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Diversity blossoms in southern Idaho

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Magic Valley communities are among Idaho's most diverse. The number of Hispanics living in south-central Idaho's eight-county region and in Elmore County nearly doubled between

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1990 and 2000. In Minidoka, more than one quarter of the population is Hispanic, according to newly released U.S. Census data. In Rupert, the county seat, one out of every three people represents the growing

minority population, and 30 percent of businesses on the historic Towne Square are Hispanic owned.

"Pretty soon they are going to call Rupert 'Little Mexico,'" chuckled the Rev. Dago Martinez, pastor of the Roca Firme Pentecostal Church in

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The Rev. Dago Martinez gives customer Jeff Maier a trim. Martinez has been cutting hair in Rupert for 30 years.

NORTHERN LIGHTS COME SOUTH



The lights of the Aurora Borealis shimmer over the Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls during Saturday's early morning hours. An intense solar storm impacted with Earth's atmosphere causing the vivid colors to be seen as far south as New Mexico. There could be an encore performance tonight though the lights probably won't be as bright. See more on page B-1.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Budget struggle was lawmakers' biggest challenge

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE — It makes the world go 'round — and the state government.

Ask any lawmaker what issue defined the 2001 legislative session and they'd say money. And lots of it. It seemed everything about the Legislature's budget process was "record setting" this year.

The state budget reached an all-time high of just over \$2 billion. There could be an unprecedented \$330 million budget surplus before the end of the fiscal year comes this summer. And the \$111 million tax relief package lawmakers eventually settled on was the largest in state history.

For the second consecutive year lawmakers fought over tax relief to the bitter end of the session. For 52 days tax cutters tried to wrest money away from budget writers, and vice versa.

"If you leave the money on the table, they'll spend it," said Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, who joined forces with tax cutters during the last week of the session. Hansen stepped in during the final days as the replacement for the late George Swan,

How they voted

Here's a rundown of how Magic Valley lawmakers voted on key tax cut and spending measures this session:

• **House Bill 344** appropriates \$92 million to the Capital Commission for restoration of the Statehouse.

In the House March 2 (passed 52-18): Ayes — Bedke, Bell, Gould, Jones, Smith, Black (substituting for Swan), Newcomb; Nays — Jaquet, Ridinger, Stevenson.

In the Senate March 22 (passed 25-7): Ayes — Cameron, Darrington, King-Barrulla, Noh; Nays — Stennett; Absent — Sandy.

• **Senate Bill 1228** appropriates \$124,460,800 to the Department of Corrections.

In the Senate March 13 (passed 23-10): Ayes — Cameron, Darrington, King-Barrulla, Noh, Sandy; Nays — Stennett.

In the House March 22 (passed 50-18): Ayes — Bell, Gould, Jaquet, Jones, Ridinger, Stevenson, Newcomb; Nays — Bedke, Smith; District 23 — vacant.

• **Senate Bill 1274** appropriates \$809,515,600 to the Department of Health and Welfare for medical assistance services.

In the Senate March 29 (passed 21-14): Ayes — Cameron, Darrington, King-Barrulla, Noh, Sandy; Nays — Stennett.

In the House March 29 (passed 34-29): Ayes — Bedke, Bell, Gould,

Stevenson, Newcomb; Nays — Jaquet, Jones, Ridinger.

• **Senate Bill 1182** appropriates \$992,844,800 to public schools.

In the Senate March 9 (passed 31-3): Ayes — Cameron, Darrington, King-Barrulla, Noh, Sandy; Nays — none.

In the House March 12 (passed 58-6): Ayes — Bedke, Bell, Gould, Jaquet, Jones, Ridinger, Smith, Newcomb; Nays — Stevenson; District 23 — vacant.

• **House Bill 377**, the omnibus tax bill, reduces the individual and corporate income tax rates; increases the grocery tax credit for individuals; provides income tax credits for research and development costs; the creation of new jobs, installing broadband communications equipment, and investing in counties with high unemployment or low personal incomes; and to provide an income tax deduction for certain health insurance costs. A total tax reduction of \$97.6 million in 2002, and \$88.9 million in 2003.

In the House March 26 (passed 59-7): Ayes — Bedke, Bell, Gould, Hansen, Jones, Ridinger, Smith, Stevenson, Newcomb; Nays — Jaquet.

In the Senate March 28 (passed 34-1 with amendments): Ayes — Cameron, Darrington, King-Barrulla, Noh, Sandy, Stennett; Nays — none.

In the House March 28 (passed 62-0): Ayes — Bedke, Bell, Gould, Hansen, Jaquet, Jones, Ridinger, Smith, Stevenson, Newcomb; Nays — none.

"This is the most money this year," said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, who was among a very idealistic group of freshman House members pushing for no more than a 6 percent increase in spending across the

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Sensitivity lapses mar legislative achievements

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho lawmakers headed home this weekend, many frustrated by the session-ending pettiness and gamesmanship that clouded significant achievement during 2001.

"It's been a tough session from almost day one — a bunch of contentious issues, serious issues," Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs said as the 82nd and final day of the session came to a close.

"But when the dust finally settles, we'll all look back and see that there was some good work done," Geddes said.

More than ever before, the Legislature displayed its split personality. There are inconsistencies every session, but most agree it was more blatant this winter.

"The people just don't want to trust the process," Geddes said. "They want to manipulate it, and that's when you get in these breakdown situations."

One day, the Legislature was making a record new investment of \$900,000 in senior citizen services, increasing the number of doctors and dentists the state will help pay to train and extending subsidized care for breast and cervical cancer.

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Milosevic surrenders to police

The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Slobodan Milosevic surrendered before dawn Sunday and was whisked away to prison, ending a 26-hour standoff in his villa against police looking to arrest the former Yugoslav leader for charges linked to a decade of repressive rule.

A convoy of five cars carrying Milosevic sped out of the villa where he had been holed up with his armed bodyguards, and minutes later

showed Milosevic's defenders — A12

Belgrade's Central Prison and the iron gates closing behind it.

The government and police said Milosevic was immediately handed over to an investigative judge, Branimir Ivkovic, a close Milosevic aide, said the former Yugoslav president surrendered voluntarily to "include himself in the legal procedure."

The surrender came after police appeared to be gearing up for a new attempt to storm the villa in an upscale Belgrade neighborhood, even as negotiators worked through the night. About 60 special police, some wearing woolen masks over their heads and toting machine guns

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Political fund-raisers seek to keep money flowing

McCain-Feingold bill looks to stop soft money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Political fund-raisers are searching for new ways to keep money flowing as the Senate prepares to vote on ridding federal elections of six-figure donations. State parties and tax-exempt groups are two possible alternatives.

"No doubt, money will still find its way into the system," said Kenneth Gross, a campaign-finance lawyer who used to work for the Federal Election Commission, which oversees political money.

Critics and supporters of ending the unlimited, loosely regulated soft money donations from unions, wealthy Americans and corporations agree such a ban quickly will shrink the role of political parties in a spiraling money chase that collected a record \$3 billion in 2000.

"It's a very different thing having the Republican House majority leader call asking for money than having a (local) party official call asking for money," said Anthony Corrado, who teaches government at Colby College in Maine and has written a book on campaign money.

The Senate is set to vote Monday on legislation that makes the first significant



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., briefs reporters in the Senate press gallery on the outcome of the first week of debate on the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill Friday in Washington.

changes to campaign finance laws since the Watergate era. The bill sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., will ban soft money donations to national political parties.

It also will raise the limits on what Americans can give directly to candidates, from \$1,000 an

election to \$2,000, and put new restrictions on special interest advertising during federal election season.

The plan's chief Senate critic, Kentucky Republican Mitch McConnell, concedes it is likely to become law but says it is "mutually assured destruction of the political parties."

In the meantime, outside groups are ready to step in.

Taking advantage of law changes in recent years, many ideological and political groups from the National Right to Life Committee to the Sierra Club have created tax-exempt political organizations. An Associated Press review last fall found these

groups collected and spent more than \$130 million in the weeks leading up to the November election.

These entities still can collect as much money as donors are willing to give even if the legislation working its way through Congress becomes law.

"With restrictions on party giving, an ideological interest group like ours can be a substitute," said Stephen Moore, president of the Club for Growth, a tax-exempt group that ran ads last year favoring fiscal conservatives.

These groups, however, will face one major change. If the legislation becomes law, they no longer will be able to air ads that directly name candidates in the 60 days before an election.

That provision "aims a dagger at our hearts when it says a group like ours cannot do issue ads mentioning a candidate's name before the election," Moore said.

Big money also can flow to local political parties in states such as Virginia that have no limits on donations. Under the McCain-Feingold bill, they can collect any size donations allowed under state law, but will not be allowed to spend soft money donations in federal elections.

"What you'll see is, state party committees are going to become more vigorous and more independent," said Trevor Potter, a former FEC chairman and lawyer for McCain's GOP presidential campaign.

Bush says his agenda helps kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush cited proposals to bolster spending for children's health and education as further reasons Congress should pass his budget plan.

"Our children must be a priority of our nation," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "My budget is active and compassionate. The president is making the welfare of children the hub of his schedule over the coming week, visiting a boys and girls club in Wilmington, Del., and welcoming to the White House a group that raises money for pediatric hospitals."

Bush said his "Reading First" plan would triple the available money to improve and expand reading programs to help all children read by the third grade. He said he also would increase funds for preschool Head Start programs to prepare disadvantaged children to enter school.

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President's decision on warming pact draws sharp rebuke from world leaders

GENEVA (AP) — President Bush's decision to pull out of a global warming agreement drew withering condemnation Friday, with world leaders calling the withdrawal "unacceptable" and editorial writers slamming the president's "in-your-face truculence."

The World Council of Churches said the U.S. announcement backing away from the 1997 Kyoto agreement, which calls for controlling emission of greenhouse gases, was a "betrayal of their responsibilities as global citizens."

The Portuguese daily Publico said Bush acted "with the arrogance of someone who thinks he owns the world."

"History will not judge George Bush kindly," declared Britain's *The Independent* newspaper. "It is not even isolationism, it is in-your-face truculence."

The *Guardian* newspaper chimed in: "Suddenly, in the space of two short months, America, the indispensable nation, begins to resemble the ultimate rogue state."

The London-based *Financial Times* noted that Bush's father when president signed the U.N. Framework Convention on Global Warming in 1992. "Since then the temperature has risen," it said.

Bush administration officials announced Wednesday that they would not implement the Kyoto treaty, under which countries agreed to legally binding targets for curbing heat-trapping green-

house gases, which are mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels. While Bush opposed the Kyoto treaty during his campaign, he did endorse limiting carbon dioxide emissions — a position he has since reversed.

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— Britain's

The Independent newspaper

Critics contend a U.S. withdrawal would probably doom the pact. For Japan — the host of the Kyoto meeting — it was seen as a particular snub.

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori appealed to Bush to show leadership to combat global warming at international talks in Germany in July.

"Japan hopes the United States will exert strong leadership for resolving such an important issue facing the international community," Mori said.

French President Jacques Chirac departed from his written text to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, calling the U.S.

move "disturbing and unacceptable" and pleading with Bush for a reversal — although he didn't name names.

"I solemnly appeal to all states, especially industrialized ones, to implement the Kyoto Protocol fully and immediately," Chirac said.

"At a time of global warming and of a disturbing and unacceptable challenge to the Kyoto Protocol... how can we affirm the right to a protected and preserved environment, the right of future generations?"

German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder tried in vain Thursday to persuade Bush to change his mind.

In Washington, Bush defended his stance by saying stricter limits now on greenhouse gas emissions could worsen energy shortages plaguing parts of the country.

Bush's announcement, received support from Mexico, which — like many developing countries — had argued that the greenhouse gas reduction goals unfairly limited growth in their nations.

"We understand the U.S. position," said Victor Lichinger, Mexico's environment secretary. "We can't try to go too fast" on reducing emissions, he said, "because that means at some point we have to retreat."

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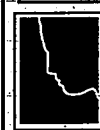
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Official: Plane shouldn't have tried to land

ASPEN, Colo.—The lead investigator said on Saturday the charter jet that crashed killing everyone on board should not have tried to land because weather conditions were too bad.

"Absolutely not," said Al Dickinson, head of the National Transportation Safety Board team examining the crash, when asked if a landing should have been attempted.

The National Weather Service reported light snow at the time of the crash, visibility dropped from 10 miles to less than 2 miles in about 20 minutes just before the plane went down.

The Aspen-Pitkin County Airport is tricky to land in, even on clear days. Its single runway is surrounded by mountains that force approaching aircraft to make steep descents.

Government plans limited reimbursement for RU-486

WASHINGTON—Poor women whose abortions would not be covered by Medicaid also are ineligible for government reimbursement for the abortion pill RU-486, the government has notified states.

The Health and Human Services Department told state Medicaid directors in a Friday letter that RU-486, like abortions, will only be covered when a pregnancy results from rape or incest or when a woman's life is in jeopardy.

"Because this is an abortion drug, the same restrictions have to apply to it," department spokesman Campbell Gardner said Saturday. "This is just taking the law and applying it as we're required to do."

RU-486, marketed by Danco Laboratories as mifepristone, was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in September after years of debate. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has said he will order a review of that decision.

Mastermind behind Modern Jazz Quartet dies at 80

NEW YORK—John Lewis, a pianist who masterminded one of the most famous ensembles in jazz, the Modern Jazz Quartet, died on Thursday. He was 80.

"The M.J.Q., as it was popularly known, remained virtually unchanged from the mid-1950's to the late '90's."

The group began recording in 1952 with Lewis, vibraphonist Milt Jackson, bassist Percy Heath, and drummer Kenny Clarke.

When Clarke moved to Paris in 1955, Connie Kay replaced him and the quartet continued until Kay's death in 1994.

Lewis contributed the bulk of the group's compositions and arrangements, including "Django" and "Two Degrees East, Three Degrees West." He insisted members wear tuxedos to dignify jazz as an art.

Lewis was born in LaGrange, Ill., in 1920, and grew up in Albuquerque, N.M.

"Although the M.J.Q.'s music was heavily influenced by Lewis's classical training, it was primarily rooted in the improvisatory and rhythmically sophisticated style of bebop."

McVeigh's father says he will not attend execution

PENDLETON, N.Y.—The father of condemned Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh says he will honor his son's request and stay away from his execution May 16.

"He sent me a letter about his execution and in it Tim said he didn't want me there," Bill McVeigh told The Buffalo News in its Saturday edition, adding that no other family members will attend.

Timothy McVeigh, 32, is scheduled to die on federal death row in Terre Haute, Ind. for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which killed 168 people including 19 children.

"He's my son and I love him, but what he did was absolutely wrong, and I have no idea how anyone could do it," the elder McVeigh said. "It's on my mind 95 percent of the time." He said, "When I'm busy, I'm not thinking about it. I try to keep going. I can't sit home and start thinking."

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Nation in brief

Plane carrying 22 skydivers crashes, injures at least five

DECATUR, Texas—A single-engine airplane carrying 22 skydivers crashed in an airfield east of Decatur on Saturday, injuring at least five people, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

There were no fatalities, according to a spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration office in Fort Worth who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The injured passengers were taken by medical helicopter to area hospitals, DPS-spokeswoman Tera Mangle said. One was listed in serious condition. Others were treated at the scene.

Camera footage from television stations KXAS and WFAA showed the crumpled plane near

a cluster of trees.

Insurance will help pay for intestinal transplants

WASHINGTON—Beginning today, Medicare will pay for intestinal transplants for some elderly and disabled patients at three government-approved transplant centers.

Nationally, more than 75,000 people are waiting for organ transplants, but just 173 need new intestines. Fewer than 1,000 of intestinal transplants have been performed in the United States and most of those operations have been done on children.

The transplant replaces the small intestine in people whose digestive systems cannot absorb nutrients, a condition caused by a variety of medical problems including bowel disease and injury.

The government will cover patients with intestine failure

who no longer can be treated with intravenous feeding tubes. The decision affects few of the millions of elderly and disabled patients covered by Medicare, but health officials said it was a big step in advancing donor awareness and medical technology.

Court denies religious groups' access to subsidies

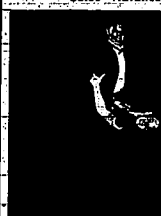
SAN FRANCISCO—Taxpayer money cannot be used to support a religious organization, a federal appeals court ruled in overturning an earlier order that an Arizona city reimburse a Christian group that rented a park.

An 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals set aside a decision by a three-judge panel from the same circuit that ordered Tucson to pay the group \$340 for expenses related to a National Day of Prayer event.

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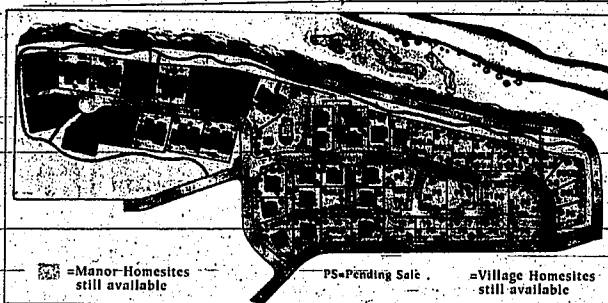
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His untitled on paper and canvas by Dutch American artist Willem de Kooning, painted between 1970-77, is one of the artist's works on exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington starting Saturday.

Exhibit displays how abstract painter worked

WASHINGTON (AP) — To many viewers, artist Willem de Kooning's abstract paintings are a jumble of lines and colors. But a new exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington shows how the artist worked.

The show, which opened Saturday at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, includes 20 paintings and 10 drawings, most of them created between 1970 and 1977. The show is on until May 28.

De Kooning, born in Holland in 1904, moved to the United States in 1926 and worked as a house painter before gaining recognition for his exploration of abstract art.

Along with contemporaries Jackson Pollock, Barnett Newman and Mark Rothko.

Criticism rank him as a foremost member of the 20th century's first distinctly American group of artists: the abstract

expressionists. Abstract painters describe the world in ways that ordinary people don't see while often including concrete objects. Expressionists express emotions in their work, though ordinary people must guess if they are sad, happy or indignant.

De Kooning died in 1997 at age 93. Last year one of his many untitled paintings, a series of vigorous red and blue brush strokes, sold in London for \$1.9 million, setting a new auction record for the artist.

De Kooning created many pictures of women, heavily distorted. A reason for his settling in America, he once said, was that "the girls looked fantastic." But the way he showed them has been interpreted in many ways — sexist, pornographic, affectionate, funny.

"They look vociferous and ferocious," he once said. "I think it has to do with the idea of the idol, the oracle and above all the hilariousness of it."



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Omaha gears up for public art display of human forms

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Fiberglass cows in artistic hues and patterns graced the sidewalks of Chicago and New York. New Orleans displayed 5-foot-high fantastic fish; Norfolk, Va., dreamed up a medley of mermaids and fiberglass moose stalked Toronto and Whitefish, Mont.

Now Omaha is joining the parade — with plastic people. Cow statues would seem ideal for this former stockyard city but since they had already been used, local artists who brainstormed a summer public art project settled on a generic human form.

The 6-foot-tall, genderless statues are titled *J. Doe*. The artists

said the softly rounded statues represent the friendly people that the Midwest is known for.

Human-based exhibits also are planned this summer in St. Louis (mannequins) and Los Angeles (angels).

Omaha's project organizers hope the *Doe*s, on display from May through September, will help raise the city's profile.

"It shows that we're sophisticated enough to support local artists," said Ellen Morgan, executive vice president and general manager of the advertising firm Bozell Omaha. "I don't know if this will put us on the map, but it will sure put us closer."

Brokaw gives cranes rave review

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — NBC anchor Tom Brokaw is giving rave reviews to a flock of migrating birds that stop in central Nebraska.

"I've looked at birds all over the world, in the Amazon and southern Africa," Brokaw told KHAS-TV on Friday. "I must say the sandhill crane migration and the arrival of the snow geese

rank right up there with all of them."

Brokaw said he was impressed by the huge number of birds that stop in the Platte River valley.

"I was simply not prepared for the majesty," he said of his visit earlier this month to viewing areas between Grand Island and Kearney.

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Sitting in his barber chair on a sunny morning on Rupert's Towne Square, the longtime local businessman and leader of the Rupert Hispanic Business Association explains that most Hispanics are moving to southern Idaho because there is work here.

"They are staying," Martinez said. In part because there is an effort to educate families about the importance of keeping their children in school so they can make better lives for themselves.

For 20 years he held down two jobs working at J.R. Simplot Co. and running his Rupert barber shop.

"I want to provide for my kids the things I didn't have," said Martinez, who immigrated to the United States from Mexico.

"We try to keep teaching our kids the way it was in Mexico, so they appreciate what they've got in the United States," he said. Another reason: to keep their rich cultural heritage intact.

Another reason to stay, Martinez said, is to earn citizenship and the right to vote — to have more influence.

Hispanic group grows fastest

"And Hispanic influence is growing along with the growing majority population." The Legislature just passed a law that extends minimum-wage protection to nearly all farm workers — many of whom are Hispanic. That makes Idaho the 14th state with a minimum-wage law that protects farm workers the same as other workers. At the March bill signing in Wilder, where two-thirds of the population is Hispanic, news accounts said a largely Hispanic crowd cheered. "Viva Governor Kempthorne."

Farm workers won mandatory worker's compensation coverage in 1996 after a bitter battle in the Legislature. Agriculture had been exempt for 79 years.

Statewide, Idaho's Hispanic population jumped 92 percent during the 1990s from 52,927 to 101,690 in 2000, while the state's total population rose about 28 percent. The same scenario has played out around the country.

Hispanics make up 7.8 percent of Idaho, up from 5.2 percent in 1990. In the towns of Acequia, Albion, Bellevue, Declo, Glenns Ferry, Hazelton, and Heyburn, every one in four people is Hispanic. In Castelfield, one in three is Hispanic. In the tiny town of Minidoka, three-fourths of the growing population is Hispanic.

Hispanics are an ethnic group. The U.S. Census Bureau defines ethnicity as the heritage, nationality group, lineage or country of birth of the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. Race is a separate concept. Hispanics can be of any race.

Despite the fact that growth in the Hispanic population outpaced the state's overall growth, Hispanic representatives in local and state leadership positions remain few. The language barrier is a big issue.

"If you don't talk the language, how can you be part of the board, things like that?" Martinez said.

Brother Inigo Echanove from Ascension Priory in Jerome helps Hispanics with immigration forms from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays at St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

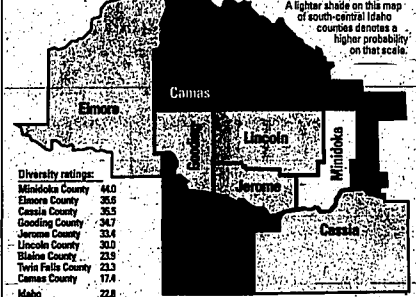
Hispanic populations by county

Hispanic, county by county, are the Hispanic populations for 2000 and 1990 followed by the growth and the percentage increase in Hispanic population, the percentage of total population increase for each county, and finally the percentage of the total population that is Hispanic.

County	2000	1990	Growth	Pct.	Total Pop.	Total pct. Hispanic
Blaine	2,030	397	1,633	411.3%	40,131	10.7%
Boise	1,251	51	1,200	2,353%	34,238	3.5%
Cassia	4,013	2,623	1,390	53%	85,691	10.7%
Elmore	3,492	1,597	1,895	118.7%	37,474	12%
Gooding	2,414	1,021	1,393	136.4%	21,774	17%
Jerome	3,150	1,018	2,132	209.4%	21,221	17.2%
Minidoka	5,131	1,402	3,729	266%	42,311	25.3%
Twin Falls	6,026	3,106	2,920	94%	20%	9.4%
Idaho	101,690	52,927	48,763	92.1%	28.8%	7.8%

DIVERSITY INDEX

The 2000 U.S. Census includes a diversity index developed by USA TODAY. The index measures, on a scale of zero to 100, the probability that two people chosen at random will be of a different race or ethnic background.



These maps graphic by DAVID BURNESS

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Acequia	82	38	24	63.2%	35.8%	43.1%
Albion	7	12	5	41.7%	14.1%	2.7%
Bellevue	363	37	326	881.1%	47.1%	19.4%
Bliss	78	12	64	533.3%	48.8%	27.6%
Bun	628	236	392	166.1%	13.3%	15.9%
Burley	2,488	1,785	703	39.4%	7.1%	28.7%
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Castelfield	106	29	77	265.5%	54.7%	38.3%
Declo	92	53	39	73.6%	21.1%	27.2%
Eden	63	11	52	472.7%	30.9%	15.3%
Fairfield	24	1	23	23%	6.5%	6.1%
Filer	33	49	44	89.8%	7.2%	5.7%
Glenns Ferry	426	198	230	117.3%	23.5%	26.4%
Gooding	501	147	354	240.8%	20%	14.6%
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Heyburn	523	672	151	22.3%	6.8%	28.4%
Hollister	44	8	36	450%	64.6%	18.6%
Jerome	1,318	476	840	176.5%	19.2%	17%
Ketchum	147	50	97	194%	19%	4.9%
Kimberly	134	70	64	91.4%	10.4%	5.1%
Minidoka	100	32	68	212.5%	92.5%	77.5%
Murtough	9	31	22	71%	3.7%	6.5%
Oakley	28	10	18	180%	6.2%	4.2%
Paul	163	174	11	6.3%	10.8%	16.3%
Ripplet	25	10	26	250%	7.6%	8.5%
Rupert	1,998	1,415	583	41.2%	3.5%	35.4%
Shoshone	158	82	98	154.8%	11.9%	12.3%
Sun Valley	102	26	76	292.3%	52.1%	7.1%
Twin Falls	3,066	1,863	1,203	64.6%	24.7%	9.9%
Wendell	410	202	208	103%	19.1%	17.5%
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"The No. 1 barrier is the language. Not too often, but sometimes, I have people asking for food or clothing," Echanove said.

Differences, contributions

While their political involvement may be limited, Hispanics have contributed significantly to the local economy and to Magic

Valley's cultural variety.

Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's Magic Valley labor market analyst, said Hispanics have both filled job needs and generated retail markets for businesses.

Rogers said it is jobs that fueled growth in Blaine County's Hispanic population. It grew faster than any other area county's — by an astounding 411 per-



Elias Merido Ortiz, left, and wife, Paula Lopez Zamora, get help translating their immigration papers from Brother Inigo Echanove at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome Thursday morning.

cent from 397 in 1990 to 2,030 in 2000. Work availability, employers who provide room and board, and the convenience of public transportation are drawing international workers, Rogers said.

"You see a lot of international migration into Blaine County because of the tourism industry," he said.

Much information about the local Hispanic population can be found in the Roman Catholic Church, which provides outreach services for the growing numbers of Hispanics settling in the region. The Jerome church, which has a bilingual staff, offers free tax-preparation help, hosts English and General Educational Development (GED) classes, and holds Spanish-language religious services.

"Our mass in Spanish is full to the point of overflowing," said Theresa May, the church's pastoral associate.

May describes the Hispanic culture as one that is rich in family ties and celebration. Family obligation reaches beyond the nuclear family to extended family. Dinner is a gathering. The fiesta is central to social life.

"Significant events in their lives just don't take place without fiesta," she said.

Some cultural differences, though generous and admirable, actually perpetuate economic barriers as much as or more than language, May suggests. While there are exceptions to every generalization, Hispanics generally have different attitudes about money. Their strong sense of family obligation, combined with economic struggle, makes for a void when it comes to saving money for long-term needs such as education or retirement.

"There is always someone who needs the money today," May said.

The differences perpetuate barriers between whites and Hispanics.

Father Ronald Wekerle, pastor at St. Jerome's, offers this advice toward breaking down the separation between southern Idaho's two predominant cultures.

"It's very difficult to be prejudiced against people you know," he said.

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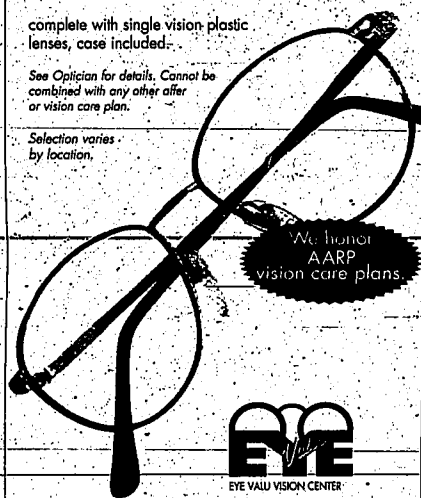
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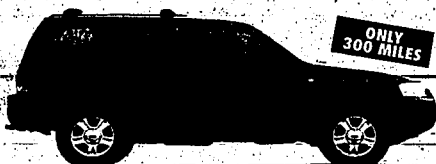
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LDS Church president vows expansion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gordon B. Hinckley, who has overseen the Mormon church's most rapid expansion, promised Saturday to build even more temples around the world.

At the opening of the faith's 171st semiannual General Conference on Saturday, Hinckley told church members that they have exceeded their goal of building 100 temples worldwide by the end of last year. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints most recently dedicated its 103rd temple, in Uruguay.

"One of the bellwether marks of the growth and vitality of the church is the construction of temples," said Hinckley, who has more than doubled the number of temples since taking over the presidency of the church in 1995.

The church now has 121 temples open, under construction or announced. Temples soon will be dedicated at the former Mormon pioneer encampment Winter Quarters, Neb.; Cuadalupe, Mexico; and Perth, Australia.

Mormons perform sacred ordinances in temples like eternal marriage and baptisms by proxy of the dead. They are open to church members only and differ from more common meeting halls where regular services are held.

Hinckley said the church is



The Mormon Temple's facade is seen in a reflecting pool containing colts as faithful members line up for entry to the church's 171st Semi-Annual General Conference Saturday in Salt Lake City.

looking for sites to build more temples in the United States, Central and South America and in Europe.

Mormons start fund for education

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Saturday announced a program to fund college educations for underprivileged members from around the world.

The fund will mainly assist church missionaries from areas such as Asia, Africa, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Philippines, "who often return to a life of poverty after Church service, lacking the resources to pay for an education," a church press release said.

Mormon men typically leave home at age 19 to serve two-year missions for the church. Women go on 18-month missions.

Assistance will come in the form of low-interest loans, payable after the recipient has finished college. "Where there is widespread poverty among our people, we must do all we can to help them lift themselves, to establish their lives upon a foundation of self-reliance that can come of training," church president Gordon B. Hinckley said.

Harvard professor speaks at U of I on human rights issues

MOSCOW (AP) — Does Idaho have human rights and equality problems? Perhaps, said Henry J. Steiner, the Harvard Law School professor who founded a human rights program there.

But, he added, it is no worse here than in any other state or country.

Steiner spoke to University of Idaho students Friday, providing his thoughts on how Idaho fits into the ongoing national and international human rights effort.

The state might receive bad press for being the former home of the Aryan Nations, alleged antigay legislation, racially motivated crimes and other human rights flashpoints. But all states, even those with the highest minority populations, have gross human rights violations, Steiner said.

"In California, sweatshops with the worst possible working conditions have been found," he said. "To call on Idaho as the worst place in the country would be patently nonsense."

To members of the university and community who want to improve the image and bring in a more diverse culture, Steiner said it is going to take a great deal of reaching out.

That could mean including ethnic cuisines, a multicultural center and cultural activities into the town and university, and providing scholarships for minority stu-

dents. "The people of diversity the university wants to attract are not the ones driving Cadillacs," Steiner said. "They often need financial assistance to go to college."

Or it could be as simple as showing minority communities they are needed to bring culture and tradition as well as individual talents to a school or community, he added.

The nation is changing for the better, Steiner said. His own school's faculty has about 30 percent minority representation, and the ratio of women to men is nearly equal.

Even President George W. Bush is working to increase diversity in his Cabinet and is speaking out against racial profiling, Steiner observed.

Those who dismiss the diversity movement as politically correct policies, he said, are missing the point and promise to derail years of change.

"It might be PC not to beat your wife, but more importantly it is just unacceptable behavior," Steiner said.

Parents who separate their children from racial and cultural diversity are preparing them for a downfall later in life. "I don't care if you or not, you are going to raise your kids into a society they are not prepared for. Will it or not, you are part of a new future in this country that is not going back to the old way," Steiner said.

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Secretary, senators take pro-drilling tour

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KAKTOVIK, Alaska (AP) — Interior Secretary Gale Norton received a warm welcome Saturday from residents living in the only village within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — a visit that proponents hope will strengthen efforts to drill for oil in the refuge.

The delegation from Washington, which consisted of two Democratic senators and a top White House aide, was led by Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a strong proponent of drilling in the refuge's coastal plain. The senators joining him were Sen. Jeff Bingaman, the top committee Democrat who is opposed to drilling in the protected refuge in Alaska's northeast corner, and Minnesota senator Mark Dayton.

Three Republican senators had planned to take the trip but they canceled for personal reasons. They are Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, George Allen of Virginia and Wayne Allard of Colorado.

A top White House counselor, Mary Matalin, also took the trip, which included a tour of the aging Prudhoe Bay oil field that has produced the nation with 20 to 25 percent of its energy needs. But production is half of what it was in 1989. Prudhoe Bay produces about 600,000 barrels of oil a day.

Bingaman has said he's opposed to drilling in the refuge and is more interested in the natural gas reserves at Prudhoe Bay, estimated at a recoverable 35 trillion cubic feet.

About three-quarters of the 260 residents of Kaktovik, a village on a barrier island next to the refuge,



Interior Secretary Gale Norton looks over mile 0 of the 800-mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline at Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope Saturday. Norton is visiting Alaska for a 2-day fact-finding tour on oil development in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge at the invitation of Sen. Frank Murkowski.

support drilling in ANWR because they hope the money from oil will improve village life, said Mayor Lon Sonsalla. Residents would like a nurse or doctor to live in the village. Instead of barging diesel fuel up from Seattle, they'd like natural gas, he said.

"People are comfortable that it (drilling) could be done and done right," Sonsalla said.

Norton thanked about 50 villagers who gathered in the Kaktovik community center to welcome her.

"It is important that we involve you all and hear your opinions," said Norton, who supports drilling in ANWR if it can be done in an environmentally sound way.

She said any energy policy would take care of the environment, meet the energy needs of the country and "also ensure the land you love so much is protected."

