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MORE PROTECTION?

Owyhee dispute simmers

By N.S. Nokkentyed
Times-News writer

MUD FLAT - The isolated southwest corner of Idaho is so remote an echo would die of loneliness.

This corner of Owyhee County, where Idaho, Nevada and Oregon meet, was identified in 1936 as the second largest roadless desert area in the United States. Most of it is federal public land.

Late last year, several conservation groups proposed then-President Clinton designate 2.7 million acres of Owyhee County, encompassing the canyonlands of the Owyhee and Bruneau rivers and Jacks Creek, as a national monument.

Clinton is gone from office, but the values sought to protect still exist. So do the disagreements about the area's future.

"The biological and wildlife values of the Owyhees are immense. They are nationally significant," said Katie Fite of the Committee for Idaho's High Desert.

"The interest in that country isn't going to go away," said Lindsay Nothern, spokesman for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo.

But ranchers fear that additional protective designations would mean an end to grazing within the canyonlands.

"I don't know what will happen if grazing is halted," said Mike Hanley of Jordan Valley, Ore., whose family has grazed livestock in Owyhee County for more than 50 years.

And off-highway vehicle enthusiasts say excluding users is the least-favorable form of land management.

The media campaign pushing a national monument designation in the waning days of the Clinton administration left some suspicion, and it will take some time to re-establish trust, Nothern said.

Clinton's use of the Antiquities Act to set aside national monuments during his administration stirred controversy among Western lawmakers and rural residents. Conservationists recognize the baggage that a monument designation may carry and are considering a modified proposal, said Craig Gehrkke of The Wilderness Society's Boise office.

Protecting the canyonlands also may be accomplished through a combination of wilderness and Wild and Scenic River designations, he said.

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Rafting on the Bruneau River has attracted whitewater boaters from around the country since the river was first navigated in 1950.

Photo courtesy of William A. Butler

Want to visit?

It's not for sissies. To get an introduction to the Owyhee Canyonlands is on Mud Flat Road.

Head west on state Highway 78, through Bruneau toward Grand View, a couple of miles before Grand View, Mud Flat Road turns off to the south. Head south on Mud Flat Road, labeled as Owyhee Uplands Back Country Byway.

Mud Flat Road runs southwest up onto the Owyhee plateau and turns west and then north to Jordan Valley, Ore. From Jordan Valley you can head back across the Owyhee Mountains or head north to Marsing on U.S. 95. The pavement ends after a few miles and turns to gravel. It is a good, all-weather road, but there are rocky spots and some loose gravel along the way. Most cars in good condition should not have any trouble.

Plan on taking a whole day. And it's a good idea to bring extra water, a little extra food and some warm clothing in case of a breakdown. Help is a long way off, and traffic is sparse.

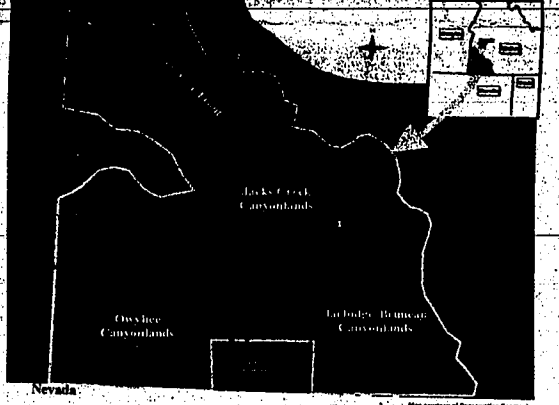
Getting to the canyons is difficult. It's easy to get lost, and the dirt tracks that pass for roads can become impassably slick in a summer rainstorm. (Think four-wheel-drive with the chains.)

Don't go alone. Go with someone who knows the territory. Is properly equipped and knows how to read a map.

An easier option is simply viewing the canyons from a train. To get to the Bruneau Canyon overlook, go to Bruneau, turn east toward the Saylor Creek Bombing Range and follow the signs.

The Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands Proposed National Monument

Proposed National Monument Boundary
2.7 Million Acres of Public Land



This map of southwestern Owyhee County shows former President Clinton's proposed boundaries for a national monument in the Owyhee canyonlands. Lawmakers are considering whether to modify the proposal.

Indians, trappers and more mark Owyhee history

By N.S. Nokkentyed
Times-News writer

BRUNEAU - In the summer of 1950, three Twin Falls men, Len and Stan Miracle and Jonathan Hughes, navigated the Bruneau River Canyon in an Army surplus raft.

Bruneau was the last of Idaho's whitewater rivers to be

explored. It also marks the eastern end of a vast network of river canyons and sagebrush steppes proposed by environmentalists as a 2.7 million acre national monument in southwestern Owyhee County.

"The basaltic rocks rise perpendicularly so that it is impossible to get from the plain to the water or from the river margin to the plain," the famed explorer

Capt. Benjamin Bonneville said in 1833, describing the forbidding Bruneau River and the precipitous canyon.

Before Bonneville arrived, Owyhee County was home to American Indians, who hunted in the rugged county and found solitude for vision quests.

British fur trappers were the

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Wildfires: Expect more of the same

Government beefs up firefighting crews

The Associated Press

BOISE - The parachutes were packed, the plane was ready for takeoff, and the smokejumpers wanted to soar.

Ironically, April rain and the overcast skies that brought it grounded the elite crew of firefighters, delaying a training run for what is shaping up as another disastrous wildfire season in the West.

The 400 smokejumpers nationwide are the country's first line of defense against forest and prairie fires. After the explosive summer

WESTERN DROUGHT

This concludes an Associated Press series assessing the drought conditions across the West.

Last year, fires raged across the West, charring 7 million acres and destroying hundreds of houses in nine states. Idaho saw 13 million acres burn but building destruction was limited. In Montana, flames covered 1 million acres in the Bitterroot Valley, claiming 20 homes. More than 500,000 acres burned in the Southwest last summer, destroying hundreds of homes.

And drought conditions have only aggravated the impact of combustible fuels and temperatures in the backcountry, Jack Starr of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise said. That agency

estimated that a record \$1.6 billion was spent to fight fires nationwide in 2000, prompting an unprecedented budget increase for firefighters, equipment, training projects and community education.

Now, as winter snows in the West begin to melt, close to 40 million acres in the West are considered at risk of catastrophic fires this summer because of the buildup of fuels during decades of fire suppression.

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Protests hamper trade talks

The Associated Press

QUEBEC - Police fired rubber bullets, water cannons and tear gas at hundreds of rock-throwing activists Saturday while most of the nearly 30,000 demonstrators marched peacefully through this picturesque five-day pact.

On a second day of running clashes with police, protesters shook the chain-link and con-

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Bush makes diplomatic debut at summit

President meets leaders of western hemisphere

QUEBEC (AP) — Just one among 34 and content to wait his turn, President Bush made a diplomatic debut that was soft-spoken, plain-spoken, sometimes badly spoken and always egalitarian — in the tradition of democracy that this summit celebrates.

No American imperialism here. "El honor es mio" — the honor is mine — Bush told three Central American leaders in a private audience before the Summit of the Americas formally opened.

The gathering gave the new president his first real chance to conduct the "humble" foreign policy he promised throughout last year's campaign.

The famously punctual chief executive, known to bark his impatience with tardy aides, held off his scheduled meeting Friday afternoon with Andean leaders and waited more than 20 minutes for the Brazilian and Bolivian presidents to make their way through stringent customs security.

"I wanted to visit with the leaders face to face," Bush said, calling the 33 other presidents and prime ministers of the western hemisphere America's neighbors.

"I grew up in a world where if you treat your neighbor well, it's a good start to developing a



President Bush waves as he arrives for the first plenary session at the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, Saturday.

wholesome community."

Bush exercised his Golden Rule of diplomacy here on everything from the substantive to the mundane.

