for Rocky Mountain gas fields have made it the target of a hostile \$2.2 billion takeover attempt by Shell Oil Co.

Gas marketing companies, a group dominated by a handful of giants such as Enron, Duke and Dynegy, also have reaped hefty rewards as the commodity often is traded several times as it flows from producer to end consumer.

Enron, based in Houston, reported a 160 percent jump in profits, or \$1.6 billion total, in commodity sales and services last year with natural gas the largest and most profitable portion. Its gas transactions jumped 82 percent. "It's basically economics — supply and demand," says Paul Holtberg, an analyst at the Gas Technology Institute, a research organization funded by the gas industry.

That view is shared by many economists not associated with the gas industry, but there also are skeptics who contend the market is rife with manipulation.

How did we get to this? As the Y2K scare occupied the attention of many at the begin-

ning of 2000, another storm was brewing. The demand for natural gas, especially by the electricity industry, was quietly increasing. But production, still hamstrung by years of low prices, did not react.

There had been a "sense of complacency" during much of the '90s, says the AGA's Wilkinson. It was the AGA's problem with low prices, and natural gas was a fuel that would not "sit up the environmentalists." Gas producers were getting by, although struggling. As demand inched higher, they boosted production from older wells using improved technology. But at \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet there was no incentive — nor access to capital — to expand into new fields.

"We were staying aloft, but you had to be prudent, work hard and you had to tread water to stay even," recalls Robert Bayless, a second-generation operator of a small, family-owned Rocky Mountain gas producer.

In Washington, the Clinton administration continued to tout gas as the environmentally sound fuel of the future, promoting it to generate electricity and power alternative-fuel motor vehicles. But there was little talk from either the White House or the Republican Congress on boosting gas production.

"In the 1990s, the number of gas drilling rigs in operation plummeted. In early 2000 world oil prices took off, but gas producers were reluctant to commit to a boom. Exploration and development is expensive and they had been burned before.

As spring turned to summer in 2000, and many motorists complained about skyrocketing gasoline costs, some electric utilities began worrying about natural gas prices. Dozens of new power plants were started by new, independent generating companies and all used gas.

Last year electricity generation increased by 20,000 megawatts — enough for 20 million homes — and virtually all new capacity came from new plants burning natural gas. When air conditioning demands on the power grid peaked last summer, natural gas storage tanks normally filled in preparation for winter were drained. Combined with reports of lower gas production from the Gulf of Mexico's older fields — prices took another jump.

Then came an unusually cold October and November and predictions of a colder than normal winter. That and California's power problems were enough to send natural gas prices into the stratosphere, past \$10 on the spot market nationwide by Christmas and into 2001.

"There's been a breakdown in competitive markets; they're not working," insists Charles Wheatley Jr., a longtime energy lawyer. "As a result the market players can put prices to consumers that are way above any respectable cost."

Wheatley represents a group of municipally owned utilities that has petitioned the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to clamp controls on natural gas and cap its price at \$2.74 per 1,000 cubic feet.

"No one has justified how high prices went this winter," says Jack Hilliard, general manager of a

municipally owned utility in Florence, Ala., which in January faced a natural gas bill of \$5.4 million, four times what it paid in the same month a year earlier.

Hilliard trekked to Washington recently to urge Congress to investigate "a very real possibility of price manipulation" in the natural gas industry. "This is very suspicious," he said.

If there's manipulation, it's not by Rob Bayless, 45, who with his 25 employees operates a small gas drilling company in Denver that was started by his father in 1958. "Gas prices in the \$8 and \$9 range... are way too high," he says. "You don't want people mad at you." But Bayless doesn't want to go back to the \$2-plus price of a few years ago, either.

He's seen the boom of recent months and he has seen the busts. "This is a very capital intensive business whether you're drilling a shallow well for \$150,000 or you're drilling a deep well for \$2 million," he explains from his Denver office. "For a company like ours, the big part of the challenge is (getting) capital. To expand — you have to be making money."

Bayless recalls the not-so-good days that were far too many in the late 1990s when the wholesale price of natural gas fell well below \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet.

That's when Bayless bought some federal gas leases in the San Juan Basin of northern New Mexico, in western Colorado and in Utah. He didn't have any money to drill, but he bought them anyway — for the future.

"With higher gas prices, now we can develop them," he says.

"Bayless is not alone. The past year has seen a frenetic pace of gas drilling.

The number of drilling rigs jumped by 46 percent to about 900, the biggest such surge over a single year in a quarter century. But the amount of gas flowing into the market has not increased by much.

Existing basins, which have relied for years on improved exploration and drilling technology to be productive, are producing less gas as they become depleted.

Gas coming from the Gulf of Mexico has been declining and the industry's push into deeper waters is not expected to make up for the reductions, says Richard Sharples, president of Anadarko Energy Services, a leading gas producer.

While energy companies are flush with cash, Sharples says aging rigs, a shortage of workers and restrictions on access to federal lands will continue to hamper domestic gas production.

The industry has launched an intense lobbying effort in Washington to open new federal areas for development both on land and in offshore waters, most of which have been off limits for years because of environmental concerns.

The Bush administration has made clear it wants to give the industry wider access. "The notion that we can rely so heavily on natural gas, maintain restrictions on exploration and still enjoy low prices is a dangerous assumption," says Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

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5B Reach Productions Inc., Carol Rees, 2000 A Warm Springs Road, Ketchum, ID 83340.

F. G. & L.L.C., Glenn Anderson, 500 Ball Drive, N.A. & Ketchum, ID 83340.

Arroyo Automotriz, B.J. Justman, 1001 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail services.

Advanced Freight Systems Inc., Mickey Ketchum, 1935 U.S. Highway 26, Gooding, ID 83307.

Adventures Wild LLC, Matthew M. Lutz, 1820 Fleming Wells, Idaho, ID 83333.

Ag-Mark Inc., Michael L. Vobe, 601 E. Main St., Jerome, ID 83308.

Alander Construction Inc., Alan J. Koepcke, 227 Wildhorse Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

All Pro Coat Dry Cleaning, Benjamin Perez, P.O. Box 1524, Halley, ID 83333, construction.

Alphacore Enterprises, Patricia D. Heflin, 1000 W. 200th St., Halley, ID 83333.

Alpha Pro Spas, Paul J. Hill, 1111 Creekside Road, Halley, ID 83333.

213 Trail Drive, Halley, ID 83333.

Barbara Jensen, M.D. P.C., Dr. Barbara Jensen, 1028 Mountain View Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Gooding, ID 83301, retail services.

Baroque Landscaper, Antonia Blain, 4121 N. 200th St., Halley, ID 83333.

Baumgartner's Electric & Heating, Rynold Baumgartner, 7511 Albion Ave., Burley, ID 83308.

Bigfish Consulting Inc., Jeff Surbeough, 621 N. River St., Halley, ID 83333.

Black Creek Farm & Ranch, H. Dutch Robinson, 1833 S. 400 W., Oakley, ID 83346, retail/wholesale trade.

Brandt Construction, Brandon Bates, P.O. Box 5128, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.

Brookwood Designs, Lane A. Anderson, 1405 S. Idaho Highway 51, Malia, ID 83342, retail/wholesale trade.

Kimberly Stevens, 4111 Mosherdale Loop, Halley, ID 83333.

Buttercup LLC, Jan M. Edelstein, 211 S. Broadway, Burley, ID 83308.

Canon Ryan Collision Repair Center, Canyon Ryan Collision Repair Center, 361 Golf Course Road, Jerome, ID 83338, services.

Canon Dairy LLC, Jeffrey J. Carson, 424 S. 300 E., Burley, ID 83301.

Cedarvale Farm, Carl F. Austin, P.O. Box 91, Oakley, ID 83346, agriculture.

Cherry Lane Farm & Pasture Inc., Mark Sheehan, 1710 Northridge Drive, Halley, ID 83333.

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MONEY

Time is running out for dairy producers

TWIN FALLS — Three months may seem like a long time to prepare for a test, but some dairy producers in Idaho may find out that a quarter isn't long enough to save their milk permits.