Dayton, a former Minnesota economic development and energy commissioner, had said he was opposed to opening ANWR during his campaign last year. On Saturday, he told the villagers he wanted to learn more about the issue.

"I came here with an open mind," he said. "I have filled that space with good information."

Bingaman also said he was trying to learn as much as he could, not only about ANWR but any trade-offs involved.

Murkowski hoped to show Norton Alpine, a Phillips Alaska project touted for its environmentally-friendly "small footprint" from the use of horizontal drilling techniques. But bad weather put that plan on hold.

Senate Democrats remain opposed to drilling in the refuge and have vowed to block legislation that lifts the refuge's protec-

tion. But drilling is a key element in President Bush's energy strategy, although the president indicated Thursday that he may not be able to persuade Congress to open ANWR to oil and gas development.

Proponents say the refuge could hold as much as 16 billion barrels of recoverable oil, more than Prudhoe Bay.

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Low snowpack dims power hopes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's efforts to avert blackouts this summer faced a new setback Friday as low snowpack measurements in the Sierra dried up hopes for plentiful hydroelectricity.

California draws about a fourth of its power from in-state hydroelectric plants.

The low Sierra Nevada snowpack means California's hydroelectric production may fall more than a third below-normal this summer, said Maury Roos, California's chief hydrologist.

That's because California relies heavily on winter rain and snow to fill reservoirs for summer, when precipitation is scarce.

"This is a blow from Mother Nature," said Cherie Dania, a spokeswoman for Pacific Gas and Electric Co., the state's biggest utility.

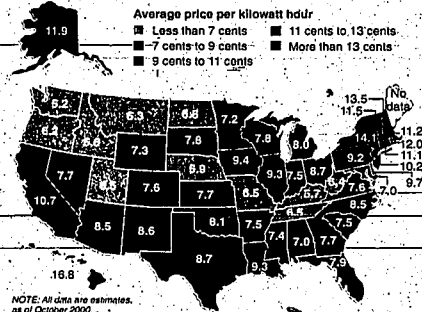
California already expected little hydroelectric power from the drought-stricken Pacific Northwest to help power grid operators keep the lights on.

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SOURCE: Energy Information Administration

electricity alert Friday as reserves fell to around 5 percent.

Despite the low snow levels, Roos said groundwater levels are healthy, so there is no reason to declare a drought anywhere but

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Bus driver who reported misconduct of teachers, students gets \$218,000

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO (AP) — A federal jury has awarded \$218,000 to a former school bus driver who said she lost her job after reporting inappropriate relationships between students and teachers at the small, isolated West Desert High School. The jury deliberated for more than 13 hours over two days before agreeing Thursday that Tintie's School District Superintendent Patricia Rowse violated the Utah Whistleblower Act when she failed to renew a bus-driving contract with Debra Youren.

Should not hear allegations that the male teacher and the principal of West Desert High each married former students from the Trout Creek school. West Desert High School is a member of the district, Lambert said. "Hopefully, this

'She was only a bus driver and she was interfering with the educational process at the school.'

— Blake Ostler
Tintie's former attorney

will send a message that the district needs to clean up that school, but I'm not hopeful anything will change."

The school district's attorney, Morris Haggerty, said Rowse acted with the best interests of the students in mind.

Youren had worked as a bus driver in Idaho for 15 years before moving in 1996 to Pleasant Valley, 180 miles from the district's headquarters in Eureka.

By that fall, she said, she was lodging complaints involving teachers' courting and dating behavior and their physical contact with students, such as full body massages at the school,

which has just 29 students.

"She was only a bus driver," testified Tintie's former attorney, Blake Ostler, "and she was interfering with the educational process at the school." Youren was allowed to work until February of 1997, and her contract was not renewed the next school year.

Lambert said the bad feelings against Youren came from polygamists who distrusted outsiders and "don't want people like me mucking about in their affairs."

Several polygamists testified that plural marriage had nothing to do with the case or their concerns about Youren.

Earlier, Kimberly Sue Liff testified that before the district hired her as a janitor in 1996, she was asked if she had reservations about working with polygamists or their children. "I said I would not," Liff said. But during the few months she worked at West Desert High, she said, two of polygamist Tom Green's wives asked her if she would marry their husband.

"And several children at the school from another polygamist family asked if I would marry their dad," she said. "It was a strange school."

Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, burned to the ground, killing about 80 members of the cult.

Federal prosecutors say the Oklahoma bombing was retaliation for the Waco catastrophe, which happened exactly two years earlier.

McVeigh is scheduled to be executed May 16 at the U.S. Penitentiary near Terre Haute, Ind.

Weaver and his daughter, Sara, have written a book, "The Federal Siege At Ruby Ridge," that details the events at Ruby Ridge. He will be selling his book at the Bedford National Guard Armory Saturday and Sunday.

"We wrote the book for Sam and Vicki and to let people know something like this can happen to anyone and that we must keep an eye on our civil servants," Weaver said.

Weaver says McVeigh rings hollow

'McVeigh took the law into his own hands. He had justified it in his own mind. I don't agree with him at all.'

Randy Weaver, white separatist at center of Ruby Ridge standoff

Weaver, who is southern Indiana this weekend to appear at a gun-and-knife-show in Bedford, added: "What happened to me and my family is something we can never forget."

During the Ruby Ridge conflict, Weaver's 14-year-old son, Samuel, was shot twice, once in the arm and then fatally in the back, and his wife, Vicki, was killed by a gunshot wound to the head fired by federal snipers.

The shooting, in which a federal Marshal also was killed, occurred three years after Weaver allegedly sold two illegally sawed-off shotguns to undercover federal agents.

On April 19, 1993, during an assault by federal agents, the

BEDFORD, Ind. (AP) — The white separatist who was at the center of the 1992 Ruby Ridge standoff says Timothy McVeigh's explanation for why he bombed the Oklahoma City federal building rings hollow.

After a new book on the bombing, McVeigh says he targeted the federal building in revenge for federal agents' attacks at northern Idaho's Ruby Ridge and the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

"What the U.S. government did at Waco and Ruby Ridge was dirty. And I gave dirty back to them at Oklahoma City," McVeigh told the authors of "American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City Bombing."

But white separatist Randy Weaver said McVeigh's explanation for why he made and exploded a truck bomb in front of the federal building, killing 168 people on April 19, 1995, falls short.

McVeigh took the law into his own hands. He has justified it in his own mind. I don't agree with him at all," Weaver, whose wife and son died in the Ruby Ridge shootout, said Thursday.

"He has more anger in him than I do, and I don't know how that could be."

Police arrest man for running over ex-girlfriend twice

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A man is accused of running over his estranged girlfriend twice with his pickup truck.

Kevin B. Bell, 40, was arrested for two counts of aggravated battery. He was also charged with using his vehicle as a deadly

weapon Thursday. According to a police report, the woman initially told officers that it was her fault she had been struck by Bell's pickup.

The impact knocked the woman backward and she hit her head, Officer Pat Sullivan

said. Upon checking the head injury, the investigating officer saw another recent head wound.

In a hospital interview, the woman told police that the first injury was from being knocked down by Bell's truck on March 2.

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Small group vows to protect Milosevic

By Misha Savic
The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia -- Adoring supporters of Slobodan Milosevic thronged the gates to his villa Saturday, chanting "Slobod Slobod" and taunting police. One held high a propaganda poster depicting an enraged NATO soldier pinning the belly of a small girl with a rifle bayonet.

"This is you! This is what you want to do to Slobod, to all Serbs!" screamed the die-hard supporter; one of several hundred who kept an angry vigil outside the former Yugoslav president's home, hoping to prevent him from being arrested.

Most were elderly rural peasants or working-class laborers. To them, the attempt to arrest Milosevic was a terrible injustice and an international conspiracy. Milosevic might be an indicted war crimes suspect, and he might be accused of fraud and abuse of power, but to his hard-core faithful he was clearly beloved.

Saturday's crowd -- a mere remnant of the huge popular support that Milosevic once enjoyed here -- included many who had been gathering daily in front of his villa in the upscale Belgrade neighborhood of Dedine.

Many vowed that any attempt to arrest Milosevic could be carried out "only over our dead bodies." True to their words, they pulled together to block police officers who arrived earlier Saturday to deliver an arrest warrant to Milosevic. Officers, clearly reluctant to use force against the



Members of Serbian police push away Slobodan Milosevic's supporters in front of his villa in Belgrade's Dedine district on Saturday. To supporters, the attempt to arrest Milosevic was an injustice and an international conspiracy.

graying, shabbily dressed protesters, used their bare hands instead of truncheons or tear gas to push them away from the front gate.

Tomanija Stankovic, 71, stared into the face of one policeman and shouted: "It's a disaster for Serbia to arrest its biggest patriot!"

Forced back from the scene, Milosevic's admirers set up log fires, sang the Yugoslav anthem

and other songs with patriotic or nationalist themes, their voices resounding through the night.

"NATO mercenaries!" the crowd chanted in unison, reflecting hard feelings against the Western military alliance that bombed Yugoslavia for 78 days in 1999 to punish Milosevic for his crackdown on ethnic Albanians in the Serbian province of Kosovo.

But police patience wore thin, and riot squads moved in

overnight, using force to clear the crowd that had crept back to the villa entrance ahead of storming the property. Amid the crackle of gunfire, there were screams of rage from a woman in her 60s who gave her name only as Mira.

"This new government will fall and you will all go down with them!" she yelled in a shrill voice.

Macedonia acknowledges continued military threat

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) -- Ethnic Albanian rebels slipped across the Kosovo border Saturday and engaged Macedonian troops in a firefight, the army said. Macedonia's prime minister acknowledged that the guerrillas still posed a military threat despite a weeklong drive to stamp out the insurgency.

A military spokesman in the former Yugoslav republic said there were no casualties on the Macedonian side in the early morning exchange of fire, but the army said it was checking unconfirmed reports that one of the guerrillas was killed.

A rebel commander reached by mobile telephone said he was not aware of new fighting. But he said guerrilla units were operating independently in the mountains along the frontier and were not always able to stay in close con-

tact with one another. U.S. troops patrolling the border, meanwhile, detained 30 men suspected of being ethnic Albanian rebels crossing from Macedonia into Kosovo, U.S. spokesman Capt. Alayne Cramer said Saturday.

The men, who Cramer said were "military age," were detained Friday in several groups. Also found with one group were several machine guns along with ammunition, Cramer said.

The NATO-led peacekeeping force in Kosovo this week stepped up its efforts to help seal the frontier against rebel infiltration, but the rugged terrain makes it difficult to secure.

Word of renewed fighting came only a day after the army declared success in its nearly drive to flush the insurgents from strongholds in the hills along the frontier.

Funeral processions draw Palestinian crowd

JERUSALEM (AP) -- Thousands of Palestinians marched in funerals Saturday for seven people killed in clashes with Israeli troops this week as scattered fighting continued. Fourteen Palestinians were injured.

Anger against Israel seethed through the Palestinian throngs as dozens of Palestinian children dressed as suicide bombers led rallies in Gaza and the West Bank city of Ramallah. Palestinian leaders said the six-month uprising against Israel would continue. Two girls were among at least 14 Palestinians injured by Israeli fire at three points in the Gaza Strip when clashes broke out Saturday. At Rafah and Erez, Palestinian protesters threw stones and firebombs at soldiers who responded with live rounds and rubber-coated steel bullets.

A 4-year-old was hurt by shrapnel from an Israeli tank shell fired at Rafah, and a 3-year-old was hit in the right leg by a bullet, said Dr. Radawn Al-Jiras of Rafah hospital. The Israeli army denied that any tanks fired shells in the Gaza Strip.

Gunmen in the Palestinian village of Beit Jalla fired shots at the Gilo neighborhood in a disputed part of Jerusalem Saturday evening and Israeli soldiers returned fire, Israeli police said. No injuries were immediately reported on either side.

In Gaza, a 13-year-old Palestinian carrying an unloaded Kalashnikov rifle led a rally of about a dozen children who carried fake guns and were dressed in the traditional, white burial clothing worn by "martyrs" killed fighting Israel.

"God is great!" shouted the leading child on stage as the chil-

ren and a crowd of some 300 onlookers repeated after him. "Long live Palestine! Death to America, death to Israel!" Other Palestinian youths burned Israeli and American flags at the demonstration.

In Ramallah, the funeral processions for two Palestinians killed in clashes this week were led by children wearing belts of fake explosives, which are often used by suicide bombers.

Hundreds of Palestinians including ministers marched toward the United Nations headquarters in Gaza Saturday to protest the U.S. veto of a resolution in the Security Council calling for an international force to be sent to the region. Israel opposed the resolution.

"We condemn the American stance biased toward Israel," read a statement the protesters handed. U.N. officials at the office. "We hold the United States responsible for the historic injustices against the Palestinian people."

In the West Bank town of Nablus, five Palestinians killed Friday in a clash with Israeli troops were given a joint burial. About 40,000 mourners marched through the streets, led by five Palestinian police jeeps and about 30 gunmen firing in the air.

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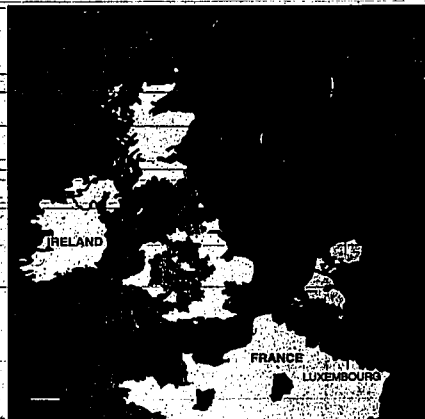
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Aide: Britain begins to win battle against disease

LONDON (AP) — A spokeswoman for Prime Minister Tony Blair said Saturday that Britain is beginning to win its battle against foot-and-mouth disease, but the number of cases continued its steady rise.

Blair, meanwhile, was holed up at Chequers, his country retreat, meeting with advisers to decide whether to vaccinate some animals to stem the disease's spread. He must also decide shortly whether to postpone plans for a May 3 election.

"We are beginning to punch our weight on the ground," said the spokeswoman, who spoke on condition she wasn't named. "This is undoubtedly going to be a long haul, but we are determined to keep the pressure on through the work of the military ... to deliver real change."

The army stepped up its involvement in the fight against the disease this week, sending slaughtermen to clear the backlog of animals earmarked for culling.

Agriculture officials announced early Saturday that more than 60 new cases had been confirmed since Thursday evening.

The Agriculture Ministry changed the way it releases information, so a direct comparison is difficult, but that appeared to be a steeper jump than in previous days, when the number of infection sites had increased by between 30 and 40. Four more new cases were announced later Saturday.

Professor Roy Anderson of Imperial College in London told The Guardian newspaper that a daily case total close to 60 would mean efforts to stop the disease's

spread were having little effect.

"There are some encouraging signs in the epidemic," he said. "This week is crucial. If the cases this weekend stay around the 30 or 40 mark, or even a little bit higher — the 50s is all right — that's good news. If they don't, there's a lot more effort to be made."

Blair has promised a decision soon on whether to vaccinate 180,000 dairy cattle against foot-and-mouth, a move he is reluctant to make because it would lengthen the time Britain needs to regain its "foot-and-mouth-free" trade status after the disease is eradicated.

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America's public lands will be open for business again

George W. Bush has been president for only a couple of months, but his presence at the head of American government already is changing this country for the better.

With Bush in the White House, federal land managers are returning to the "multiple use" concept that serves everyone's needs. It's a shift that didn't sit well with Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck, which is why Dombeck resigned last week.

Dombeck took a hike because he didn't share Bush's vision for the future of America's national forests. He couldn't support his boss, so it was time for him to go. There are plenty of other Clinton administration holdovers embedded in the Bush government, and they, too, will have to be weeded out.

It will be a long process, but Bush is a patient guy. One by one, he'll scrape the barnacles off the ship's hull. With Dombeck gone, the microscope should now be turned on the Forest Service's regional foresters. After that, the focus should widen to include individual forests and the people who manage them.

The goal should be to transform the Forest Service from an agency with an active environmentalist agenda into an agency that will balance competing uses of America's public lands. That means loggers, miners, ranchers and off-road motor-vehicle users need to

see some decisions going their way for a change. The environmentalist crowd will have to learn to share again. Dombeck's leadership of the Forest Service was typical of the Clinton-era shift to the left. According to the Associated Press, he reshaped the Forest Service from a government agency "considered to be a friend of the timber industry to a cautious guardian of about 192 million acres of national forests."

He focused on conserving, old growth forests and expanding protections for wilderness areas - to the detriment of jobs in Western communities. Now, with a new president in the

White House, Dombeck himself is out of a job.

Other changes are afoot under Bush. Late last month, the Interior Department suspended new regulations that would have imposed tougher environmental standards for hard-rock mining on public lands. Lobbyists for the mining industry had spoken out against the new regulations, and the Bush administration listened.

These changes would not have occurred if Al Gore had won the election. They are proof positive that voters' choices have real consequences. Virtually all of rural America voted for Bush and now, at long last, the Clinton administration's "War on the West" is drawing to a close.

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LETTERS

We want answers about shooting

To Mr. Robert Norton:

In response to your accusation that I speak before knowing the facts and that I know zero about law enforcement, you see, I am an ex-police officer who laid my life on the line every day and did all the things you say in your letter that I should do. Did you know all of that before you spat out off? Get your facts straight.

You say I should not blame Mr. Weaver, but the criminals. Just who are the criminals in the Eden case? Who is asking responsibility for this horrible tragedy? The answer - no one!

As an ex-police officer, you should remember that the Los Angeles chief of police lost his job over the Rodney King beating and he wasn't even there. Why? Because he knew the facts and that I know zero about law enforcement, you see, I am an ex-police officer who laid my life on the line every day and did all the things you say in your letter that I should do. Did you know all of that before you spat out off? Get your facts straight.

You are another example of those people who are willing to accept the Jerome County prosecutor's decision not to assign blame and let it be. Polly Bickert thinks that all "naysayers" and "establishment hawks" like me should be allowed to write letters to the editor. At least we still believe in the constitutionality of freedom of speech. Mr. Halleran believes we should just accept the decision and go away.

Why did these good men die? Who is responsible? Why has Mr. Weaver been so unavailable to speak of the event? Why is everyone so willing to accept a "no responsibility" ruling? Are you under the opinion that no one speaks of it, it did not occur and will slowly fade away? We want answers, Mr. Norton. We want to know why three men died. Why?

BONNIE STACY
Jerome

Police should brush up on research

I have found out exactly what it takes to be a law enforcement officer - no brains!

While living in Owyhee County, I was issued a citation for a misdemeanor offense and was to be released until the officer looked into my National Crime Information Center report. Seems I had a warrant for my arrest in Elko County, felony forgery with a \$2,500 bond. The check in question was signed by a person with different middle name and identifying information. Within a matter of three pages of the reports, the name changes three times. We know they know the alphabet. The request for warrant of arrest gives my name and Social Security

number and where the driver's license number is to say "Idaho."

Sounds like an easy job. The best part, no accountability. I went through quite the time, minus a bunch of money, completely humiliated, and did not receive an apology or anything. Where is the Vaseline when you need it? I would like to think Officer Black (Elko County) and Officer Chambers (Twin Falls) for the final outcome, "dismissed."

You guys need to brush up on investigative research. Elko County File CR-2000-0155. Enjoy!

DAVID K. COX
Twin Falls

Security guard didn't do his job

On March 24, I went to Skateland to pick up my oldest daughter. When I got there, there was a man - and I use the term lightly. He was yelling at a 7-year-old boy that he had a gun and he was going to shoot him. This person was 30 years old. I ran inside and told the security guard what had happened; and he told me, it is OK, I know him, he won't hurt anyone.

Well, I don't care if he knows him. I don't care if he doesn't know him. This man - and again I use the term lightly - and the security guard, too, do not have the right to get away with this. Within minutes, police arrived on the scene and were told several stories and this young man said he did not want to press charges. Why?

My children will not go this business again, and if they do what will happen? The security guard - and again I use the term lightly - was hiding inside while 12- to 13-year-old kids were outside doing his job.

I do commend the quick response of the police department. They arrived very quickly.

JOHN SMITH
Twin Falls

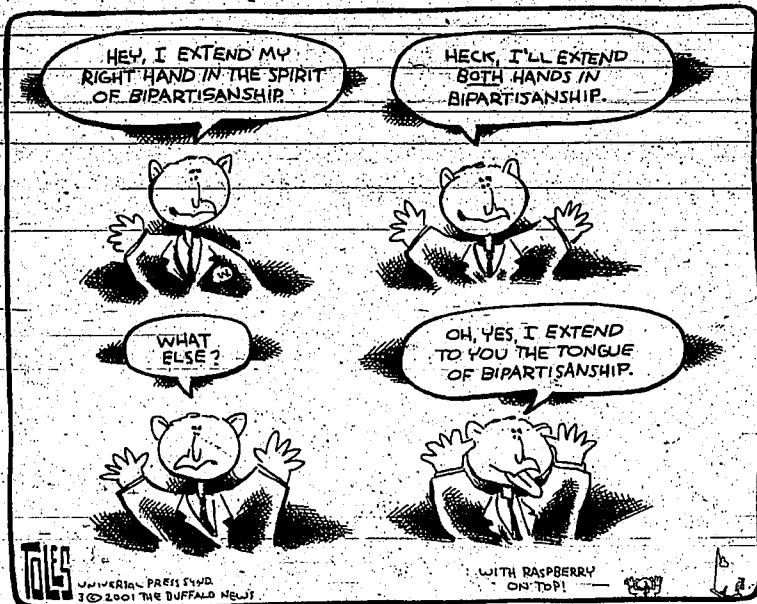
Filer needs system overhaul

There's more than dairies that stink in Filer. It's the shady politics that stinks the most.

What is with the Filer town council and the mayor? If a shady land developer makes a threat to sue the city if he doesn't get his way, the council will vote in a subjugation.

What Filer needs is an overhaul of its political system. Honesty and a willingness to hear and listen to the homeowners' arguments on this issue would be a plus. Filer hasn't had a good mayor for years. Hopefully, this year's election will bring a change for the good of the people.

TAMI BRENNAN
Filer



Hank Hafliger deserves apology

One week ago on this editorial page, Filer dairyman Hank Hafliger and his attorney were called "sneaky" and "contemptuous of all." I am that attorney. The Times-News characterization of my actions and those of Mr. Hafliger were not only inaccurate but unfair.

This newspaper has been critical of Mr. Hafliger and the odor emanating from his dairy. Without doubt recent levels of odor have been higher than Mr. Hafliger would like them to be. Readers should not assume, however, that the dairy "care or isn't concerned." To the contrary, he has spent much money and has committed to spend more not to increase his milk production, not make his dairy more efficient, but solely to reduce levels of odor. He has developed and filed with the Department of Agriculture Idaho's first Dairy Odor Management Plan and has committed to take steps outlined in that plan to reduce odor to acceptable levels.

Mr. Hafliger hired me to assist with the drafting and passage of odor management legislation which, for the first time, gives state government clear statutory authority to regulate agricultural odors. In fact, just this Friday (the legislature's final day), House Bill 262 sponsored by Representative Doug Jones, was given final approval by the legislature. Under that legislation, the Department of Agriculture has the authority to require dairies to develop and comply with odor management plans to ensure that agricultural odors do not exceed odor levels normally associated with acceptable agricultural practices.

Bush can learn from Clinton's mistakes

RAHM EMANUEL

It's often said of generals that they fight the last war increasingly. I think the same can be said of presidents. It is certainly true of George W. Bush, who seems determined to win the battle that made a casualty of his father's presidency: the battle for loyalty from the Republican right wing.

As a veteran of a few political fights myself, I think there are always lessons to be drawn from the last one. I understand that the memories of 1992 are still fresh for the Bush family. But the political world has changed since then, and the new president's political challenges are not his father's.

If President Bush is looking for an analogy that fits, he should do two things that will come naturally or painlessly. He should look past his father's presidency and look to the man who defeated him in 1992: Bill Clinton. One lesson that Bush should take from his immediate predecessor is that first impressions count, and they take a lot of work to correct.

The Clinton administration's early mistakes gave the impression that we were more liberal than we had said we were. These were big mistakes, ones we and our party paid for dearly in 1994.

It took another two years for Clinton to move back to the political center and to prove he had meant what he said about reforming the Democratic Party. On issues such as free trade, welfare reform and criminal justice, Clinton opposed key constituencies in his own party. His willingness to challenge and overrule narrow party interests in favor of the national interest was essential in turning around his political fortunes. It was the price of modernizing our party and taking back the middle ground we had long ceded to our opponents.

First impressions of Bush are setting in.

READER COMMENT
Ken McClure

It is with respect to this legislation that I was called "sneaky" and "contemptuous of all." The facts don't justify this. Let me explain. The House Agricultural Committee, chaired by Representative Jones, held a marathon hearing on odor legislation on February 22. At that hearing I distributed both to legislators and to many Magic Valley residents in attendance, a written set of amendments I believed were necessary in order to make odor management legislation workable both for the public and for the dairyman.

House Bill 262 gives the Department of Agriculture the authority (without prior notice) to inspect a dairy and to take copies of any records of the dairy which are relevant to odor management issues. We did not object to this authority. We merely asked that records which were copied or taken from a dairyman during the inspection would be used for the Department's regulatory purposes only and would remain private, as they in fact are private records.

This amendment was discussed again in the House Agriculture Committee on March 5 and given that committee's unanimous approval. As adopted, it added an exemption to the Public Records Act to ensure privacy for "[a]ll records copied or

obtained by the director of the department of agriculture or his designee as a result of an inspection pursuant to section 25-3806, Idaho Code." This provision was patterned after provisions already in Idaho law for private records obtained in similar contexts. The purpose of the amendment was solely to ensure that a person's private records seized by the government would remain private. At no time was it suggested that the amendment would prevent the public from learning about inspection reports, notices of violation or the like, all of which should be in the public record and, in my opinion, were not exempted (and certainly not intended to be exempted) from public disclosure.

When representatives of this newspaper suggested that the exemption was too broad and that it in fact exempted inspection reports and similar documents (a conclusion which, frankly, I think is wrong), we agreed voluntarily to clarify the provision by amending the bill again so the statute would be clarified. We did not do this because we had to. We did this because we wanted to. It was never our intent or desire to shield such records. For this newspaper to editorialize two days after we voluntarily amended our bill (at this newspaper's request) that we had been sneaky or that our principal goal had been to keep such reports "hidden from public view" is not only inaccurate but also unfair. This newspaper owes Mr. Hafliger an apology.

Ken McClure is a Boise attorney and lobbyist. He is the son of former U.S. Sen. Jim McClure, R-Idaho.

House stumbled at first, it always had a strategy to win over moderate voters who cast their ballots for Ross Perot. We knew we weren't going to win a second term without them.

It hasn't been out of Washington so long that I'd suggest Bush seek the third-party Nader vote. But as the president rushes rightward, he should pause long enough to consider the Gore vote, which, after all, was larger than his own. Vice President Al Gore captured a surprising percentage of the suburban vote in battleground states, which ought to have been Bush country.

The differences between Gore and Bush on legal and environmental policy played a significant role in eroding the once-safe Republican stronghold of suburban America. President Bush, by bowing to special-interest pressure in both areas, risks alienating the very voters who control his future, who could lift his non-representative above the 47 percent of the vote he received.

Bush lost the popular vote. The country's leads is evenly divided. And the longer he huddles at the right end of the playing field, especially on issues like the environment and civil liberties, the more running room he gives his opponents in the center. I'm not in the business of doling out political advice to Republicans. Nor do I think Bush will take counsel from a Clinton adviser. But I believe he should learn from Clinton's experience and embrace our example. If not, he risks that history will repeat itself in the way he must fear most: another one-term Bush presidency.

Rahm Emanuel was senior advisor to President Clinton for policy and strategy. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

OPINION

China can't pick and choose censorship

The paradox of modern China begins with the fact that its leaders want it both ways: They are hungry for the benefits of joining the global economy. But they hope to avoid paying the price, which is maintaining an open society.

International newspapers and magazines that distribute in China have experienced that abstract dilemma in practical terms lately, as they have tried to cope with decisions by China's official censors.

The International Herald Tribune, of which I am executive editor, has seen its distribution limited in China recently, in part because we carried stories about the Falun Gong religious sect. The Herald Tribune also gets banned occasionally in other countries for seemingly innocuous articles, such as in Saudi Arabia for the one we ran Dec. 17 with the headline "Saudi Elite Moves Cautiously to Bring Gay, Lesbian, and Transsexuals to the Front of the Closet."

What makes China's censorship surprising is that it coincides with Beijing's preparations to join the World Trade Organization (WTO) and its bid

This is a time, you would think, when the Chinese would want to show the world that they are embracing the 21st century, rather than trying to hold it at arm's length through censorship. Chinese membership in the WTO would ratify the opening to the West begun more than 20 years ago by the late Chinese leader, Deng Xiaoping. And host-

Why inner cities don't have school shootings

One thing that doesn't get talked about in the rash of school shootings: Why are they happening in mostly white and suburban or rural schools? Why aren't they happening in inner-city schools?

There's no question that violence is just as pervasive, if not more so, in the 'hood as in the 'burbs. But, there is a different social matrix in the inner city.

Let's begin by calling these school shootings exactly what they are: suicides. With the exception of the two boys in Jonesboro, Ark., there was no attempt or even intent to escape. They either kill themselves, expect to be killed or give themselves up:

These "suicides" are accompanied by the desire to kill as many others as possible on the way out. This pattern of suicide could be called "the Samson syndrome."

At the end of the biblical story of Samson, we find him betrayed and weakened, his eyes gouged out and subjected to humiliation for the entertainment of the Philistines. As he stands between the pillars of the temple, he pulls the pillars down, killing himself and 3,000 Philistines.

For the boys in today's school shootings, the bullies, the athletes, the homecoming queen, — all are pillars of the school temple that they must destroy. So, in one final desperate act, they are destroying as many Philistines as they can.

acts? Can we identify them in advance? According to psychologist Bryan Nichols, who works with the L.A. Bridges gang diversion program, in almost every case the perpetrator is a child who has suffered a significant narcissistic injury. That is, "their sense of self is already fragile due to weaknesses born of physical frailty, biological limitations and/or parental inattention, becomes annihilated by assault from an outside agency" such as the bully, parent or other enemy. They then feel compelled to end their lives with the satisfaction of an inordinate and overbearing display of power.

To get back to the mystery of why these events happen in suburban and rural schools and not (so far) in inner-city schools, we have to examine the social matrix of the inner city. The same psychological problems exist but find a different outlet there. In the inner city, some of these weak and bullied kids find protection and a degree of acceptance in a gang. Being a member of a gang allows them to insulate themselves from the raw and relentless assaults on their ego that they would otherwise have to endure. As gang members, they are vicariously empowered by the fearful respect given to the group.

The violence of the gang is often random, but it is not suicidal. Gang members always plan to get away. Which explains the drive-by. They may spray the front of a school or a house in a

DAVID IGNATIUS

ing the Olympics would provide a showcase for this new China.

—But do Beijing's leaders really imagine that the free market is divisible — that you can buy and sell computers but not transmit ideas? Do they imagine that the world will come to an Olympics where visitors can't read the sports page of a global newspaper because that issue happens to carry an article about a dissident group?

The very notion of censorship seems at odds with the pervasive communications networks that are the backbone of today's global economy. Financial traders in Shanghai have the same need for reliable, instantaneous information as traders in New York, London and Frankfurt. There is no middle ground when it comes to the information economy—you're either connected, or you

One Asian leader who tried for a generation to control the flow of information into his country, Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore, has concluded that such attempts to wall off society are self-defeating.

In a conversation in January, Lee said of the Internet's instant flow of information: "I don't think we can stop it now," adding, "I don't see any alternative. You either use the Internet or you are backward. You are dispensing with a very valuable and cheap tool. The Chinese government will find that out over time."

President Jiang Zemin of China has some of that same realism. He recently told interviewers from The Washington Post: "We are now in a new century. Even in the run-up to the new century, we have already seen that under economic globalization, under international markets, countries surely come into competition with each other."

Openness and competition are, indeed, the essential features of the global economy. Yet in the censor's office in Beijing, some people still imagine that restricting the flow of news is desirable or even possible. It isn't, and in the end it makes the people trying to maintain censorship look as out-of-date as the radio jammers of the Cold War.

For international publications, being banned occasionally is part of doing business—it is regret-

table, but it is a fact of life. And I wouldn't mention the news media's recent problems if there wasn't a risk that these incidents could be a prelude to a broader ban on Western publications. That would be bad for the news business, bad for our Chinese readers – and, we journalists would humbly submit, bad for China itself.

So here is a simple test for the WTO and the International Olympic Committee as they weigh China's bid for recognition as a global economic power. The mark of a nation's maturity is when it stops trying to suppress the ideas contained in that ancient but obviously still potent form of communication, a newspaper.

David Ignatius wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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5. Turn off unused computers and other office equipment.
6. Except in the summer, open curtains and blinds to capture the sun's warmth, then close them at night.
7. Turn thermostat down (in the winter) to 68 degrees and up (in the summer) to 78 degrees (steady temperature for heat pumps).
8. Use the microwave or barbecue grill instead of the stove or oven.
9. Set refrigerator thermostat control at 36 to 38 degrees and freezer between 0 and 5 degrees.
10. A quick shower saves power.

ENERGY NEWS

In late February, Idaho Power notified all customers of a proposed one-year Emergency Energy Charge increase of 1.9737 cents per-kilowatt-hour to ensure adequate power projected for April 2001 through March 2002. If approved as filed, the increase would become effective May 2001 and expire May 16, 2002.

The PCA filing is separate from the Emergency Energy Charge. If both the pending Emergency Energy Charge and PCA rate increase are approved as requested, a typical monthly residential bill for 1,200 kilowatt hours would increase from \$62.72 to \$84.34, an approximate 34 percent

Therefore, on Tuesday, March 20, Idaho Power filed its annual rate-adjustment request earlier than in previous years. In the application, the company proposed an additional increase of 0.6158 cents per-kilowatt-hour based on the anticipated cost of power increase. (Keep in mind that the cost per-kilowatt-hour is different for each customer class.)

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Many businesses already have implemented energy-saving measures. To say "Thank you," "Power Lines" will feature a business - large, medium or small - in this section each week. If your company has found ways to reduce electricity, please send the following information to: webster@idahopower.com.