He deferred to Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien when it came to denouncing the protesters who threw bricks, hockey pucks and firebombs at police near the summit site.

"I just strongly disagree with them," Bush said.

"Quisus, quisus," Bush smiled to Colombian journalists who asked if he would visit their country. They translated his reply as,

"Indeed, perhaps."

He pretended not to hear the one who demanded to know why his State Department warns tourists against visiting Colombia.

Colombian President Andres Pastrana applauded the American's style.

"Very informal, very open. He was very clear, very transparent. He was very sincere in his dialogue with us and I think that, in a good part, led to the success of the meeting," Pastrana said.

Bush listened attentively through Friday night's summit opener, where five leaders spoke

for 90 minutes. Normally not a schmoozer, Bush was scheduled to stay just 15 minutes at the reception afterward. He lingered for about an hour.

His own turn to address the summit did not come until Saturday morning.

Without fancy words or quite the right prepositions, he told the group: "I'm here to offer my own ideas. I'm here to learn and to listen from voices to those inside this hall and to those outside this hall who want to join us in constructive dialogue."

Bush suffered just the smallest of novice stumbles.

In a picture-taking session with Chretien, Bush did not at first see the prime minister's extended hand. "Shake it," a member of the Canadian press called out.

Chretien was the first foreign leader that Bush received at the White House — for a working dinner on Feb. 5 — after becoming president in January. But their chitchat before the cameras Friday still seemed tentative.

"You just arrived?" Chretien asked.

"Yeah," said Bush. "We just hit the ground."

Bush seconded the prime minister's admonition to reporters that the leaders would not take questions.

"Neither in French, nor in English, nor in Mexican."

White House aides said he was just joking about the Mexican part.

Diplomats and activists criticize U.S. for rejection of global-warming deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Diplomats and environmental activists from 40 countries met Saturday for talks on climate change and criticized the United States for its rejection of a U.N. agreement designed to combat global warming.

President Bush announced last month that the United States would not ratify the 1997 Kyoto Protocol because its mandatory pollution reductions were too harmful to the American economy. His stance has drawn sharp criticism from many foreign governments.

Dave Hawkins of the Natural Resources Defense Council, a U.S. environmental advocacy group,

accused Bush of rejecting the agreement "because it's what the coal and oil lobby has told him to do."

Saturday's daylong meeting was part of a series of efforts to build an international consensus on climate change in the wake of Bush's statement and the collapse of U.N. talks last November aimed at hammering out detailed rules for implementing the Kyoto pact.

At U.N. headquarters Friday, top environmental officials from Latin America, the South Pacific and the Caribbean joined the European Union in vowing to move ahead to ratify the Kyoto Protocol.

Hoping to save budget, GOP looks to Dems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Given the Senate's tenuous 50-50 partisan split, Bush administration officials and congressional Republicans seem increasingly convinced they will need support from moderate Senate Democrats to shape next year's tax and spending plans more to the president's liking.

That support could be necessary because two moderate republican senators — Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island and James Jeffords of Vermont — continue to resist President Bush's push for a \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut and for less spending than the president wants.

Congress returns from its spring break this week, and GOP leaders hope to craft a House-Senate compromise budget for 2002 and push it through both chambers by May 4.

"What we'll have to do is a budget resolution that will have the support of a substantial number of Democrats," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Though lawmakers must still sign off, House and Senate GOP aides agreed last week to include a \$1.4 trillion tax cut in a compromise budget, said one Republican, speaking on condition of anonymity. That is midway between the \$1.2 trillion the Senate supported on April 6 and Bush's full proposal, which the more conservative House included in the budget it endorsed March 28.

The GOP aides also tentatively agreed to limit spending increases for many programs to less than 6 percent. The House supported Bush's plan to hold the increase to 4 percent. The Senate ignored him and voted for an increase of 8.3 percent.

Congress' budget is a guide that will be followed by binding tax and spending legislation.