Each of the dairy farms in Idaho must have a nutrient management plan completed by July 1 or be prohibited from selling milk. But as of mid-March, just 22 dairies of the 337 in the state had a plan completed. That leaves a huge workload to be finished by the state's two dozen certified planners.

Bob Ohlensehn, Twin Falls County extension educator, is blunt when he tells dairy farmers this is not something that can be put off until June 28. He has put in an average of 40 hours on the plans he's written for dairies.

"This is an extraordinarily difficult process," he told nearly 20 dairy producers during a University of Idaho workshop. Over 300 individuals have been trained in the last two years to write plans, but only 23 have met the requirements of writing two approved plans to become certified planners.

Some producers have been hoping that the deadline would be extended, but there is no indication that will happen, Ohlensehn said. The best bet now is for a dairy producer to begin gathering the information needed to put a plan together to reduce the amount of time a producer must pay a planner to write a plan.

Proposal to allow water bidding stirs questions

AMERICAN FALLS — A proposal to allow bidding for water in Water District No. 15 rental pool has introduced a new wave in an already turbulent water year.

At the Water District's annual meeting in early March, lawyers drafted an addition to the price rule that would allow buyers and sellers to negotiate a price. A shortage of water in the water bank led to the proposal, said Ron Carlson, watermaster for the district.

Carlson has already received requests to rent 300,000 acre-feet of water from the rental pool this summer, about two-thirds of that is for agricultural use.

The problem is that there's not a drop of water in the rental pool. Even water that had been made available for lease earlier in the year was withdrawn while potential buyers and sellers wait for what happens with the new rule.

Both the North Side and Twin Falls canal companies requested additional water from the rental pool.

The price rules were written to give agricultural use a preference. But water users are facing the driest year on record, Carlson said. No one is quite sure what to do. And no one is quite sure what the new rule said.

Group applauds decision to reject tribe request

BOISE — A decision to reject a request to study the impacts of breaching the Hells Canyon complex of dams has the state's largest water user group applauding.

The Idaho Water-Users Association had filed a brief with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reject the demands by Indian Tribes and environmental groups that Idaho Power Company be forced to study how to remove its three



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hydroelectric dams in Hells Canyon as part of the relicensing efforts. Norm Semanko, executive director of IWUA, called the proposed study absurd, particularly given the electrical shortages that are anticipated for the summer. The Hells Canyon complex provides approximately 75 percent of the hydroelectricity generated by Idaho Power.

Bell Rapids farmers opt to skip row crop farming
HAGERMAN — In February,

as he studied the possibilities of another year-of-below-production returns from his various farms, Bell Rapids landowner and farm manager John O'Connor was about as nervous as he has ever been.

But since then, Idaho Power has come to the rescue of farmers from the area, which is known for exceptionally high electricity bills.

High electric bills as a result of irrigation pumping were projected to rise as much as 48 percent because of the California power shortage and a continuing drought in Idaho.

Still, when the utility told

farmers they could submit bids in exchange for not pumping water, Bell Rapids farmers initially were not enthusiastic about the offer, O'Connor said.

Bell Rapids soil produces some of the best crops around. Thirty-five-ton beet yields are not uncommon, O'Connor said. Any deal Idaho Power would offer would have to be good.

And finally, it was. An original offer to pay farmers 12 cents per kilowatt hour was raised to 15 cents.

At that rate, most Bell Rapids farmers opted to bow out of farming row crops this summer. — compiled from staff reports

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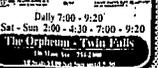
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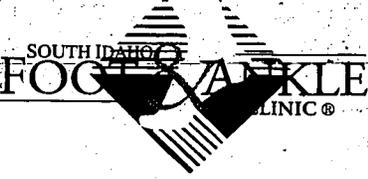


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acre, Call Day Hannon 733-7653
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Approx 1050 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 1 ba, 65 x 134 fully fenced lot, sewer
lot & water treat, Call PAU 324-9377 or Lyon 324-9376
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Approx 1151 Sq Feet, 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, gas heat, central
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3 Duplexes, 6 units total, 2 bdrm, 1 ba per unit, excellent rental
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Approx 262 acres, Call Bill of Melinda 324-7653
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Approx 1920 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, 1+ acre, lovely shop w/
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Approx 2654 sq ft, 4 Bdrm, 3 Bath, Large Shop & Barn, 3.63
Acres, Perfect Horse Set Up, Great Views, Call Betsy 324-9376
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 Case No. SP 00-207
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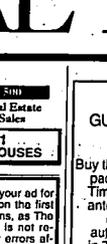
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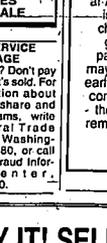
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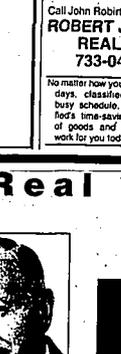
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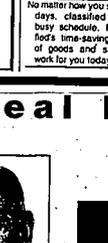
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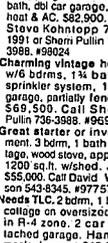
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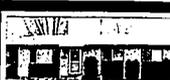
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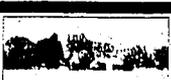
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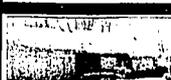
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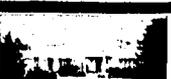
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Section F

Do I have to let my son drive?

In case you haven't heard, a new batch of teen-age drivers has been turned loose in the Magic Valley. My 15-year-old son is one of the teens who "graduated" with that recent class of driver's education students. I am not convinced that any of them graduated with honors.

Last week, the parents attended a big meeting at Twin Falls High School, where the kids get their driving permits. All of the kids wanted to drive home from the school that night of course. I think it took us 45 minutes just to get out of the parking lot.

In a way it's kind of funny, watching straight-A students bucking down the streets with their windshield wipers whizzing, stalling at every stop sign.

"My driver's ed teacher let me drive down Canyon," one of the kids reminded her mother.

"I don't believe it," Mother replied. "He's the laid-back type, Mom."

"He'd have to be the comatose type."

The day after the parents meeting, I bit the bullet and called the insurance company. "I have some really bad news," I said.

When I said that my teenage son had just received his driving permit, the clerk laughed. "That's really good news for you," she said.

As it turned out, he's covered until he gets his actual license, four months from now. So the clerk advised me to enjoy my final four months of financial freedom and refrain from asking silly questions like, "How much?"

"Believe me, you don't want to know," she said.

So now I just have to spend the four months worrying about staying alive in the passenger seat, and figuring out where to shop for industrial-strength bumpers.

Years ago, I remember reading Erma Bombeck's advice on the subject. "Relax," she wrote. "Forget that, behind the wheel of the car, your child is a potential killer."

"Since Steve has to drive with a parent for the next four months, I vote for you, because you're better prepared," I told my husband last night. "After all, I'm the one who can't ride my bicycle in the street until after I got my driver's license."

He already knew it was his job, of course, because he's the calm one in the family. My son doesn't like to practice his driving with Types, me in the car anyway. I know. Because he asks me to accompany him only as a last resort, even though he knows the other alternative is driving around listening to his dad's "I was driving a tractor at age 3" stories.

But I really shouldn't be so nervous about this stage in my son's life. I mean, I've been there once before, with my daughter. And yet, everyone says a boy is different ...

I do remember our Becky spending 45 minutes styling her hair for her driver's license photo. That certainly won't happen this time around. And Becky had lots of girl-talks with her 80-year-old grandmother that year, too, because Grandma was also taking a driver's license test to renew her license in Illinois.

"What was your driver's test like, Grandma?" I remember Becky asking her.

"I had a little trouble when they asked me my age," Grandma replied. "I lied about it for so many years that I don't actually know how old I am."

I doubt that would ever happen with a male either.

Oh well, I guess I should just be thankful that my son seems to be trying hard to become a good driver. And whenever I start losing hope, I will think of my high school friend Mary, who flunked her driving test three times and ended up practicing lawn speaking several languages and making more money than all of the rest of us put together.