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- Turning off the middle tube of every three-tube fluorescent light fixture. Reducing the number of hours automatic lights are turned on.
- Closing window blinds at the end of each work day.
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Section B

Feng shui your feedlot yet, podner?

Surveying the vista on the sunny side of Mount Harrison the other day — a skyline dotted with beet dumps and disused silos — it struck me that us Magic Valleyites have got it exactly backward.

Seems to me that the true cause of depressed farm prices, smelly CAFOs and the heartbreak of runaway zucchinis is simply this: We southern Idahoans haven't yet learned to practice the ancient Chinese art of feng shui.

Feng shui (pronounced "fung SWAY") is way trendy right now. It's a theory that suggests how well you live depends on where you put the couch.

Well, that's a bit of an oversimplification. Practitioners of feng shui believe that where you site the objects in your life has a lot to do with how happy you are and how much money you make.

Everything animate and inanimate partakes of universal life-force energy, the ancient Chinese believed. Feng shui dictates that you examine

energy patterns to determine whether homes, barns, offices and the objects they house enhance vibrant, thriving energy patterns, or fail to do so because they've been placed inharmoniously.

That's right, inharmoniously. Your Barcelona chair keeps tipping over backward because it's in the wrong end

of the room.

Feng shui masters cultivate natural vital energies of the earth. Those energies would be the "chi," and this stuff must flow unimpeded. In a house, a refrigerator or your brother-in-law who lives in your basement, to make it work properly — or the case of your brother-in-law, at all.

Finding philosophy, no? And if you hired Martha Stewart's interior decorator right now, she'd rearrange your life accordingly.

Can't afford that? I've prepared a few notes on how to feng-shui your own mobile home:

1. Plant a sapling in the yard on the spot that would have represented your trailer's "wealth corner," if you had one. Trees promote positive chi and grow real well over the sump pump.

2. Some areas of your trailer have stagnant energy and others show more sickness and less productivity. I'll let you conclude what those rooms are, but consider moving the couch and the big-screen out on the front lawn to promote the free flow of chi and — and of keys to Keystone.

3. Round smooth objects help to create benevolent chi, so let the in-laws stay awhile.

4. A dairy lagoon helps absorb wayward forces.

5. Getting a Ford F150 chassis in the front yard will help restore harmony.

6. Open bathroom doors drain one's chi — and also cause company, not to come back.

7. Place mirrors throughout the house to reflect energy back, but take them off the truck first.

Feng-shuiing your feedlot can be tricky, admittedly — and particularly if the wind is blowing from the west.

But it's useful to remember that either one's local geography is in agreeable alignment with the electromagnetic energy grid of the earth, or it isn't. You want sleek, linear surfaces that carry the chi downwind — and a cabin in Stanley where you can spend August.

And should you think none of this is important, I would commend to you the example of a 3,000-year-old Asian civilization that knows nothing of either chi or modern dairy design.

They are herdersmen and skilled, but to this day they want the earth, benefit of livelihood and homeland, CAFOs and milk marketing orders.

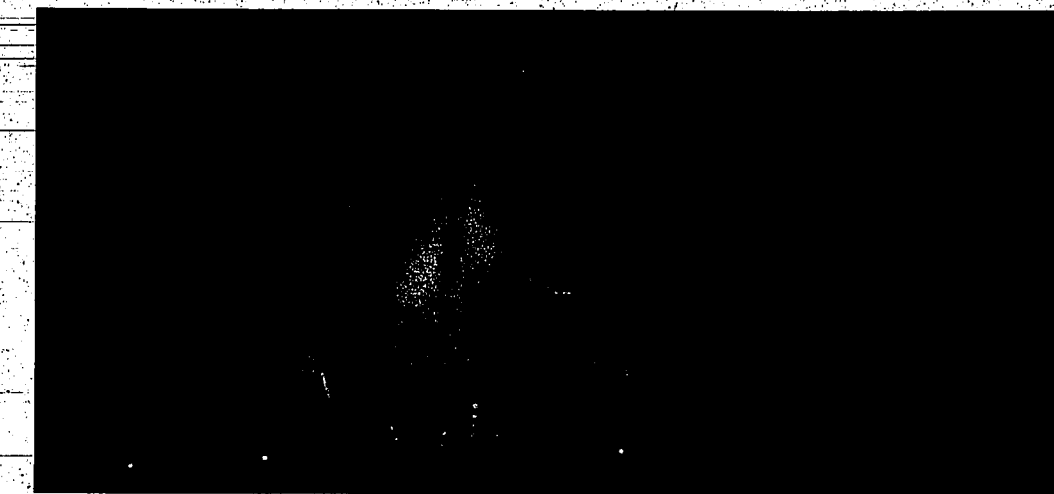
The dregs of dairy processing, they can only wait while others skim the cream.

They're the Kurds, of course.

My apologies to the good citizens of Buhl. In last week's column, I waxed rhapsodic about Buhl's long history as a one-stoplight town, and how in spite of that I had managed to resist its siren song. I had, in fact, still attract both economic growth and newcomers. I did not mean to suggest that Buhl is currently just a one-stoplight town.

I have in fact stopped often at both lights in Buhl. Usually on red.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.



Northern lights

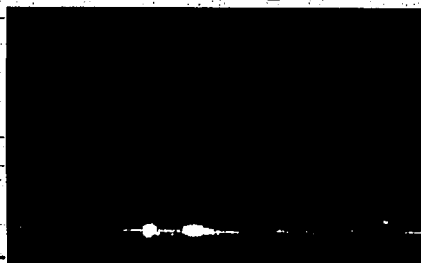
Nature presents
spectacular show
over Magic Valley

By Bruce Shields
Times-News writer
and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — An ill wind blew from the sun Friday night, smashing charged particles into the Earth's magnetic field, bending the lines of the force field back like steel cables trying to hold up a whipping antenna in a wind storm. Despite the ferocity of the assault, the Earth's atmosphere did not break, but merely bended to shunt the particles aside and release their energy as a cascade of color that turned the night sky into a glory of reds, greens and yellows.

Intense storms raging on the sun made the night sky shimmer red and green as far south as Palm Springs, Calif., and southern New Mexico, and scientists say the storms could briefly disrupt telecommunications as they continue through the weekend.

The biggest sunspot cluster seen in at least 10 years has developed on the upper right quarter of the side of the sun visible from Earth, according to satellite readings. Friday night, the light from solar flares was reported near cities including Twin Falls, Palm Springs and



Top, a shower of reds, greens and golds rain down over the communication towers east of Jerome. The display lasted more than four hours late Friday and early Saturday morning. Above, At the height of the storm, a burst of light appeared directly overhead with streams trailing all the way to the horizon. Right, Most people look to the north to see the Northern Lights but early Saturday morning Jerome residents could look to the south and see the lights over Twin Falls.

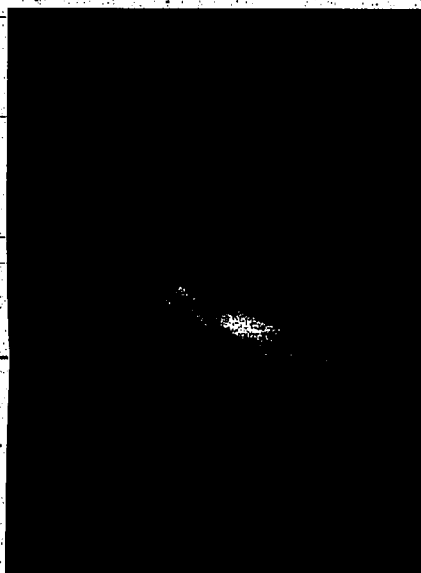
Sacramento, Calif.; Flagstaff, Ariz.; and Albuquerque and Carlsbad, N.M.

"I've lived here all of my life and never seen anything like this," said Jay Hartwell, who braved the cold temperatures in a field north of Twin Falls to watch the display. "Usually with the aurora if you get 10 percent of the sky covered you feel lucky, but this is amazing," he said while watching sheets of light spread across the sky, eventually filling it from north to south.

"It was the most miraculous aurora I have ever seen in my years of living here. We were so overwhelmed by the display that words or pictures can't really describe it," said Forrest Ray, the treasurer of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society who also stayed up late into the night to watch the spectacle.

NASA scientists said a powerful flare that erupted Thursday, rated a class X, the most potent category.

The eruptions triggered a powerful, but brief, blackout



Friday on some high-frequency radio channels and low-frequency navigational signals, scientists said. They forecast at least a 30 percent chance of continuing disruptions through Sunday. That means another chance for valley residents tonight to see the lights, although they will likely not be as intense.

Photos by
Bruce Shields

Times-News Chief Photographer Bruce Shields can be reached at 733-3251.

Livestock ordinance would add regulations for new dairies

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A proposed county livestock ordinance aims to reduce dairy odors by requiring any new dairy with 3,214 milk cows or more to have a professionally designed waste system and odor management plan. A seven-member citizens committee recently completed work on the proposed 21-page ordinance after more than six months of work. If approved, it will take the place of the county's 3-year-old existing ordinance.

The proposed ordinance awaits public hearings before the county planning and zoning commission and the county commissioners. Hearing dates have not been set.

While the existing ordinance requires animal operations to comply with state and federal laws, it does not require a professionally designed and engineered waste system and odor management plan.

The new ordinance requires those items, along with compli-

ance with state and federal laws.

Though some county officials have reacted positively to the proposal, one of its stickier points is a section that allows applications to bypass public hearings before the planning and zoning commission.

New dairies of 1,000 animal units (714 milk cows) or more would be required to have public hearings before only the county commissioners, according to the new ordinance.

Under the existing ordinance, new dairies with 714 or more milk cows in the county's agricultural zone or 2,142 milk cows or more in the county's agricultural range preservation zone must have public hearings before both the county planning and zoning commission and the elected county commissioners.

Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Gary Grinstead said that point may need changing. The county's legal department is reviewing the proposed ordinance, he added.

Todd Blass, the county's planning and zoning commission

chairman, said bypassing planning and zoning would speed up the application process — a process some people have said takes too much time.

"If that's what the people want and what the community wants, then that's what they should do," Blass said Friday. "Most of the applications that we get that are controversial end up at the county commissioners anyway."

The three county commissioners are the county's elected administrators. They appoint the planning and zoning commission and they have the last word on land-use decisions.

Blass said he hasn't read the ordinance, but has heard that it is much more detailed than its predecessor. That's a good thing, he said.

"Certainly the more detail they can give to us, the easier it will make it for us," Blass said.

"It's going to be beneficial, the more detailed it is, for everyone."

The new ordinance includes more animal operation defini-

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A bittersweet goodbye: Burley doctor says farewell

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The woman in the pink dress walked through the front doors of the United Methodist Church in Burley Saturday and with a smile, thanked her longtime doctor for saving her life.

"You helped me. You were a miracle," said Marie Garner, taking Dr. Charles Suits' hand with both of hers. "All this time I wondered how I could help you. I just didn't know what to do. So, so I had to come here and say good-bye."

Suits smiled, hugging Garner and thanking her.

"You're so wonderful, thank you so much," he said.

Garner was one of several of Suits' patients who came to the Methodist church Saturday to bid the now infamous doctor farewell.

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

then, while appealing the five-year suspension to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Suits' supporters — the majority senior citizens — called him a wonderful doctor and a good friend.

"He saved my wife's life," said J.B. Graham.

Mama Graham agreed, holding a Polaroid picture of her and Suits together.

"We're going to miss him," she said.

Since his arrest more than two years ago, Suits has maintained his innocence. He vowed Saturday to one day come back to Burley a vindicated man.

"I will be proven innocent — I have no doubt," Suits said, as he greeted patients and friends. "We will be back. We still have a lot of ties to this area."

"I think it's going to be good to move and alleviate some of these pressures," he said.

Several of Suits' supporters, including Mary Ellen Rasmussen

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MAGIC VALLEY

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931; Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 8 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 8 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Zania A. Mitchell
Zania A. Mitchell, 94, passed away Thursday, March 29, 2001, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Zenia was born December 20, 1906, in Scandia, Kansas. She married Glenn Eastman and they had two sons, Elvin and Paul. They moved to the Salmon Tract and farmed for a few years. Glenn passed away in 1941. Zenia moved to Twin Falls where she worked at the Rogers Hotel, Troy Laundry and Woodworth's lunch counter. She married George Mitchell in 1950 and they had one son, George Jr.

Zenia is survived by two sons, Paul (Lionel) Eastman and George (Linda) Mitchell; one stepson, Troy Mitchell, and one stepdaughter, Valda Bates; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two husbands and one son, Elvin; a great-granddaughter, Stephanie; one brother and a daughter-in-law, Wilma Eastman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at White Mortuary with Rev. Jim Winkie officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Monday from 4-8 p.m.

ACEQUIA



Gerald S. Harman

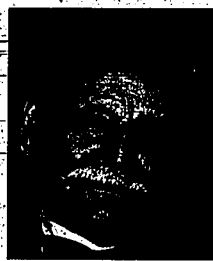
Gerald S. Harman, 81-year-old Acequia resident, passed away Friday, March 30, 2001, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility in Rupert.

Gerald was born on July 10, 1919, in Saskatchewan, Canada, to Marshall Tobias and Florence Gertrude Scoble Harman. He was the third of five children. He moved with his family to the United States when he was six years old. Gerald married Alice Martha Stroud on February 20, 1950. Gerald enjoyed wood working, camping, golfing, gambling and playing cards. He was on the City Council in Acequia for six years. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Gerald is survived by his four children, Murriel (John) Gallegos of Acequia, Idaho; John (Patty) Bradshaw of Winnemucca, Nev.; Geraldine (Kenneth) Rogers of Paul, Idaho; and Norma (Kevin) Schneider of Ketchum, Idaho. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice, grandparents, parents, brothers and a sister.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Family and friends may call at Hansen Mortuary on Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

GOODING



Wilbur Calvin Loucks
Wilbur Calvin Loucks, 96, of Gooding, passed away March 29, 2001, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

He was born December 13, 1904, in Wakarusa, Indiana, the son of Jonas and Susie Harrington Loucks. He attended school in Wakarusa. When he started school, he only spoke German. As was the custom in those days, he graduated from the eighth grade and helped on the family farm. Although his formal education ended, his thirst for knowledge never ended. He was very involved with genealogy and was a historian for the family. He had an extraordinary interest in everyone and everything and he never knew a stranger.

On September 11, 1929, he married the love of his life, Hazel Suddarth in Twin Falls. Together they shared over 70 years of marriage. They lived in Indiana for about two years after their marriage where he worked as a carpenter and then came back to Idaho where they lived on various farms in the Twin Falls area until buying their farm in Gooding over 50 years ago.

He was a member of the Gooding Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star and Amaranth. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and spending time with his family. He loved to talk and reminisce about his life in Indiana and logging days in Wisconsin. He had a remarkable memory of people, places and events. We were truly blessed to have had him for our father and grandfather. We will miss his wise mind and his wonderful sense of humor. We wanted him to live forever and he gave it his best.

He is survived by three daughters, Gwendolyn (Ralph) McCray of Orofino, Marilyn Loucks of Twin Falls, and Carolyn (Warren) Robinson of Twin Falls. He is also survived by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Hazel, his son Leon on February 5, 2001, and his brothers Amos Loucks, Eldon Loucks, Chester Loucks, Ervin Loucks and his sisters Samantha Loucks Lienhart Schutz, Catherine Loucks Rouch and Mabel Loucks Fritz.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Viewing will be held Monday, April 2, 2001, from 5-7 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, Fairfax Road @ Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103-9293. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

RUPERT



Shirley Lopez
Shirley Fern Sunna Lopez, 65-year-old, died.

old, Rupert resident, died Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at her home.

She was born June 22, 1935, in Sacaton, Arizona, the daughter of Elmer and Linda Hayes Sunna. She attended school in Casa Blanca and Sacaton. While living in Arizona, she met and married Manuel A. Lopez, and they started their family. They later moved to Idaho, and in 1972, they moved to Rupert where she has since resided. She was employed by J.R. Simplot Company and Greida Foods, retiring in 1995.

Survivors include her husband, Manuel A. Lopez, Sr. of Rupert; her children, Stella (Robert Palomo) Lopez of Rupert, Dallas (Martha) Lopez of Eugene, Oregon, Jim (Teresa) Lopez of Burley, Jacob Lopez of Boise; Pete (Holly) Lopez Jr. of Hayburn, and Irene (Rick) Martinez of Eugene, Oregon; her father, Iver (Flora) Sunna; her siblings, Gerald (Dorothy) Sunna, Vernon (Gloria) Sunna, Marshal (Barnetta) Sunna, Oleia (Everett Allen) Brown, Diana (Alfred) Lomayestewa, Ulanda Sunna, Beverly (Clay) Lomayestewa, Eleanor (Fernando) Matia, Cuesnie (Eddy) Jany, Caroline Sunna and Sherry (Leonard) Harris; 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Irene; two daughters, Maxine and Debbie; three sisters, Marilyn, Verna and Patricia; one grandson, Chico Olmos; and one great-granddaughter, Alton Olmos.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F Street, Rupert, with Father Henry Carmona and Pastor Ron Briscoe officiating. Interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at Rasmussen Mortuary, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Monday, April 2, 2001, from 6 until 8 p.m. and at the church on Tuesday from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand miles that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken
In the morning hush,
I am the sweet uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.
-Anonymous

POCATELLO



John David Horrocks Sr.

John David Horrocks Sr., 64, returned to his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, due to heart failure. He was surrounded by his family.

John David was born July 9, 1936, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Alfred S. and Belinda (Heath) Horrocks. He grew up in Pocatello and received his education, graduating from Pocatello High School in 1954. After graduation, he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad, Cream Top Dairy and Boise Cascade. He met and later married Marion Elaine Anderson on April 19, 1957, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They were blessed with six children and four fostered Indian children. He worked for the Post Office for six years and retired in 1974. For the last 25 years, he worked as a dental technician. He was a partner at the Pomeroy Valley Dental Laboratory and had partially retired last year. He was an active member of the LDS Fourth Ward and enjoyed his work with family history and extrac-

tions. He served as a Bishop for five years. He served in many Bishoprics, on the High Council and as a Stake Mission President. David was currently serving as 1st Counselor in the St. Anthony Branch.

David devoted his time and talents to his family, church, and many others. He had a great love for music and shared this with everyone by using his beautiful voice to sing. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tease everyone he knew. His hobbies and interests included carpentry, fishing, camping, and yard sales. He also loved sharing time with his grandchildren, and attending their many activities. They loved their Grandpa for supporting them in everything they did.

He is survived by his wife, Marion Elaine Anderson Horrocks; sons, John David (Susanne) Horrocks Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo., Carl Jeffery (Teresa) Horrocks, Dennis Samuel (Karen) Horrocks; daughters, Lessa Darlene Horrocks (Jerry Leash), Kristina (Terry) Elliott, and Sarah Marie Horrocks; all of Pocatello; two brothers, Harold Joseph Horrocks and Leland Ralph Horrocks; both of Vancouver, Wash.; 15 grandchildren; four step grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one step great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred S. Horrocks and Belinda May (Heath) Horrocks; three brothers, Sydney Albert, Bert Horrocks, Roger William Horrocks, and Alfred S. Horrocks Jr.; and two sisters, Dorothy Jean Horrocks and Evelyn Ann Meiners.

He knew, loved, and helped so many people. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 2, 2001, at 2 p.m. at the LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 335 South 7th Avenue in Pocatello, with Bishop Robert W. Bradley officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at Colonial Funeral Home, 2001 South 4th Avenue in Pocatello, and one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery.

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SERVICES

Charles 'Chuck' Skaggs of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., Burley. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Lois Eleanor Jepson of Jerome and formerly of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Om LaPreal Urquigen of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 16th St., Rupert; burial will follow at Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and before the funeral on Monday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Sarah Garcia, infant daughter of Juan and Claudia Garcia of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Monday

at the Truth Tabernacle Church, 335 W. 15th St., Burley; burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery; Burley; friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the church (Payne Mortuary).

June Rose Newman of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls 6th Ward LDS Chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard; burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call from 7-9 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary.

Anna Mae Hainline of Twin Falls and formerly of Filer, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Filer United Methodist Church; interment will follow at the Filer Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

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Jerry Holm, White Mortuary, has graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is currently working for the University of Idaho as a graduate research assistant. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society. He is also a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He is a member of the LDS Church and is active in his ward. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar and is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association and is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association and is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association.

TRENT STIMPSON
Reynolds Funeral Chapel
Trent, a Twin Falls native, has been associated with the Reynolds Funeral Chapel since 1985. He is a graduate of Twin Falls High School, College of Southern Idaho and the College of Idaho. He is a member of the LDS Church and is active in his ward. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar and is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association and is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association and is a member of the Idaho State Bar Association.

DEATH NOTICES

William Rehn
BURLEY - William Rehn, 87, of Burley, died Friday, March 30, 2001, at the Cassia-Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Fern Gochmour
BURLEY - Fern Gochmour, of Burley, died Friday, March 30, 2001, at the Parke View Care Center in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

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Gary Wilson
GOODING - Gary Wilson, 59, of Gooding, died Saturday, March 31, 2001, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Jesse I. McEwen
KIMBERLY - Jesse Irene McEwen, 95, of Kimberly, died

Saturday, March 31, 2001, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Vicki Chandler
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Vicki Chandler, 49, of Albuquerque, N.M., and formerly of Buhl, died Monday, March 26, 2001, at the Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.

A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Feds order prescribed burns in northern Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The federal government plans to torch 6,000 acres of land in the Panhandle this month to make sure savan-more property is not scorched by wildfire.

The prescribed burns by the Idaho-Panhandle National Forests are scattered across northern Idaho, with the highest concentration in forests near Avery, Prichard, Hope and Bonanza. The agency said Mark Grant, the assistant fire management officer.

The exact date of the burns will be determined a few days before the districts ignite the fires. It depends on snow and moisture conditions, weather patterns and air quality restrictions.

The acreage the agency is not able to burn this spring will be burned next fall.

Forest Service workers will ignite several thousand acres of dry brush near Avery on the St. Joe River. Another large chunk of forest up the Coeur d'Alene River near

Prichard is also on the agenda. And, as in past years, the agency will do burns around Lake Pend Oreille, specifically near Hope.

A 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals emergency injunction prevents the agency from burning forest near Priest Lake, Grant said.

The injunction was intended to stop the Forest Service from logging beetle-infested timber stands such as those near Priest Lake. It also applies to prescribed burns, Grant said.

The Forest Service contends logging beetle-infested timber actually increase fire danger in the short term.

Prescribed fire is important to reduce debris that fuels wildfires, as well as return nutrients to the soil for seedlings.

Last year's fire season in the West was monumental, with 77,893 fires raging in 11 states including Idaho. More than 6.8 million acres burned.

Leaders expect no tax hike from school levy

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Minidoka County School District nearly proposed a \$9.3 million plant facility levy this year, on the theory that a levy that size would not raise taxes.

But now the district is looking at \$10.5 million—and still hoping to avoid a tax increase.

"We are becoming increasingly confident that this will be a no-tax-increase proposal," Superintendent Nick Hallett said.

District lawyer Jason Walker drew up legal paperwork for a 20-year, \$10.5 million levy last week. A final decision to adopt this amount, or to rethink the project and adopt a different amount, will be made at Monday's School Board meeting.

After that, voters will decide May 22 whether to support the levy, which needs 55 percent voter approval.

Though spending \$10.5 million without a tax hike may sound like a magic trick, officials say several factors are combining to make it possible. Here's how it works.

The biggest factor is a 20-year-old school bond issue that finally is expiring this year. The old bond issue charges property owners roughly 93 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value.

So property taxpayers will see their tax bills drop by 93 cents per \$1,000 if no new levy is approved.

A second factor is state legislation passed in 1997 that allows House Bill 315, currently awaiting the signature of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, would provide money for school districts to do facility improvements that are needed for safety issues.

If the governor signs the bill, Minidoka County would probably receive at least \$420,000. Depending on what improvements are needed for safety, the district could receive much more, Hallett said.

As much as \$1 million could be added to the funds through this bill, Hallett said, adding that he did not expect quite that much.

Tom Pitcher, vice president of public finance with Zions Bank in Salt Lake City, which has been working with the district, said he is confident that Kempthorne will sign the bill. Furthermore, he said it is realistic for the district to expect to receive \$1 million from the state



Minidoka County School Board member George MacDonald sweeps the driveway of his home in Rupert. The School Board will meet Monday to decide the amount the district will request for an upcoming school plant facility levy.

Who gets the money?

Here's a preliminary estimate of how much each school project would cost, including each project's percentage of the total proposal:

- Minidoka High School: \$7,182,950 — 68.5%
 - Minidoka new construction: \$4,998,000 — 47.4%
 - Minidoka main building remodeling: \$210,850 — 6.7%
 - Minidoka English building (ninth-grade wing) remodeling: \$230,800 — 2.2%
 - Minidoka athletic work: \$150,000 — 2.4%
 - Minidoka utilities extensions: \$500,000 — 4.8%
 - Minidoka fire sprinkling and fire alarms: \$403,290 — 3.8%
 - Undecided (will include media center/library at Minidoka): \$1,257,200 — 12.0%
- East Minidoka Junior High School (exterior repairs): \$50,000 — 0.5%

West Minidoka Junior High School (exterior repairs): \$40,000 — 0.4%

Aspen Elementary School (repairs and restroom remodeling): \$320,000 — 3.1%

Hayden Elementary School (repairs and restroom remodeling): \$133,000 — 3.1%

Henrieville Elementary School (structural repairs): \$250,000 — 2.4%

Mini-Cassidy Opportunity Center (structural repairs): \$125,000 — 1.2%

Parishville for new buildings: \$200,000 — 1.9%

Taxable fees, contingencies: \$1,365,000 — 13.0%

Monday meeting

The Minidoka School Board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the district office, 923 Fremont Ave.

On the agenda will be a decision on how much money to request from voters in May for various construction projects. The board will also decide whether the amount would constitute a tax increase, Superintendent Nick Hallett said.

But if the school district can annex certain Blaine County property, it could collect taxes directly from that property.

This proposal would require some work, Hallett said, and would not be in place until after the May election. In addition, it would require voter approval in both Minidoka and Blaine counties.

The proposal is not related to a controversial attempt by state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert,

to annex Blaine County's "trail" into Minidoka County.

Yet another factor that could keep the tax rate from increasing is the expected appreciation in value of the property within the school district. At this time, the property is valued at roughly \$83.4 million. As this number rises, more money would be raised from the same tax rate, Pitcher said.

These factors will probably allow district voters to pass a levy of \$10.5 million without raising property taxes, Pitcher said. Even if some of these factors don't become reality, the district will still come close to the \$10.5 million, and some additional money in the district's budget might be used to make up the difference, he said.

"I don't see any risky projections here," Pitcher said. He noted that the ballot will be worded in a way that eliminates any chance for a higher tax rate. A few other factors also can affect taxes in Minidoka County. For instance, individual property values may be reassessed, or interest rates may change.

Times-News writer Aaron Brock is interested in your views on the proposed school levy. You can reach him 677-4042, Ext. 110, or by e-mail at abrock@magicalvalley.com.

Proposed dairy rules

Here's a look at how a proposed Twin Falls County livestock ordinance compares with the existing ordinance.

	New rules	Existing rules
Waste	An animal operation of 4,500 animal units (3,214 milk cows) or more would need its waste system and odor management system designed by a licensed professional engineer. The engineer would supervise the system's installation and operation and make reports to the county on the system's progress. Waste lagoons would have to meet state Environmental Protection Agency standards.	Solid and liquid waste system design plans for animal operations must meet state and federal requirements. They need approval by the state Department of Agriculture and state Department of Health and Welfare.
Public hearings	New rules: Any animal operation application of 1,000 animal units (714 milk cows) or more would require public hearings before the county commissioners.	Existing rules: Animal operation applications of 1,000 animal units (714 milk cows) or more in the county's agricultural zone require public hearings in front of the county planning and zoning commission and the county commissioners. Animal operation applications of 2,000 animal units (1,428 milk cows) or more in the county's agricultural zone require planning and zoning commission and the county commissioners.
Restricted areas	New rules: Delivies would be banned in rural residential zone, commercial zone, industrial zone, outdoor recreation overlay, historic sites, critical species habitats, wetlands, flood plains, city impact areas. Any animal feeding operation must be located at least one mile from any municipality, rural residential zone or outdoor recreational zones.	Existing rules: All livestock confinement operations must be located outside of any incorporated municipality. They must be at least a mile outside city limits.
Enforcement	New rules: The owner of any animal feeding operation must submit annually to the county administrator a statement certifying the number of animals does, and section 502(14) of the federal Clean Water Act. All LCOs shall immediately advise the appropriate canal company of any discharge.	Existing rules: All livestock confinement operations shall comply with federal, state and local laws used for enforcement of the federal Clean Water Act. All LCOs shall immediately advise the appropriate canal company of any discharge.
Setback distances	New rules: The closest inside edge of the retaining wall or any waste lagoon shall be located at least 300 feet inside the property lines. Waste treatment systems shall not be located and/or operated closer than 300 feet from property lines. The discharge of l. welling or residence not owned by the operator. The closest inside edge of corals shall be located at least 300 feet from any residence not belonging to the owner of the animal feeding operation.	Existing rules: The closest inside edge of the retaining wall of any waste lagoon shall be located at least 175 feet inside the property lines. The outside edge of all corals shall be located at least 400 feet from the nearest existing dwelling, church, school, or other building used for human occupancy. The property owner's dwellings.

Dairy

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tions and setback distances. Some setback distances stay the same, such as the requirement that the closest edge of a waste lagoon be located at least 1,320 feet from any residence not belonging to the owner of the operation. But there are additions, too, including:

- A waste lagoon must be at least 300 feet from any domestic well.
- A waste lagoon must be at least 1,000 feet from any public water supply.
- Ed Smith, a committee member from Filer, said he was satisfied with the committee's work.

"The committee worked through some difficult issues and in the end, we've been able to come up with a compromise," Smith said. "Overall, I think it strengthens the rules for the county."

Some residents and even the committee's members had complained early on about the committee's makeup, saying the majority of its members favored the livestock industry. Four of the committee's seven members have ties to the industry.

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How the proposed construction levy could affect taxpayers

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Here's a tale of three taxpayers and how a proposed school construction levy would affect them.

The Times-News phoned about 20 Minidoka County taxpayers last week, looking for a homeowner, a farmer and a business owner willing to have their taxes discussed in print.

George MacDonald, Duane Grant, and Karl and Joyce Barfuss agreed to participate. Here's what they had to say:

1. — Rupert resident George MacDonald, a member of the Minidoka County School Board, paid a total of \$503.76 in property taxes on his home last year, not including a solid waste fee.

About \$31.19 of that figure went to help pay off a 20-year-old school bond issue, which will

expire this year. So MacDonald will see a decrease of \$31.19 in taxes next year — unless Minidoka County voters approve a proposed plant facility levy.

School officials are proposing a \$10.5 million levy. They say if voters approve a levy that size, MacDonald and other local property owners will see their taxes stay at about the same level as now.

MacDonald says he doesn't mind paying that rate for another 20 years.

"That amount of money doesn't mean a thing to me, given the fact that I know what the true condition of the schools is," MacDonald said.

A retiree from the school district, MacDonald noted that he and his wife live on a fixed income. On the heels of a \$20 million bond issue that failed in 1999, a \$10.5 million levy is reasonable, MacDonald said.

"Ten-point-five million dollars

isn't a lot of money," he said. "It's just about half of what we asked for previously."

2. Parkview Furniture, a Rupert store owned by Karl and Joyce Barfuss, paid \$595.04 in property taxes last year. About \$30.02 of that went to the expiring school bond issue, and Parkview Furniture's taxes will drop by that amount if there's no new levy.

Joyce Barfuss, who had eight children go through local schools and has grandchildren in the school system now, said the amount is a small price to pay for school improvements.

"We need good schools," she said. "The community sure goes downhill if we don't have good schools."

3. Grant 4-D Farms, partially owned by Duane Grant of Paul, paid \$57,475.16 in taxes last year, of

which \$581.15 went to the expiring bond issue.

"Though \$581.15 is less than 10 percent of the farm's total tax bill, Grant still describes it as a 'substantial' figure."

"I don't think you can say it's not significant," he said. Yet Grant also said it's money well-spent.

"I think it's absolutely essential that Minidoka County steps up to the plate and does what it has to do to educate our children," he said.

Though he is the father of school-age children, Grant's family would not benefit if the levy passes. He drives his children to school in Declo each morning.

"The whole system seems broken in Minidoka County," he said. In his view, passing the levy would be a step toward remedying problems in his home county.

"The kids of my employees would benefit," he said.

Former police officers intend to appeal dismissal

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Two former Idaho Falls Police officers fired after they were involved in an off-duty accident are going to court in an attempt to get their jobs back.

Attorneys for Michael Medema and Paul Jagosh filed notices in 7th District Court, asserting their intent to appeal.

Their court hearing is slated for next month.

Police Chief J. Kent Livsey fired the men for their actions following an Oct. 23 car crash.

Medema and Jagosh previously appealed to the Idaho Falls Civil Service Commission, but the commission ruled three weeks ago that Jagosh was justified in firing them.

Livsey fired Medema and Jagosh for their actions after they were involved in the car crash. Livsey contended the men violated department policies,

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ConAgra recalls chicken soup from stores

WASHINGTON (AP) — ConAgra Grocery Products Co. is recalling about 55,000 cans of chicken noodle soup because the soup may contain metal fragments, federal food safety officials said Friday. They include soups shipped to Utah and Nevada, but not Idaho.

The Archbold, Ohio-based company became aware of the problem after consumers complained, the Agriculture Depart-

ment's Food and Safety Inspection Service said Friday. There were no reports of injuries, a company official said. People with questions about the recall can call ConAgra at 1-877-528-0745 between 5 a.m. and 4 p.m. MDT.

Company spokeswoman Karen Lynn said ConAgra officials were unsure how the metal got into the soup.

The product being recalled in 18.75-ounce cans of Marie Callender's Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup. Each can bears the marking "EST. P-91" on the USDA seal of inspection and a date code of "02313P913". The product was produced and packaged Feb. 3, 2000, and distributed to retail stores in California, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado.



Dr. Suits gives Mary Ellen Rasmussen a hug of appreciation at his farewell party Saturday evening at the United Methodist Church in Burley.