A Republican drive to woo moderate Democrats would be a direct challenge to Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who said he thinks he has

the votes to minimize any increases to the Senate's \$1.2 trillion tax reduction. Daschle has exceptional clout because the Senate is split 50-50 between the two parties and Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia is the only Democrat supporting the \$1.6 trillion tax plan.

"I don't think they had the votes for \$1.4 trillion when we left" for the recess, Daschle said in an interview. "And I don't think the votes have changed."

But if a group of Democrats

supports substantially raising the tax figure and trimming spending, the payoff could be a budget triumph for Bush and a burnishing of his assertion that he is a unifier who can rise above Washington's partisan culture.

The Senate approved its budget by 65-35, with 15 Democrats joining all 50 Republicans in support. Days of lobbying by Vice President Dick Cheney, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and others failed to yield

enough votes to boost the chamber's \$1.2 trillion tax reduction.

Two weeks later, many Republicans say they will need some of those 15 Democrats to pump the tax figure upward because of continued resistance by Chafee and Jeffords.

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Birth of a hot spot: Canyonlands have violent past

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The canyonlands of southern Owyhee County stretch from the Bruneau-Jarbridge river canyons into eastern Oregon.

The area proposed by some as a national monument includes the canyons of the South Fork and East Fork of the Owyhee River, of Battle Creek and Deep Creek and other smaller tributary streams, and the canyons of the Jacks Creek area to the north.

The canyonlands of Owyhee County have a violent geological history that belies the tranquility found there today.

Some scientists say a meteorite slammed into what is now southeastern Oregon about 17 million years ago. It cut into the earth's upper mantle — the layer of hot rock beneath the continental crust.

The North American continent since then has moved across this "hot spot," creating a succession

of explosive rhyolitic eruptions that stretch from the corner where Idaho, Nevada and Oregon meet to Yellowstone National Park.

The hot spot now lurks below Yellowstone and fuels the park's geysers and hot springs.

Subsequent flows of more placid basalt lava form the upper layers of the Snake River Plain.

Between 10 million and 1 million years ago, ancient lava flows dammed up a huge lake, known as Lake Idaho, stretching from Twin Falls to Baker, Ore.

The lake filled and drained several times. Over time it cut Hells Canyon of the Snake River. As the lake drained, other streams and rivers began to cut deeper into the plateau in southwestern Idaho. Erosion worked

backward, excavating canyons to their present depths.

A similar situation can be seen today in Snake River Canyon, where Shoshone Falls and Twin Falls represent the continuing erosion and deepening of the Snake River Canyon, gradually moving upstream.

A more famous example is Niagara Falls in New York state, where the falls are slowly eroding their way toward Lake Erie. In this manner, the Owyhee River, its forks and tributaries, and the Bruneau and Jarbridge rivers have carved their steep, narrow canyons through the Owyhee Plateau.

The East Fork of the Owyhee drains the Elk Run Mountains of northern Nevada and runs northwest across the Shoshone-Paiute Indian Reservation. As it crosses

the reservation it spreads into a broad, wetland valley that is the breeding ground for numerous species of ducks, giving the reservation its name, Duck Valley.

Farther west, the East Fork joins the South Fork, which drains the Bull Mountains in northern Nevada. Together the two forks run into southeastern Oregon, eventually flowing north into the Snake River. On its way, the East Fork winds through the biggest empty space in the lower 48 states.

The Bruneau and Jarbridge rivers drain high basins in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in northern Nevada, cutting north through the plateau to the Snake River.

The remains of the sediments of the ancient Lake Idaho can be seen at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, the bluffs at Glenns Ferry and along Mud Flat Road heading up onto the Owyhee Plateau.

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Drought makes power prospects even worse

SEATTLE (AP) — The hydropower system that has long provided the Northwest with the luxury of cheap electricity would be struggling this year even if normal rain and snow had fallen.

But the region faces drought instead, and that makes a grim power outlook even worse.

The Bonneville Power Administration, which markets power produced by the 29-dam federal hydropower system on the Columbia and Snake rivers, generates about 8,000 megawatts. These days, its customers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana need about 11,000 megawatts.