Who knows? Maybe, during the next four months, my son will actually learn to parallel park - if we can find a deserted street somewhere with lots of empty parking spaces.

In the meantime, if you see a car on the street with either my husband or me in the passenger seat and someone much younger at the wheel ...

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Teeger is a 16-year-old that has survived being run over by a truck. She is on a heart medication, an inhalant and medication to prevent seizures. During the few hours a day when she is awake, she is within arm's reach of owner Cary Moore.

Old dogs but good dogs

More owners are deciding they're worth keeping around

"Ain't but three things in this world that's worth a solitary dime, but old dogs and children and warm wine."

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Every two hours during the night, Cary Moore shakes off sleep and hears to his heart.

Teeger, his 16-year-old pit bull-Doberman cross, must be tended at least that often. At 40, Moore, a pit boss in a Jackpot casino and a part-time antique seller, has rearranged his life to accommodate what Moore concedes are Teeger's last days, and he does so ungrudgingly.

"I'm about worn out," he said. "But Teeger has been loyal to me, so I wouldn't have it any other way."

About every systemic failure that can befall an old dog has happened to Teeger, and Moore has spent thousands of dollars and tens of thousands of hours

treating her. That's not that unusual anymore, says Teeger's veterinarian, Zsigmond Szanto.

Long past the time when old dogs used to be put to sleep, owners - and vets - are engaging in often heroic efforts to keep them alive.

"Absolutely," Szanto said. "People are treating them just like members of the family."

Sixteen is 112 in human years - 10 is the typical life expectancy for a large dog - but Laurie Simonds, who runs the Twin Falls animal shelter, sees geriatric canines all the time.

Fact is, one lives her own home. And Tulip, a 15-year-old shepherd cross, is doing just fine.

"She gets up and down the stairs faster than I do," Simonds says. "We have to take her to the vet more often, and it's more expensive than owning a younger dog, but she's still driving."

Marie Suthers-McCabe is an expert on the emerging bond between older dogs and their owners. She's an associate professor of human-companion animal interaction at Virginia Tech University, and director of the Center for Animal-Human Relationships at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at VTU.

She says there are several reasons for this new role for pets. One is the increased urbanization of society, which gives humans

less opportunity to interact with nature. "Animals, pets, are part of nature," Suthers-McCabe told the Chicago Tribune. "Some research indicates this interaction may be a real human need. And some people may choose to fill that need through a pet."

Another reason is the belief that animals provide health benefits. Studies have found that petting a dog or cat lowers one's blood pressure, and that hugging a dog in the home helps people recover more quickly from heart attacks.

Maybe most important, though, is the role they play in our lives.

"A lot of times they fill a role as a human child would," Suthers-McCabe said. "With older people who live alone, they fill the role of a companion."

"It used to be you always had family living nearby, a cousin down the street, whatever. But today, with everyone moving all the time, people don't have that social support system as available. Now our animals can become a part of our support system."

Dogs adopted by humans generally get better nutrition and veterinary care than they once did, but Simonds said longevity is more likely than not the luck of the draw.

"If you get a dog with good genes, they can be around for a long time."

Moore has ensured that with a regimen that includes deep body massages of Teeger several times a day and a diet supplemented by tender loving care.

"I go down to Albertson's and they sell me whole chickens," he said. "I mash them up and mix them with some broth and give it to her."

Szanto has treated Teeger's physical ailments, which include heart disease, aggressively. "You use the best drugs and the best technology that are available," he said.

That's the difference in keeping an older dog going, Szanto believes.

"Dogs typically don't tell you there's something wrong until it becomes serious," he said. "Animals that get regular check-ups usually live longer because you have a better chance to head off serious problems sooner."

A dog's regardless of size is geriatric at age 6 or 7, Szanto added. It's time then to start paying closer attention to his or her health.

"Dogs are creatures of routine," he said. "And anytime you see a change in their routine, it could mean trouble."

"Owning an old dog requires a commitment of more time and usually more resources," Simonds said. "But the rewards, I think, are more than worth it. They're wonderful."

Moore agrees. He has three

Keeping Fido around

- Watch the treats. Extra weight can shorten a dog's life.
- After age 6 or 7, make the vet check-ups regular. Dogs often won't let you know when they're ill.
- Exercise regularly, but with care. Too-rigorous workouts, especially in hot weather, can be hard on a pet's heart.
- Be scrupulous about medication. Older dogs are prone to organ-system failure, so prescription drugs are as important to them as they are to you.
- Take care of their teeth. Gingivitis, which often shows up in older dogs and sometimes leads to tooth loss, is a potentially serious health problem. You can nag it off with regular dental care for your dog.

when Teeger was born, watched her blossom as a farm dog and develop a gentle side. Cats regularly hung out with her, he says, and she used to play with farm animals.

"I've even seen birds land on her," he said. "It didn't faze her at all."

But one look into Teeger's brown, dimming eyes tells you more.

Please see DOGS, Page E2.

What kind of mom are you, exactly?

Are you a conformist, a nonconformist, a pragmatist or an innovator?

If you're a mom, one of those describes your beliefs about motherhood and your approach to wage-earning, according to a recently published study by Wake Forest University professor Angela Hattery.

Hattery, an assistant professor of sociology, interviewed 30 mothers of young children, a mix of full-time and part-time workers and stay-home mothers, about how they handle jobs and family. She groups them into four categories:

• **Conformists** believe that a mother at home is vital for children. They may even live if it means living on an income that would be unacceptably low to other families. (Many stay-home moms would say that this makes them nonconformists in today's world, but Hattery's label is based on conforming to the traditional motherhood ideology.)

Hattery says full-time moms are too often left out of research on work-family balance. "It is not as if mothers who are staying at home are not aware that they could be employed," she writes. "Rather, they are actively choosing to forgo employment for child rearing."

• **Nonconformists** reject the "mom

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should stay home" notion, instead believing that child care and a mother's independence are better for the whole family. They pursue a career, even when their husbands make good money.

• **Pragmatists** - the largest group - figure out what works best for their family based on earnings and child-care options. Pragmatist moms may end up working full- or part-time or staying home, and often shift from one approach to another as circumstances change.

• **Innovators** accept the traditional ideal with one key variation: They think parents should be home with children. These moms place higher importance on fathers' role in child rearing, and are more creative in trying such options as staggered shifts, working from home or bringing children to a family business.

- Source: Charlotte Observer

Dinosaur show comes to planetarium

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TWIN FALLS - "The Dinosaur Chronicles," a new multimedia show, is now playing at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrert Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

The show takes viewers from the ice age to the space age, through the various stages of Earth's development, and into the lives of the near-mythical creatures whose fossilized remains are studied today.

The show will be screened through Memorial Day, on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and at 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families of two adults and not more than four children. Kids 4 and under should not attend.

Upcoming

FILER - Children's author Suzanne Williams will meet and talk with winners of the Magic Valley Young Authors Contest on May 5 in the Filer Middle School gymnasium.

To do for families

Each school in the Magic Valley will conduct its own Young Authors contest before April 14. Winners for each grade level at each school will be eligible to attend the celebration on May 5. Students in kindergarten through the eighth grade submit a short story of three poems for judging.

High school students may enter a short story, poems or an essay. High school entries are submitted to a panel of judges and winners from each grade level are given monetary awards. High school entries should be submitted by their high school teachers to Denise Mumm, 3620 North 3300 East, Kimberly 83341, by April 14.

Williams is the author of "Library Lil," "My Dog Never Says Please" and "Monomy Doesn't Know My Name," among other titles. A former librarian in Renton, Wash., she has been writing children's books for 15 years.

Williams will conduct a writer's workshop for teachers on May 5. For further information, call Mumm at

423-4170, Ext. 3207.

JACKPOT - Entry deadline is April 13 for the second annual Carl Hayden Young Writers contest, sponsored by Cactus Petes Resort Casino.

Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students from the Twin Falls, Kimberly, Filer, Gooding, Hansen, Mars, Shoshone, Wendell, Minidoka and Jerome school districts are eligible.

Each grade level will be judged separately.

The contest offers more than \$1,200 in cash prizes to participating students.