Suits

Continued from B1 — who helped coordinate Saturday's party — chastised local police for, as she claimed, wrongly accusing an innocent man.

A petition was circulated at Saturday's event asking local officials to eliminate corruption from the government.

But local officials and county prosecutors say Suits received a fair and impartial trial.

When asked about the validity of the charges against Suits, many of his supporters questioned the illegal drug charges.

"I never saw any signs of him being under the influence," said J.B. Graham. "To jeopardize his license, his life and his livelihood? I just don't think he would do it."

The Rev. Al Trachsel of the United Methodist Church said Suits was a member of the church, but not a regular attendee.

Trachsel said he obliged a request to use the church for

Saturday's get-together — despite Suits' criminal record.

"I can't make those kind of judgments. He had a pretty significant patient load in the church," Trachsel said.

At one point Saturday, Suits took a break from hugging to play the guitar.

"This is a song to let you know that all things eventually come around," Suits said.

His foot tapping, his fingers strumming, Suits sang the chorus to the song, "All my life's a circle."

Later, Suits reflected on his more than 14 years in Burley.

"I think I've done the community a lot of good and we will miss the community and my patients and friends immensely," he said.

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Idaho leaders question official's expense allowance

BOISE (AP) — Attorney General Al Lance has been asked to determine whether Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs has been overpaid for living expenses since the former state senator was appointed lieutenant governor nearly two months ago.

State law limits the daily living expense for the lieutenant governor to \$44, no matter where his home is even though state legislators from outside the Boise area receive \$99 a day to cover meals and rental housing.

State accounting records show that Riggs, a Coeur d'Alene physician, continued receiving \$99 a day for expenses after he was sworn in as lieutenant governor on Jan. 30.

The Legislature has already sent Gov. Dirk Kempthorne a bill guaranteeing lieutenant governors who live outside Boise the same daily living expense rate that out-state legislators receive. While that bill will take effect as soon as Kempthorne signs it, the question of expenses for the past two months remains.

"It's not accurate, we'll fix it," Riggs said. "We'll do whatever the Attorney General says."

Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs



Lt. Governor Jack Riggs Has received \$99 a day for expenses

said Riggs would reimburse excess expense money, estimated at nearly \$3,200, if it becomes legally clear the lieutenant governor has been overpaid.

But some lawmakers believe that the constitutional provision making the lieutenant governor the president of the Senate when it is in session entitles him to the same expense compensation as senators, essentially overriding the 1984 state law setting the living expense for the lieutenant governor at \$44 a day.

Governor signs ban on abortions

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Saturday signed a legislative ban on taxpayer-financed abortions to protect the health of poor women, saying it shows the state's commitment to preserving the lives of unborn children.

After the Legislature adjourned, the Republican executive signed the measure. In a letter to House and Senate leaders, Kempthorne said that as a U.S. senator, he supported federal limitations on publicly-funded abortions and now backs the state's efforts.

"I have consulted with the attorney general and he has opined that while there may be instances

where the Idaho Constitution may be more protective of certain rights than its federal counterpart, House Bill 307 will pass under our state constitution," Kempthorne wrote.

The legislation precludes Medicaid subsidies for abortions performed to protect a woman's health.

Those currently are being paid solely with state money because federal law prohibits Medicaid payment for so-called health abortions. Medicaid, the state federal health program for the poor, would still cover abortions in cases of rape, incest and to save the life of the woman.

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Children battling cancer have fun in the snow in Sun Valley

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Thirteen-year-old Candice Cooper squealed as the blisk she was riding skidded across the snow and tipped over in the slush. A face full of snow beat the cancer ward any day.

Cooper, of Bomedale, was one of 12 youngsters who have been treated for cancer who got treated to a day of fun in the snow Saturday at Sun Valley Resort.

Sun Valley Company donated life-tickets for the children and their chaperones, as well as ski equipment and instructors. Bog Dog's Pizza donated pizza for the children.

"It gives the children the opportunity to cast away their illness for a week and bond with other kids undergoing similar experiences," said Kris Nardecchia, who works for Sun Valley and volunteers for Camp Rainbow Gold. Camp Rainbow Gold is a camp near Ketchum for children who have been diagnosed with cancer or are cancer survivors.

Marc Mast, who heads up Sun Valley's adaptive ski program, controlled Cooper's blisk as the gingerly turned left, then right, working her way down Lower River Run.

"It's kind of like riding a bobbed," he said to Cooper, who sat in what resembled a dog sled with two wide twin-tipped skis mounted underneath.

It was Cooper's first time on skis but, judging from the wide



Marc Mast lathers Candice Cooper as the two schuss down Lower River Run at Sun Valley Resort Saturday.

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grin she wore all the way down the mountain, it won't be her last.

"I had my doubts at first. I thought I'd just hang out and watch everyone else," said Cooper, who has had two hip replacements, two bone marrow transplants and a stroke as a result of her fight with cancer. "But, I saw the others doing it and I thought, 'I can do this.' It's awesome!"

Nineteen-year-old Boisaan Trent Russell, who just had part of his femur replaced for the second time following an operation to remove a tumor in his knee, agreed.

"A lot more fun than had I stayed at home in my room," he said. "And it gives me the chance to be with others who share some of the experiences I've been through."

The kids weren't the only ones who got something out of the experience, though. Rob Cronin, who owns the Red Elephant restaurant in Hailey, was ready to sign-up for more fun in the slush after watching the kids frolic.

Pennsylvania senator asserts new grassy knoll theory falls short of mark

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON — There might not have been any magic to the bullets that struck down President Kennedy nearly four decades ago, according to a new study.

The shot that killed Kennedy was from a fourth bullet that came from the now-infamous grassy knoll — not from Lee Harvey Oswald's alleged perch at the Texas School Book Depository as the Warren Commission concluded — according to the study published by Britain's Forensic Science Society Journal, Science and Justice.

But Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who was plucked from his job as a young Philadelphia prosecutor 37 years ago to investigate ballistic evidence from the assassination, stands by the commission's findings.

Specter developed the central piece of the commission's conclusion, long dubbed by conspiracy theorists as the "magic bullet theory," which states that a bullet went through Kennedy's neck and ricocheted to Texas Governor John Connally's leg.

Asked whether he was swayed by the news, Specter said the commission "did an exhaustive investigation and there was no evidence of a shot from the grassy knoll."

"I had the area as to the ballistic wounds and I can tell you con-

clusively that the president was hit and killed by a... shot that hit him in the base of the head and that an earlier shot went into the base of his neck," Specter said.

D.B. Thomas, an assassination researcher who authored the study, relied on acoustic evidence from the sounds in Dallas' Dealey Plaza the day of the assassination to back his conclusion. It's a theory that has long been held by assassination conspiracy theorists who allege that at least two men, and perhaps more, were involved in a plot to kill the president — a plot that may not have had Oswald as a participant, but only as a patsy.

Thomas' study challenges "the validity of acoustic evidence for a gunshot from the grass knoll. The assumptions... were not in accord with evidence overlooked by the review panel," Thomas said. His statistical analysis shows a 96 percent probability of "the acoustic signature of a gunshot from the grassy knoll."

The key evidence, Thomas said, lies in a Dallas Police Department recording, which contains a series of sounds that matches the echo pattern of a test shot fired from the grassy knoll. Proponents of the single-gunner theory, including Specter, have long argued that those sounds could have been anything from static to a motorcycle noise. But, after evaluation of the sound patterns on the tape,

Thomas contends in his study

that there is a less than 4 percent chance that the noises could have been anything other than gunshots.

Thomas backs up his theory by stating that the sounds of the taped gunshots were synchronized with a video of the assassination shot on a home movie camera owned by Abraham Zapruder.

Thomas' conclusion is a thorn in the side of Specter's theory, which was a key to the Warren Commission's finding that there were only three shots fired at Dealey Plaza — all from the book depository.

"I believe the magic bullet theory cannot be true," Thomas said in an interview. "There is evidence that the bullet went through Kennedy," and into Connally. But Thomas says it was not that shot that killed the president.

Thomas' findings largely support those of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which concluded 22 years ago that Kennedy's assassination came at the hands of not one, but two gunmen: Oswald and a co-conspirator standing on the grassy knoll who fired the fourth shot at the president's motorcade.

The two reports differ, however, on which gunman shot the fatal bullet.

The House committee, led by former Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, found that the gunman on the knoll missed his target and that Oswald's last shot killed Kennedy.

Doctors file suit against BlueShield

LEWISTON (AP) — A group of physicians is headed to court against Regence BlueShield of Idaho, maintaining the state's largest insurance company underpaid them.

The 19 doctors are upset over a new payment schedule and filed the class-action lawsuit. Trial is set for April 17 in Pocatello.

The suit claims the company implemented its new schedule — which reimburses specialists less — on Sept. 1, 1999, without consulting doctors and therefore

breached their contracts.

The suit contends BlueShield should have terminated its existing contracts with doctors and then renegotiated them based on the new payment system. Regence spokeswoman Georgann Benjamin said Friday the company plans to fight the lawsuit.

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Law creates 75,000 citizens in one day

Child Citizenship Act allows easier naturalization of foreign adoptees

BOISE (AP) — Micela DeVine, 5, tossed and turned in the lap of her mother, Susan.

She played with her hair and drew on purple paper, oblivious to the amplified voice of a U.S. senator or the hullabaloo around her that marked a passage in her young life: her new American citizenship.

It may be a distinction only on paper, said Susan DeVine, who adopted Micela from China.

"She's been a citizen in our hearts from the beginning."

But it's still important.

Micela, her family and about 200 others — families with children from Korea, China, Africa, Mexico and more — came to Boise City Hall to celebrate the Child Citizenship Act, signed into law by President Clinton last October.

The law, co-sponsored by Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, became effective Feb. 27, creating 75,000 new American citizens that day, including Micela.

They came not for speeches or even the chocolate chip cookies, but to know with certainty that it was true.

"It's one thing reading about it on the Internet. It's another thing to hear it and know for sure," DeVine said.

She adopted Micela two years ago and watched in awe at how quickly the impish little girl adapted to her new surroundings. As did her friend Meili Robbins, 10. Meili has a hearing impairment.

Her mother, Cheryl, adopted her in Wuhan, China, two years ago. Robbins specifically requested a hearing-impaired child because her biological daughter, Courtney, 15, a Borah High School sophomore, is also hearing-impaired.

"Meili didn't have language skills before she came here. She may not understand the difference this law makes, but she sure understands the difference being here (in America) has made,"



Micela DeVine, 5, plants a kiss on her sister, Rachel DeVine, 14, before the child citizenship ceremony recently inside Boise City Hall. Micela, from China, joined other adopted children as they became American citizens.



Jade Nisal, 7, leads the Pledge of Allegiance during the Child Citizenship ceremony recently in Boise.

Robbins said.

"I'm so blessed to have her." Although the citizenship issue for many there was "a formality," it's still important to draw attention to adoption issues both domestic and foreign, Robbins said.

The law effectively removed one more obstacle for American

parents who adopt children from a foreign country. Under the previous policy, parents had to go through a lengthy and expensive process to obtain naturalization for their children.

For Sharolyn and Warren Ririe, that's a relief. They adopted three daughters — Lora, 5, Camille, 3, and Shanae, 17 months — from China. Lora and Camille went through the old process.

"It was like starting over. You go through so much paperwork for the adoption. Then you had to do it all again. Now, I don't have to. It's a relief."

Because the process was so cumbersome, many parents opted not to do it. Allison and Sarah Burley, 17-year-old twin sisters originally from Fusan, Korea, also became citizens with this law.

"We just didn't bother," said their mother, Pat Burley. Adell Reed, the girls' grandmother, said the great thing is that the girls always felt they belonged.

"That's what's great about America," she said.

Developer agrees to save Indian School mural

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah (AP) — It began as a stereotypical battle: arts and community groups fighting a real estate developer over the planned demolition of a mural painted by one of the nation's best-known native artists.

But on Tuesday, the developer offered to pay whatever it costs to rescue the mural, which was scheduled to be reduced to rubble — along with the gymnasium that houses it and the rest of the abandoned Indian school — as early as this month.

"I am flabbergasted," said Nelson Foss, the curator of a foundation dedicated to the works of the late Allan Houser, who painted the mural in 1954 while teaching at the school. "I just heard five minutes ago. It's amazing. It's philanthropic."

The 6-by-12-foot mural of a Navajo horseman is painted directly on the plaster wall of the gym's entryway and could cost about \$40,000 to remove. One appraisal pegs the mural's value at about \$50,000.

"I don't know how big of a task it's going to be to have the thing removed," said Matt Petersen, a partner with Cape Advisors Inc., which owns the property. "Hopefully it will be simple, but like everything else it probably won't be."

Petersen, who started the week saying the mural could come down at any time, said

Wednesday that Cape decided it would be easiest to remove the mural on its own terms, rather than face possible long delays.

At the time, the Institute of American Indian Arts was lobbying Congress to save the painting and a small group of Brigham City residents plan to ask the City Council Thursday to stop the demolition.

The decision means the mural will be the last remaining trace of the Intermountain Indian School, except for a faint "I" etched into the rocky hillside above the campus.

"I cry every time I come here," said Karen Bagail-Wilson, a Navajo who was born and raised at the school, where her mother taught and her father drove a bus. "This is all that I've known. My whole childhood, when people asked what my reservation was, I said the Intermountain School."

The school, which opened in 1950 on the grounds of a former military hospital, once housed 2,100 students in its barracks. It was one of about 150 federal boarding schools nationwide for native children.

For most, attendance was mandatory. Children as young as 5 were rounded up on reservations and sent to schools hundreds of miles away. When they arrived, their hair was cut and they were ordered not to speak their native languages.

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Some farmers still practice cause of last U.S. foot-and-mouth outbreak

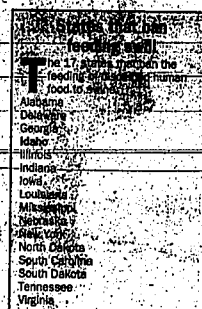
WASHINGTON (AP) — Feeding food scraps to hogs, the practice now blamed for Europe's foot-and-mouth epidemic, is banned in only 17 states including Idaho even though improperly cooked pig swill long has been recognized as a sure way to spread disease.

The last U.S. outbreak of foot-and-mouth in 1929 occurred when scraps of South American meat were taken off a ship and fed to hogs in California. Experts say that improper swill-feeding is one of the most likely ways foot-and-mouth could return.

"That's my biggest concern," said Terry Conger, state epidemiologist with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Europe's outbreak has been traced by British officials to pig swill that likely contained meat imported illegally or food smuggled by a traveler. "International travelers are always bringing sausage and whatnot—they acquire in foreign countries," Conger said.

Britain and Ireland are outlawing swill feeding as a result of the outbreak, and the European Union is being pressed by several member countries to impose an EU-wide ban.



The 17 states that ban the feeding of swill to hogs are: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

tinely confiscated from arriving passengers. The Agriculture Department recently advised states to contact swill-feeding farm within a month to ensure they are following the cooking and record keeping rules.

"We feel confident that this program is effective," said Alfonso Torres, deputy administrator for the state's service to the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. "We want to be sure that everyone is aware of what they need to do once more."

Foot-and-mouth is harmless to humans, but an ordinary-looking devastating to livestock producers. The virus spreads so quickly and easily that the only sure way to contain it is to destroy all exposed livestock.

The biggest swill-feeding producers, located in New Jersey and Nevada, raise thousands of pigs on waste food collected from their state's casinos. The Texas prison system raises hogs on scraps from inmate meals.

"We do everything to state and federal regulations," said Robert Shisler, a licensed New Jersey producer who otherwise declined to discuss his operation.

Man volunteers for trail duty out of love

SUN-CITY, Ariz. (AP) — Louis Coor loves it which he's watching the sun set behind the mountains and the stars come out.

He enjoys fresh air and the smell of a camp fire.

He likes to listen to the howl of coyotes after a long day of hiking and working on the trail.

"It's the greatest experience in the world," Coor said. "There's no place better to enjoy the outdoors than right here in Arizona."

Coor says that Arizona has been good to him. Judging by his efforts, Coor has been equally good to Arizona.

The 77-year-old who lives in Sun City West was born and raised in Peoria.

From his early days as a Boy Scout, Coor always had a love of nature. Those days he volunteers his time talking about and working on the Arizona Trail.

A 790-mile trail that runs from

the Mexican border north into Utah, the Arizona Trail will be the dream of Dale Shewalter, a Flagstaff school teacher.

In 1985, he made the journey north from the border, scouting where his proposed trail could run. Sixteen years later, with the help of the U.S. Forest Service (the source of 70 percent of the trail's land), the Bureau of Land Management and thousands of volunteers, completion of the trail is on the horizon.

By connecting previously developed trails, more than 600 miles have already been completed.

The trail is open to hikers, equestrian riders and mountain bikers. It takes adventurers through ecological seven life

zones, from the saguaros of the Sonoran desert through Ponderosa pine forests to sub-alpine meadows.

A series of mountain ranges that include the Huachuca, Santa Rita, Rincon, Santa Catalina, Superstition, Maricopa and San Francisco ranges provide a physical challenge. They also offer breathtaking views. And the trail winds through Arizona's crown jewel, the Grand Canyon.



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Breakfast Menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Donuts
Wednesday: Pancakes and gravy
Thursday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Friday: Cereal, muffins
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, fruit juice bar
Tuesday: Taco, lettuce, cheese, fritas, corn, Jell-O cake
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, french fries, bread sticks, pineapple
Thursday: Bean and cheese, roll ups, french fries, fresh fruit, peanut butter chocolate chip cookie
Friday: Chicken sandwich with mayonnaise, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, mom cookie

CASTLEFORD

Breakfast Menu
During April, breakfast will be free for all students. All money in breakfast accounts will be transferred to the lunch account. Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Cereal choice
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cinnamon/wheat roll
Friday: Cinnamon/wheat roll
Lunch Menu
Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Corn dogs
Wednesday: Hoagie sandwich
Thursday: Cheeseburgers
Friday: Pizza

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN

Milk served every day
Monday: Menu not available
Tuesday: Fried chicken, baked potato, green roll, peas
Wednesday: Taco bake, peach, cookie
Thursday: Ham and beans, cornbread, orange juice, applesauce
Friday: Lasagna, corn, garlic bread, mixed fruit

FILER

Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Hot dogs
Friday: Idaho haystacks

CHANSER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: Yogurt, toast, fruit
Thursday: Cream of wheat, toast, fruit
Friday: Long johns, cereal, fruit
Lunch Menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, fruit
Tuesday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, fruit
Wednesday: Bologna sandwich, tomato, fruit
Thursday: Stromboli, salad, fruit, cookie
Friday: French buns, ham, hash brown, fruit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Menu not available

KIMBERLY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, carrots, applesauce
Tuesday: Potato soup, cheese, celery, peas
Wednesday: Hamburgers, french fries, salad, ketchup, fruit Jell-O
Thursday: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, white wheat roll, chocolate cake
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, tater tots, sunflower seeds, fruit cup

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Cheeseburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, tater tots, sliced peaches, cookie
Tuesday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, cool fruit Jell-O, dinner roll
Wednesday: Chili crispitos, lettuce, tomato, salsa sauce, Mexican corn, orange quarters, cinnamon roll
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, seasoned green beans, bread fruit cup
Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich, Campbell's tomato soup, chili crackers, celery sticks, peanut butter, dried pears

MURTAUGH

Milk served every day
Menu not available

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast Menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, toast, jolly
Tuesday: Waffles, syrup, scrambled eggs, peaches
Wednesday: Cereal, apple slices, warm bread
Thursday: Breakfast combo bar, hash brown potatoes, orange wedges
Friday: Cereal, peaches, maple bar
Lunch Menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich or salad bar or hamburger deluxe, tater tots, sliced peaches, oatmeal cherry cookie
Tuesday: Finger steaks or soup and sandwich or grilled pork dog, mashed potatoes and gravy, chilled applesauce, hot drink
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, seasoned orange quarters, cutie pie
Thursday: Foot long hot dog or potato bar, chicken nuggets, fried rice, green beans, bread fruit cup
Friday: Rib-bone sandwich or salad bar, toasted cheese sandwich, Campbell's tomato soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, dried pears

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC

Breakfast served every day
Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Baked chicken
Wednesday: Taco salad

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, toast, jolly
Tuesday: Waffles, syrup, scrambled eggs, peaches
Wednesday: Cereal, apple slices, warm bread
Thursday: Breakfast combo bar, hash brown potatoes, orange wedges
Friday: Cereal, peaches, maple bar
Lunch Menu
Monday: Hamburger deluxe, lettuce, pickles, tater tots, sliced peaches, oatmeal cherry cookie
Tuesday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread fruit cup
Wednesday: Beef and bean burrito, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa sauce, Mexican corn, orange smiles, maple bar
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, seasoned green beans, mixed fruit cup
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, dried pears

VALLEY

Monday: Crisp burrito, salsa, oven fries, peaches, cookie
Tuesday: Pancakes, meat and cheese, salsa, corn, cinnamon sticks, peas
Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, hot hot buttered roll, chicken cookie
Thursday: Hamburger, bun, pickles, tater tots, pineapple, chocolate cake
Friday: Vegetable soup, crackers, meat or peanut butter sandwich, fresh fruit, ginger cookie

TWIN FALLS HIGH

Breakfast is served every day
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line hamburger bar, salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and pizza bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day.

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

No school

BLISS

Milk served every day
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Egg muffins sandwich
Wednesday: Breakfast burrito
Thursday: Hot and cold cereal
Friday: Biscuits and gravy
Lunch
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, country gravy, rolls, peaches
Tuesday: Hamburger with fixings, french fries, cherry turnover
Wednesday: Burrito with salsa, carrot and celery sticks, fruit
Thursday: Ham dinner, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, cookie
Friday: Tuna casserole or macaroni and cheese, power Jell-O

DIETRICH

Saled bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday: Rib-bones, mashed potatoes
Tuesday: Sub sandwich
Wednesday: Turkey noodles
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Encinitas, rice

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Ham and cheese pockets, tater rounds, fruit, cookie
Tuesday: Taco soup, cornbread with butter, orange, apple, cookie
Wednesday: Sloppy joes on a bun, scalloped potatoes, fruit, cookie
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, cheese, potatoes, fruit, dinner roll
Friday: Chili with crackers, applesauce, cinnamon roll

GOODLE ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Strawberry waffles or potato bar or salad bar
Wednesday: Sloppy joes or salad bar or hamburger, fries
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, fries or potato bar or buffalo wings
Friday: Pizza, brownies, salad

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Turkey corn dog, vegetable choice, fruit, carrot sticks, donut
Tuesday: Breaded chicken or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, fruit
Wednesday: Chef salad or beef burrito, salsa, tossed salad, ranch dressing
Thursday: Stuffed potato or pizza choice, vegetable choice, fruit, snack
Friday: Nachos or chicken party with bun, french fries, fruit, peanut butter bars

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Breakfast Menu
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast, jolly
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, pancakes, bacon, butter, egg
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, biscuits, sausage gravy, jolly
Thursday: Choice of juice, banana, choice of cereal, cinnamon toast
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, hash brown, fried eggs, toast
Lunch Menu
Monday: Hot dogs, french fries, oranges or mandarin oranges, Bavarian cream, ketchup, mustard, pickles
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, collard greens, peas
Wednesday: French bread pizza, carrot sticks, banana, health cookie
Thursday: Rula burger or tuna salad sandwich, seasoned potatoes, upside down cake, mustard, ketchup

JEROME

Milk served every day
Menu not available

RICHTFIELD

Breakfast
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal, cherry muffins
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Cereal, Pop-Tarts
Thursday: French toast, hash brown
Friday: Cereal, chorizo
Lunch
Monday: Baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, bread and butter, peas
Tuesday: Bean burrito, lettuce, cheese, salsa, green beans, chocolate cake, peach
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, green salad, peanut butter cookie, applesauce
Thursday: Cheeseburger, baked fries
Friday: Rib, orange milk
Saturday: Crispy taco, lettuce, cheese, salsa, corn, maple bar, mixed fruit

SHOSHONE

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken-nuggets, potato, ranch dressing, barbecue sauce, ketchup, apple, peach
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, apples, toast
Wednesday: Soft taco, refried beans, lettuce, tomato, shredded cheese, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, rolls, peaches
Friday: Encinitas, tossed salad, ranch dressing, peas, chocolate chip cookies

VALLEY SCHOOL (EDEN AND HAZELTON)

Monday: Crisp burrito, salsa, oven fries, peaches, cookie
Tuesday: Nachos, meat and cheese, salsa, corn, cinnamon sticks, peas
Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, hot hot buttered roll, chicken cookie
Thursday: Hamburger, bun, pickles, tater tots, pineapple, chocolate cake
Friday: Vegetable soup, crackers, meat or peanut butter sandwich, fresh fruit, ginger cookie

WENDELL

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce, pickles, ketchup, potato, peas, peach
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, ranch dressing, Italian bread, power Jell-O
Wednesday: Baked potato, cheese sauce and ham, Italian bread, peas, oatmeal cookie
Thursday: Sloppy joe, fries, carrots with ranch dressing, oranges
Friday: Roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, apple

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu) delivered print the menu in Sunday's edition of The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83302, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

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IDAHO

Deputy converts Cherokee into reminder about disease

POST-FALLS (AP)—When Gary Dagastine returns home each day from his job as a Kootenai County Sheriff's deputy, he likes to relax.

So he heads out to the garage and starts working. In the cold. When he's tired. No matter what. He puts in his four hours each night. It is, as they say, a labor of love.

"He unloads doing this," said his wife, Beth, as she looked at the float under construction in their driveway.

In February, Gary Dagastine began building a multiple sclerosis awareness parade float. It quickly grew to be more than 21 feet long and eight feet wide.

"It wasn't suppose to be that big," he laughed. Within days of putting out the word of his plan, a 1986 Jeep Cherokee—a stolen, totaled vehicle recovered by the Kootenai County's Sheriff's Department—was delivered to his Post Falls home.

After being stripped down to a floor pan, driver's seat, dashboard and running gear, it has become the float's power plant.

"For being a four-cylinder, two-wheel drive, four-speed, with 124,000 miles, it has sure been abused over its lifetime," Dagastine said. "Hopefully in its golden years of retirement it will carry the MS banner high and proud spreading the word about MS."

The goal is to use it in community events and holiday celebrations to promote awareness of multiple sclerosis and raise money to fight the disease that attacks the central nervous system.

A group called the "MS Stompers" will ride scooters and wheel chairs next to the float.

So far, donations of about \$1,000 have given Gary the funds to purchase materials for the project that includes 900 pounds of steel. More money is needed to finish the operating system, and help

pay for transportation costs this summer as well as liability insurance.

The float's deck will feature two giant moving MS shoes, toes bursting the tips, designed and painted by Gary Dagastine. Next to the shoes will be the words, "Help stomp out MS."

MS banner, and two posters depicting MS quilts, one that's done and another that's about to be started next week, will also be

displayed on the float's deck. His goal is to have it finished by June.

Along with having the float in parades, plans also call for featuring it at car shows and traveling around the regional as much as possible to create publicity. Updates on the float's progress can be viewed at www.mswobles.com.

"Hopefully in the long run, we'll make a whole lot of money for MS," he said.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

A lot of people say
(Roger) Maris hit 61
(home runs). But
I'm the only one
who ran for a
midget.

— Former major
leaguer Jim Delsing,
who ran for Eddie
Gael 50 years ago

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who holds the record for steals
in a men's NCAA championship
basketball game?

— answer below

IN BRIEF

BMX meeting is set for Monday

HAILEY — Blaine County
Commissioners will consider
proposed improvements to the BMX
track in Croly Canyon at 3:15 p.m.
Monday. The meeting will be held
at the old County Courthouse.

Candleridge records another hole in one

TWIN FALLS — Filer's Rick
Garey aced the 120-yard No. 2
hole at Candleridge Golf Course
on Saturday. He used a 9-iron for
the shot, which was witnessed by
Kyle Garey.

Rupert CC holds scramble on Saturday

RUPERT — The team of Kip
Guiles, Diann Guiles, Glen
Blakeley, Mike Ciriello and Frank
Langer won the gross play with a
round of 56 at the Rupert Country
Club 5-person scramble on
Saturday.

For the net win, Scott Ehle,
Craig Mills and Sheldon Hatley
shot 56.

Second place teams were: Greg
Hillman, Dick Schuman, Lynn
Krantz, Tim Devine, Allan French
(gross, 59); Pete Magee, Linda
Virdon, Bob Virdon, Chuck
Klopper, Tim Hesby (net, 59).

Burley Ladies Golf Assoc. meets Wednesday

BURLEY — The Burley Ladies
Golf Association will begin week-
ly play on Wednesday. A break-
fast brunch will be held at 10 a.m.
with registration and a scramble
to follow. Dues are \$20 and handi-
cap fees are \$20.

Jerome holds All-Star baseball tryouts

JEROME — The Jerome
Traveling All-Star baseball teams
will hold tryouts April 7 and 14
from 1:30-4:30 p.m. both days.
Tryouts will be at Forsythe Park,
located at 10th Avenue East and
Tiger Drive. Any player aged 9-12
is encouraged to participate.
Local business sponsors will cover
the costs of all teams, except travel-
ing expenses. The season runs
Friday and Saturday from mid-
June through July.

For more information, call Tom
Bobrowski at 324-2346 or 324-
4301.

Eagle Hills Golf Course hosts Fatco Golf kickoff

EAGLE — Eagle Hills Golf
Course will hold the Fatco Golf
kickoff April 3. Fees are \$40 for
amateurs and \$30 optional skins.
Payouts will include the top six
finishers in each flight for both
the amateur tournament and
skins game. For more information,
call any of the following numbers:
(208) 226-7002; (208) 221-6787;
(208) 221-0244; (208) 221-2852.
Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Tommy Amaker, Duke vs.
Louisville, 1986, and Mookiee
Blylock, Oklahoma vs. Kansas,
1988, with seven.

Baseball season looks to be a wild one

Roger Clemens grins at his
new teammates the day putting
on the pinstripes for the first
time.

Now pitching for the New
York Yankees, Mike Mussina,
To the Rocket, it has a nice
ring as in the type that comes
studded with diamonds, the kind
that's won at the World Series.
"It's a goal of mine, and I
would imagine everybody else,
to get Mike on board so he can
know what it feels like,"
Clemens said.

Everyone gets their chance,
starting today. In a new place,
too: With the game hoping to
expand its horizons, Texas and
Toronto play opening day at
Hiro's Bithorn Stadium in San
Juan, Puerto Rico.

Yet even before Chuck

Knoiblauch and Rick Ankiel,
baseball, was bound for a wild
season.

• Lots of teams trying to stop
the Yankees' run of three
straight titles,
led by their

— A look at
both leagues
— C4-5

Rodriguez's quarter-billion-dol-
lar deal, led this spring by Gary
Sheffield and Frank Thomas.

• Manny Ramirez, Mike
Hampton, Denny Neagle, Juan
Gonzalez, Johnny Damon,
Andres Galaraga and Kevin
Appier wearing different uni-
forms.

• Albert Belle gone for good.

and several stars ailing: Nomar
Garciaparra, Ken Griffey Jr.,
Derek Jeter, Kevin Brown, Greg
Madux, Travis Fryman and
John Smoltz.

• New ballparks in Pittsburgh
and Milwaukee, and a revamped
one in Cincinnati. Plus a half-
dozen new managers, with Bob
Bench and Buck Martinez both
making the move from the
broadcast booth to the dugout.

• All those high strikes the
umpires plan to call.

• The whole season, played
out against the threat of another
strike or lockout. The Basic
Agreement between players and
owners expires Oct. 31 and the
sport wants to avoid its ninth
work stoppage since 1972.

Please see MLB, Page C2



St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Rick Ankiel delivers a pitch against the Montreal Expos Thursday in Jupiter, Fla.

Duke bedevils Maryland

Blue Devils land in another NCAA championship

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Duke dug
itself out of its biggest hole of
the season and into another
NCAA championship game, in a
dome that's been its lucky home.

The top-ranked Blue Devils,
down 22 points in the first half,
rallied yet again against
Maryland, this time for a 95-84
victory Saturday night and a
chance at another national
championship in the
Metrodome.

Shane Battier, the national
player of the year, had 25 points
for Duke (34-1), which will play
Arizona for the title Monday
night on the same court where it
won its last title in 1992.

The fourth meeting of the
season—between Duke and its
Atlantic Coast Conference rival
Terrapins (25-11) gave the Blue
Devils their third win in the
series. Each involved a comeback
from a double-digit deficit, but
none was anywhere near this one.

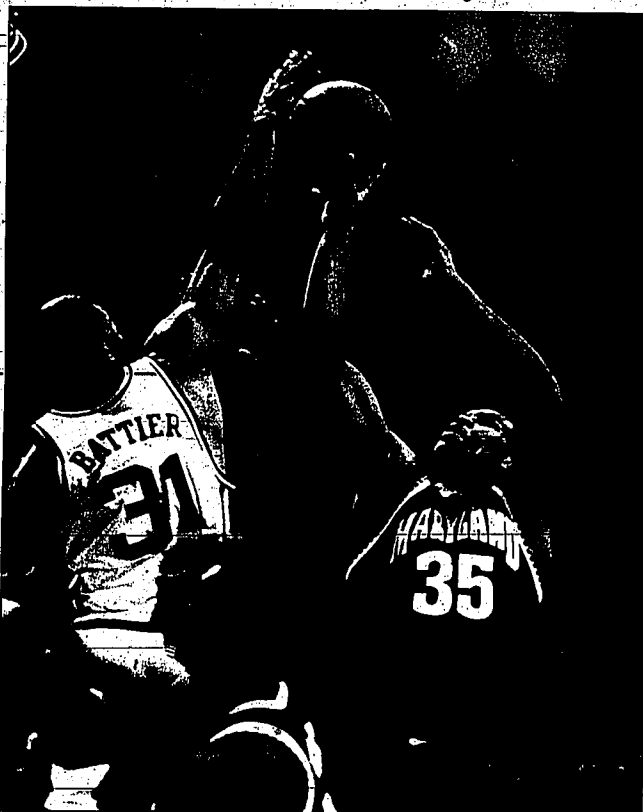
"This team has a lot of heart,"
Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski
said. "It's the youngest team, so
we're prone to getting nervous."