"We're 3,000 short," says BPA spokesman Ed Moser. That's with out a drought. "When you add drought, we're in excess of 4,000 megawatts short."

Drought is a likely reality this summer. As of April 4, the snowpack in the Columbia River watershed above the Dalles Dam on the Washington-Oregon border was a record low 54 percent of average. The previous record was 58 percent in 1977.

The drought is expected to reduce water-supply volume from springs, rainfall and snowmelt — to about 58 million

acre-feet, or 53 percent of normal, through next winter. That means less water flowing through the power turbines in the Northwest's dams.

That could change, of course, with steady rain through spring and summer. Late spring snows since April 1 have helped in some areas. But the forecast is for continued dry weather.

It is not shaping up as the worst drought on record. That occurred in 1977, when runoff totaled 54 million acre-feet. But 1977 was a different world in terms of power consumption.

In 1977, "how many people had cell phones, faxes, DVDs, home computers? We barely had electronic calculators," said spokesman John Harrison with the four-state Northwest Power Planning Council. "We have a much different society today as far as electronic gadgetry."

In the last decade alone, the demand for power on the West Coast has gone up more than 20 percent. The energy market also has changed — in part due to flawed California deregulation but also simply because generating capacity has not kept up with growth in demand.

History

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First whites to explore southwestern Idaho in the early 1800s. American fur trappers soon followed.

The word Owyhee was an early, phonetic spelling of Hawaii, also known then as the Sandwich Islands. In 1819, three "Owyhees" working for Donald McKenzie were sent to trap a large stream that emptied into the Snake River. McKenzie was the son of several partners with John Jacob Astor in the Pacific Fur Company.

When the three did not return, McKenzie investigated. He found one of the men murdered in camp and no signs of the other two. McKenzie thought they had

been killed by Indians. The stream and the region were named in their honor. Some maps of the day also referred to the Owyhee River in eastern Oregon as the Sandwich Island River.

To Oregon Trail pioneers, traveling the southern alternative along the south side of the Snake River, Owyhee County was known as God-forsaken country.

In the mid-1800s, southern Owyhee County was still largely unexplored. Then in the early 1860s, miners found gold in Jordan Creek in the Owyhee Mountains.

The gold strikes and a growing cattle industry to feed the miners brought white settlers into Owyhee County.

A monument to the mining activity that flourished in the Owyhee Mountains, Silver City & Queen of the Owyhees, still stands as one of most striking ghost towns in West, perched in a narrow valley at 6,000 feet.

Owyhee County was officially designated by the Territorial Legislature on Dec. 31, 1863, with the county seat at Ruby City.

The county extends from the Oregon border to the Twin Falls County line to the east, and from the Snake River to the Nevada border.

Largely unsuccessful efforts to eradicate the local Indian population included a bounty on Indian scalps. The Shoshone Indians were eventually rounded

up and herded onto the Duck Valley Reservation, established in 1877 on the Idaho-Nevada border.

In later years the rugged canyons of the Owyhee River provided refuge to modern outlaw poacher Claude Dallas. In 1981, Dallas shot two game wardens who had confronted him over poaching charges at his camp at Bull Camp on the South Fork.

Today, farming and ranching are the dominant economic activities in Owyhee County, whose county seat now is Murphy.

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Ban on Internet preachers faces court challenge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah law that prohibits religious leaders who received their credentials through the mail or over the Internet from performing marriage ceremonies is being challenged in federal court.

J.P. Pace, an ordained minister for the Universal Life Church, says the statute will make it illegal for him to officiate at weddings because he applied for his ordination through the mail.

The law, signed by Gov. Mike Leavitt last month, says that religious authority granted by mail or on the Internet is not valid in the state.

Pace filed a lawsuit Friday in federal court claiming the statute will violate his constitutional rights to free exercise of religion, equal protection and due process.