Additionally, the school with the greatest number of winning student authors will get a \$500 donation to its library.

Contest rules and application forms are available from participating schools, or by calling 841-3472. Winners will be announced May 11.

Every week, To Do For Families has the coolest 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.

FAMILY LIFE

Proper dental care is important for pets

Rick and Chris are the proud owners of Snowball, a rugged and tough black Labrador retriever. One morning Snowball chewed down on one of his favorite chew toys and yelped out in pain. This was definitely not normal behavior and they promptly checked Snowball's mouth to discover the problem. However they found nothing.

Over the next few days they noticed Snowball pawing at his mouth and only reluctantly play his favorite game of Frisbee. When he lost his appetite—and he never loses their appetite—they knew something was wrong and made an appointment for Snowball to see their veterinarian.

By the next day Snowball's upper jaw was swollen and it didn't take the vet very long to come up with the diagnosis—a broken canine or fang tooth. Bacteria had penetrated the tooth, and the root had become infected. The infection had spread to the bone and surrounding tissues, making the entire area tender to the touch and very painful.

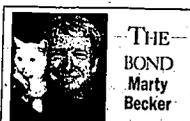
Because the canine teeth are very important for many pets, especially a working dog like Snowball, the veterinarian started the dog on powerful antibiotics. He also referred to a veterinary dental specialist in hopes that they could do a root canal and save the tooth.

Just as birds fly and fish swim, dogs chew.

According to veterinary dentists, broken teeth are a common problem in all pets. The primary cause is aggressive chewing on hard objects such as rocks, fencing or hard treats such as cow hooves, bones or hard nylon toys. The most common tooth to be fractured by these types of toys is the upper fourth premolar, or carnassial tooth. Sometimes dogs will chew their teeth down to small "nubbins" and/or wear the teeth right through the enamel (thus exposing the root). The broken or worn tooth exposes the delicate pulp and nerve endings and makes life extremely painful for the pet. Food and other debris of daily doggydom can get impacted in the fracture and attract bacteria leading to infection, the loss of the tooth, or worse.

The most common signs of dental problems are excessive drooling in pets that don't normally salivate very much, blood on their toys or bedding, avoiding hard food or treats, favoring one side of its mouth. Sometimes, like Snowball, they may yelp after biting something.

Chewing provides an important stress-relieving mechanism. To prevent broken teeth, make sure that you have several toys that are safe for your pet to chew. This will satisfy a natural instinct and keep him away from inappropriate or dangerous objects. Kong toys and softer chews such as rawhide are recommended. Dental experts also recommend making sure that your pet gets plenty of regular exercise to help prevent pent up energy that could lead to destructive chewing.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

Here are some tips to get puppies off to the right start:

1. Provide your puppy with a variety of safe chew toys. Ideally, start with softer chews (vegetable based) that the puppy can chew on and successfully chew off fragments. As the puppy develops teeth faster, provide a harder chew toy each time. Praise any chewing done by the puppy on appropriate toys.
2. Do not allow access to inappropriate chews such as socks or shoes. Avoid very hard chews like sterilized bones until the dog is an experienced chewer of approved items.
3. Be cautious if you play tug of war with dogs, as this can injure teeth as well as encourage aggressive behavior.

Just as the human family gets regular dental examinations and cleanings, your pet needs a yearly veterinary visit for a comprehensive physical exam that will include a detailed look at the teeth and gums. This is also good advice for cat owners.

Smaller breeds of dogs tend to have periodontal disease at a younger age, and they should have regular oral exams done at least yearly.

Your veterinarian will set up a comprehensive plan to keep your pet's teeth clean and shiny, the gums firm and healthy.

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 Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

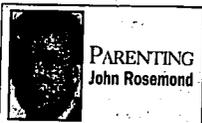
Toddlers don't have a gender agenda

Q: We've always made all manner of toys available to our twin 3-year-olds, a boy and a girl. Nevertheless, our son tends to play with trucks and toy soldiers, while our daughter plays with dolls. Over the last few months, they have begun to enjoy playing dress-up, which we have encouraged.

The problem, if it's a problem, is that they always dress up in female clothes—both of them. Now they're thinking we've let this go on too long. The other day, they appeared before us, both dressed like girls, and our son proudly announced, "We're girls." Where do we go from here?

A: I would suggest you go to your libation locker, pour your favorite spirit, and calm down. How marvelous, actually! What wonderful imaginations! And what a blessing to you that they are able to occupy themselves so creatively and harmlessly. Consider the alternative!

Nothing in a young child's world is more fun than playing dress-up.



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Typically, play of this sort emerges late in the third year of life or early in the fourth. Prior to this, the child's curiosity-driven explorations have been limited to material things and places. During this first exploratory phase, the child develops a reputation for "getting into everything."

Evidence is rapidly accumulating to the effect that the child's brain development profits greatly from having a good amount of freedom in this area—when, in other words, his explorations are not overly hindered or punished. Imagination begins to flower in late toddlerhood, at which point the typical child's play expands to encompass the exploration of

roles and relationships.

Formerly, the child played only "with" things. Now, he begins playing "at" things. Oh, the miracle of it all! Please understand that a 3-year-old has no internal censor where such things are concerned, no inner voice telling him that while it's all right to dress as a clown, it's not all right to dress up as the opposite gender.

Those inner voices don't start talking for a few years, in fact, and when they do, some of what they say is completely unnecessary.

Now, while it's a bit strange and certainly inappropriate in most social circles for a 30-year-old man to dress in women's clothing, there is nothing strange or inappropriate about a 3-year-old boy doing so. It's as harmless as dressing up like a clown.

If your son enjoyed dressing in a clown outfit and one day announced that he was a clown, you wouldn't worry that he was going to want to wear nothing but clown suits when he was 12,

would you? And even if your son develops a life-long predilection for dressing in women's clothing, it may interest you to know that most cross-dressing males are heterosexual.

The bottom line: This is nothing to worry about. Announcing that he is a girl is no more significant than our daughter Amy announcing at age 3 that she was Jennifer. Within a year, Amy was again telling people her name was Amy and within a reasonably short time your son will let go of the "I'm a girl" thing.

In the meantime, relax and go with the enjoyable, precious flow of this. If you just can't stop being bugged by it, then tell the kids to play dress-up in their room only. Then, please, leave 'em alone.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

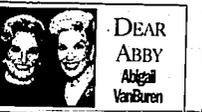
Counter road rage by cutting others slack

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to apologize to the man I cut off in merging traffic on the interstate the other day. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to cut you off. I saw your mouth moving 100 miles a minute and the anger controlling your face. I got back in the other lane as quickly as I could, and I want you to know I was scared to death when you pulled up beside me and started honking the horn. We were approaching a slow-moving semi, and I was terrified you might run me off the road.

You honked for quite a while. I didn't look over because I knew it wouldn't do any good. I knew I had cut you off, and I'm sorry for that, but your forcing me into a dangerous path on the interstate was not safe for either of us. I was afraid if I turned to look at you, you would pull a gun on me or run me into the ditch. I wanted to focus on driving, but instead, I had to concentrate on a car looking me into a lane, honking at me, swearing at me. I was afraid you would damage my car or maybe follow me home. Both of our careers were dangerous to other people, but there is a difference between them. I cut you off by accident; your reaction was reckless and intentional.

The next time you are in a similar situation, I hope you'll extend a little mercy. It would be beneficial not only to the person in my position, but to the rest of the people trying to travel safely on the road.

GIRL IN THE BLUE CAR: DEAR GIBBY: Your letter carries an important message. Incidents of road rage are all too common, and the guilty parties are both male and female. Rudeness on the roadway, overreaction to the careless driving habits of others, immaturity and



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby
VanBuren

sheer recklessness are invitations to tragedy. I sometimes think it wouldn't hurt if reciting the Golden Rule were mandatory before being allowed to pass the driving test. That way people would be driving "under the influence" of something positive.