The Blue Devils trailed 49-38
at halftime and set the Final
Four record for biggest come-
back from a halftime deficit. The
previous high was 10 when
Kentucky rallied from a 41-31
deficit to beat Utah 78-69 in the
1998 title game.

"The NCAA couldn't confirm
that 22 points was the largest
comeback in Final Four history,
but surely it must have been
among the greatest."

Jason Williams, Duke's other
All-American, bounced back
from a dreadful first half to fin-
ish with 23 points, including the
3-pointer that capped the come-
back and gave the Blue Devils
their first lead of the game, 73-
72 with 6:52 to play.

Maryland, in its first Final
Four appearance, led by 15
Please see DUKE, Page C2



Duke's Shane Battier blocks a shot by Maryland's Lonny Baxter during the second half of their national semifinal game at the Final Four in Minneapolis, Saturday. Duke won 95-84.

Season of redemption

Wildcats run wild over defending champions

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — As the
buzzer sounded, Richard
Jefferson threw his hands in the
air and sent a salute to all those
Arizona fans who have watched
this bitter-sweet season unfold.

"One more win," he mouthed
to the crowd, as he thrust his
index fingers in the air. "One
more win."

A five-minute barrage of can't-
miss shooting and smothering
defense pushed the Wildcats to
an 80-61 victory over defending
champion Michigan State in the
NCAA tournament's semifinals
Saturday.

With a victory Monday over
Please see WILDCATS, Page C6



Arizona's Jason
Gardner drives to the basket
past Michigan
State's Marcus
Taylor during
the Wildcats'
80-61 win in
the semifinals
of the Final
Four on
Saturday in
Minneapolis.
Gardner, who
was high scorer
with 21 points,
was voted most
valuable player
of the game.

Venus stops Capriati; Agassi rallies past Rafter

The Associated Press

KEY BISCAWAYNE, Fla. — Venus
Williams overcame eight match
points and 71 unforced errors to
beat Jennifer Capriati 4-6, 6-1, 7-6
(4) Saturday in a ragged but
thrilling final at the Ericsson Open.
Capriati led most of the match
but was undercut by 16 double
faults.

The No. 3-seeded Williams
became a three-time tourna-
ment champion with her 18th consecu-
tive victory at Key Biscayne. She
won the title in 1998 and 1999,
then missed last year's tourna-
ment because of wrist tendinitis.

The men's final today will also
be an all-American matchup: No.
3 Andre Agassi against No. 19
Jan-Michael Gambill. Agassi
advanced by beating No. 8 Pat
Rafter 6-0, 6-7 (2), 6-2.

No. 4 Capriati had three match
points serving at 5-4 in the final
set, then five more serving at 6-5.



She doubled
back on her
final match
point, and
Williams
saved that 26-
point game to
make the
score 6-6 and
force the
tiebreaker.
Williams
in the tiebreaker, then took a 6-1 lead
to convert three match points
before Capriati smacked a fore-
hand into the net to close out the
2-hour, 24-minute match.
"By that time I was into the
match," Williams said. "I wasn't
nervous. I was able to keep the
ball in play, and I got some lucky
points."
In next week's rankings,
Williams will climb from third to
second for the first time, behind
only Martina Hingis.

Rangers snafu 23-game drought against Devils

EAST-RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Guy Hebert stopped 38 shots and the New York Rangers scored a 2-3 game winless streak that spanned four years against New Jersey, beating the Devils 4-3 Saturday.

Fred Nedved, Adam Graves, Michael Grosek and Sandy McCarthy scored for the Rangers in the game that featured the second-period ejections of Mark Messier and Jason Arnott.

The Rangers were 0-15-8 against the Devils in the regular season since Jan. 12, 1997.

Alexander Mogilny scored twice and Randy McKay had a goal for the Devils, who outshot New York 41-19.

Flyers 1, Red Wings 0

PHILADELPHIA — Kent Manderville scored the only goal as Philadelphia beat Detroit, ending a four-game winless streak.

It was the 10th shutout of the season for Philadelphia's Roman Cechmanek, one fewer than

NHL leader Dominik Hasek of Buffalo.

Kings 4, Avalanche 0
LOS ANGELES — Ziggy Palffy had two goals and an assist in the first period and Felix Potvin notched his career-high sixth shutout as Los Angeles beat Colorado.

Jozsef Stumpel added a goal and two assists as the Kings scored three times on six first-period shots on their way to ending rookie goalie David Aebischer's five-game winning streak.

Penguins 5, Blues 3

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux set up Jaromir Jagr's tying goal and notched the game-winning with 1:12 remaining as Pittsburgh rallied with four goals in the third period to beat St. Louis.

The rally clinched the Penguins' 11th consecutive trip to the playoffs, the second longest streak in the NHL to St. Louis' 22.

Bruins 4, Islanders 2

BOSTON — Jason Allison recorded a hat-trick, scoring the game-winner, with 1:19 left and then adding an empty-netter as Boston beat the New York Islanders.

Boston, behind Byron Dufoe's 21 saves, moved one point ahead of Carolina into eighth place in the Eastern Conference playoff race.

The Bruins led 2-1 before Bradislav Mezei put a screen shot past Dufoe with 7:22 left. Sergei Samsonov had the other Boston goal. Eric Cairns scored for New York.

Canadiens 4, Maple Leafs 1

MONTREAL — Karl Dykhus had two goals and assisted on another as Montreal beat Toronto. Benoit Brunet, who hadn't

scored since Oct. 10, and Craig Darby added goals for Montreal, which improved to 3-0-1 in its last four games and ended a five-game losing streak against Toronto.

Jose Theodore continued to impress in Jeff Hackett's absence, making 32 saves as the Canadiens were outshot 33-22.

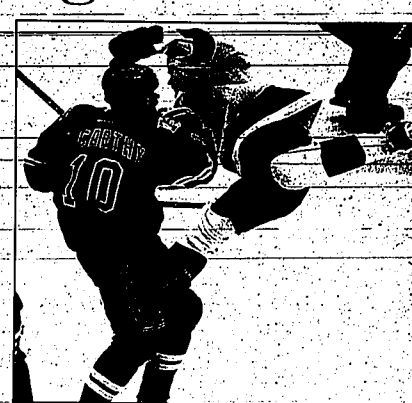
And Berger scored the lone goal for Toronto, which had outscored the Canadiens 18-4 in four previous meetings this season.

Predators 4, Wild 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mike Dunham stopped 41 shots and Scott Walker had two goals and an assist as Nashville beat Minnesota.

Nashville finished the season series with three victories and a tie over Minnesota, which had a season-high shot total.

The loss stretched the Wild's winless skid to 10 straight games, including four consecutive road losses. Nashville, which was eliminated from the playoffs in its previous game, improved to 6-2-1 over its past 10 games.



New York's Sandy McCarthy checks New Jersey's Colin White during the first period of their game Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J.

SCORES AND STATS

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SPORTS

Izzo gets schooled by an old master

MINNEAPOLIS — His face was already buried in his hands.

There were still nearly four minutes left in Saturday night's NCAA semifinal, but Tom Izzo didn't need to see any more. His team was already down 15 to Arizona and a 3-on-1 break in Michigan State's favor just ended with a pass from Charlie Bell to Jason Richardson that was much more cop than alley-oop.

As Richardson fumbled the ball into the Spartan band behind-the-basket, Izzo's eyes went from the court to the floor and his night went from bad to finished. The only thing left to find out was the score, and that was 80-61.

"I was totally confused," he said afterward, "as to what went on out there."

This was the night Izzo couldn't win a second national championship, but he could lose one and certainly did. All season long, he pointed his kids toward a repeat title and a third straight appearance in the Final Four, reminding them that staying power was what separated the good programs from the great ones.

But the collapse on this night was so total, so unlike anything Izzo had seen all season from a coach that lost three seniors but did its best to shoulder the same load, that everyone was grasping for answers.

"Arizona made a lot of right decisions and we just made a lot of wrong ones," said Andre Hutson, one of three seniors who wound up alongside Izzo at the postgame news conference. "That happens, sometimes."

It's not supposed to happen on nights like this, though, not to programs like his.

Michigan State led the nation in rebounding margin this season — by 16 boards a game — as well as last, but they lost most of the important ones Saturday night. Turnovers were a concern from the day Spartan guard Mateen Cleaves moved on to the NBA. This time they were fatal, leading to 21 easy points.

The Wildcats used four turnovers and four straight Michigan State misses to open the second half to string together a 14-0 run and turn a 32-30 chase at halftime into a Wildcat parade. "They had 12 steals and I think 10 of them led to dunks," Izzo said.

He was clearly trying to shift as much of the blame from his players as possible, but the longer Izzo talked, the more he was struggling.

"A lot of the passes looked like we were throwing the ball right to them. We haven't done something like that in four years. We didn't seem to be with it all day," he said.

Yet there was more than enough blame to go around.

When Izzo went down the list of great programs he wanted his Spartans to emulate, the names that came out were Duke and

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the winners of the Duke/Maryland semifinals. Arizona will close this season in true storybook fashion. And what an ending that would be, for a team still mourning the loss of coach Lute Olson's wife, Bobbi, who died of cancer Jan. 1. "It's been real tough, and when the coach has gone through and what the team has gone through," Jefferson said. "It keeps coming up continuously. That's the hardest part for us as a team. We've been talking about it a long time. The season is dedicated to Mrs. Olson."

Using a 21-3 run to start the second half, Arizona took a 20-point lead, then hit a brief Michigan State rally to move closer to its first title since 1997.

Maybe a championship will put a permanent end to the debate about Arizona being a "soft" team from the Pac-10 — a reputation that has dogged the Wildcats despite their perennial success.

"If they consider us soft, that's a good thing," point guard Jason Gardner said. "We have the emotion going out there. We have their confidence down and ours goes up. We went through a lot this year, but we knew we'd be contenders."

Despite the loss of Mateen Cleaves and two starters from last year's title team, the Spartans became just the ninth team to make three straight Final Fours. But against the preseason No. 1 — the team center Loren Woods led in scoring last season — Michigan State appeared outmatched.

"We just did some things out

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North Carolina, Kentucky and Kansas, but maybe he should have considered Arizona.

Lute Olson has a national title of his own (1997), he's been to the Final Four five times (once with Iowa), made 17 straight tournament appearances and won 639 games. Only rarely does he get mentioned alongside the certified geniuses of his generation, but it's clear the master can still school the up-and-coming geniuses on some important corners of the game.

In Arizona's Elite Eight win over Illinois, he took away the only real scoring weapon the Illini had by starting taller, athletic Richard Jefferson, a quick forward, on shooting guard Frank Williams. After two quick Michigan State trips up the floor Saturday night, he put the Wildcats into a matchup zone that enabled the lighter Wildcats to contest every rebound against a team that pounded everybody else into submission.

Izzo knew the score at halftime and had some serious problems and his halftime speech reflected that. The Spartans were 1-for-6 from behind the arc, and even with Arizona in rebounds with 18. Worse, the Spartans missed half of their second-half free throws, including the front of three 1-and-1s.

"We didn't have the intensity he wanted," recalled freshman point guard Marcus Taylor, who along with senior Charlie Bell, inherited Cleaves' role in running the offense. "We had our heads down."

That aptly described the way the Spartans started the second half. In quick succession, Arizona's big men, Michael Wright and Loren Woods, each scored in close and Michigan State's Aloysius Amagony picked up two fouls. Then the Wildcat defense stole the point off them.

Or on the wing, usually Jason Gardner and Gilbert Arenas, started stealing one pass after another and they went on a 21-3 run to put the game out of reach. It started Saturday 12:57 when Bell stole the ball, turned upcourt and found Jason Richardson running on his right, Brandon Smith trailing and Jefferson trying to defend all three options. Then came a jumper from an evening's worth of losses, and Izzo's Spartan slip-up, one last frustration for Izzo.

"It was just one of those games," he said, "and it snowballed."

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there that were unSpartan-like," coach Tom Izzo said. "But we had a heck of a year, and I'm not going to let this ruin that."

Bobbi Olson's death was only part of Arizona's story.

Woods and Jefferson were suspended early in the season for violating NCAA rules. Coaches sent senior Eugene Edgersen home for a few days in January after he complained too loudly about the role he was playing.

But nobody seemed upset with their role in this game, especially Gardner, a 5-foot-10 guard who played at the Indianapolis high school where Arizona practiced for the Final Four in 1997.

All Gardner wanted was a glimpse of practice, but security guards kept shooting him away. Four years later, he was at the center of Arizona's dominating performance, scoring 21 points on 6-for-11 shooting.

Gardner stepped in front of a pass — one of 12 Arizona steals — then glided in for a layup and a three-point play with seven minutes left to give the Wildcats a 10-point lead and essentially won Michigan State's brief comeback.

Before that, Michael Wright was at the center of the 21-3 run that led to Arizona (28-7) a double-digit lead.

"It was a great performance," Olson said. "I thought particularly in the second half, we made it difficult for Michigan State to get loose and we made a run."

Down by 20, Michigan State's Andre Hutson finally got going. He scored 18 of his team-high 20 points in the second half.

Arizona meets Duke for NCAA crown

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It will be Arizona's lightning quick Wildcats against the resilient Duke Blue Devils in Monday night's NCAA championship game.

Arizona used a big second-half and a fierce zone defense to shut down defending national champion Michigan State 80-61 in the first semifinal Saturday night. Duke overcame a 22-point first-half deficit and advanced with a 95-84 victory over Maryland in a battle of Atlantic Coast Conference rivals.

The championship game matches coaches Lute Olson of Arizona and Mike Krzyzewski of Duke, both finalists this year for the basketball Hall of Fame. Both have taken their schools to this championship before. Olson in 1997 and Krzyzewski in 1991 and 1992, the last repeat champions.

After beating Illinois and Michigan State, Arizona will be after its third No. 1 seed against Duke. The only other time a team has beaten three top-seeded schools was Arizona in 1977. Duke is looking for its third victory over a Pacific-10 team after knocking off UCLA and Southern California to reach Minneapolis.

The championship game matches a pair of outstanding sophomores — Duke's Jason Williams and Arizona's Jason Gardner. Williams scored 23 points and hit the 3-pointer that put Duke ahead to stay with 6:46 left against Maryland. Gardner left Arizona with 21 points and had three of a dozen steals that left Michigan State dazed.

Williams' backcourt partner is freshman Chris Duhon, who had 10 points and six assists against Maryland and was dubbed by a late billiard with the Texas Longhorns "Blade." Gardner teams with Gilbert Arenas, who scored 17 points and had six steals against



Duke's Carlos Boozer shoots over Maryland's Lonny Baxter during the second half of their national semifinal game at the Final Four in Minneapolis Saturday. Duke won 95-84, and will play Arizona in the championship on Monday.

Michigan State and also missed playing time with a bruised right arm.

Both teams have important seniors up front. Duke's Shane Battier is the Player of the Year and brought the Blue Devils back

against Maryland, scoring 25 points. Seven-footer Loren Woods, Arizona's man in the middle, had 11 points and eight rebounds against Michigan State. Arizona's other two starters, Michael Wright and Richard

Jefferson, managed just one point between them in the first half against Michigan State but the Wildcats still led 23-20 after 20 minutes. Then the quick hands of Arenas and Gardner forced a sea of second-half mistakes by the Spartans that put the Wildcats in charge.

Wright scored all 13 of his points in the second half and Jefferson, limited to a single free throw in the first half, finished with 17. But the difference was the quickness of the sophomore backcourt of Arenas and Gardner. They were flawless handling the ball with a season-low eight turnovers. More important were the dozen steals the Wildcats recorded.

Larseny has been a big part of Arizona's approach all season. The 12 steals marked the 10th time the Wildcats reached double digits in that statistic. And they converted 15 turnovers into 21 points. In a game they won by 19, it's not decisive defense.

"Offensively, we did a good job," Olson said. "But we won this game on the defensive end."

And Michigan State coach Tom Izzo knew it.

"We threw interceptions time and time again," Izzo said. "They shot the gap and picked off passes."

Olson complimented his team. "We couldn't play better in the second half than what we did," he said. "We knew it would come down to the boards and turnovers. We felt we could outshoot them as long as we didn't give them so many second and third efforts."

That's been Arizona's formula all season, with 231 more steals and 52 more steals than opponents.

And now they have one more game to play.

BATTLE OF INDIANA

Trio back together again — with title at stake

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Their final appearances as high school basketball players came in an all-star series. Two were teammates, the other an opponent.

Remarkably, Ruth Riley, Katie Doughs and Camille Cooper have come together again for their last game as college seniors — on a far bigger stage, with Notre Dame at stake.

Riley will lead Notre Dame against Dought and Cooper at Purdue in the national championship game Sunday night, an all-Indiana final, the women's version of a real-life "Hoosiers" story.

Notre Dame (32-2) is trying to win its first title. Purdue (31-6) is going for its second in three years.

"It's weird how it worked out," Douglas said. "I don't think the school could have been written any better for me personally and for our team."

After their senior year in high school, Douglas and Riley were on an Indiana team that played two games against a Kentucky team featuring Cooper.

Each team won in its own state and the series began a Riley-Cooper duel that has continued into college.

Both are classic back-to-the-bas-



Connecticut's Ashia Jones, right, closely defends Notre Dame's Ruth Riley (00) during the second half of their 2001 Women's Final Four semifinal game in St. Louis.

National Championship

When Purdue (31-6) vs. Notre Dame (32-2)
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ket, post-up centers, Cooper long and lean at 6-foot-4, Riley a bit sturdier at 6-5. It's the marquee matchup in the season's marquee game.

"Every time we've faced Purdue, it's been a matchup between Camille and I," said Riley, the AP national player of the year. "She's a great player and you have to step your game up when you play against a player like that."

Notre Dame and Purdue have split four games during the Riley and Cooper years, the most memorable being Purdue's 70-65 win in the third round of the 1998 NCAA tournament. They met this season on Dec. 9, with Notre Dame winning 72-61 as Riley scored 15 points and Cooper 11.

Cooper knows exactly what she has to do against her All-American rival.

"Don't let her get the ball," Cooper said.

Connecticut kept the ball out of Riley's hands in the first half of Friday night's semifinal. Riley got only two shots, scored just two points and Notre Dame trailed by 12 at halftime.

Arizona's Arenas steals the show

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The biggest thing standing between Michigan State and a second straight NCAA title was Arizona's Gilbert Arenas.

Arenas picked off six Michigan State passes, a record for a Final Four semifinal. Many of them led to baskets as the Wildcats beat the Spartans 80-61 in the semifinals Saturday.

Arizona scored 21 points off Michigan State's 15 turnovers.

"I knew Jason Gardner was fast; I didn't know about Arenas," said the Spartans' Zach Randolph, shaking his head. "They're fast. They're the fastest guards we've ever played against."

Magical advice

Magic Johnson arrived to the familiar cheers of "Magic!" and with some advice for most of the underclassmen in the Final Four.

Stay in school. Though the former Michigan State great left for the NBA after leading the Spartans to an NCAA title as a sophomore 22 years ago,

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he said a key to his success was the two NCAA tournament games he played as a freshman.

"The next year was like: 'Oh, hey,'" Johnson said. "I was so much better."

He believes another season also would do wonders for Spartans such as freshmen sophomore Jason Richardson, who he believes could have the impact that Shane Battier had at Duke this season.

"Battier's the ultimate winner," said Johnson, a Los Angeles Lakers executive. "When we look at the draft, that's what we're looking for. We're not looking for a guy who hasn't won. We say, 'Where did that guy come from?' You look down our roster, it's all guys from the Michigan States, the Dukes, the North Carolinas."

Long view

Dan Bartos of Colorado and Warren Engstrom of Indiana

have been meeting at Final Fours for the past 11 seasons. They insist they knew what they were doing when they traded up for seats that gave them a view of the court partially obstructed by temporary seating placed in the Metrodome.

They started out by paying \$160, or face value, for upper-deck seats behind the temporary seating. They paid an extra \$100 for seats that were about 80 yards from the court at a 45-degree angle.

"We made a mistake," Bartos said.

Seeling red

Terrapins fan Rich Greenberg arrived at the Metrodome with a red Maryland shirt and a scarlet brow band.

"This is the kind of fan I am: I want to Arizona earlier this week because I wanted to reddey my whole head in Maryland colors," joked Greenberg, who later admitted he was in Arizona on business.

Greenberg, 45, is a Maryland

graduate who lives in Washington, D.C.

Crash course

Duke's Chris Duhon and Maryland's Jeff Blake were sent sprawling by a collision in the final minutes of their NCAA semifinal Saturday night.

Duhon, the Atlantic Coast Conference freshman of the year, was trying to steal a pass intended for Blake, the Terps' point guard, when they got tangled up and both fell to the floor. As Duhon fell to the ground, his head banged hard against the floor.

Both players lay on the floor for a few moments, then Blake took a seat on the Maryland bench.

Duhon, who was slower to recover, was helped to his feet by Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and another official, then escorted to the locker room, where his mother, Vivian Harper, joined him.

Duhon was back on the bench a few minutes later and returned to the game in the final minute.

Harvick triumphs at Jani-King

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Kevin Harvick, already with a Winston Cup win since taking over for the late Dale Earnhardt, turned a favor from his Busch teammate into a victory Saturday in the Jani-King 300.

Mike Skinner, first let Harvick by for the lead at the end of lap 66, the plan was to get Harvick the points for leading before letting his fellow Richard Childress Racing driver back in front.

But Skinner, subbing for the injured Mike Dillon, quickly dropped back to fourth, and Harvick stayed in the lead for 51 laps. He lost the lead only because of two pit stops, and came out of a restart to show the way for the final 40 laps and finish 246 seconds ahead of Jeff Burton.

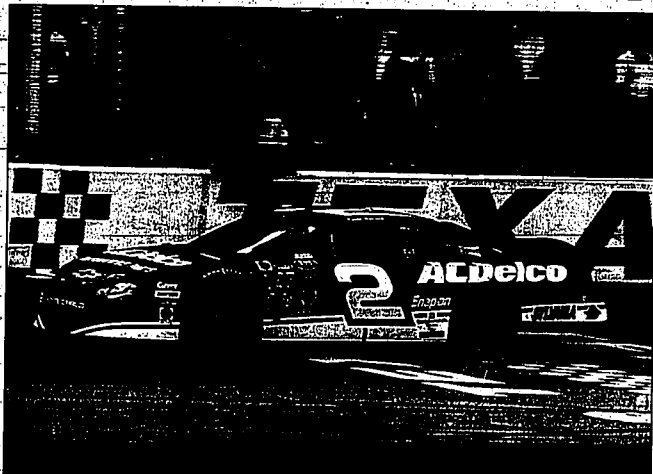
"Mike was just trying to help us out and give us five extra points, and then we were going to let him go back-by," Harvick said. "I just think he made a little bit of a mistake, or somebody got by."

Skinner finished ninth. After taking the checkered flag at Texas Motor Speedway, Harvick turned his Chevrolet around for a victory lap. He waved three fingers out his window the same tribute he gave to Earnhardt after his first Winston Cup win, three weeks ago in Hampton, Ga.

Anytime we do something this year, our goal is to go out and do it for him," Harvick said. He led 114 of the 200 laps on the 1.5-mile oval, winning with an average speed of 126.212 mph.

It was the fourth Busch victory for Harvick, who won three times last year as a rookie. He has finished in the top 10, including two runner-up finishes, in six of seven Busch races this season.

Jay Sauter finished third, followed by Joe Nemecek and polester Matt Kenseth.



Kevin Harvick crosses the finish line to win the Jani-King 300 at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, Saturday.

Driver wants NASCAR to help Dodge

FORT WORTH, Texas — Dodge drivers will have to make up significant ground to succeed in the Harrah's 500, and one entry says the manufacturer needs concessions from NASCAR.

"It's pretty obvious we need some changes made," said Stacy Compton, who will start 26th in today's race at the Texas Motor Speedway. "Four Dodges took provisionals and one of them went home. That tells me we need a little help in some different places."

Rookie Casey Atwood's qualifying lap of 188.958 mph was the fastest by a Dodge, netting him a 10th-place start. Chevrolet led five spots in the top 10, and Ford's three.

Dodge driver Kyle Petty, who will miss his third race of the season, "making his return after a 16-year absence from Winston Cup racing — were Buckshot Jones (24th), Ward Burton (28th), Jason

Leffler (29th) and provisional starters Sterling Marlin (37th), Bill Elliott (39th), John Andretti (40th) and Dave Blaney (43rd).

Another honor for the Earnhardts

Before Dale Earnhardt Jr. takes the pole for today's Harrah's 500, his late father will be honored with a ceremony at Texas Motor Speedway. And once the race starts, fans will be asked to stand on the third lap and raise three fingers in honor of Earnhardt's trademark No. 3.

Big bucks for Texas Motor Speedway event

Last year's Winston Cup race at Texas Motor Speedway ranked as the nation's sixth-largest sporting event in terms of economic impact, according to Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal. The publication said the 2000

race weekend generated \$165.2 million for the Dallas-Fort Worth area economy, ranking it ahead of the Kentucky Derby, the Masters, the tennis U.S. Open. Motorsports events, led by the Indianapolis 500 (\$336.6 million), held eight of the top 10 spots. Super Bowl XXXIV was fourth at \$215 million and the Kentucky Derby ninth at \$60 million.

Harvick breaks tradition with trophy

Harvick, winner of the Jani-King 300 on Saturday, wasn't rewarded with the traditional silver cup.

Instead, organizers presented him with a trophy featuring a life-size pair of cowboy boots, hand-carved out of mahogany.

"That's just about the coolest dang trophy I've ever seen," said Harvick, who earned his first Busch-series victory of the year. "You take a look at those boots, you know you've been to Texas."



Scott McCarron watches his tee shot on the 17th hole during the second round of the BellSouth Classic in Duluth, Ga., Saturday.

Former champions share BellSouth lead

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — A pair of BellSouth Classic champions are in the running for another title, with Scott McCarron tied for the lead and Phil Mickelson a shot back after Saturday's second round.

McCarron, the 1997 winner, shot a 5-under 67 despite a trip to the pond at No. 18. He shared the top spot with Chris DiMarco at 9-under 135 on the TPC at Sugarloaf. DiMarco also had a 67.

Mickelson, the defending champion, managed a 66 during an adventurous round in which he twice baled himself out by chipping in from the fringe of the green. He was alone in third at 8 under.

The tournament, delayed a day by rain, will now become survival of the fittest. The final two rounds are scheduled for today, a 36-hole marathon covering some 20 miles over one of the hillest courses on the PGA Tour.

North, Colbert tied at Legends of Golf

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Defending champions Ady North and Jim Colbert shot a 13-under 59 in best-ball play to take a three-stroke lead after the first round of the Legends of Golf. Tommy Aaron and Don Bies were second overall after a 62,

Golf

and led the Legendary Division for players age 69-69. Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, the designers of The King and The Bear Course at the World Golf Village, opened with a 66 in the event shortened to 36 holes after play was washed out by rain Friday. In the Demare division for players 70 and over, Don January and Gene Littler had a 27-hole, 8-under 100 to win by five shots over Joe Jimenez and Charlie Sifford.

Pair hold front at Argentina Open

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Sweden's Carl Pettersson shot a 3-under 67 for a share of the third-round lead with Argentina's Angel Cabrera in the Argentina Open. Pettersson and Cabrera, both winless on the PGA European Tour, had 9-under 201 totals on The Jockey Club course. Spain's Tomas Jesus Munoz (67) was a stroke back, and Italy's Costantino Rocca (65), Argentina's Ricardo Gonzalez (69) and England's Graeme Storm (69) followed at 203.

Aikman considers broadcasting

The Associated Press

Troy Aikman is weighing job offers from NFL teams and broadcast networks and will likely decide within a few weeks which to take, his agent said this week.

Networks have long been interested in Aikman, but the fact he's taking their offers seriously is a shift that indicates he may be ready to call it a career.

"I think he's had a few second thoughts about it," he wants to play football at all," agent Leigh Steinberg said. "Although we're looking at those options, media is attractive to him and we're exploring those options, too. That has now become an active factor on the agenda."

The 34-year-old Aikman is a free agent for the first time after 12 seasons in Dallas. Although he led the Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles, he was waived March 7 to avoid a \$7 million bonus and extension through 2007 due if he was on the roster the next day.

Some teams may be scared off by Aikman's health. He's suffered four concussions in his last 20 games — 10 in his career — and has a degenerative back problem.

There are also questions of how much is left in his arm. Once strong and supremely accurate, he was the lowest-rated starting quarterback in the NFL last season.

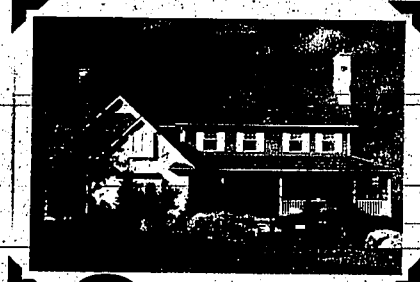
But Steinberg said he's spoken to Kansas City about Aikman replacing Elvis Grbac as the starter and Denver has offered him a backup role. He said other teams have called, too, but declined to name.

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BizFacts

Hispanic income

Hispanic income in the state is up 1.5 percent from 1999 to 2000, according to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau. The report shows that Hispanic income in the state is up 1.5 percent from 1999 to 2000, according to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau. The report shows that Hispanic income in the state is up 1.5 percent from 1999 to 2000, according to a report by the U.S. Census Bureau.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Elkhorn resort will host BSU workshop

SUN VALLEY - The College of Business and Economics, Center for Management Development, at Boise State University is offering a workshop for managers, supervisors, employees and professionals in May in Sun Valley.

The Program for Management Development will be held May 13-18 at Elkhorn Resort. The schedule includes program activities planned for all day and into the evening except for May 14, 16 and 17, when participants have free time.

Organizers said the PMD has a practical, action-oriented approach to learning. Sessions are developed around discussion, exercises and business simulation. Participants are encouraged to share their expertise through discussion and networking.

The program is designed for new or experienced managers who need to develop a broader-based understanding of different business functions and how they work together, such as functional department managers, engineering and other technical managers, and production and operations managers.

The fee is \$3,395, which includes a private room at the lodge May 13-18, all-meals-following registration on May 13 (except the free evening) and all instructional materials and simulation support.

Application and payment are due April 16.

For a full brochure or registration information, call the Center for Management Development at 426-3861, send e-mail to cmdinfo@boisestate.edu or visit the website at www.boisestate.edu/cmd/.

Insurance group will present OSHA workshop

TWIN FALLS - Wish you had a better grasp of Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations for your workplace?

During April, Northwest Insurance Corp. will present morning workshops throughout the state on "General OSHA: Taking a closer look." Brad McLaughlin, insurance consultant, will present the workshop.

McLaughlin will present a series of seminars on OSHA regulations, including hazard communication, hazard surveys, record keeping, ergonomics, respiratory protection, lockout/tagout and safety conservation. They'll learn when to expect an inspection and how to avoid citations.

Locally, the class will be held from 8 a.m. to noon April 25 at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Cost is \$10 for members of the Liberty Contractors Group, \$15 for those who are insured with Liberty but are not LCG members, and \$25 for the public.

Classes fill up quickly; reserve a spot by calling (800) 677-1988 or (208) 344-1988, Ext. 212.

Plan to attend people skills seminar in May

TWIN FALLS - CareerTrack Seminars will present a one-day seminar on "How to Get the People with Talent and Skills" May 30 at the Weston Plaza Hotel, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Check-in is from 8:30 to 9 a.m., and the seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$149 per person or \$129 each for groups of five or more; payment is required before the program. Continuing education credits are available.

To enroll, visit www.careertrack.com, call (800) 334-6780, fax information to (918) 665-3434 or send a check to CareerTrack, P.O. Box 2951, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201. Use seminar No. 2038032.

Compiled from staff reports

LOFTY APARTMENT

Loft living gets lots of looks

By Julie Pence

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Carol Allred gets inquiries almost every day from people wanting to rent her building's fourth floor as a living space.

A structure with a fourth floor is unusual in Twin Falls. But Allred's building used as an apartment is even more unusual—at least by modern Twin Falls standards.

Known as the Swift's Cheese building, the 1927 structure is in the area commonly called the old warehouse district, not far from Rock Creek Canyon.

She bought it about a year ago and consolidated her publishing business under one roof.

"I just saw this and really fell in love with it," Allred said. "It's a fun space with lots of room."

She's fairly sure, she said, that no other building in town is sturdier. With its foot-thick concrete walls and three-phase wiring ideal for printing presses, she didn't have to do much customizing before moving in. And its fourth floor with east-facing floor-to-ceiling windows intrigued her as a potential loft apartment.

"Loft living is very hip," she said. "Across the nation it is huge. Younger people are really aware of it, and this area is ideal for them."

But as she began to study that possibility, several issues surfaced. Safety had to be addressed, along with providing amenities expected by today's renters.

In terms of safety, special rules known as the Uniform Code for Building Conservation—or UCBC—would apply. Older buildings obviously cannot be reconstructed to meet the codes for modern buildings. So the UCBC, adopted in 1995 by the city, is a guide for landlords who want to preserve old buildings while conforming to up-to-date safety standards, said the city's Urban Renewal Agency executive director, Dave McAlindin.

Allred wanted to change the fourth floor's use. Changing a building from its original use is often the intent when people buy older structures with plans to refurbish.

Twin Falls Building Official Marianne Barker explored some of the things her department looks at when owners consider change of use.

"It's hard to address in 25 words or less," she said, "but any time you're looking at a building under a previous code, there are some guidelines in the UCBC about such things as fire hazard, structural hazard, seismic hazard and so on."

The new use is compared to previous use, Barker said, by referring to tables in the UCBC. Life safety issues top the list, especially when the new use includes setting up for occupants who will sleep in the building.

The city's building department doesn't intend to be hard to get along with.

"The building code isn't black and white, and the UCBC is even less so," she said.

But Barker did say a good long look at the UCBC often gives an

owner a reality check before he or she invests in a remodel.

"Someone might find a building for not very much money and think, 'Oh, I can buy this and turn it into something,'" Barker said. "But often there is a reason that building is so cheap."

Much frustration can be avoided if a potential landlord visits the department with a concept in mind before purchasing the building.

"People come to us and want to know how to convert when they buy, but we can't answer many questions until they bring us an actual concept," Barker said.

She suggests potential landlords consult with professionals, such as architects, before purchasing or coming to the building department.