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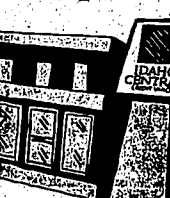
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U.S. plane monitored downing of missionaries

IQUITOS, Peru (AP) — A U.S. surveillance plane monitored the Peruvian air force's downing of a plane carrying American missionaries mistaken for drug smugglers, a U.S. Embassy official said Saturday. A woman and her infant daughter from Michigan were killed in the shooting and crash.

The U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to say whether the U.S. aircraft provided the position of the single-engine float plane shot down Friday. But he said U.S. tracking planes routinely pass along information to Peruvian authorities about suspicious aircraft in the northern jungle region bordering Colombia and Brazil, a common route for cocaine trafficking.

Since the early 1990s, Peru has been a key South American ally in the United States' war on drug trafficking. Once the world's leading producer of coca leaf, the raw material used to make cocaine, Peru supplied much of the cocaine in Medellín and Cali drug organizations. Much of that cocaine went to the United States, the world's biggest consumer of the drug.

U.S. officials have hailed Peru's coca eradication efforts as a success. CIA data released in January showed Peru's coca production fell for the fifth consecu-



Bobbi Donaldson speaks to her injured husband, Kevin Donaldson, at the Amazonas River in Iquitos, Peru on Saturday. Donaldson was injured when a Peruvian air force jet shot down his plane carrying American missionaries in Peru's Amazon jungle region.

utive year in 2000. The Embassy official's statement came after one of the three survivors reportedly said that an American

aircraft was flying nearby when the Peruvian jet shot down the missionaries' plane Friday morning.

The survivors told of how their pilot, a second-generation missionary, was shot in the leg during the flight. He then lost control of the flaming plane before managing to guide it into Amazon River, where they floated on the craft's pontoons for a half-hour before being rescued by local villagers.

The missionaries' plane was en route from the Brazil-Peru border to the city of Iquitos, about 625 miles northeast of Lima, when it was attacked, said the Rev. E.C. Haskell, spokesman for the New Cumberland, Pa.,-based group, the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

Amid conflicting reports about whether the missionaries' plane had a flight plan, the U.S. official in Lima said "a U.S. government tracking aircraft was in the area in support of the Peruvian intercept mission." As part of an agreement between the United States and Peru, the United States provides tracking information on planes suspected of smuggling illegal drugs in the region to the Peruvian air force.

But, he added, "the U.S. government tracking aircraft used for this purpose are unarmed and do not participate in any way in the

shooting down of suspect planes."

Peru's air force issued a statement early Saturday confirming that the missionaries' plane was shot down after it was detected at 10:05 a.m. local time by "an air space surveillance and control system" run jointly by Peru and the United States.

The statement said the plane entered Peruvian air space from Brazil without filing a flight plan and that it was fired on after the pilot failed to respond to "international procedures of identification and interception."

But Mario Justo, chief of Iquitos airport, said the plane did have a flight plan and that its pilot was in radio contact with Iquitos' airport control tower, offering periodic reports on his position.

The plane was expected to land in Iquitos at about 11:10 a.m. local time, but failed to check in with a radio report. He later added that he did not know precisely when the plane was shot down.

"The control tower in Iquitos informed the air force and requested assistance," Justo told The Associated Press. "I have information that there was contact with the tower and if there hadn't been a flight plan, we wouldn't have known about the flight's existence."

Minister dies from stray bullet

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An apparently stray bullet killed a newly ordained minister as he sat in a church van with members of his congregation.

Nates Johnson, 19, and four members of Greater St. Matthew's Baptist Church were being driven to their homes after a Friday night service, police said.

Johnson, sitting behind the driver, was struck in the head by a bullet that penetrated the win-

dow next to him, said Lt. Richard Ross. He died at a hospital early Saturday. No one else was injured.

The bullet appeared to have been fired from about a block away in a shooting over a drug deal, Police Commissioner John Timoney said.

Ross said the fatal shot appeared to have been random.

There were other shots fired, but that is the only one that went through the window, Ross said.