DEAR ABBY: This may top the letter about the couple who invited friends to their anniversary party and used the cash the guests put on their money tree to finance their divorce. I was recently invited to a bridal shower. The mother wrote on all the invitations, "I have purchased all the gifts my daughter would like. So please come to my house to purchase the gifts from me."

How is that for nerve? All of the gifts were expensive. Most of the invites felt obligated to buy them and did so with great resentment.

The daughter is a spoiled, pretentious brat—but mother and daughter got what they wanted. I dare anyone to top this one.

TICKED OFF: DEAR TICKED OFF: Feeling as you do about the bride and her mother, why did you attend the shower? Are these people you plan on having anything to do with in the future? I'm surprised you allowed yourself to be used that way when you could have "round-filed" the invitation.

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Dogs

Continued from E1

"I treat her like I would another human being in my family," Moore said. "I wouldn't trade the years I've had with her for anything."

"To me, the most heart-breaking thing in the world is when somebody drops an old dog off at the shelter," Simonds said. "Old dogs are wonderfully loyal, and when that happens, they don't have a clue what's happened to them."

Puppies are pets, the saying goes, old dogs are friends.

"I won't get another dog for a while after Teeger's gone," Moore said, wiping a tear from his eye. "I'm just worn out, and except for going to work, I haven't done much else the last few years but take care of her. But I'll miss her after she's gone."

"I'll miss her so much."

The Chicago Tribune contributed to this report

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Huntington Beach,
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THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Evening star becomes morning star



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Lately Venus has been dominating the early evening western sky. So much so that you find quite a few calls from folks wondering what it is (guesses range from UFOs to the International Space Station). No wonder - Venus outshines any star in the sky and is so bright that it's easy to see why it might be mistaken for something in the atmosphere or only slightly beyond. If everyone owned a telescope (hey, an astronomer can dream), he or she would be able to see what the evening star really is. Since last summer Venus has been changing from a small, nearly full phase to a relatively spiculating crescent. But the spectacle of its days are number one.

With the closest approach now only days away, Venus' reign over the evening sky is rapidly ending. As our nearest planetary neighbor speeds between Earth and Mars (in conjunction on Thursday prior conjunction) on Thursday, it will be lost in the sun's glare. No matter - by mid-April, it will

reappear in the pre-dawn sky, spending the rest of 2001 as the morning star.
Perhaps you're wondering whether a telescope with a solar filter will be able to spot (pun intended) Venus against the sun's glare on Thursday. Alas, no. Despite the fact that the planets all orbit in nearly the same plane, Venus' orbit is tilted enough that it will skirt 8 degrees north of the sun. Which isn't to say it never crosses the sun's face - it just does so very rarely. The last Venusian transit was in 1882. The next time it happens, in 2004, will occur during Idaho's nighttime hours. We will get to see a Venusian transit in

Sky calendar

- (Through Saturday)
- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Mars; S, low One hour after sunset: Saturday, W. Jupiter: W (above Saturn) • Moon: Close to Saturn (2 degrees) Wednesday evening and Jupiter (3 degrees) Thursday evening.

2012, however. A good thing, too, because the next one visible in Idaho after that won't be until 2125 A.D!
Next week: Lions, lambs and the stars of spring.
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Do the essentials and drop the rest



STRESS
Tim O'Brien

You probably have to be 45 or older to remember. There was a time when, "on the seventh day, America rested. Even if you didn't attend church, Sundays were special. They were slower, more relaxed, calmer. Only essential stores were open.

What happened? We've become busier and constantly available through beepers, cell phones, FAX machines, multi-line, call-waiting and the Internet. Some of us have become addicted to adrenaline and constant activity. Instead of an organized and systematic approach, now we are impulsive. We don't wait it down. We call when we think of it. It doesn't matter if we're in six lanes of 70 mph traffic, or if we are in an intimate restaurant full of patrons trying to escape the trappings of technology for at least a meal. Just pull out the phone and call. Spend, its chemicals and hormones, drives us, makes us feel alive, abuzz, cruising at the speed of hypertext.

Now, a second and as individuals, we have no national clock of time set aside for mass relaxation. If it isn't 24/7, we consider it inconvenient, or behind the times.

Even when I have to check it 8 or 10 times a day, or more, don't you? Stock quotes, aren't we? We have to see how the portfolio is since we checked on our job. Nationwide beepers require equipment. If we're camping in the woods, alone with nature, how are people to contact us? We can't leave our cell phone on out there. The battery won't last. And even if it might not be a tower close enough. Better camp in a hotel, with a sushi bar.

Relaxation? Sure we relax. Let's check our daybook and see when the next time is? Yes, next Wednesday between 4:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. when we have to pick the children up from soccer, T-ball, dance and music lessons. Unless, Jeremy calls about the F-net, IPO. Then we'll meet with him and switch off the pick up with the spouse.

Effective relaxation takes more than periodic entries in our scheduler or Palm Pal. Sometimes, it takes days. When was the last time you actually felt thoroughly relaxed for a full day? Why do you push so hard? Have you set your lifestyle at such a level that you must extend your most time packed day into the indefinite future just to maintain it?

List all the services you have others perform for you - time and money - or value next to each. A way to gain some relaxation is to do tasks, like housecleaning, yard work, cooking or laundry, with a more attitude and coordinated rest breathing. Our attitude toward an activity determines its value to us.

Become organized enough to reclaim at least a half day immediately.

Claim it by dropping, combining, and organizing your life into must-do and want-to-do lists. Tightly the "must do" list into true essentials. Simply stop doing unnecessary busy work. Check e-mail and the market only once or twice per day. Get off junk and mass e-mail lists. Answer only required e-mails and phone calls. Write and talk succinctly. Do the essentials, drop the rest. Shift the time you save into one larger block that you use, guiltlessly, for yourself - not to be caught up, but to relax and enjoy.

Many people have large expenses

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Movies don't offer much for families

The Orange County Register

"Get Over It" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema. Best for: Mature teens to 20-somethings.
What it's about: When Berke (Ben Foster) is dumped by his girlfriend, Allison (Melissa Sagemiller), he turns to his friend Felix's (Colin Hanks) sister Kelly (Kirsten Dunst) to help him win her back. But before he has the chance, Allison falls for Siripika (Shane West), and Berke realizes whom he truly loves, Sisqo, Martin Short, Carmen Electra, Swoosie Kurtz and Ed Begley Jr.
The good: Vitamin C and Sisqo are in the opening and closing musical numbers that are clever.
The not-so-good: This story has been done a dozen times, but what makes this one stand out as particularly bad is the raunchy humor. Scatological scenes involve animal urination and horse dung, plus there are simulated S&M acts by Electra, foul language, a silly premise and the fact that Foster is not leading-by-the-hand material (he's too immature and wimpy and lacks the ability to match Dunst). Also, numerous sexual innuendoes, bad jokes and attempts at cute teen humor pretty much fall flat.
Offensive language: Lots.
Sexual situations: Dialogue about sex, but nothing is shown. One quick kinky situation shows a guy in lingerie in leather straps on a stage at a strip club, and Electra (in a dominatrix outfit) acts like she's going to whip him. Berke is on a basketball court with a just a jock strap on, and his bare behind is briefly visible.
Violence: Nothing really violent.