"The city isn't in the actual building-design business," she said. "There could be many dif-

ferent ways to achieve something. Architects know the building code, and they're in the position to advise."

Allred isn't the only landlord who has looked at loft housing in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Last fall, attorney Jeff Hepworth and three others purchased the Gem State Paper building, that is, a diagonal neighbor to Allred's building. He was thinking about remodeling the 1916 three-story building for apartments, too.

But first he did some homework by traveling to Pocatello to tour the downtown area that has seen upstairs apartments surge in popularity over the past few years.

"We looked at a number of buildings and talked with former U.S. Rep. Richard Stallaings, who owns some of those buildings," Hepworth said. "He gave us a tour, and we were very

impressed."

By the time he purchased the Gem State building, though, Hepworth already had so many commitments from business owners who wanted to rent office space in the building that he decided to go in that direction.

Still, the structure must be remodeled to UCBC standards before it can be used for that purpose, and Hepworth and co-owners expect to refurbish soon.

As for Allred, she said she's not backing away just yet from her idea to renovate her 1,200-square-foot fourth story into a loft apartment, but she is going to take it one step at a time.

"This is the tallest building in Twin Falls, and there is an incredible view from that space," she said. "But to work out all the issues, you have to make a pretty big commitment."

Consultant Come full circle to sense of place

By Julie Pence

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - One of the first things city-planning consultant Tom Hudson suggested to city leaders when he came to town last fall was loft housing in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. A hundred years ago Twin Falls' founders designed the townsite in brilliant fashion, he said. That brilliance could shine again as landlords reassess the purpose of the historical area.

People used to live downtown before the "suburbanizing" of America took place, Hudson said. Now downtown areas across the United States are coming back to life, partly because of re-established downtown living spaces.

He contends many of the taller buildings still standing in downtown Twin Falls lend themselves to upstairs apartments—or loft living.

Twin Falls Vice Mayor Howard Allen recalls numerous downtown apartments in the 1930s when he delivered a local newspaper in the area.

"There were quite a number of small apartments upstairs," he said. "Easily a few hundred people lived downtown."

The town was about 12,000 strong at the time, Allen said, and as he retraces Shoshone and Main in his memory, he knows exactly where people lived.

He brightens when he considers revitalizing downtown with apartment living, though he pointed out the undertaking would require money.

Hudson said downtown memories such as Allen's are one of the things he wants restored to 21st-century cities.

"It's called a sense of place," he said.

Urban Renewal Agency Executive Director Dave McAlindin is anxious to see downtown living re-established, too.

"There are things we are doing, things we have done and things we would be willing to do to encourage loft housing," he said.

He said banks are making active financing available for those interested in upgrading such things as curbs and gutters, on-and-off street parking, new facades, sprinkler systems and landscaping in the area.

The concept is just in its infancy in Twin Falls, but interest is growing.

McAlindin said a seminar held this winter on the subject of how to apply the Uniform Code for Building Conservation was well attended by architects, engineers and property owners, and he said he gets inquiries on the subject of downtown apartments.

"We would love the opportunity to sit down and talk with an investor/developer about the potential of doing loft housing in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls," he said.

Center for New Directions offers 'WorkSmart' class

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho said it is offering "WorkSmart: Teamworking Skills" to assist Magic Valley employees in becoming more productive.

Whether in a family, office, department or organization, people bring their own methods to a team, a center announcement said. Different personalities, values and communication styles can provide tension and barriers to meeting the common goal.

Participants in the center's training will become valuable team members and develop skills to promote strengths from other team members, organizers said.

"WorkSmart: Teamworking Skills" is scheduled for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 10-24, at the Center for New Directions. Deadline to register is Friday. One credit is offered. Cost is \$66.50; financial assistance and scholarships are available.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

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	Friday's Price	Friday's Change	52-Week High	52-Week Low	Annual Yield
ABB	ALBERTSON'S	31.47	31.47	0.00	39.25	20.00	2.39%
ASCA	AMERISTAR	8.2384	8.2384	0.00	8.24	8.24	0.00%
CONA	CONAGRO	16.14	16.14	0.00	20.19	15.25	4.93%
COST	COSTCO	41.25	41.25	0.00	60.12	28.1616	0.00%
FD	FEDERATED	41.25	41.25	0.00	49.90	21.00	0.00%
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	37.95	37.95	0.00	48.00	30.68	3.81%
IDA	IDACORP	36.21	36.21	0.00	40.62	33.19	0.28%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	18.99	18.99	0.00	20.00	14.89	4.87%
KEY	KEY CORP.	22.80	22.80	0.00	28.82	8.82	10.19%
KR	KROGER	9.40	9.40	0.00	10.45	15.38	4.53%
LAB	LABOR READY	3.15	3.15	0.00	3.15	3.15	0.00%
MCN	MCN PAPER	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
MCD	MC DONALD'S	28.55	28.55	0.00	32.00	18.28	3.89%
MTA	MICRON TECH	41.53	41.53	0.00	48.82	28.00	0.76%
OMX	OFFICEMAX	30.75	30.75	0.00	35.00	25.00	0.00%
PH	PHARMACIA	35.25	35.25	0.00	40.00	30.00	0.00%
RAD	RITE AID	35.27	35.27	0.00	40.00	30.00	0.00%
SBS	SEARS	35.27	35.27	0.00	40.00	30.00	0.00%
SKD	SKIDMORE	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
SKW	SKYWEST	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
TGP	TARGET	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
UNP	UNION PACIFIC	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
URS	URS CORP.	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
WMT	WAL-MART	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
WFL	WELLS FARGO	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
WNS	WINSLOW	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%
ZION	ZIONS BANK	22.75	22.75	0.00	27.54	18.89	0.00%

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YOUR BUSINESS



David Rodriguez, surrounded by relatives and co-workers, receives the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's "Extra Mile" award from chamber board member Julie Zampieri. The prize was one of two awards that Rodriguez received on Friday.

Good deed leads to two service awards

By Melissa Morgan
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — David Rodriguez, service technician for Gary's Westland Motors, collected two awards for his customer service skills — in the same day.

In a surprise celebration on Friday, Rodriguez was given a general Motors Corp. national appreciation award by GM district service and sales managers. He was also given the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly "Extra Mile" award.

In addition to the awards, GM presented Rodriguez with two tickets to a motocross event in Salt Lake City and two tickets to motocross finals in Las Vegas, Nev.

"I was hoping to go to those this year," said Rodriguez, a motocross fan. "And now I can."

Debbie Dane, marketing director at Gary's Westland Motors, said the awards were prompted by a letter from an appreciative customer. The letter explains how Rodriguez helped a family that experienced car trouble on the way from Salt Lake City to Boise. Rodriguez pulled over to help, followed the family to Twin Falls and then helped repair the vehicle — on his day off.

"I just saw somebody needed help and I pulled over," Rodriguez said.

"David is an excellent employee who doesn't like to let his own horn," said Chris Hosman, service director at Gary's Westland Motors. Rodriguez has worked at the dealership for five years.

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Finding a job before quitting current one has advantages

By Kenneth Bredemeier
The Washington Post

One of the recurring and troubling questions for workers in today's job market is when to bail out of the job you hate and how to land the next, hopefully better one.

Sometimes the promise one held by the current job just never materialized, or you can't imagine dealing much longer with your boss or co-workers. But what's the strategy to escape? Ponder these questions from the workplace.

Q: I am a paralegal ... in a job where I have concluded that there is little chance for further advancement. I am seriously considering resigning and devoting myself to a full-time job search. Is this a wise strategy? I had thought about doing some temp work to hold me over in the meantime. What would a prospective employer make of this? What factors should I consider in making this decision?

A: "Lost wages is one factor, but I feel that is a risk worth taking. Please advise, as I am tired of staying in a worthless position."

A: On the job turned to a couple of job recruiters — Alan Schonberg, chairman of Management Recruiters International Inc. in Cleveland, and David Martin, a regional director for FutureStep, an Internet-based executive recruiting firm at Tysons Corner, Va. — for advice.

Schonberg, author of "Headhunters Confidential," said the worker is "far better off employed, not on the street seeking another job."

"Employers look at the unemployed with one set of eyes. It's not favorable. They figure that whatever the reason (is for being unemployed), they ought to be employed. They don't want to plumb those reasons why they're unemployed," he said.

On the job

usually advise against leaving. Employers generally favor someone who's employed, thinking they're hiring you away from someone else.

Q: How many past employers should you list on your resume? As well, is two pages too many on your resume? I've been at my present position for almost a year. If I'm seeking for another position, do future employers view this negatively?

A: "List whatever's reasonable," Schonberg advised. "If you're 28 and have had two jobs, list them both, but if you're 48 and have had six jobs, it's maybe not necessary to list all six. List those that have relevance to your current job search."

He said a two-page resume is too long by half. Martin disagreed, saying two pages isn't too long unless the resume appears padded.

Schonberg said the worker should not worry about the length of time spent at the current job. "The fact he's only been there a year would not be held against him," he said.

Martin agreed but added pointedly: "Employers don't like to see constant job hopping, where you've been at one job a year, another one for another year and maybe one for two years."

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Annually, Project Share issues 1,500 to 2,000 grants that benefit 5,000 to 6,500 individuals. Grants usually average about \$100 each.

In normal years, IDACORP shareholders donate \$25,000 to Project Share. They also contribute 10 percent of the total amount donated by customers to cover program administration costs.

Idaho Power customers may donate to Project Share by including any amount they wish when paying their electric bills. The program's resources are about \$175,000.

The Bank of America Foundation announced a

\$50,000 grant to United Way of South Central Idaho in Twin Falls in support of a local Success by 6 initiative. The grant will fund a foundation being contributed to 109 United Ways across the country, is the third phase of a \$50 million Bank of America commitment.

Success by 6 is a United Way initiative that focuses on strategies that ensure all children under age 6 start school ready to learn. The needs for supporting children vary from community to community, and research suggests that investing in early-childhood development contributes to success throughout a child's life, the United Way said.

United Way of South Central Idaho will use the \$50,000 to develop and enhance the Success by 6 initiative. Throughout Idaho, only four United Ways were selected to receive grants: Boise, Pocatello, Moscow and Twin Falls.

Since 1998, the number of local United Ways engaged in Success by 6 has increased from 175 to more than 300 across the country.

Promoting school readiness, ensuring healthy families and fostering responsible parenthood remain the top three areas of focus. Communities across the country are engaged in developing resources, finding solutions and increasing public awareness of children's issues.

CAREER MOVES

RUPERT — Thomas C. Wright has been successful at career crossroads — from meteorology instructor to high school teacher and from corporate vice president to international acclaimed publisher and philanthropist — the University of Idaho said.

So the university will present Wright with the Hall of Fame Award for 2001. He will visit the UI campus May 17-19 during spring commencement activities.

Wright is an Idaho native; he attended school in Rupert and Boise before graduating from Lewiston High School. From UI he earned a degree in secondary education and English and a master's degree in education.

Wright taught meteorology in the pilot training program for the U.S. Air Force in San Marcos, Texas. In the late '50s, he taught at East Junior High and Boise High School.

Wright began his second career as a publishing representative in 1959. He spent 17 years working for Hold, Rinehart and Winston Inc., a national publishing company, rising to vice president of educational publishing, at CBS.

In 1975, he bought a small children's book publishing company in San Diego, Calif. With seven book titles and three people, he started a publishing business that eventually became The Wright Group, developing elementary reading programs and teacher training. The Chicago Tribune bought The Wright Group and appointed Wright chairman and chief executive until his retirement in 2000.

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE — The 366th Wing commander, Col. Irving L. Hutter Jr., was selected for promotion to brigadier general. The date of his promotion is to be determined.

Hutter recently assumed command of the 366th Wing during a change of command March 15. As wing commander, he leads America's premier air expeditionary wing, The Gunfighters, including more than 7,000 military and civilian members serving in more than 24 squadrons. The wing is equipped with B-1B, F-15E, F-16C, KC-135R bomber, fighter and tanker aircraft.

TWIN FALLS — Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Ildiko Timmons of the Certified Professional Jeweler program.

Timmons completed the 11-week course and received certi-

fication. The course involves training in product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, gemstones, watches and jewelry-making.

TWIN FALLS — Terry Reinke of Twin Falls was honored at a national sales and education conference sponsored by the Association for Lutherans.

Reinke qualified for the President's Cabinet of 13th Hawaii, in recognition of outstanding business performance in 2000. He also was honored for his support of AAL, local volunteer groups.

Reinke is a district representative with the Scott Schuler Agency of AAL in Spokane, Wash., and serves Lutherans and their families in Buhl, Burley, Eden, Ellet, Gooding, Hailey, Jerome, Kimberly, Mountain Home, Shoshone, Twin Falls and Wendell.

Reinke has been with AAL's field staff for 13 years and has been honored by the organization 12 times for outstanding sales and service to AAL members.

TWIN FALLS — Laren Novak of Novak & Novak Builders and Stephen R. Olsen of S.R.O. Construction Inc. attended the National Association of Home Builders Membership Conference held in Las Vegas March 24-25.

The purpose was to help increase membership and other local associations throughout the United States. More than 300 people attended.

Members of MYBA automatically become members of the Idaho Building Contractors Association and the National Association of Home Builders, and they are entitled to benefits such as instant access to critical home information; networking; year-round training and education; and industry lobbying.

Prospective members may call Olsen; MYBA membership coordinator at 733-0459; or Cyndie Woods, MYBA executive officer, at 736-8991.

What keeps us awake at night

The Associated Press

An unscientific survey has found that a wife's snoring, her unshaven legs and cover theft were among the top five bed discomforts for men, while lumpy pillows and nocturnal visitors like dogs and children topped the list of mattress miseries for women.

Ikea, the Swedish furniture retailer, recently surveyed the sleep habits of 624 consumers to determine why some people can get a good night's sleep and others can't.

The top five concerns that keep men awake at night were:

fear of aging, personal weight, spouse's weight, career worries and personal finance. Personal finance, world issues, worrying about their children, fretting over their friends' health and fear of aging prevented women from drifting gently into the arms of Morpheus.

People who slept less than four hours a night tended to have a less robust love life than those who sleep six or more hours most. And professionals who lost the most sleep over job stress included teachers, nurses, accountants and — newspaper — reporters. Lawyers slept the best.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
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MILESTONES

New storage units open near old Oregon Trail

TWIN FALLS — Oregon Trail Storage is a new facility recently completed and now open to renters. It is at 471 South Park Ave. W., at the southwest border of the city near the location of the old pioneer Oregon Trail passage through the area.

The 215 units were built by Max and Charlene Casperson and will be managed by A. S. L. E. Holman, a granddaughter. Holman will be on duty full time.

Customers select suitable units for their needs. Locks, boxes, plastic covers and other moving supplies will be available for sale.

The all-steel and concrete units are attractive and secure, the business said. The facility is securely fenced, has a security

gate and is well lighted. Oregon Trail Storage can be reached at 734-5595.

KIT Manufacturing Co. logs net loss in quarter

LONG BEACH, Calif. — KIT Manufacturing Co., which has several dealers in the Magic Valley, reported a net loss of \$866,000, or 84 cents per share, for the current fiscal quarter in comparison with net income of \$177,000, or 16 cents per share, for the same period in 2000.

Net sales, companywide, declined 38 percent from the comparable quarter in the prior fiscal year. Manufactured home sales reflected a 50 percent decrease, while recreational vehicles posted a 24 percent decrease in sales in comparison with the first quarter in fiscal 2000.

According to Dan Pocatopia, KIT's chairman of the board and chief executive: "The significant sales slowdown in both manufactured homes and recreational vehicle divisions is mainly attributable to declining consumer confidence as a result of the slowdown in the economy, higher interest rates and fuel costs and tightened credit policies."



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Cattle wintering in a pasture could constitute a CAFO under new rules being formulated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Stockman talks, EPA listens

BOISE — Environmental Protection Agency officials believe proposed new federal regulations regarding confined animal feeding operations will protect water resources across the nation. But cattle and dairy producers across the Pacific Northwest have a different view.

The agency is not just regulating a business, Gooding cattleman Vern France said. "In fact, you're regulating history."

The proposed regulation is an attempt to update rules written over 25 years ago. Water quality is the driving force behind the changes.

An estimated 376,000 livestock operations confine animals, generating about 128 billion pounds of manure each year. Of those 376,000 animal feeding operations, the department estimates 3 to 10 percent would be regulated as CAFOs through the proposed regulations. Regulating just 3 to 10 percent of the operations would address 50 to 60 percent of the manure generated, Merchis said. Complying with the regulations could cost operators nationwide up to \$940 million annually.

Dairy delay concerns regulators, processors

TWIN FALLS — With only three short months left to comply to a law passed last year requiring every Idaho dairy to file a nutrient management plan with the state by July 1, more than a few folks are more-than-a-little worried.

The law is clear: No plan; no milk permit, said Marv Patten, Dairy Bureau chief with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

"The Department is prepared to carry out the intent of the legislation," he added.

Last week's tally sat at a paltry 221 plans submitted and 716 to go.

The consequences of noncompliance are dire, Patten said, and not just for dairymen.

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

Revoking milk permits and prohibiting sales could have substantial impact in many areas, he said. Lost sales will undoubtedly affect producers but it will also take a toll on processor and laborer viability, not to mention the overall state economy. A whole other issue is the environmental impact if dairymen can't sell their milk and dump it instead.

Jon Davis, general manager of Jerome Cheese, agrees, saying, "If the state pulls milk permits there's liable to be a huge problem," he said. "There's a problem in the respect that the valley's going to have a lot of people out of work. We buy milk from 75 dairies, and we employ 200 people. That all comes to a quick stop if we don't have milk. We wouldn't be able to run milk or make cheese. A lot of people will be out of work."

Irrigation season opens with a trickle

TWIN FALLS — The gates on irrigation projects across the Magic Valley are about to open, but growers won't receive as much water as they usually do. Sparse snowpacks are not yielding the water that irrigators need. Snow water equivalents ranged from a low of 42 percent of seasonal peak for the Big and Little Wood-basins to a high of 60 percent of seasonal peak for the Salmon Falls basin. The Snake River system falls in between with the Henry's Fork reporting 48 percent and above Palisades at 53 percent, according to USDA-Natural Resources Conservation

Service Sno-Tel data. Irrigators dependent on the Oakley basin are looking at a snowpack with just 48 percent of seasonal peak.

It's going to be, without a doubt, a very difficult season for farmers," said Lee Peterson, watermaster for District #37.

Taste for beef survives disease outbreaks

WASHINGTON — Americans love their beef.

They spent a record \$52 billion on the red meat in 2000 and ate 70 pounds of it per person. Although concern about livestock diseases in Europe has grown in recent weeks, Americans apparently aren't ready to ignore their cravings for a juicy T-bone just yet.

"I have great faith in the USDA," said Gordon Harvey, 65, of Arlington, Va., who bought some bacon, a pork roast and a steak at the bustling Eastern Market near the U.S. Capitol before heading to the poultry counter.

"But I wouldn't hesitate to stop buying meat altogether. If I thought it was dangerous."

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said Tuesday there are no signs yet that Americans are shunning beef, although they are confusing foot-and-mouth disease with the much rarer and more dangerous mad cow disease.

Prevent electrical problems by taking care of wiring system

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — From a modern vantage point, Benjamin Franklin doesn't come across as being all that smart.

Franklin is credited with discovering electricity, which, of course, has benefited all of us. However, he discovered it by flying a kite in a Philadelphia thunderstorm — a risky experiment, to say the least. "Riskier, in fact, than calling King George III a tyrant when the king is 3,548 miles away and can't hear you."

However, was Franklin's experiment any more dangerous than the person who plugs three major appliances into a frayed extension cord?

Ignoring electrical problems, or creating ones by overloading the system, can result in fire, serious injury and death.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 40,000 residential fires each year are directly attributable to problems with electrical wiring systems.

These fires typically result in 350 deaths, and cause thousands of injuries from electric shocks and burns, the commission says. They also cause more than \$2 billion in personal property damage annually, according to the commission.

Electrical cords and plugs were involved in about 7,100 of the 40,000 fires, directly causing 120 deaths, or almost one-third of the total, the commission reported.

Other causes included lamps and light fixtures, 8,500 fires and 60 deaths, and faulty switches and outlets, 4,700 fires and 60 deaths.

In addition, about 3,600 people are treated for injuries associated with extension cords, the commission said.

Now is the time to determine if your house is wired properly and if you are using electricity safely.

Although homeowners can check for faults in their electrical service and come up with things that need to be updated and improved, the best person to handle the changes is a licensed electrician.

There are a number of ways to find a qualified electrician, including recommendations from friends, relatives and neighbors. A growing number of consumers are finding contractors on Web sites that list only those individuals and companies whose credentials pass

rigorous examination.

Don't try tackling electrical work yourself, even if you are a top-of-the-line do-it-yourselfer. Many municipalities require permits for substantial — and, in some cases, minor — changes in home electrical wiring, such as adding an outlet or running a separate line to a junction box for a ceiling fan.

Building officials often will not approve any work unless it has been performed, or at least examined, by a licensed professional.

According to home inspectors, the primary cause of problems with electrical systems is that the work was done by the homeowner, or by an unqualified "moonlighter" who may have been inexpensive but wasn't very good.

Going this route might save you money now, but it will definitely cost you more in time and aggravation when you put your house up for sale in the future.

According to Mike Shelton of 20/20 Inspections in Worcester Township, Pa., electricity is a "safety issue," and home inspectors consider an electrical problem a "deficiency" in need of correction before they can sign off on the house.

Although most consumers aren't qualified to be electricians, that doesn't mean they shouldn't learn as much as they can about how the system works.

Plenty of books and videos on the subject are available at bookstores and home centers. While some of these take a textbook, rather than common-sense, approach that will leave most electricians puzzled or laughing hysterically, most handle the basics very well.

Each year, there are changes to the National Electrical Code that, while not yet adopted by local building departments, might affect how an inspector will look at your wiring in the future. Be sure your electrician is up on the rules.

While new houses are being wired to handle modern appliances, older houses tend to be a mishmash of wiring that was adequate for its time but outdated or even dangerous now.

Every house that was built at or before the turn of the century has four generations of wiring. What causes problems is perpetually tapping off the existing wiring to meet new electrical needs without upgrading the system.

Often, circuit breakers are oversized for the wire in the circuit. For example, if the wire in the circuit is 14-gauge, the allowable amperage is 15. An amp is defined

as the amount of electrical current being used. A 60-watt light bulb uses 0.05 amp, for instance.

Branch circuits are rated at various amperages: On a 15-amp circuit, you can safely use 80 percent of its capacity, or 12 amps. That equals 24 60-watt light bulbs. If the circuit is overloaded, it will trip the circuit breaker, preventing a possible fire caused by overheated wires.

If you have a 20-amp circuit breaker on a 15-amp circuit, that's asking for trouble because the breaker won't trip as designed.

Another cause of fire is installing bulbs that exceed the wattage the fixture is rated for — for example, putting a 100-watt bulb where 40 watts is the maximum indicated.

The electrician should begin his analysis of your service at the panel box in the basement. The branch circuits from the box to the panels of the house should have circuit breakers that are sized properly. The box also should be grounded properly.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



Adam was lucky. When he said a good thing, he knew no one had said it first.

These days, it's hard to tell whether a pedestrian is walking to reduce or reduced to walking.

Heard about the educational puzzle designed to prepare kids for life in the real world? Any way they put it together, it's wrong.

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MONEY

Institutional buying rules the market, but influence debatable

By Lisa Singhania
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Wall Street's gyrations can be attributed to many causes, but ultimately, the volatility comes down to a question of who is buying stocks and who is selling.

A lot of the credit for this week's market fluctuations has been given to professional money managers, the people who buy and sell billions of dollars in stocks on behalf of institutions, mutual funds, pension funds and other businesses.

These large customers are the 800-pound gorillas of the markets. Although individual investors are more involved with stocks than ever, their influence pales when compared with institutions, whose transactions of tens of thousands of shares at a time can make or break a stock. Institutional buying and selling has always dominated Wall Street, but that role received more attention than usual this week because March 30 was the end of the fiscal first quarter.

"Mutual funds are required to report earnings four times a year to the Securities and Exchange Commission and twice a year to shareholders," said Paul Dykstra, an adjunct professor at Northwestern University School of Law. "So, shortly before the end of the quarter, some funds will sell stocks in portfolios that are in disfavor."

Managers will also buy stocks that are doing better to improve their portfolios. The effects and extent of these transactions, pejoratively referred to as "window dressing," because they are designed to make funds look more profitable and competitive than they might actually be, are debatable. Some argued that alternating waves of buying and selling this week - the markets generally rose Monday, Tuesday and Friday but fell Wednesday and Thursday - reflect the quarter-end buying and selling.

"There's no doubt that this puts a lot of pressure on the markets," said Larry Wachtel, a market analyst at Prudential Securities. "There's a lot of end-of-quarter stuff going on. Mutual funds sell their tech stocks, for example, because they don't want to show their losers on the

12-month daily closes

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For the week ending Friday, March 30

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books."

But it's hard to know how much of the activity is really "window dressing" rather than profit-taking in a bear market.

Ciena Corp., for example, traded lower by about 50 percent this week, during a time when 91 percent of the stock's trades were institutional. Similarly, institutional accounts accounted for about 52 percent of the trades in Juniper Networks Inc., which fell as much as 45 percent of its weekly high.

The chip sector, of which both companies are a part, also saw analysts this week downgrade some companies or express concerns about their outlooks ahead.

"This tells you that institutions were making most of the trades and the declines show they're quite clearly not buying," said Thomas Kee, chief executive of Stock Traders Daily, which compiled the Ciena and Juniper data. "But these institutions might not all be mutual funds, so it's hard to tell exactly how much of this might be window-dressing."

I tend to think the market overvalues what fund managers do," said John Forrell, portfolio manager at Independence Investment Associates. "If I wanted to get rid of Yahoo!, for exam-

ple, why would I have waited until now to do so?"

In any case, the end-of-the-quarter activity is a reminder of the power institutional buyers command.

"Institutional buying and selling is the primary mover of the markets," said Todd Clark, co-head of trading at WR Hambrecht. "A year ago, you could have said that day trading was moving some of the Nasdaq stocks, but that's no longer true. Institutional buyers buy more and more often."

Statistics from the two biggest stock marketplaces also show the influence of large buys.

Nearly 52 percent of the volume on the New York Stock Exchange in 2000 came from block trades, which are transactions of more than 10,000 shares. On the Nasdaq Stock Market, block trades made up 25 percent of the volume during the same time.

But size isn't everything and, at the end of the day, individual investors still have a lot of power. Although they may not directly buy the most stocks, their investments are the engine for the stock market's growth and activity.

Will investors be satisfied with basics?

NEW YORK - To Anthony Maramba, an informed investor, a renewed appreciation of value can be observed in America today. And the stock market reflects it. Value investing, he says, is back on the front burner.

It shouldn't be a surprise, he suggests, because if you keep your eyes open you can see a return to basics everywhere. Value is back as certainly as is good, old home-cooking.

To understand what's cooking in the stock market today, he said, "consider that one of the hottest items on the menu at Boston's trendy Grill 23 is meat loaf and mashed potatoes."

That menu is as basic as building a portfolio of stocks that are managed well, that have a viable business plan, good products, and earnings and dividends rather than just a story and promises of someday becoming.

David L. Babson & Company, which began managing stocks at the tail end of the Great Depression, way back in the pre-technology days. Understandably, he sees value as the way to go.

George Gilder is the author of the "Gilder Technology Report," a newsletter providing deep insight into about 40 high-tech, New Economy corporate leaders - creators of the "Telecom."

Gilder's awesome influence can be measured by the quick upward thrust of stocks that managed to get newly added to his list. He is followed not just in Silicon Valley but in high-tech mountains and valleys everywhere.

While the Warren Buffetts and other value investors are "giddy with vindication" these days, he says, the upcoming "new phase of wealth creation ... will leave the Buffetts in the dust."

He believes the crash of tech stocks has even been helpful. How? "By shaking out flakier firms, technologies and business models," leaving the strong survivors to lead the way into phase two of the "Telecom."

Telecom is the world of electronic communications, wire and wireless, that Gilder is convinced will continue to change the world. He believes that, with powerful backing from venture capitalists, technology's creations will make the next decade even more promising than the last.



BUSINESS MIRROR
John Cunniff

Though Gilder claims not to choose stocks but simply to identify technology companies capable of making profound changes, most readers recognize that such companies are likely to earn big dollars doing so.

And, while recognizing the powerful possibilities of technology, Babson has a long tradition of valuing companies by more clas-

sic methods, putting a premium on the historical ability to report consistent profits. As such, the two represent decidedly different views of what investors should do today. And for those who look to others for assistance in making decisions, that creates a dilemma.

In fact, you can say it's the dilemma of the entire market: Which is the way to go - value or growth. Growth had been the way of the market for several years. Things changed. Is growth or value the way of the future?

A widely accepted view of the current market is that it cannot rise with any consistency until all belief is driven out of investors who placed their faith in the New Economy.

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Banks offer incentives to boost service

By Crayton Harrison
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - Employees who learn to respond quickly to customers' needs can reap financial rewards from banks that think personal service holds the key to business growth.

Banks have a host of incentive programs for employees who provide good customer service. Wells Fargo Bank sends its best-performing employees on an expenses-paid vacation every year. In 2000, the destination was Las Vegas. Employees also are eligible for bonuses and quarterly luncheons for their customer service work.

Bank of America gives employees on-the-spot awards, such as gift certificates or small cash bonuses, when managers see them treating a customer well.

Bank One rewards employees with small cash bonuses and gives them plaques and certificates they can display in their offices.

But gauging customer service is difficult, and many banks rely on customer surveys and thank-you letters in evaluating employees.

Wells Fargo asks managers to score their employees on their customer service efforts and

reward those whose scores improve. Bank of America and Bank One survey customers on the service they receive.

"When we're talking to a customer, we're asking them, 'Where did you do the transaction? Do you remember the name of the person? When did they speak with you?' You start the drill from there and then see what they did that the customer liked or didn't like," said John Porter, senior vice president over Bank of America's performance measurement group in Dallas.

Banks say it's important to monitor customer service because it determines whether customers will stay with the bank or open new accounts, said Nancy Mack, manager at Wells Fargo Bank in downtown Mesquite, Texas.

"If the customer is getting the right thing when they walk in the door, they're going to be happy when they walk out," Mack said. "And that's when they ask for additional business."

Wells Fargo provides quarterly training for employees on customer service, teaching them what questions to ask and how to respond to complaints.

But training can only do so much, Mack said.

"I'm really big on coaching,

that's what my main job is," Mack said. "If I notice someone who's not smiling, who looks down and doesn't look up, I'll work with them. I'll have them role-play, watching me to see how I act, or I'll have them watching someone else to follow their example."

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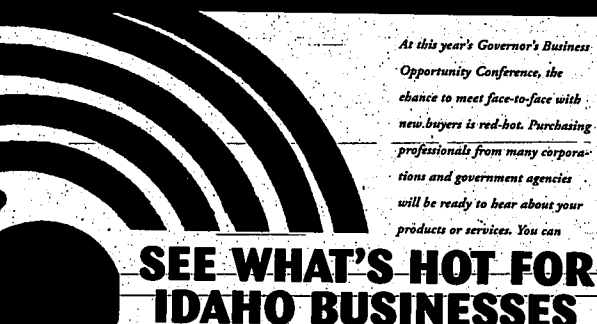
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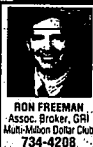
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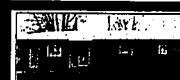
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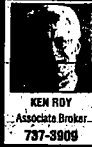
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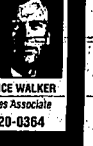
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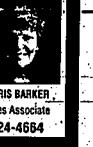
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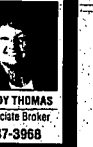
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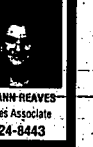
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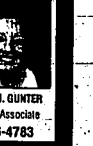
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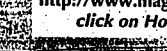


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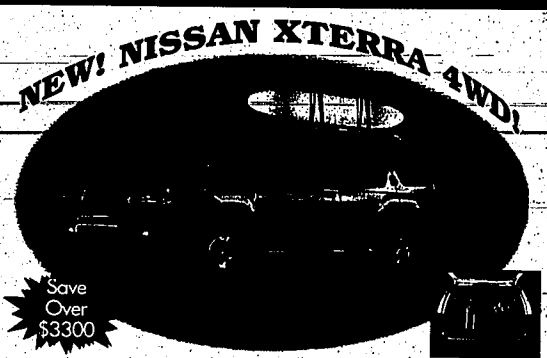
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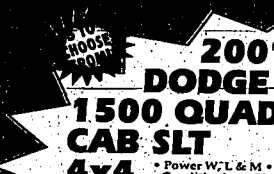


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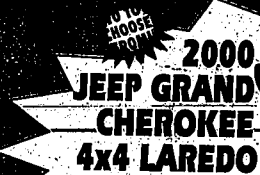


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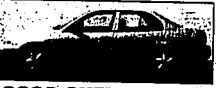
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Confessions of a repentant hymnabomber

The "hymnabomber" saga continues. A few weeks ago, I wrote a column in which I confessed to being the one who dropped a hymnbook from the Methodist church balcony during the Boy Scout Sunday service. I escaped clobbering anyone with the book by sheer miracle, but I earned the nickname "hymnabomber" anyway. Since then, I have been the butt (can you say "butt" in church?) of many religious jokes.

"I can go you one better," insisted a friend who was talking with me about my references to the hymnbook as projectile. "I grew up in the Catholic church where we had prayerbooks called missals (pronounced missalls)."

And when I went back to my own church the week after Scout Sunday, no one would even let me hold my own hymnbook.

Several friends have also been humming "There's a Song in the Air" whenever they see me. And we're all making up our own hymns. "Praise God from Whom All Hymns Fall," for example. Or, "There Shall be Showers of Hymnbooks."

I also got fined at Lions Club. God must surely have a great sense of humor to put up with all of our silliness.

The biggest irony since the hymnbook column, I think, was the Chicago Tribune story about a new, supplemental hymnbook recently produced at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn. The story moved on the wires the week after I wrote my column, and since it needed local comment, I found myself writing, once again, about Methodist hymns. I think the new book is smaller than the one I dropped, which might have lowered the risk of killing someone with it, but it wasn't being used here in Twin Falls. I'm just lucky no one was sitting in the seat where my hymnbook landed.