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U.S. considers aerial surveillance in Peru key to drug war

LIMA, Peru (AP) — For much of the last decade, the U.S. military, using sophisticated radar tracking systems and aerial surveillance, has assisted Peru in intercepting suspected drug planes.

But the United States briefly suspended the agreement in May 1994 out of concern that U.S. officials could be held liable if Peru shot down the wrong aircraft.

That's exactly what happened Friday when a Peruvian A-37B Dragonfly attack plane downed a single-engine float plane carrying three missionaries and two of their children. A woman and her 7-month-old daughter were killed.

President Clinton resumed the program in December 1994, after determining that Peru's air force had adequate safeguards to prevent accidental shootings.

Under the current agreement, Peru cannot use U.S. data to attack a plane unless it is flying without a flight plan in a no-fly

zone. The rules of engagement say Peruvian fighters must try to make radio contact and visually signal a suspect aircraft to land for inspection before opening fire.

If the pilot balks, warning shots must be fired before a high-ranking Peruvian air force officer can give a "kill order."

At least 25 drug smuggling craft have been downed since 1994, with the most recent occur-

ring last July. That was the first such shoot-down since 1997 in Peru's central jungle region, Peru military officials said at the time.

Analysis says the policy was for a time extremely effective.

Peru has been a key South American ally in the United States' war on drug trafficking since the early 1990s. U.S. officials have hailed Peru's coca eradication efforts as a success.

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ducer of coca leaf, the raw material used to make cocaine, Peru's coca production fell in 2000 for the fifth consecutive year, to a total of 84,500 acres, CIA data shows.

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Al Gore exits Jubilee Hall at Fisk University, in Nashville, Tenn., Thursday after teaching his last class. Gore delivered his last lecture of the semester Thursday at Fisk, wrapping spring classes for the former vice president at Fisk and at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.



AP photo

Months after recount, Gore remains quiet

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's election decision may have stuck in Al Gore's craw — but not much else has.

The athletic former vice president, who pumped iron on the campaign trail and wore tight T-shirts off duty to show off his pecs, has been packing on the pounds while lying low since the Florida debate. "His suits are definitely at least two sizes too small. I'd say he's put on, like, 30 pounds," said one of his students at Columbia University's School of Journalism.

"You can see he's really uncomfortable," the student said.

The former vice president, who finished teaching one of his classes, has stuck to one campaign habit, keeping a Diet Coke within reach at all times.

Friends and former aides insisted Gore is eating because he is relaxed,

not depressed.

"Oh, please. First he was too stiff and wooden, now he's too pudgy?" said Julia Payne, a former Gore aide who remains close to him. "Show me anyone who hasn't put on a few winter pounds. I bet he's thinking, I don't have to be on CNN, I can have the cheeseburger."

Gore may have dropped like a stone off the national news, but he's keeping busy.

He's a frequent flier, commuting weekly between classes he teaches at Columbia and at two universities in Tennessee. Gore's also working on a book about families with his wife, Tipper, and getting ready for the birth of a second grandson in August.

He wrapped up his spring classes at the Tennessee universities and said he enjoyed the experience and will do it again next fall.

The former vice president delivered his last lecture Thursday at Fisk University,

wrapping classes at the Nashville university and at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Gore is also teaching a graduate-level class at Columbia University in New York. It was his first experience out of federal government in 24 years.

Gore said he was surprised by the amount of work that went into teaching a university course.

"My appreciation for teachers, which was already high, has gone up one-hundredfold," he said in an interview with the Nashville newspaper, The Tennessean. "They work hard."

"He really likes teaching, and he seems to have a crazy schedule," said a Columbia student. "He's always running off somewhere after class."

One Washington associate said Tipper Gore is taking the election loss even harder than her husband is. "She's having a really tough time. She's really struggling," the associate said.

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Endeavour arrives at space station

Shuttle delivers robot arm needed to finish construction

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew pulled up to the international space station on Saturday, bringing a giant billion-dollar robot arm that is needed to finish building the orbiting skyscraper.