Family flicks

Parental advisory: This movie is so offensive on so many levels, it's not worth sitting through for the few really entertaining musical moments.
Entertainment value: D+
• "15 Minutes" (R) - Twin Cinema. Best for: Very mature adults
What it's about: Celebrated New York detective Eddie Flemming (Robert De Niro) and New York arson investigator Jarley Warsaw (Edward Burns) join forces to track down two killers, Emil Slovak (Karel Roden) and Oleg Razgul (Oleg Tokaev), who traveled to New York City from Eastern Europe looking for a man who owes them money. When the man can't pay, his murder is covered up by a fatal fire and the crimes are videotaped by one of the brutal killers, who has already crafted a legal defense plan to plead insanity. The killers decide to sell their story for millions to tabloid TV news anchor Robert Hawkins (Kelsey Grammer) should they be caught. Their only problem is an illegal immigrant who witnesses the crime, Daphne Handlowa (Vera Farmiga). Melina Kanakaredes plays a local TV reporter.
The good: This is an unusual suspense-drama that highlights the media's obsession with selling sex and violence, while showing how two immigrants can abuse the system for the sake of sensationalistic

television. In all of the craziness, there is some truth about the perceptions of America and anti-Americanism, especially where the media's concerned.
The not-so-good: The adult themes, violent murders, nudity and other issues make this one for mature adults only.
Offensive language: Extensive use of profanity, especially the "F-word"; plenty of other colorful phrases and expletives; a religious profanity.
Sexual situations: There is some sexually related dialogue and a discussion of oral sex - some of it explicit - while one scene features an "escort" who strips to her thigh underwear and prepares to perform oral sex on a man.
Violence: Extreme, graphic and possibly disturbing for some viewers; various killings, some of which are very bloody and gory.
Parental advisory: This one is definitely not for teenage boys who enjoy this kind of movie. This one will offend many adults because of the degrading violence.
Entertainment value: D

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Serving the Magic Valley

Students get on-the-job experiences

TWIN FALLS - Minico High School students got an up-close view of health care careers.

They participated in a "job shadowing" at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls in February.

The students choose from a variety of careers for job shadowing in their fields of interest, such as nursing, lab technicians, rehabilitation therapist and diagnostic imaging, to name a few.

Some of the non-traditional career fields included computer information systems, engineering, ground keeping, food services, medical records, social work, marketing and data analysis, the school reported.

The students started the day with an orientation to hospital policies and procedures, especially in the area of confidentiality. Next on their agenda was the

actual job shadow experience.

Magic Valley Regional staff members exercised their role of "workplace host" were gracious, friendly, knowledgeable and the food service department generously served the students lunch, Minico representatives say.

Faculty chaperons Sandee Nelson, School to Careers coordinator for Minico, and Brenda Buckley, a member of the high school teaching staff, said the students enjoyed the hands-on experience working in their chosen areas. The students were also excited about the opportunity and shared information about their job shadowing with each other on the bus trip back.

Photo courtesy of Minico High School
This Minico student was one of many who did a job shadow at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.



Relay for Life picks up steam

FILER - There is still time to gather a team for the 10th anniversary Magic Valley 2001 American Cancer Society Relay for Life set May 18-19.

The event will be held at the Filer Elementary School track field.

The purpose of the 18-hour walking event is to raise money to find a cure for cancer and raise awareness of cancer prevention in the community, organizers say.

Last year, the Magic Valley Relay had 61 teams that raised \$115,000, organizers say. This year's goal is \$150,000.

The event includes a Celebration of Life Ceremony honoring cancer survivors and a Luminaria Ceremony to remember those who have been lost to cancer.

For more information, call Lynn at 734-9654, Debbie at 736-6522, Joan at 733-1777 or Pat at 733-0931.



Photo courtesy of Relay for Life
Vicki Cole, selected, local American Cancer Society area director, assists team captains in collecting packets for the Magic Valley 2001 American Cancer Society Relay for Life set May 18-19 in Filer.

FFA students blossom with floriculture

By Dare Jensen
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - There's more to flowers than beauty when it comes to the students who participated in the North Side Magic Valley FFA District floriculture contest at Gooding High School on Feb. 21 and later, at the state contest at Ricks' College on March 3.

Bliss, Glenns Ferry, Gooding, Hagerman and Shoshone schools participated in the district contest.

"The floriculture contest is expensive and a lot of work," said Chester Bradshaw, Bliss FFA instructor. "It takes a lot of practice flowers. The students make a corsage, a floral arrangement, a bouquet, take a written test and identify 40 different plants."

The students are given a retail price list for flowers and this year, the floral arrangement had to bill out at \$35. The corsage required four blooms and two buds, and students had to remember a weight factor in the corsage, he said.

"The floriculture contest is the contest most popular with the



Photo courtesy of Gooding High School
Alandra Rodriguez of Gooding and Mandy Moore of Shoshone check out flowers for the FFA district floriculture contest at Gooding High School.

students," Bradshaw said. "In most of the other contests, the students are handed sample test questions and told to study them. In floriculture, it's hands on. It also teaches a marketable skill."

The Gooding team won the district competition. The team consisted of Alandra Rodriguez, first place, individual; Lacy Olsen, third place, individual; and Desiree Bauman, fourth place, individual. Tom Woodland is the Gooding FFA instructor.

The Bliss team of Calib Burk, Cade Erkins, Vanessa Leija and Murlene Diaz took second place.

TFHS debater goes to nationals

IDAHO FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Debate/Speech team participated in the National Forensics League Qualifying Tournament March 16-17 at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.

This is the first time in seven years that a competitor from Twin Falls High School has qualified for nationals in any event.

The policy debate team of

entire, tournament, team representatives say. Tarter will now be able to attend the national tournament to be held from June 10-15 at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.

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North-south winners for March 14 were: Mary Kienlen and Evelyn Meyer; second place, Renee Bulcher and Mary Tucker; third place, Ruby Grimes and Lola Remakus; and fourth place, Dick with Gary Cook and Lara Bruce with Edna Pierson. East-west winners were: Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; second place, Chad and Marilyn Bokin; third place, Jan Fitzhugh and Howard Tucker; fourth place, Fred and Bobette Plankey and flight B, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skeem. Winners for March 15 were: first place, Betty Grant and Ruth Rabe;

Twin Falls Centennial Commission holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Centennial Commission will meet from 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

The commission's e-mail address is twincen@2001c.com

Filer class searches for classmates for reunion

FILER - The Filer class of 1961 will hold a reunion May 14-15.

Addresses or phone numbers are needed for the following classmates: Judy Gaumer, Patricia Bolton, Gerald Reis, Emil Rode, Rex VonSassen, Reichinger, Mike Van and Joyce White Dick.

Information should be given to Jim Fields at 426-4281 or 734-2307.

Hansen library seeks donations for yard sale

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Performances help benefit student educational fund

TWIN FALLS - A performance of "Julius Caesar" by the Twin Falls Drama Department will benefit the educational fund of Andrea Lindberg, whose mother died recently.

The benefit performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 4-5 at Roper Auditorium. A performance of the school drum corps will take place at 7 p.m. Admission is by donations with a \$2 minimum.

Donations also can be mailed to the Andrea Lindberg Educational Fund, c/o Karen Jahnke, Twin Falls High School, 1515 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID, 83301 or at First Security Bank branches.

For more information, call Suzy Pfeifferle at 737-5208, Ext. 3032.

Twin Falls Library holds used book sale

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library will hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 6 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 7 at the library at 434 Second St. E.

All books will be half price from 3:50 p.m. April 7.

The library is still taking donations of books, which can be dropped off in a bin in the lobby.

Blue Lakes Chiropractic holds essay contest

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Craig Manning and Blue Lakes Chiropractic will hold an essay contest for sixth graders and give away a scholarship to 12th graders.

Participants must be enrolled in the sixth-grade or 12th-grade of any Twin Falls County school.

For the sixth-grade essay contest, papers must be at least two pages typed double-spaced or written and no longer than five pages. The topic choices are: "How does knowledge of human anatomy affect our attitudes about health?" and "What does it mean to be healthy?" First place will receive \$30, second place will receive \$20 and third place will receive \$10.

For the 12th-grade essay contest, papers must be at least four pages typed double-spaced and no longer than eight pages. The topic choices are: "How does knowledge of human anatomy affect our attitudes about health?" and "Why is America looking toward 'alternative' forms of health care more now than ever?" Participants must plan to major in any health-science related field. The winner will receive \$150 and be used at the college or university of their choice.

The papers will be judged by grammar and overall content. Winners will be notified before April 30. All entries should have the full name and telephone number of the participants.

Entries should be submitted by mail to Dr. Craig Manning, 153 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID

Mount Harrison Quilters enjoy work day, soup lunch

RUPERT - The Mount Harrison Quilters will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 Tuesday at the Lutheran Church, 909 8th St. S., Rupert.