Speaking of hymnbook homicide, some pretty outlandish rumors were circulated at one Southern Idaho church on the Sunday my column appeared. The people at that church, I am told, were talking about the story on the front page of *The Times-News* about a Twin Falls woman who murdered someone with a hymnal at the Methodist church.

I assume they were talking about me.

I've also received letters from people as far away as Washington state, who have shared their own embarrassing moments at church. One man said he hoped I had been forgiven of my indiscretion, because then I could be renamed "Grace From Above." Then, he went on to write about a Saturday night when he was tending a church and forgot to turn off the sprinklers. The people at that church may not have been walking on water the next morning, but they certainly were walking in it.

A woman in Ohio told me a good story, too, about her 6-year-old grandson watching his big sister Laurie getting baptized. When the minister said, "In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost," the boy jerked away from his mother, bawled and toward the baptismal screaming, "I'll save you, Laurie! I'll save you from the ghost!"

That reminded me of the Sunday when my cousin was keeping her child quiet in church by letting him play with a calculator. Suddenly, the boy jumped up, pointed the calculator at the preacher as if it were a TV remote and yelled, "I'm turning him off!"

But a minister friend of mine told me about what might be the most embarrassing church moment of all time. It happened to a colleague of his, who was delivering a children's sermon at a church down South. The poor guy was trying to teach the children a lesson about faith, so he asked one of the kids to lead backwards so he could catch her and show how God can be trusted to catch us when we fall. But the minister stood too far back, and missed. And the kid ended up on the floor, kicking and crying.

I'm just a simple hymnabomber.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at *The Times-News*.

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Carey eighth-grader Matthew Trammell, who's headed for the state geography bee in Idaho Falls on Saturday, is bucking the tide of geographical illiteracy in America.

Some kids know quite a bit about geography

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

CAREY - For Matthew Trammell, geography is a state of mind. "I've always liked it, and I've always done OK in it in school," said Matthew, an eighth-grader at Carey School and one of 100 qualifiers statewide for the National Geographic Society's state geography bee in Idaho Falls on Saturday. "I think it's something that people should know, and it's something I'll probably use if I go into engineering, which I'm thinking about. It's pretty fun."

Magic and Wood River valley qualifiers for the National Geographic Society Idaho State Geography Bee in Idaho Falls on Saturday:

- Brandon Merritt, Burley Junior High, eighth grade.
- Austin Greer, White Pine Elementary School, Burley, sixth grade.
- Matthew Trammell, Carey School, eighth grade.

Matthew, however, is in a distinct minority. Geographic illiteracy, long a bane of advocates

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who favor back-to-basics in education, shows few signs of ebbing.

- Jason Turner, Declo Junior High School, seventh grade.
- Dalton King, Gooding Elementary School, fifth grade.
- Lindsay Mollineaux, Wood River Middle School, Halley, eighth grade.
- Spencer Harris, Homingway Elementary School, Ketchum, fifth grade.

- Casey Critchfield, Oakley School, eighth grade.
- Delmon Rigo, Community School, Sun Valley, eighth grade.
- Andrea Tomlinson, Robert Stuart Junior High School, Twin Falls, seventh grade.
- Tahiri Silecock, O'Leary Junior High School, Twin Falls, seventh grade.

was in school," said Gilbert Grosvenor, chairman of the National Geographic Society board of trustees and its education foundation.

"When poorly taught, geography is stiff and frozen, the stuff of memorization. When it's brought alive, however, geography is one of the richest and broadest intellectual pursuits."

Wood River Middle School eighth-grader Lindsay Mollineaux, another state geography bee qualifier, agrees.

"I think the interesting thing about geography is learning about cultures and societies."

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"Geography had suffered a great deal from the methods of teaching that were used when I

What's your geo-quotient? Test it with these questions

The questions below were used in the school, state or national levels of the 2000 National Geographic Bee and reflect the range of difficulty and subject matter that can be expected in new questions at various levels (see answers at bottom).

1. Much of which state is covered by mountains, Wyoming or Iowa?
2. Which river flows through

New England, the Connecticut River or the Delaware River?

3. Which country is Austria's leading trading partner, India or Germany?
4. Origami, the art of folding paper into objects, is part of the cultural tradition of which island country in East Asia?
5. What term is used for the broad, flat area in a river valley that is subject to flooding?
6. What term is used for the

mechanism that raises and lowers the water levels in a canal, allowing boats to move between bodies of water at different elevations?

7. What large lake borders Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania?
8. Which country in the Caucasus region shares its name with a U.S. state?
9. What landlocked country is named for the revolutionary leader who helped free much of

northern South America from Spanish rule?

10. What term is used for a circular coral reef island that encloses a lagoon?
11. What beverage crop is Haiti's chief agricultural export?
12. Bhutan has close political and economic ties with its leading trading partner. Name this neighboring country.
13. Urdu and English are the

principal languages of which Asian country?

14. Rainbow Bridge, the largest natural arch in the world, is located near Lake Powell in which state?
15. Much of the area around a city in Ukraine has been abandoned since a nuclear power plant accident in 1986. Name the city.

Please see TEST, Page E6

Why do fools fall in love? Etc...

Just what is love, and why do we lose our heads over it?

In "Why Do Fools Fall in Love? Experiencing the Magic, Mystery and Meaning of Successful Relationships" (Jossey-Bass, \$19.95), editors Janice R. Levine and Howard J. Markman take on this lingering question.

Markman explained recently just how tricky the whole romance business can be.

Q. Are we fools to fall in love or does falling in love make us foolish?

A. Both. All of us are fools when it comes to love, because when we're in that great state we feel like we can exist on no sleep and no food and living on love alone. It's crazy and it's foolish and wonderful and magical, and most people don't have a clue about what's happening.

What makes it so wonderful is that you just exist for a while in this magical moment. In that connection we experience the emotions that make us so human.

Q. Does love require that we relinquish control?

A. It requires that we take risks. But often it doesn't feel that way in the beginning. It's only when we're by ourselves for a little bit that we get afraid of being hurt, being left. At that

point we have to reevaluate ourselves, because being in love is the most wonderful thing, but it also causes tremendous pain when we fall out of love.

Q. You've said that a basic human need is to love and be loved; that we are creatures built for love. So how important is finding the right match?

A. My own perspective is that matching is not all that important. The reasons we fall in love are really mysterious, and the idea of a soul mate is wonderful magical idea. However, I think much more important than finding a soul mate is when you are with someone as their soul unfolds. That, I think, is a much more productive way for people to think about it.

We put too much emphasis in this society on finding the right partner rather than being the right partner. In one part of the book someone says the best gift you can give your partner is a more interesting and developed you. Too often we try to change

our partners and not ourselves. Q. How do you know if you're with the wrong person?

A. The most important mismatch is existential. One of the most important things about a successful love relationship is you're co-authoring a life vision together. People don't realize the importance of creating a shared vision over time, so they don't do it, and that leads to a feeling of more emptiness as you stay together.

Q. Is the notion of "chemistry" just talk, or are there real physical signs that let us know we've found love?

A. Absolutely. Our heart flutters. There's all sorts of metaphors and realities and real chemical changes. What we often don't realize is that these chemical changes that take place in the beginning are taking place throughout a great love relationship. Great lovers who get a flutter when seeing each other again at the end of a day feel that flutter over the years. We like to say that great love can really last a lifetime, but in order for that to happen, one has to understand both the magic of love, the mystery of love and the meaning of love.

Source: Knight Ridder News Service

Deadline nears for young writers contest

JACKPOT - April 13 is the entry deadline 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, Buhl, Kimberly, Filer, Gooding, Hansen, Murtaugh, Shoshone, Wendell, Minidoka and Jerome school districts are eligible.

Each grade level will be judged separately.

The contest offers more than \$1,200 in cash prizes to participating students.

Additionally, the school with the greatest number of winning student authors will get a \$500 donation to its library.

Contest rules and application forms are available from participating schools, or by phoning 841-3471.

Winners will be announced May 11.

Schools to conduct

young authors contest

FILER - The Magic Valley Young Authors contest is under way.

Each school in the valley will

To do for families

conduct its own contest before April 14. Winners for each grade level at each school will be eligible to attend a celebration in the Filer High School gymnasium 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, poem or an essay, and entries are submitted to a panel of judges and winners from each grade level are given monetary awards. They should be submitted by their teachers to Denise Mumm, 3620 North 3300 East, Kimberly 83341, by April.

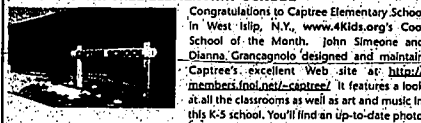
Children's author Suzanne Williams will meet and talk with winners on May 5.

Every week, *To Do for Families* lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

FAMILY LIFE

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KUDOS TO CAPTREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
Congratulations to Captree Elementary School in West Islip, N.Y., www.4Kids.org's Cool School of the Month. John Simeone and Donna Graciano designed and maintain Captree's excellent Web site at <http://hikidz.com/captree/>. It features a look at all the classrooms as well as art and music in this K-5 school. You'll find an up-to-date photo album that serves as a journal for the school, dating back to September when the doors first opened. The school's state-of-the-art library media center, a combination library and computer lab, allows students to read and do further research on the Internet. This is one cool school! Congratulations, Captree Elementary. Enjoy your 4Kids award-pack!

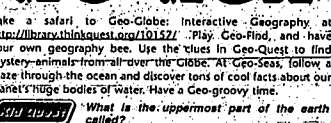


Nominate a cool school at www.4kids.org/nominate/
How many students does the Captree Elementary School library media center serve?

To complete the Kid Quest Challenge, visit the Web sites in this issue to find the answers to the questions, then go to www.4kids.org/kidquest/

Speak Out!
Protect school-age kids from Web sites that show violence, sex, or other inappropriate content. Tell us what you think at www.4kids.org/speakout/

Geo-Globe
Take a safari to Geo-Globe: Interactive Geography at <http://library.thinkquest.org/10152/>. Play Geo-Find, and have your own geography bee. Use the clues in Geo-Quest to find mystery animals from all over the globe. At Geo-Seas, follow a mate through the ocean and discover tons of cool facts about our planet's huge bodies of water. Have a Geo-cooly time!



NERD POWER
Slip on your pocket protector and surf over to Triumph-of-the-Nerds, a PBS site at www.abn.com/nerds. Discover the history of computers from ancient Babylonian abacus to modern-day computer networks and the World-Wide-Web. Find out what some of the world's most famous nerds have contributed to the computer industry. Test your early computer knowledge in the Guess the Computer game. You'll learn why nerds now rule the world.

When were Arabic numbers introduced in Europe?

Ask Amy@4Kids.org
Any answer you're looking for? Questions about the World-Wide-Web?

FRIDAY THE 13TH

Like other silly beliefs and superstitions, Friday the 13th's shyness as an unlucky day has many origins. The English story of a beheading, Valhalla is one. Twelve gods gathered for a meal. Loki, the Evil One, slipped by and stole the god's thunder. The number 13 was the number of the traitor. In the Bible, the 13th day of the month was the day of the Egyptian plagues. However, the number 13 is to be feared. They thought life was a quest for spiritual growth with 12 levels. The 13th level was the eternal afterlife, something for all to work toward. Some people also believe the day Friday can be lucky or unlucky. Friday is named after the Norse deity Frigg, the goddess of fertility and love. However, in medieval Rome, Friday was execution day, a traitor's unpleasant thought. Combining the many superstitions, Friday the 13th became the most notorious day. But don't take my word for it. Check out the info at www.4kids.org/askamy/askamy/friday13.html and decide for yourself.

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Parents withdraw their support from gay son

DEAR ABBY: I am a 39-year-old gay man. After knowing I am gay for more than 15 years, my parents recently announced that my longtime partner and I are no longer welcome in our home. They say that if any of their neighbors found out they have a gay son, they would be outcasts in their community.



DEAR ABBY
Aligail Varburton

Aligail, I am devastated. Although they were never totally supportive of my orientation, they have been guests in our home many times and seemed to genuinely like my partner. We are successful people in our community and socialize with an array of civic leaders and wonderful people of all orientations. I am unable to accept the level of shame my parents' behavior has put on me and my partner, and they seem unfazed about dropping me from their lives. I cannot convince my parents of their folly. They say their decision is final and don't wish to discuss it further.

Arises:
"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

You now have the opportunity to create your own supportive family through your loving friends and neighbors. The good news is that from your description of the people with whom you socialize, you and your partner are already off to a good start.

DEAR HURTING: Please accept my condolences for the premature loss of your dysfunctional family. You're not going to change them, and they're not going to change you. Perhaps one day they'll realize their loss and change their minds, but you can't live your life waiting for that to happen. It might help you to remember that sooner or later, every one of us becomes an orphan. Soothe your soul, you were "orphaned" sooner than most.

DEAR MOURNING: I agree that someone should have taken the time to acknowledge the presence of a new arrival, whether a staff member at the mortuary or a designated family member. However, since no one did, you could have stepped forward, introduced yourself and expressed your sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: How can I tell my boyfriend that he's a bad kisser? **DEAR WANTS TO BE TACTFUL:** Say nothing negative. Keep the message positive and offer to demonstrate.

Kits allow parents to screen kids for drugs

Knight Ridder News Service

In the Oscar-winning movie "American Beauty," a regimented father wordlessly hands his son a cup for a urine drug screen. You could cut the tension between them with a knife. The scenario is not as unrealistic as you might think, as dozens of companies across the country are cranking out do-it-yourself drug and alcohol tests. Anyone who surfs the Internet can find an array of products, most well under \$50, to screen for marijuana, cocaine, opiates, methamphetamine and alcohol.

there's a change in the child's behavior. They're not hot sellers, probably because of the cost. A PDI-30 cannot test for alcohol because it moves through the body so quickly. Although alcohol-related teen deaths are on the decline, 2,210 kids died in alcohol-related crashes in the United States in 1998, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

As a result, home alcohol tests like First Check are finding a niche. "We have six boxes, an indication we sell a lot of them," said Rita Aidi Pharmacy manager Andy Elgendy of Fairlawn, Ohio.

Smelly pet? Time for a bath

Is your pet having a bad hair day? Is her coat so gnarly and smelly that you'd like to unzip it and take it to the Laundromat or car wash if you could?



THE BOND
Marty Becker

Boy, do pets have keen senses. When Scooter, our beloved wire-haired fox terrier, hears the first drops of water hitting the bottom of the bathtub, the imperceptible creak of the cupboard door that contains the dog shampoo opening, or the sound of the nail trimmers being laid out on the counter, she starts slinking off to the deepest, darkest recesses of our house, trying to make herself invisible. The same dog that doesn't hear you when you scream, "COME HERE!" is able to detect the faint whisper, "I think I'll give Scooter a bath."

All breeds need some kind of regular grooming. Here at Almost Heaven Ranch, Sirolo, the Labrador retriever, gets a bath every other month. Scooter gets professionally groomed once a month, and a bath at home every other week. Turbo and Tango the short-haired barn cats groom themselves.

Before a "bath" of the pet should be "hugable" - if it's not, it needs a bath. Regular grooming makes your pet more comfortable and healthier. Imagine what you'd look like if you never washed or brushed your hair. A single mat of hair can contain hundreds of hairs all twisted together. Once the mat gets wet, it shrinks like a wool sweater pulling tighter and tighter, until it becomes painful and irritates the skin underneath.

To make grooming fun, do not call "Come get your bath." Just bring them to the grooming site. Experience is perceived as no fun, the word "bath" could become a negative signal and its use for other situations, some of which are emergencies, could be diminished.

Before bathing, feed the dog in the bathtub peripherally, and especially a few days before bath.

time. Keep treats handy and give one during the bath to reward acceptance, but never right after shaking off with any attempt to leave the tub.

To prepare, put a bath mat or towel in the bottom of the tub (even if it already has no-slip strips in the bottom), for cats, a small section of window screen will provide something to latch onto. Put a ball of steel wool in the drain to catch hair, plug your pet's ears loosely with cotton (don't forget to take them out), and put a drop of mineral oil or a little antibiotic ointment in the eyes to protect them from shampoo.

Take them - don't call them to the tub - and douse their body, not their head, with lukewarm water.

Keeping their head dry until the very last part of the bath is important because water dripping off their face and ears triggers shaking.

Use a high-quality pet shampoo and conditioner that is pH balanced for pets, not people, or a therapeutic shampoo recommended by your veterinarian. Work up a good lather on the body and work down the neck and back.

To prevent your pet shaking dry and bathing you after the initial wetting and lathering, drape a large towel you've designated as the anti-shake towel, over their back while you work on the rest of the body. This towel keeps the pet warm and also keeps 90 percent of the water in the towel and not on you or in the room if they shake.

Continue lathering around the

tail, underbody, legs, feet, paying attention to the undersides of the legs, the base of the tail and between the toes. Massage the shampoo in thoroughly with your fingers so that it reaches the skin.

Rinse well, repeat; the first rinsing loosens the dirt, the second removes it. If the coat is particularly dirty, use a wet recommended tar-based shampoo.

To lessen shedding, brush while she's still in the tub. Occasionally apply a veterinarian-approved coat conditioner or cream rinse to make her coat smoother and easier to brush. Conditioners make grooming easier both this time, and next.

Rinse well. Blot their coat with a Terry towel to remove moisture or use a hairdryer, pointing the nozzle at a section of wet hair, as you simultaneously brush. If the weather is cold, keep your pet inside until dry.

When you do you need to feed its coat from the "inside out" with foods that are nutrient rich and formulated to give your pet healthy skin, a shiny, luxurious coat and vigor. Veterinarians and groomers can tell from a mile away which pets are fed premium foods - their coats announce it like a neon sign.

Scooter, Scooter, Princess, where are you? It's "bathin' wathin'" time. Scooter! GET BACK HERE! BAD DOG! SCOOOONTER!

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Animals need dental care, too

Knight Ridder News Service

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker wasn't crazy about the idea of having his finger bitten off. He was even less interested in having it happen on live network television.

Becker, a spokesman for the American Veterinary Medical Association, is a frequent guest on ABC's "Good Morning America," where he explains how pet owners can take better care of their animals and deepen the human-animal bond. He remembers that a few years ago he was on the program extolling the virtues of brushing your pet's teeth, and the host said she'd never heard of such a thing. "There was a cat on the set with us, but it wasn't my cat," Becker said. The host suggested that he demonstrate the art of feline toothbrushing, so Becker nervous-

ly put a cat toothbrush on the end of his finger and reached for the cat. Toothbrushing usually works fine when you introduce it to a kitten or puppy and try to make it a positive experience, he said. "With older animals, it can be like WWF wrestling."

He gingerly began to touch the cat's mouth, half expecting to be on the receiving end of the best-watched amputation in the history of morning television.

"It went just fine," Becker said, remembering how relieved he was to have kept his dignity and his finger.

Veterinarians nationwide are

putting a new emphasis on caring for your pet's teeth. Surveys show that American pet owners are taking better care of their pets than ever, and that as a result more pets are living to a ripe old age.

That's why the American Veterinary Medical Association reports an upswing in dental problems with pets. More than 85 percent of U.S. dogs and cats age 4 or older have gum disease, which can cause serious, painful problems in older pets. The association recommends that pets receive annual cleanings and checkups starting no later than age 3.

Put the burden on the child

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column on "psychologically correct discipline" or PDC - the sort of discipline many, if not most, mental health professionals would disprove. Shortly thereafter, a proud mom passed along a great example of PDC, which I will pass along again.

Her almost 3-year-old son, toilet trained for about six months, began going to the bathroom on the floor when she put him in his room for time-out. He mostly produced "number one," but threw "it a 'number two' every so often, just to break up the monotony, I suppose. Mom reported that "he

seems very proud of himself" whenever this happens.

She had been cleaning up, then putting him back in his room for extended periods. No good. He'd do his nasty thing again. At wit's end, Mom was considering doing away with time-out altogether, or moving it to a new location where she could keep a constant eye on him. Then she read my column on PDC, and a light bulb came on.

Before I tell you what Mom did to end this charade, however, consider that a mainstream mental health professional might well have told her that peeing and pooing on the floor was her son's way of expressing anger at not getting extended attention or being over-controlled. This hypothetical professional might then have recommended that Mom spend more quality time playing and holding her budding performance artist during the day, reassuring him of her love.

To top it off, our conventional therapist might have also recommended that Mom cease and desist from using any type of punishment when his void-ness misbehaved and employ explanatory and reasoning techniques instead.

In all fairness, that's how mental health professionals are often trained to think: to wit, inside the "box" of "psychological correctness." In any case, I would predict that a parental response to this problem, if it continued to the box will produce no gain.

Anyway, Mom read my column on psychological incorrectness and she decided to take matters in hand. The next time Toddie went number one and/or two on the floor, she spanked him (two swats on the buttocks, rated "mild"). That's an okay place to start, given that research done by objective people (hard to find where the spanking wars are concerned) indicates spankings (mild, with the hand) are most effective with children around this age. To add "oomph" to the prescription, Mom took away his favorite toy.

Rome was not built in a day, remember? Next time he was put time-out, he did the dirty deed again, so he received yet another spanking and lost his second favorite toy. It is said that the third time is the charm, and so it was with Mr. Poopie. Three spankings, three toys, and he suddenly remembered where the potty is. To get a toy back, he must go a week without any expressions of excretory "anger." Not surprisingly, he's been doing just fine in timeout ever since. In fact, less the toys was probably enough of a motivator, but three mild spankings did this little fellow no harm.

In closing, Mom said, "What a relief to be able to put the burden on him!" Right? When the monkey is on the child's back, the child will train the monkey.

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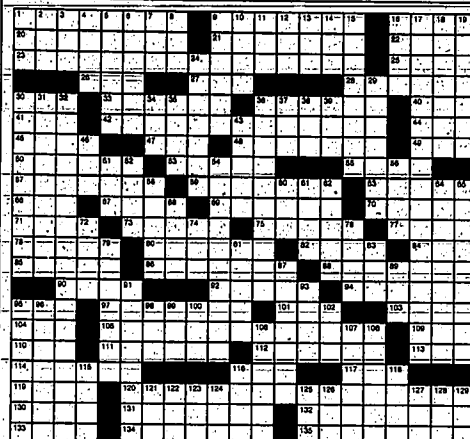
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By Bill Swain,
New Port Richey,
Florida

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 74. Theodore Dreiser
 75. Book made into a sitcom?

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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 5. San Luis, CA
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 7. James
 8. Confirmed
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 15. Watchmen
 16. "Hook"
 17. John Le Carré
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 20. "Time line"
 21. Terminus
 22. Right to enter
 23. Cascade
 24. Sycamore
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 27. ECT. vehicles
 28. John Steinbeck book about Mae
 29. Part of "Tiger"
 30. Calendar watch
 31. That man
 32. Plena's health
 33. Old card game
 34. Move up and down
 35. Spirited vigor
 36. Turner-Capote book about a crime of passion?
 37. "The Grapes of"
 38. Wrath character
 39. Shout from hiding
 40. Addams Family cousin
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 51. Cascade
 52. Sycamore

Best keep the young ones away from 'Heartbreakers'

The Orange County Register

"Heartbreakers" (PG-13)
Odyssey Theater of Twin Falls, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum.

Best for: Mature teens to adults
What it's about: Max (Sigourney Weaver) and Page (Jennifer Love Hewitt) are a mother and daughter grifter team who con wealthy men into marrying Max, then on the wedding night, Page seduces the man. Max catches them, files for divorce and gets a load of money, and they move on to the next victim. When they pull the con on Dean (Ray Liotta), Max goes after a new victim - wealthy, chain-smoking, obnoxious tobacco millionaire William Tenny (Gene Hackman) - and Page goes after honest, wealthy bar owner Jack (Jason Lee). Only this time, she does the unthinkable: She falls in love and can't go through with it. Anne Bancroft, Norm Dunn co-star.

The good: This comedy is unique and funny with plot twists, surprises and clever con. And honesty becomes the best policy at the end of all the lies.

The not-so-good: Since the con revolves around the idea that a man is caught in a compromising situation with Page, there's definitely sexual dialogue, themes and innuendo throughout. At the beginning, there's a steamy honk on the con turns funny, but no sexual situations happen. There's some foul language, lots of cleavage, crude dialogue and petty crime situations (stealing gas, faking a fall to stay in a hotel).

Offensive language: Crude dialogue, mild profanity, a use of the f-word.

Sexual situations: Lots of sexy clothing, a couple of compromising positions with con victims, a couple of steamy kissing scenes. A man is blindfolded and tied to a bed in his underwear.

Violence: A man falls and dies, then his body is accidentally dropped out of a crow.

Parental advisory: This is not a PG-13 comedy for kids, even though it stars Hewitt. The adult issues themes and sexual situations are for mature audiences.

Entertainment value: B

"Enemy at the Gates" (R)
Twin Cinema, SkyTime Cinema of Ketchum.

Best for: Mature teens to adults
What it's about: It's 1942 and Stalingrad is being invaded by the Germans. When Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev (Bob Hoskins) asks for a hero who can inspire the troops, Vassili Zaitsev (Jude Law) is volunteered by Danilov (Joseph Fiennes), a PR officer. Vassili is an expert marksman who killed 30 men with his rifle.

The good: At \$85 million, it is the costliest movie ever made in Europe with World War II planes, Stalingrad sets, authentic costumes and a huge cast. Law, Fiennes and Weiss do a great job with what little script they are given, but the truly bright star is here a hero who is a kid named Sacha (Gabriel Marshall-Thomson). The story is based on a true account.

The not-so-good: Director Jean-Jacques Annaud missed the chance to tell this story a step beyond a war movie and make it about a human being sent to kill others - what it feels like to hunt men through the scope of a rifle and end their lives without them knowing you are doing it. Although the story is interesting, it could have been great if it had a few more ingredients to connect the audience with the characters.

Offensive language: Possible use of the f-word but hard to hear.

Sexual situations: In a dance club, a topless woman in thongs dancing together and sponging paint on each other's chests. A man asks a woman to rub her painted breasts against a window.

Violence: Numerous war scenes show soldiers being shot in the head or blown up, with bloody limbs exposed, blood on others, etc. Several women are also shown with bloody wounds.

Parental advisory: Obviously this is not something you want your teen-ager to see. This movie is for mature adults who like Segal's style of movie.

Entertainment value: C

"Exit Wounds" (R)
Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Jerome Cinema, Sun Valley House.

Best for: Mature teens to adults
What it's about: A man is hit by a speeding truck, a man climbing a helicopter ladder falls onto a pipe.

Parental advisory: Obviously this is not something you want your teen-ager to see. This movie is for mature adults who like Segal's style of movie.

Entertainment value: C

Some parents take their kids to R-rated movies - should they?

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Carlo J. Bitteto of Dallas bristles when he recalls seeing parents taking children as young as 5 to see "Hannibal," the blockbuster R-rated sequel to "The Silence of the Lambs" that focuses on a killer who eats his victims.

"I don't understand what's going to happen to these kids when they grow up," says Bitteto, who doesn't have children. "Children absorb what they see. They can become so desensitized. I think kids need to be treasured and protected a lot more than we seem to be doing lately."

Bitteto is not the only one who fears theater owners and patrons can't stop talking about all the parents they see in the audience with infants, young children and teens. An R rating restricts children under 17 from seeing movies without an accompanying parent or guardian.

Some parents who take kids to these movies say they couldn't get a baby sitter and figured the movie wouldn't register with an infant or very young child. Others point out that not all R's are alike: For every "Hannibal," there's also a "Saving Private

What scares kids - and what they can handle

Kids are scared of different things as they age, here are some developmental guidelines to help parents pick appropriate movies, suggested by Dr. Douglas Gentile, a child psychologist, and Joanne Kantor, author of "Mommies' Night" (Harcourt, \$13.95).

Under age 2: It's easy to hear loud noises and to sit in the dark in a bed. Movies with flick of lightning, bright colors, loud sounds and simple action scenes are appropriate. "The Cat in the Hat" is a good example.

Ryan or "Schindler's List": which use violence to underscore some larger principle. In September, the Federal Trade Commission released a study showing that Hollywood studios promote R-rated films to kids. This complicates things for parents whose kids beg to see the movies. Other parents don't have a problem with their kids seeing them.

victim. A 6-year-old will not follow the "don't be afraid" but might be scared by the violence.

Ages 2 to 4: The pictures they see on screen can scare them, but they have more cognitive skills that help them begin to understand that "movies aren't real. Violence or the threat of violence still seems threatening, particularly when the victim is a child.

Ages 4 to 6: The sense of danger to the world around them, which could be from aliens or occult forces is scary. They are still frightened of physical harm or threats of harm, but they can begin to understand that it's not real. They can begin to deal with their fears. This age group feels a sense of mystery about sex and romance. Learning these fears helps them understand the world around them.

Susan Sanders says she won't allow her 14-year-old daughter, Genevieve Collins, to see "Hannibal." But she does let her see other R-rated movies. "Braveheart" was gruesome, but the message is wonderful," she says.

"I don't know that there's a message in Hannibal except that there are sick people out there. And that's scary."

Study: Girls focus on body image

Los Angeles Times

Girls as young as 5 form negative self-images based on their weight, a new study has shown. Those girls whose weight was above average said they felt worse about their bodies - as well as their cognitive abilities - than did girls with lower body weight.

In addition, the study revealed that all of the girls whose parents worried about their child's weight tended to view themselves as being inferior. The more a mother fretted about her 5-year-old being overweight, the less the girl thought of her own physical and cognitive abilities.

"It was startling," said Kristen Krahnstver Davidson, a specialist in human development and family studies who helped conduct the

study. "If girls are showing these issues at age 5, it doesn't look hopeful for what is going to happen to them as teen-agers or as young women."

The survey of 5-year-olds' attitudes was part of an ongoing, 10-year-long assessment of 197 girls in a Northeast community. To protect the identities of the children, Davidson and her colleague, Leann Lipps Birch, declined to say specifically where the research is occurring. The results of the study of 5-year-olds were released in the January issue of Pediatrics (www.pediatrics.org). Davidson, of Pennsylvania State University, said she and fellow researchers expected their kindergarten-age subjects to be free of concerns about weight. At this young age, Davidson said,

girls often express strong positive opinions about themselves. But as the girls' weights increased, they saw lower levels of self-concept," Davidson said. "The relationship is subtle, but the fact that it's even there is quite alarming."

But Dr. Katharine Phillips, a specialist in body-image disorders at Brown University in Rhode Island, said the findings were not entirely unexpected. In children as young as 5, Phillips said, she has diagnosed body dysmorphic disorder - a pathological concern with appearance. The association between body weight and self-esteem (and perceived body image and self-esteem) is well established in research, Phillips said - although not necessarily in very young children.

Lions, lambs and the stars of March

We've all heard the expression, "March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb." Weathermen get plenty of mileage out of it, explaining how sometimes March comes in and goes out like a lion, or some other combination (lamb/lamb, or lamb/lion). In reality, this phrase originates in stargazing, not meteorology.

Before science could predict natural phenomena, people looked for signs in the sky. One method was to note the sun's apparent motion among the stars. By their reckoning, the sun was a celestial god who circled us, and therefore must be concerned with earth and its inhabitants. By studying the stars it "visited" each year, they hoped to divine the future.

Thus was born the ancient superstition of astrology. The zodiac comprised 12 signs, named after shapes imagined in the stars of each. In March, the constellation of Aries the Ram disappeared into the sunset, as Leo the Lion was making its appearance in the east. Our modern expression is a distortion of, "With March, in comes the lion and out goes the lamb."

As earth orbits the sun, we see the sun superimposed against different stars at different times of the year. The sun appears to circumnavigate the zodiac (360 degrees) each year (365 days), and thus the stars seem the shift with respect to the sun about 1 degree per day (or one zodiac sign each month).

Modern observers will not that Aries is still visible through March. This is because, in millennia, the earth's poles wobble like a top, and it's so doing cause the

SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Mars S, low; One hour after sunset: Saturn W, low; Jupiter W; Full quarter this morning at 4:40 a.m.; Full Saturday at 9:22 p.m.

apparent position of the sun at a given time of year to "slip" around the zodiac, a change known as precession. Once, Aries really was behind the sun by March's end. But with several millennia of slippage, it's no longer there.

This, incidentally, is one of the best arguments against astrology: since astrologers are divided over whether or not to adjust for precession, one would think that those who have it wrong would have seen the error in their "data" by now!

Next week: Colorful atmospheric displays in the daytime sky.

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Program rewards Oakley students

BURLEY - Oakley Junior and Senior High School students who qualified for the Renaissance Achievement program enjoyed a bowling party Feb. 9 at Snake River Bowl in Burley.

More than half of the 80 qualifying students attended and each received a door prize. The Renaissance program rewards students for improvements in school. Renaissance students were Melissa Alvarez, Luisa Anderson, Sara Archibald, Ana Artega, Eric Barajas, Emily Bedke, Jess Bedke, Kary Bedke, Ryan Bedke, Mandy Burch, Steven Burch, Ruben Caidena, Eli Clark, Seth Clark, Staci Collins, Dani Cooper, Shanna Cooper, Ali Cranney, Clay Critchfield, Jenny Critchfield, Mandy Critchfield, Jared Davis, Jennifer Dimick, Patricia Dimick, Luanda Domi, Tara Emery, Melissa Fouts, John Gay, Tiffany Gay, Sheena Gowen, Erica Hale, Jerry Hale, Kyle Hale, Tobin Hale, Aaron Hardy, Duane Harrell, Blaine Hawkes, Trevor Hawkes, Weston Hughes, Kyle James, Barry Jenks, Jennifer Jones, Mike Jones, Kellie Kabel, Sarah Lloyd, Broden Matthews, Jacki Matthews, Ammon McBride, Zeb McBride, Stephanie Michler, Maverick Mitton, Stephanie Mitton, Brandy Mullen, Samuel



Students from Oakley Junior and Senior High School who qualified for the Renaissance program were treated to a bowling party Feb. 9 at Snake River Bowl in Burley.