This month's program will be a work-day. Come anytime and leave when necessary and bring a quilt project, whether hand or machine, to work on, organizers say.

A soup lunch will be provided at noon. Door prizes and show and tell will follow.

Burley Library adds Accelerated Reader books

BURLEY - Burley Library added several Accelerated Reader books.

"The Hispanics" by Greg Nickles, "Baseball In Action" by Sarah Dunn, "Figure Skating In Action" by Katie Calder, "Go In Action" by Hannelore Sotek, "Martial Arts In Action" by Heather Levigne, "Shih Tzus," "Scottish Terriers," "Pythons," "Anacondas," "Boa Constrictors," "Copperheads," "Diamondback Rattlesnake," "Frappino Cobras," "Trapdoor Spiders," "Jumping Spiders" by James E. Gerholdt, "Dog-Faced Bat," "Vampire Bat," "Spear-Nosed Bat," "Flying Fox Bat," "Wrinkle-Faced Bat" all by Pamela J. Gerholdt, "Best Friend - Liar the Sun," "Flower Girl Friends," "Katie and the Meet the Friends" all by Shari Scannell Whalen, "Basketball In Action," "Volleyball In Action," "Football In Action" by John

Burley man celebrates 90th birthday with open house

BURLEY - Mike Novosel of Burley will be celebrating his 90th birthday at an open house Saturday.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2-5 p.m. at the Warren House, 1301 Bennett St., Burley, north of Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The family requests no gifts.

Novosel was born April 2, 1911 and has been a longtime resident of Declo and Burley.

Community through arts program set at center

RUPERT - The public is invited to the free annual Enhancing the Community Through the Arts program, 7-9:30 p.m. April 20 at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W., Rupert.

The evening showcases local talent and displays by local artists.

Job Newman, Mini-Cassia's professional opera star, will share his musical talents along with many others.

The evening is capped off with desserts to enjoy while visiting with friends and neighbors, organizers say.

March of Dimes holds WalkAmerica

TWIN FALLS - The 31st annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica will be held April 28 in Twin Falls.

One million participants in 1,400 communities are participating for WalkAmerica each year, organizers say.

For more information or to participate, call Cricker Leonard at 734-8318.

New theater group seeks volunteers for productions

CASTLEFORD - Castleford Actors Striving To Entertain (CASTE) theater group are in need of volunteers for behind the scenes activity such as sets, costumes, tickets and publicity.

The yearly dues are \$15.

"Someone Save My Baby Ruth" by Billy St. John will be performed at 7 p.m. May 18 at Balanced Rock Park. The play is a melodrama that takes place in a candy shop.

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I'm back to write a little about dentistry in the Times-News as I did about a year ago. I have not been writing because my search for continued education has taken most of my free time. I believe very strongly that it is my responsibility as your dentist to be as knowledgeable as possible.

When you trust your smile to a doctor, absolutely nothing compares to experience. I have been directly hands-on, involved with over 500 reconstructive and functionally focused cosmetic cases in San Francisco, all completed on live patients. I've accomplished this over the last two years as a professor at the University of the Pacific and a clinical instructor for the Pacific Aesthetic Institute in San Francisco.

I have also been very busy writing articles, and preparing for presentations in Boston and Las Vegas.

I'm looking forward to your e-mails and your questions so I may address your topics of interest more directly in this section each week. Any new web page, smile7.com, is up and running if you wish to learn more about our office and the work we do.

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WEDDINGS

BROADBENT-LANE

HANSEN - O. Lynn and Jackie Broadbent of Firth announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Lynn Broadbent, to Jim Lane Jr., son of Jim and Kathy Lane of Hansen.

Broadbent is a graduate of Firth High School and Idaho State University. She is employed at Southeastern District Health Department in Pocatello.

Lane is a graduate of Hansen High School and ISU. He is employed at Southeastern District Health Department in Soda Springs. The wedding is planned for April 28 at the Nazarene Church in Kimberly.



Wendy Broadbent and Jim Lane

THE STRAUCHES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Strauch of Twin Falls will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on April 1.

Strauch and Lillian Johnston were married April 1, 1936.

He joined the Army in November 1943 in the field artillery at Watertown, N.Y. After a year, he transferred to the Army Air Corps at Mitchell Field Long Island until his discharge in March 1936.

They have lived in Hempstead Long Island, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y., East Arcadia, N.Y., and Ferley, Nev., before moving to Twin Falls in 1995. He owned and operated a service station in New York. She worked at Kleinhaus, a men's store in New York, for 13 years.

They have two children, Gene Strauch and Carol Clark, both deceased.



Lillian and Walter Strauch

The couple has seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

and visiting their granddaughters. Their children are Teresa (Kelly) Hamlett of Twin Falls, Ted Benoit of Boise and Lisa (Steve) Wirsching of Port Huemene, Calif.

They have five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. The couple will enjoy a celebration this summer with family and friends.

SCHURMAN-JACKSON

STEVENSVILLE, Mont. - Erin Schurman and Clint Jackson were married Feb. 17 at the Burnt Fork School in Stevensville, Mont.

The bride is the daughter of Jean and Dusty Schurman of Victor, Mont. She graduated from Victor High School in 1996. She attended Salish Kootani College and Western Montana College.

The bridegroom is the son of Ray and Paulette Jackson of Castledorf. He graduated from Castledorf High School in 1991. He played football at Western Montana College for four years.

Attendants were Erin Williams of Helena, Mont., Jamie Clark of Victor, Mont., Angela Robinson of Missoula.



Erin and Clint Jackson

Mont., Dan Mulkey of Lima, Mont., Dale Leslie of Twin Falls and Stony Erick of Bagg, Wyo.

The couple will host a reception and dance on Saturday at Mr. Bill's on Main Street in Jerome. The reception will begin at 6 p.m. with Leather and Lace playing music at 9 p.m.

MARSH-SHEPHERD

TWIN FALLS - Scot and Karla Marsh of Idaho announce the engagement of their daughter, Naysa Mae Marsh, to Paul Anthony Shepherd, son of Craig and Madlyn Shepherd of Twin Falls.

Marsh is a graduate of Christian Liberty Academy Satellite School. She is employed at Hospice Visions in Twin Falls.

Shepherd is a graduate of Destiny Christian School. He is employed by Service Master in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for April 21.



Naysa Marsh and Paul Shepherd



Bob and Donna Benoit

THE BENOITS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Benoit of Twin Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday.

Benoit and Donna Hewlett were married March 26, 1951, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

He worked for the post office for 41 1/2 years, retiring in 1990.

She worked at Sears, Swift Cheese Company and retired in 1991 from the Soil Conservation Service.

They enjoy gardening, long rides to Mr. Powers Orchards in Hagerman



Leah Minter and Japheth Partridge

MINTEER-PARTRIDGE

TWIN FALLS - Leah Minter and Japheth Partridge announce their engagement.

Minter is a daughter of Brenda Tucker of Pocatello and Robert Minter of Bozeman, Mont.

Partridge is a son of Stephen and Brenda Partridge of Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for June 9 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony in Twin Falls.

SPYHER-PAYTON

TWIN FALLS - Lillian Byers of Modesto, Calif., announces the engagement of her daughter, Ellen L. Spyher, to David D. Payton, son of Bill and Terri Broner of Hollister. Spyher is also the daughter of the late Victor N. Boyles.

Spyher attended O'Leary Junior High School. She is employed at home in Twin Falls.

Payton attended Robert Stuart Junior High School. He is employed at Auto Pride in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for April 16.

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Take time to understand funeral costs

Q. My husband and I promised each other that we would not go overboard in making funeral arrangements for each other; however, at age 78, I found myself with a terminally ill husband and a guilty conscience about not providing him with an expensive funeral service. Since our children live out of state, I went to a local funeral home myself and, against my better judgment, signed papers obligating myself for a service costing more than \$11,000 for which I was pressured to pay in advance. The people there were very nice, but now I feel that I was taken advantage of under the circumstances. I am embarrassed about going back because I know I will be intimidated, but I believe the cost is outrageously high. Please answer this as soon as possible as I have been ashamed to discuss this with my children.

A. More often than not, funeral arrangements are made by families at times of grief and stress who do not take the time to compare prices or think rationally about costs. Under these circumstances, families tend to spend more than they can afford or purchase unnecessary or duplicative goods and services. To assist consumers, the Federal Trade Commission has established regulations regarding the funeral industry that can help you plan.



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

According to these regulations, a funeral director must, among other things, 1) provide itemized pricing information for all goods and services in advance; 2) not make misrepresentations about the disposition of human remains; and 3) avoid unfair trade practices such as conditioning the purchase of some goods and services upon the purchase of others.

That said, here are some things that you should know before you decide how to handle this situation:

- Except where state law requires it or there will be a viewing of the body, embalming is not required. Therefore, unless you approve it or the law requires it, the funeral home may not charge a fee for this service.
- If your loved one is to be cremated, you are not required to purchase a casket, and the funeral home cannot require it. You have the right to purchase a

much less expensive container for this purpose.

- Outer burial containers, which are sometimes sold by funeral homes, are not mandated by law; however, if a cemetery requires a container, an inexpensive vault or a grave liner may suffice.
- Despite representations to the contrary, goods and services sold by funeral homes will not stop the natural decomposition of a body for an indefinite time. This includes "air tight" coffins and expensive vaults.
- Because funeral homes purchase some goods and services from third persons, their costs will be "upcharged" to you by the addition of what are often called "service fees" or "rebates." Examples of the expenses for which the funeral home makes cash advances include cemetery or crematory services, transportation, clergy fees, flowers, musicians, obituary notices, death certificates, pallbearers, grave opening fees, etc. You are entitled to disclosure of the amount you are being charged over the actual funeral home cost.

- Although you can not be required to purchase a "package deal" and although you have the right to pick and choose the services and goods you want, funeral homes can charge for the services

of the funeral director and staff as a condition for providing any service.

- If you choose to purchase a casket directly from a company that sells to the public rather than from the funeral home, you may be able to save money. The same is true of thank you notes, sign-in books, and the like which may be provided at higher costs by the funeral home.
- No pricing is set in stone and, although many people do not do so because of the circumstances, you as a consumer are certainly free to attempt to negotiate the price of the funeral.

Taking the Next Step: We suggest that you go back to the funeral home to discuss their billing in light of the above. If you feel you will be intimidated, call one of your children to assist you in dealing with a situation. For more details, you may want to look at the information provided at <http://www.aarp.org/contacts/money/funeral.html> and <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubsvcs/rvices/funeral.htm>

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Our preoccupation with weight is bad

I heard a news report the other day concerning the island of Fiji. It seems that Fiji, isolated in the Pacific Ocean, recently got a TV station for the first time in its history.



AFTER CLASS
Gay Peterson

That station has only one network channel and it plays only sitcoms, dramas, soap operas and the like. As a result of Fiji youngsters watching these programs, there are eating disorders among these young people for the first time in the history of the island. The Fiji islanders are naturally a bit rotund, but after watching various western programs, this is no longer acceptable to the youth - thus the eating disorders.

Obviously, obesity is dangerous to one's health, but western society's preoccupation with weight has, in my opinion, led to eating disorders of all kinds.

For years, as I taught high school in Wendell, I watched young women in particular, almost starve themselves so that they would fit the popular thin mold. This continues to the present day.

Movie and TV stars promote such an unhealthy image in the extreme, often becoming so thin as to look emaciated.

Now I realize that, according to the latest statistics, 57 percent of people in the United States have a serious weight problem, but I believe that the cause of this is not only that food is readily available, but that people, particularly women, realize that they cannot meet the expectations of society, go the other way and just give up, eating more than is necessary simply to soothe those feelings of guilt.

Another problem, of course, is that society demands very large portions when going to restaurants, drive-ins, etc. Hamburgers are twice as large as when I was a teenager. Drinks come in huge sizes.

Servings that would have fed a family in my youth are now served to one or two.

So what's to be done? Society should, I believe, for the health of our youth, be more tolerant of the ordinary sizes of human beings. TV and movies should portray more reasonably sized actors and actresses.

We must gradually change our ideas through the use of the media, of how a truly beautiful human body should look.

This should not be in itself, rather should obesity. People can do nothing about their genetics, and everyone cannot fit into the same mold. Society must be taught to accept what is a natural size and weight. Children must be taught that taunts and jibes that cause even the very young to have eating disorders are not acceptable. How can society be changed? One person at a time. Let it start with us.

Gay Peterson is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@magicklink.com

Folks who live outside the U.S. can get benefits

Knight Rider News Service

Q. I am a U.S. citizen and have lived here all of my adult life, but now that I am retired, I want to move back to Germany, where I grew up. Can I still get Social Security retirement benefits?

Social Security Q & A

A. Yes. In most cases, you can still receive your payments if you are a U.S. citizen, even if you live outside the United States. In some cases, you can receive benefits outside of the United States

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we cannot send a Social Security check. For more information, visit our Web site - <http://www.ssa.gov> - call us at 1-800-772-1213 or contact your local Social Security office. Ask for the publication "Your Payments

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This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

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National Poison Awareness & Prevention

The death rate from unintentional poisoning among children ages 14 and under has remained approximately the same from 1987 to 1996. While declines have been observed due to child-resistant packaging, product reformulation, heightened parental awareness, and appropriate interventions by poison control centers and health professionals, increases have been noted in the areas of CO poisoning and substance abuse resulting in unintentional poisoning. However, children continue to be a significantly greater risk from unintentional poisoning death and exposure than adults because they are smaller, have faster metabolic rates and are less able to physically handle toxic chemicals. In addition, their natural curiosity and desire to put everything in their mouths increase their poisoning risk.

Children are poisoned by medicines, vitamins, household products, lead and carbon monoxide (CO). The exposure risk to a child is associated with a product's toxicity, packaging, accessibility, availability and formulation.

When and Where Poisoning Deaths & Injuries Occur

- Calls to poison control centers peak between 4 pm and 10 pm.
- More than 90 percent of all poison exposures occur in homes.

Medicine & Household Product Poisoning

- Each year, 45 children ages 4 and under die from unintentional exposure to medicines and household products.
- Among children ages 5 and under, 57 percent of poisoning exposures are by nonpharmaceutical products such as cosmetics, cleaning substances, plants, foreign bodies and toys, pesticides, art supplies and alcohol; 43 percent are by pharmaceuticals.

Lead Poisoning

It is estimated that 890,000 children ages 1 to 5 have elevated blood lead levels high enough to affect intelligence and development. Children ages 1 to 2 are at the greatest risk from lead poisoning.

CO Poisoning

Each year, 30 children ages 14 and under are fatally poisoned by CO, an odorless, colorless gas.

Who is at Risk?

In general, children ages 5 and under are at greatest risk for nonfatal poisoning, accounting for the majority of all poisoning exposures. Children ages 2 and under are especially vulnerable.

Prevention Tips

- Store all medications and household products locked out of sight and out of reach of children. List poison control center and emergency medical service numbers near every telephone. Keep ipecac syrup on hand to be used only on the advice of a poison control center or a physician. Contact your local poison control center to see if they recommend that you keep activated charcoal in the home as well.
- Always read labels, follow directions and give medicines to children based on their weights and ages and only use the dispenser that comes packaged with children's medications.
- Test children for lead exposure, and test homes built before 1978 for lead-based paint. Cover lead paint with a sealant or hire a professional abatement company to remove the paint. Frequently wash children's hands and faces as well as toys and pacifiers to reduce the risk of ingesting lead-contaminated dust.
- Install CO detectors in your home in every sleeping area, and on the ceiling at least 15 feet from fuel-burning appliances. Ensure that space heaters, furnaces, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves are vented properly and inspected annually.

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INGREDIENTS:
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Add to chicken:
1/2 green pepper, sliced in strips
1 small onion, sliced in strips
4 fresh mushrooms, sliced thin
dash black pepper

Stir fry over medium high heat until tender. Serve on warm tortillas with chopped lettuce and tomatoes.

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