Washburn, Brice Nelson, Peyton J. Parham, B.J. Felton, Sulyn Felton, Kaitlyn Peterson, Ashley Pickett, Jasper Qualls, A.J. Robinson, Ryan Robinson, Nefereteri Rodriguez, Sam Rodriguez, Sam Rose, Kortnie Sanders, Jake Schenk, Dawn Severe, David Smith, Latisha Smith, Sean Spearin, Ashle Stanger, Cache Taylor, Abby

Washburn, Brittany Washburn, Laura Wells, Tessa Whiteley, Shantel Whiteley and Dane Woodhouse.

Prizes were donated by Subway in south Burley, Severe Sanders, D.L. Evans Bank, Wendy's, Burger King, Royce and Sons, Project Mutual Telephone, Urs 54, Clarks for Shopping, Redi Foods and Smith's.

Library celebrates national library week

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library will celebrate national library week from Monday through Saturday with a week of activities.

Children's staff will hold the "At the Library" contest for children from kindergarten through ninth-grade to find out how much they know about the library. Drawings for gift certificates will be held Saturday.

On Monday evening will be a New Library Card Sign Up Day. Those who sign up for a card will have their name entered into a drawing for various library gifts. Monday will also be "Check it out Yourself Day." The 3M self-check system allows people to check out books with-

out the assistance of the library staff. At least 100 patrons use the system on Monday, the library can qualify to win up to \$1,000 given by 3M for the purchase of new books. Those who use the system will also be entered into the drawing.

An open house will be held Monday. Children's services will also host the "Promoting Literacy with Storytelling" workshop for parents and children at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"Digital Data Day" will be held Wednesday and Thursday to showcase the library's latest computer technology. The public also is invited to join the last session of the "Let's Talk About It! Other Americas" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Library's Program Room. The book, "Bless me, Ultima," by Rudolfo Anaya will be discussed.

On Friday, kindergarten through third-graders are invited to join Claude Cash for "Fridays at Four." The session will include stories and a book-related craft.

Special exhibits will also be on display during national library week, including pictures and information about the Stricker Ranch and Rock Creek Station and other cultures.

Jonathan Hamlin, Connor Nielson, Rachael Doyle, Paul Egner, Ted Wunderlich, Rebekah Rary, Justin Hilly, Kevin Fain, Anthony Gumble, Amber Fienor, Krisley Hall, Dore McCabe, Heather Doney, A.J. Ridgeway, Jake Jones, Kristi Johnson and Calli Malone.

Seventh-grade, Kristin Peters, Josh Sligar, Colby Vance, Rachel Auth, Kristi Vance, Callie Bliss, Jennifer Stevens, Jake Dyson, Misty Tucker, Jaime Nebeker, Sara Elymantraut, Naomi Sullivan, Victor Aguilar, Andy

Kylie Madson, Andrea Tapia, Cole Bizenberg and Diana Halliger.

Students listed on the honor roll were:

Sixth-grade, Sara Hamman, Chris Malberg, Christine Locker, Britney Stultz, Britney Beard, Ashley Lutz, Tyler Barlogi, Emily Hughes, Sheelany Emery, Justin Myer, Cassie Vesterin, Tyler Knigge, Chase Costes, Mike Smith, Skyler Patterson, Isaac Wright, Hannah Sackett, Kaiti Vincent, Katie Branch, Camille Aguilar, Jose Rosas, Jasmine Sackett, Courtney Kissel-Babb,

will hold prayer coffee from 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday at the home of Jean Carrington.

For more information on directions and child care, call Diane Brown at 734-8453.

Jerome Booster Club donates money, flag

JEROME - The Jerome Booster Club, with the help of the Pete Vandyk Memorial Golf Scramble, donated money to the following Jerome athletic programs: Soccer, cross country, volleyball, football, girls basketball, wrestling, bowling, track, softball, baseball, golf, tennis, rodeo, cheerleading and drill team.

The booster club also reported that it purchased an American flag to hang in the Jerome High School gym, with the help of Con Pauls. The club also purchased a new pole vaulting pit for the track team.

The Jerome Booster Club has donated a total of \$11,803, representatives say.

American Red Cross offers CPR, first aid classes

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Branch office will offer classes during April, May and June. Community First Aid and Safety will teach participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, children and infants. The classes will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 and June 2; and from 6:10-30 p.m. April 17, May 21, May 22, June 18 and June 19 at the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Eden American Legion picks delegates

EDEN - The American Legion Auxiliary of Eden has announced its delegates to the Idaho Springs Girls State this summer in Nampa.

The American Legion also selected boys for Gem Boys State this summer.

Girls and boys are selected for leadership, scholarship, character, cooperation, courage, physical fitness and honesty. Girls and Boys State are leadership and education programs focusing on government.

Jentry File is the daughter of Nick and Julie File of Hazelton. She is co-captain of the Valley High School cheerleaders, chapter FCCLA historian, member of the Presbyterians-Youth Presbytery, in National Honor Society, and was freshman class secretary. She also takes voice lessons and has participated in competitions and helped plan Presbyterian Youth events.

Katie Brock is the daughter of Linda, Hansing Brock and



Jentry File

Michael Brock, both of Twin Falls. She was eighth-grade student body president, ninth-grade class vice president, 10th-grade class secretary, ninth-grade FCCLA freshman representative, 10th-grade FCCLA district projects chairman and 11th-grade FCCLA membership coordinator. She also is active in her church youth group, National Honor Society, student council, junior varsity and varsity basketball and volleyball, varsity track, speech and debate.

Brett White is the son of Mike and Rae White of Hazelton. He has served as secretary, vice president and president of his



Brett White

church youth group and as president and scribe of a Scout troop. He also is active in football, church basketball and volunteering at Boys and Girls Club.

Darin Johnson, son of Dennis and Adele Johnson of Hazelton, is president and first counselor of his church youth group, quartermaster and assistant-senior patrol leader in Scouting and president of the sophomore class.

He is a straight-A student, played basketball his freshman year, wrestled his junior year and is member of the National Honor Society and an Eagle Scout.

Filer Legion names Boys State delegates

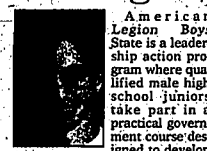
FILER - The Filer American Legion Post has named delegates to the Gem Boys State, June 3-9 at Gowen Field in Boise.

Nathan Thomas is the son of Dale and Travis Richmond. He is a member of Key Club and Future Farmers of America and played football as a freshman and sophomore and track as a sophomore.

Willie Potter is the son of Steven and Joyce Shatten. He is a member of student council, the junior class representative, member of the Business and Professionals of American and

played baseball for three years.

The Boys State is a program developed from the concept that young people should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part and responsible for the character and success of his government; the American Legion said.



Willie Potter

zens a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon them the fact that government is just what they make it, the organization said.

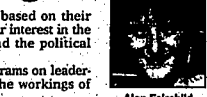
Wendell Legion names delegate

WENDELL - The Wendell American Legion Post 41 has selected Alan L. Fairchild of Wendell as a delegate to the American Legion Boys State program, June 3-9 in Boise.

Fairchild is sponsored by the Wendell American Legion Post 41.

Delegates are selected based on their academic standing and their interest in the American government and the political process.

Boys State provides programs on leadership and understanding the workings of government.



Alan Fairchild

Filer Middle School announces students who make honor roll

FILER - The Filer Middle School announced the honor roll.

Students listed on the high honor roll were:

Sixth-grade, Jared Lissen, Jennifer D'Antonio, Cory Morris, Andrew Skinner, Nathan McGregor and Leigh Anderson.

Seventh-grade, Angela Brown, Nicole Huddleston, Rey DeLeon, Sarah Hooley, Amanda Jensen, Eli Slifer, Collette Roush and Jill Rainsford.

Eighth-grade, Dan Romeyer, Larry Moore, Cameron Knigge, Matt Bennett,

Jonathan Hamlin, Connor Nielson, Rachael Doyle, Paul Egner, Ted Wunderlich, Rebekah Rary, Justin Hilly, Kevin Fain, Anthony Gumble, Amber Fienor, Krisley Hall, Dore McCabe, Heather Doney, A.J. Ridgeway, Jake Jones, Kristi Johnson and Calli Malone.

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Pospisheil, Erica Parks, Austin Hingstad, Daniel Bengt, James Barry, Sterling Loughmiller, Josh Storer, David Bory, Jaime Fort, Trent

Shawn Shanne, Ben Ward and Leah Sokos. Eighth-grade, Kristin Johnson, Rosanna Jones, Emily Hamman, Scott Ortel, Elizabeth Bengt, Brad Griff, Lucy Miller, Sara Wright, Jessica McClain, Aubrey Heinzelman, Robin Critchfield, Teresa Jones, Jennica Mechem, Kellie Monroe, Kristina Jewell, Dani Hensing, Chantel Dolly,

Alvin Branch, Seth Chadwick, Willie Day, Cassie Abadur, Belinda Kissel-Babb, Carey Farnsworth, Brad Silvester, Corey Farnsworth, Ashley Rook, Tiffany Hamby, Rosanne Rook, Kristina Stevens, Candice Talbot, Mandy Fischer, Randy Barnhart, Rachael Smith, Spencer Karick, Amanda Wilson, Kristi Kearney, Alicia Fernandez, Angelica Aguilar, Rachel Jaynes, Isaac Baker, Tad Gill, Irene Egner, Rebecca Boone, Brad Reader, Dennis McNurlin, David Ryan and Sara Florencia.

For more information or to register, call 733-6464 or 1-888-367-6321.

College of Southern Idaho offers free workshop

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a free Back to School workshop from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the Center for New Directions at CSI.

The workshop is designed for people considering taking college classes full or part-time.

For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2680.

Jerome Civic Club discusses Girls State

JEROME - The Jerome Civic Club held its regular meeting on March 13 at the library with guest Xandra Smith, president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Civic Club last year voted to sponsor annually a delegate to Girls State. Smith discussed the procedure followed by the auxiliary judging committee in the selection of the delegates.

President Marjorie DuBois had announced the meeting where delegates for 2001 were selected and reported her observations to the members. Allison Marshall, a delegate sponsored in 2000, reported on the busy schedule the delegates follow during the Girls State week. Smith was presented with a check for \$225 for the registration for this year's delegate.

In other business, the new large waste baskets which the Civic Club purchased for the library have been received.

A check for \$500 will be presented to librarian Susan

Jacobson for the purchase of large print books.

The nominating committee was selected and will report back with nominations of officers for next year at the April meeting.

Refreshment information was given by hostesses Jeanne Vandiver, Xenia Williams and Marjorie DuBois.

The next meeting will be held April 10 at the library.

Gooding-Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the winners for March 16.

Winners for north/south were: first place, Joe and Helen Stasney; second place, Carol McCabe and Mary Steele; third place, Doris Watts and Ben Clark and fourth place, Ched Borkin and Lonnie Burns.

Winners for east/west were: Ruby Grimes and Jeanne McCabe; second place, Eva Plankley and Sam Smutney; third place, LaVina Moore and Velda Lawrence and fourth place, Bill Simonsen and Lucy Gustafson.

Refreshments were served. The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

Rapid eye therapist presents seminar

BURLEY - Carol Tuttle, who is described as a master rapid eye therapist, author and spiritual teacher, will present a seminar, "The Gift of the Mind," from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the King Fine Arts Center Little Theater.

Cost is \$25 per person. There will be a book signing at the end

of the seminar.

Marnae Hobson, master rapid eye therapist, will also be presenting her "Couples Creating Closeness" workshop 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$30 per couple.

For more information call Lisa Hobson at 678-5381.

Celebration committee seeks contributions

RUPERT - The 2001 Minico Senior Celebration committee is planning this year's graduation celebration and organizers seek monetary contributions.

To donate, call Minico High School at 436-721 or send check or money order payable to "Minico Senior Celebration" to Minico High School, P.O. Box 608, Rupert, ID 83350-0608.

Buhl Arts Council announces new classes

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council announced the following new classes at the Eighth Street Center at 200 N. Eighth St. in Buhl:

"The Gentler Side of Yoga with Bill Chisholm" will be held from 6-7 p.m. Mondays. The course is for those wanting a gentler level of yoga or warm-up for the 7 p.m.

session. Participants should wear loose clothing and bring a workout pad. The cost is \$10 per class or \$40 for five classes. Council members pay \$8 per class and \$35 for five classes.

"Yoga - Body and Spirit" will be held from 7-8 p.m. Mondays. The course is a continuation of the 6 p.m. class, moving into more advanced techniques and practices. Participants should wear loose clothing and bring a workout pad. The cost is \$10 per class and \$40 for five classes. Seniors, students and council members pay \$8 per class and \$35 for five classes. For more information, call the council at 543-2888 or visit its Web site www.buhlartsound.org.

Twin Falls High School class plans reunion

TWIN FALLS - A class reunion for the class of 1991 will be held Aug. 10-12. The reunion will include a golf tournament, picnic at Dierke's Lake and dinner at the Turf Club. All 1991 graduates or anyone who knows how to reach a 1991 graduate, should call Andrea Bearup Pierce at 734-1281, Shannon Wae Edwards at 734-5863 or Heather Kirkman Carr at 734-2851.

Bliss Flower and Garden Club holds meeting

BLISS - The Bliss Flower and Garden Club will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ruby Jenkin's home.

The program will be making favors for the Gooding Nursing Home.

Kitchen Magic offers candy classes this weekend

TWIN FALLS - Kitchen Magic in the Lynwood Shopping Center will offer candy classes from 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday.

Carol Jackson will demonstrate how to make filled Easter eggs, cherry-chocolate filled bunnies, turtles, peanut butter cups and more.

The cost is \$20. All participants must be signed up and paid by Tuesday. For more information, call 733-4285.

Booth at fairgrounds promotes farm safety

TWIN FALLS - The Farm Safety 4 Just Kids will have a display booth at an indoor flea market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8 in the merchant building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

The booth will focus on a safe farm environment to prevent health hazards, injuries and fatalities to children.

Admission is free. For more information, call 543-4439 or 431-9539.

Christian Women's Club holds prayer coffee

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ENGAGEMENTS

THOMPSON-HORN

HAGERMAN - Mark and Tina Bolic of Hagerman and Ronald Thompson and Patty Bell of Nampa announce the engagement of their daughter, April Thompson, to Stan Horn, son of Terry Horn and Sheila Horn of St. Anthony and Linda Horn and Randy Fiepleton of Nampa.

Thompson is a 1997 graduate of Hagerman High School and is attending Boise State University. She is employed at the Printing Press in Boise.

Horn is a 1995 graduate of Caldwell High School. He is employed by ABCO Inc. in Meridian.

The wedding is planned for

EDGAR-ZOLLINGER

BURLEY - David and Darlene Edgar of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Edgar, to Travis Ray Zollinger, son of Dave and Vicki Zollinger of Eagle Mountain, Utah.

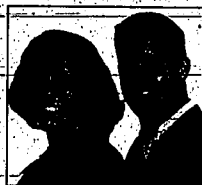
Edgar is a 2000 graduate of Declo High School. She is employed by Bonanza Motors in Burley.

Zollinger is a graduate of Lahi High School and attended Utah State University. He is employed by Raft River Farms in Raft River.

The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Logan LDS Temple.



April Thompson and Stan Horn
May 19 at the Nampa Civic Center. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Sherry Goodrum and Kyle Sorensen

GOODRUM-SORENSEN

DIETRICH - Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodrum of Overton, Texas, and Virginia Goodrum of Marlin, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherry Goodrum, to Kyle Sorensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Sorensen of Blue Eye, Mo., and formerly of Dietrich.

Goodrum graduated in 1996 from Braaswood High School in Clute, Texas. She is currently a sergeant with the Ft. Knox Military Police Department, and resides in Radcliff, Ky.

Sorensen graduated in 1994 from Dietrich High School. He is currently a police officer with the Lexington Police Department, and resides in Lexington, Ky.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. June 9 at the Main Post Chapel in Ft. Knox, Ky. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Travis Zollinger and Lindsay Edgar
A reception to honor the couple will be held 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Springdale LDS Church, 559 E. 200 S., Burley.

WEDDING

SHOWALTER-COMER

RUPERT - Mollie Showalter and Paul Comer were married March 3 at the First Baptist Church in Rupert. Officiating was Chaplain Dave Tish.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Becky Showalter of Rupert. Parents of the bridegroom are Edward and Missey Comer of Soda Springs and Paula Comer of Dallas.

Samara Showalter, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. James Taylor, an Alisa friend, served as best man. Music was



Mollie and Paul Comer
girls, James Taylor, family friend, served as best man. Music was

provided by Jordan Peterson, cousin of the bride. Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Glen Showalter of Heyburn and Fred and Orselle Peterson of Jerome.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving were Penny VanAlst, Elizabeth Taylor, Rita Suboda and Wilma Paul. Special help included Faith Garrett, Don and Penny VanAlst and the Rev. Ray and Grace Herd. Mollie is employed at Mr. Gas in Rupert, and Paul is in the Army and stationed in Germany. She will be joining him shortly.

Bargains, compromises can bring down wedding bill

Use these hints for a wedding that won't break your budget

Knight Rider News Service

A lot of women planning the Big Day buy expensive wedding planners to keep track of the guest list, gifts and phone numbers for the florist and photographer.

Lisa VanMeter created a spreadsheet. "With my accounting background, I wanted to put it on paper and see what the wedding was going to cost," says the 22-year-old graduate student at Kansas State University.

In June, VanMeter will marry Jason Shields at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Mission, Kan. And she hopes the wedding will cost no more than \$14,000.

Her parents, who live in McPherson, Kan., are paying for it, and VanMeter has been shopping for bargains. She still hasn't nailed down a caterer.

"They want \$10 a person just to have little sandwiches," she complains.

One unintended savings, though her brother standing in as her maid of honor, but her man of honor. "Girls are more expensive than boys to have as attendants," VanMeter says.

With the bridal-show season under way, this is the time when couples start planning that walk down the aisle.

"And what a pricey proceeding it has become. The average cost of a wedding in the United States - one with 175 guests - has hit nearly \$20,000."

It's no wonder that bridal-bargain websites abound, from books with titles like "1001 Ways to Save Money ... And Still Have a Dazzling Wedding" - to Web sites like www.cheapwed.com, where you can learn how to save money on a wedding dinner and plan a budget European honeymoon.

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They saved money by getting married on a Friday night - less expensive and more available than the ever-popular Saturday - by opting for a buffet vs. a sit-down dinner, skipping the limousine ride and letting Marc's brother, who works for a beer company, snag bargain prices on the beverages.

"We totally exploited our family," says a laughing Sarah, 26, a quality assurance manager for Imperiel America Corp., a Kansas City, Kan., roofing company.

"We didn't really have a budget from the very beginning, we just looked at everything it would involve and said this is where we can skip, this is where we can't skip."

A bargain wedding doesn't have to look like a bargain wedding. No one's going to know that you paid only \$300 for your dress at David's Bridal, the national discount chain, unless you brag. No one will care that the bouquets are do-it-yourself as centerpieces at the reception.

And no one but maybe snooty Aunt Mildred will notice that you

didn't give out wedding favors.

"What adds up is the little stuff. I know we spent a lot on gifts and stuff," says Nicole Nielsen, 25, of North Kansas City, Mo., who married her husband, Christopher, 26, in December at the Elms Resort in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Nielsen's parents picked up the tab. They were trying to spend no more than \$10,000, but the final tally came closer to \$14,000. Her best money-saving tip?

"Give yourself time," says Nielsen, a staff representative for DST Systems Inc. in Kansas City. "The best thing is to have the time to plan. Then you can shop around."

Stacy King's parents spent a whopping \$27,000 on her "little girl's dream" wedding last June at St. Patrick's Church in Kansas City, Kan. But she skipped the favors.

And though she spent more than the national average on her wedding, King chose to wear a bargain \$600, off-the-shoulder "Cinderella dress."

"Another friend spent \$1,500 to have one custom-made," says King, 23, who works for her father's construction company and lives in Shawnee with her husband, Tony, 25. "And that didn't even include the veil."

For any wedding, the reception is the biggest expense: Average cost: \$8,400.

"I think focusing on the reception is where you're going to get the most bang for your buck," says Colorado author Alan Fields, who with his wife, Denise, wrote the popular "Bridal Bargains: Secrets to Throwing a Fantastic Wedding on a Realistic Budget."

The Fieldses have become wedding bargain gurus, passing along priceless money-savers like how to find "secret" sales of designer gowns and the low-down on the controversial cake-cutting fees some reception sites charge. (Yep, some charge by the slice.)

Location often drives the cost of the reception, Fields says. "When you pick a fancy hotel in Kansas City, you're going to be charged a premium for the reception."

To save, couples should look for sites that allow them to use their own caterer. Think creatively - museums, clubs and even book campuses and historic homes can be less expensive alternatives.

THE MACHACEKS

MILWAUKEE, Ore. - Mr. and Mrs. Victor Machacek will be honored for the 50th wedding anniversary at an open house April 8 at the Amadeus at the Fernwood in Milwaukie, Ore.

Machacek and Lila Campbell were married April 8, 1951, at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls. He farmed for several years southeast of Buhl before going into construction work. He worked as a crane operator throughout the Northwest until his retirement in 1991.

The event will be hosted by their three children, Gerald (Rhonda) Machacek of



Beaverton, Ore.; Julie (Glen) Hodgson of Moses Lake, Wash.; and Lesanne (Barry) Rollins of Clarksville, Tenn.



Lila and Victor Machacek
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FAMILY LIFE

82-year-old should steer clear of variable annuity

Q. My father, age 82, has maintained a managed account at a financial services company for number of years. When his account balance dropped from \$150,000 to \$100,000 during the past year or so, he became very upset because, in addition to his pension, this is all he has. His only income is just over \$1,100 in Social Security each month.

His financial consultant told him that the best way to protect his principal would be to purchase a variable annuity. At Dad's request, I met with the financial consultant who discussed all of the benefits including a death benefit, a guaranteed minimum income benefit even if the account balance was low, deferred growth, and long-term care coverage in case Dad needed nursing home care. Although it sounds pretty good, I told Dad that he could not get all of these benefits for nothing and that there must be hidden costs. We are avid readers of your column, and I am sending you this question by e-mail. I would appreciate an answer before we make a decision.

A. Based on the facts that you recite, we do not believe that a variable annuity is an appropriate investment for an 82-year-old man. Simply put, a variable annuity

is a contract between a purchaser and an insurance company by which the insurance company agrees to make payments beginning immediately or in the future. "Variable" means just that the principal balance of the annuity will vary depending on the performance of the investments your father would choose—typically mutual funds, bonds, stocks, or a combination. This means that your father's investment in a variable annuity would be subject to the same market risk as his managed account with several very important additional charges that will further diminish the performance of the annuity.

If your father needs to withdraw his money within six to eight years after purchasing the annuity, he will be assessed a "surrender charge," which is the way in which the insurance company recoups the commission paid to the financial consultant who sells the annuity. The surrender charge declines each year.

However, your father would be able to withdraw 10 percent of the account balance each year without penalty.

2. Your father's account will be charged with a "mortality and expense risk charge" of 1.25 percent of the account balance per year. This charge is assessed by the insurer to cover insurance risks of the annuity contract.

3. Most insurers also charge "administrative fees" for record-keeping which is generally in the range of 0.45 percent of the account balance per year.

4. In addition, your father's account would pay the indirectly fees and expenses charged by the mutual funds, which are chosen as investments within the annuity.

5. Also, you are correct in assuming that "there ain't no free lunch." There are fees charged for the death, guaranteed income, and long-term care benefits you mentioned, which are deducted annually from the account. And if your father moves his investments from one option to another, there may be other fees or sales charges.

6. Some variable annuities offer what are called "bonus credits" by which the insurance company adds an amount to the amount you invest as an incentive to purchase these "bonus credits," mean higher and/or longer surrender and other charges.

7. With \$1,100 per month in Social Security income, your father sure doesn't need to worry about deferring taxes on his account.

Taking the Next Step: Your father's financial consultant has the responsibility to disclose to your father the fees and other downsides about variable annuities, which space here does not permit us to cover. Since this important information was not provided voluntarily up-front, we question the motives of the consultant other than to earn a commission.

Since your 82-year-old father is not saving for retirement or another long-term goal and may need unfettered access to his money, we do not believe that a variable annuity is a suitable investment for him.

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Mind-reading should stay in science-fiction

I have sometimes thought how interesting it might be to be able to read minds—or to know the real thoughts of the one with whom you are conversing—or perhaps that would not be good at all. Perhaps we would not want to know what people really think of us.

How often the majority of us say what we believe others would like to hear, but all the while we may be thinking much different thoughts than those we are espousing. And perhaps that is all right. We really do not like people very much who tell us exactly what they are thinking. They are said to be outspoken, to "speak their minds," to give us "a piece of their minds," and most of us tend to avoid these people, not willing to hear what may be the truth.

Still, in some ways, we admire those who don't hold back, who are forthright, who don't "mince words." We often wonder how they can do this—what about them allows them either the courage or the skill to say what many of us are thinking, but would never mention in the course of conversation.

It is a part of human nature to want others to think well of us, to value our opinion, to seek our advice, and it is also part of human nature to want to hear only good things about ourselves, to be flattered, to feel important. And so we go through life, hoping always that others have only positive reactions to us.

Fortunately, Jim Carrey movies such as "Liar, Liar," in which a

lawyer is forced through magic to tell only the truth, are fiction. The truth of the matter might be that the majority of us would have few, if any, friends and even our relatives might not be on speaking terms with us. So, though psychics claim to be able to read our minds, it is my opinion that the ability to do so should mainly be relegated to science-fiction, and I believe that we can thank our lucky stars that this is the case.

One task in life, then, becomes one of trying to pursue lives that are above reproach, not only to assure that thoughts held about us by others are positive, but that we can also look ourselves in the eye, and know that, at the end of each day, we have done our best, that we have given as much or more than we have received, and that our lives have counted in the scheme of things.

If we can do that then it really won't matter that we can't read minds or that other's can't read ours. We can relax and feel comfortable because we will truly have found "peace of mind."

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell.

Independent-living services help seniors stay home

Home-health-care professionals offer range of services.

The Hartford Courant

Maybe you've noticed that your usually neat-as-a-pin mother is looking unkempt, your dad is having trouble with his shopping and preparing meals, or that grandma is getting forgetful. Or perhaps you've gotten the phone call all adult children dread—an aging relative has experienced a medical emergency.

Whatever the cause, the result is the same—a family member is no longer able to care for him or herself, and you've got to do something.

"Realizing an aging parent or spouse needs help can happen a

number of ways," says Gayle Kataja, regional director of Connecticut Community Care, a nonprofit organization that helps elderly people remain independent in their own homes. "Either there is a crisis out of the blue, such as a bad fall or a new diagnosis, or it's a gradual dawning over time that Mom-and-Dad need some help."

While some illnesses or injuries do call for a hospital or nursing-home stay, Kataja says many elderly people can stay home with the right combination of services. Home-health-care professionals can provide support to family caregivers, who are most often working women juggling the demands of children, jobs and aging relatives.

"What people don't know is that there are a lot of options and programs out there that can help," says Kataja. "The trick is

finding the right ones for your particular needs and financial situation."

There are varying levels of help for in-home care recipients and caregivers, ranging from skilled nursing to companionship—and a whole range of services in between.

Examples of home-care providers include registered nurses, who offer a high level of skilled care, provide patient assessments, manage medications and handle other medical needs. (A physician usually prescribes this level of care.) Geriatric care managers assess potential needs, determine if home care is appropriate and help choose the provider.

Certified nurse assistants complete a training program and can provide care in nursing functions under the supervision of a registered nurse. Personal care

assistants or attendants help disabled people perform activities of daily living. Home health aides provide assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing and eating. Homemakers help with light housework, meal preparation, laundry, food shopping and other tasks around the home. They do not provide personal care.

Friendly Visitors or companions provide company and social interaction to those who are housebound. In Connecticut, most Friendly Visitor programs are free services administered through local senior centers, places of worship or community groups, while companions are paid for their visits. Hospital social workers, physicians, geriatric care managers, Area Agencies on Aging and others can provide information on in-home care.

File an appeal with Social Security

Q. My application for Social Security disability insurance was turned down last month. I applied. Can I file a new application?

A. You can always file a new application, but you don't have to file a new application to have your case reviewed. You can call Social Security and ask to file an appeal, and someone who was not involved in the initial decision will take another look at your case. You have to ask for an appeal in writing within 60 days from the date you got your denial letter. You call us at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office, we can help you file an appeal. Ask for the publication, "Your Right to Question the Decision Made on Your Claim" (Pub. No. 05-10058), for more information.

Q. I've owned and operated my own beauty salon most of my working life. I'm planning on retiring when I turn 62 and my son will be taking over the business. But I will still have some involvement with business. How does this

affect my Social Security?

A. You will need to let Social Security know that you are retiring and will still have some involvement in the business. Since as owner of the business you could be in the position to control your earnings, you will need to furnish Social Security with specific information about your involvement. You cannot simply pay yourself a smaller salary so you can receive Social Security benefits. The fact-sheet, "When You Retire From Your Own Business: What Social Security Needs to Know," explains this subject in more detail, including how earnings can reduce your benefits until you reach your full retirement age. Call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to request the factsheet or to make an appointment to discuss your individual case with a Social Security representative.

Smooth sailing: Use these tips to enjoy a cruise

Knights Rider News Service

If you troll the many Web sites and online news groups dedicated to cruising, you'll find a constant flow of new cruisers asking the same questions. Here are the answers:

• Embarkation and disembarkation. On sailing day, be at the pier about noon. It will take time to have your ticket processed, get your cruise card and line up for boarding, which should about 1 p.m.

The last night of the cruise, you have to pack and put your luggage in the hall by 2 a.m. Don't put on your night clothes before you pack. You might accidentally pack up the clothes you are going to wear off the ship the next day. (As the ship is docking

in the morning, you will see one or two passengers in pajamas searching the floor for their stack of suitcases for their bags.)

The last morning, breakfast is served early. The cruise lines like you to get out of your cabin right after breakfast, so the stewards can prepare for the next occupants. You are advised to wait in the public rooms with the rest of the horde until your group is called to disembark, with your hand baggage, straw hat and the dry-cleaning bag you are now sorry you bought. This wait can be one or two hours. (Note: NCL has instituted "Freestyle cruising," which is supposed to eliminate the wait other lines are also testing ways to make disembarkation less painful.)

Better to return to the cabin

after breakfast and explain to the steward that you will stay there until your group is called. Stewards usually do not mind, since they have unmetten other cabins to prepare. And you can be comfortable while you watch the "Today" show on TV.

• Dress code. Mornings and afternoons are always informal. Breakfast and lunch are served in the dining room at open seating—guests are ushered to tables and seated with others—and at the Lido buffet, where dress is even more informal, since many folks are coming in fresh from a dip in the pool.

The dress code for the evening is described in the daily activities sheet you'll find under your cabin door in the morning. Dinners are served in the main

dining room at assigned tables, or on some ships at a variety of smaller dining rooms that you choose on a daily basis. The general rule is that after a day in port, dress for the evening meal usually is informal or casual. On sea days, the dress is either semiformal or formal.

Informal or casual means slacks and short-sleeved shirts for men; blouses or slacks or casual skirts for women. Semiformal means suits or blazers and ties for men; dresses, dressy pant suits, stockings and heels for women. Formal wear includes dark blue suit, white shirt and dressy tie, or tuxedo or white dinner jacket for men. Long gown or cocktail-length skirts and dressy tops are in order for women.

Kids

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says Lindsay, 14, who hopes to attend Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., some day and study diplomacy. "Yes, there are capitals and rivers and things like that you need to know, but there's a lot more to geography than that."

But Lindsay, like Matthew, says geography is often a hard sell to many of her classmates, who see the subject as just one more set of facts they need to know for a test, and then forget.

A study by Ohio University Associate Professor Dorothy Sack bears that out. She and colleagues surveyed students in grades four through six in San Marcos, Texas, and found that

many kids considered geography their least favorite subject out of six school subjects. Sack thinks that may have something to do with the way it's taught.

Some of the San Marcos teachers had no college-level training in geography, the study found: 26 percent in all.

"If teachers don't have college-level training in geography, they may end up relying on more passive teaching techniques, such as rote memorization of state capitals, which might have been how they were taught geography in grade school," she said.

"Geographic illiteracy is a problem that only can be tackled by making the subject more interesting to students. It is important

to train educators about the diverse content of geography and teaching methods that involve active student participation."

And teachers who can show students that geography is, after all, relevant.

"I think a lot of kids wonder why they need to know this stuff," Matthew said.

So do a lot of adults. A now-famous Gallup Poll commissioned by the National Geographic Society in the early 1990s found that one out of seven Americans couldn't even pick out the United States on a map.

Respondents were asked to match numbers on a world map with a list of 16 places. Among

18-24 year olds worldwide, on average, Americans were least able to provide correct answers. They averaged 5.9 correct out of 16.

In fact, the survey—taken at about the time of the Gulf War—found that only one in four Americans could accurately pick out the Persian Gulf on a map.

"Geography is important because it's something you need to know in daily life, and some people don't realize that," Lindsay says. "Whether it's how to find Europe on a map or how to get from here to Twin."

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16. The country, composed of three islands off the northwest coast of Madagascar exports perfumes, cloves and vanilla. Name the country.

17. Which European country returned the territory of Macau to China in December 1999?

18. The Europort is a major industrial harbor complex about 20 miles west of which major Dutch city?

19. Name the smallest country on the mainland of Africa bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

20. During which month does Cape Town, South Africa, experience the day of the year with the longest period of daylight?

21. The capital of the Canadian territory of Nunavut, which is named Iqaluit, is located on what island?

22. The world's highest producing district lies north of Georgia Bay in which Canadian province?

23. Name the country in North Africa that, in 1979, became the first Arab nation to sign a peace treaty with Israel.

24. Timber and coal are the principal exports on a canal that links two rivers. The canal allows navigation between the

Caspian and Black seas. Name this Russian canal.

25. The number of people in Mauritania's most popular city has increased 70-fold since the 1980s as people have fled drought-stricken rural areas. Name this city.

Answers:

1. Wyoming
2. Connecticut River
3. Germany
4. Japan
5. Explain
6. Lock
7. Lake Victoria
8. Georgia
9. Bolivia
10. Atoll
11. Seattle
12. India
13. Pakistan
14. Utah
15. Colombia
16. Comoros
17. Portugal
18. Rotterdam
19. Tunisia
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21. Baffin Island
22. Ontario
23. Egypt
24. Volga-Dnieper Canal
25. Nouakchott

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