Commander Kent Rominger took his time as he steered Endeavour in for the docking, which occurred a half-hour later than planned. A radio problem prevented the two crews from talking to one another during the operation, and Mission Control had to relay all the messages until a better link was established.

Rominger joked with space station astronaut Jim Voss about the problem. "We've got to keep our sense of humor," Voss agreed, chuckling.

"Terrific job, Endeavour," radioed Mission Control.

The seven shuttle astronauts are the first visitors for the three space station residents, who moved in last month. They will have to wait until Monday to



The International space station is visible in this view provided by Endeavour's docking port camera as the shuttle prepared to dock 240 miles above Earth Saturday.

exchange handshakes and hugs because of the different cabin pressures between the spacecraft.

On Saturday, the two crews had to settle for waving to one another from opposite sides of a porthole. All the shuttle astro-

nauts jammed into an outer space station compartment to peek inside the orbiting complex and leave behind items for later pickup by the station crew. One end of the compartment always remained sealed.

NASA official says space tourist will be allowed to fly

WASHINGTON (AP) — California tycoon Dennis Tito will be allowed to visit the International Space Station as a tourist despite concerns about his safety, a NASA official says.

The space station's international partners are expected to meet Monday and sign an agreement to let the Russians deliver Tito to the orbiting lab for a one-week stay, the official said Friday.

The visit is to be "an excep-

tion" and does not mean that the space station is now open to receive tourists on a regular basis, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Tito paid the Russians \$20 million to ride aboard a Soyuz spacecraft with a Russian crew, scheduled to dock with the space station in May. If he makes the flight, Tito will become the first person ever to buy his way into space.



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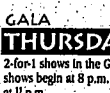
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Rules of the sky

Buzzed airmen hope for clear surveillance rules, level heads

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aviators sometimes let the ragged edge of human nature get to them when surveillance planes and the jets dogging them come close.

Up there, at 25,000 feet, it can be like road rage down here except it's surveillance planes and jets that are cutting off the other guy, crowding his lane, jarring him so much he spills his coffee, say veterans of these interceptions.

"Too much testosterone and not enough good sense," is how Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., a naval intelligence reservist who flew on surveillance missions over Serbia, sums up the problem.

Washington and Moscow realized long ago something had to be done to keep encounters from getting out of hand. Now the Americans and Chinese are taking up that challenge in the aftermath of the collision between a Navy EP-3E plane and Chinese fighter.

Chinese and U.S. officials are expected to meet within two weeks to explore "rules of the road," as such protocols in the air and at sea are known.

U.S. surveillance airmen who have been buzzed by the competition say it should be fairly simple to work out rules with China for safe interceptions.



This undated photo obtained by the Associated Press shows a Chinese fighter jet maneuvering his jet alongside a U.S. surveillance plane during a mission over the South China Sea.

"They should be able to do that sitting around a table in 30 minutes," said retired Navy pilot Ray Leonard of Centerville, Va., who flew intelligence missions drawing Soviet shadowers in the 1980s.

Just agreeing on a set of hand signals between pilots would be better than what exists now. "Usually, it's a one-finger signal that goes on up there," Kirk said.

U.S. and Chinese forces, however, do not have the years of experience dealing with each other that Washington and Moscow

shared in the Cold War, and it took them several years then to strike their initial agreement.

China, which has only recently begun to expand its air and naval reach, has been reluctant to do anything that would legitimize U.S. intelligence-gathering near its territory.

Understandings between American and Soviet fliers operated at various levels, some written, some unspoken. Even so, interceptions could be hairy.

Leonard was frequently buzzed

by Soviet jets while flying a plane similar to the EP-3E. Most times, the Americans and Soviets would wave at each other, or salute.

Once, a Soviet pilot "popped up right in front of our nose and shook the airplane pretty badly," he said. His plane's autopilot kicked off in the turbulence.

"Dangerous play," he said, "but play."

His advice: "It's difficult to judge the distance when you're flying, but they should stay 30 to 50 feet away, which is half a wing span of an EP-3. That's still pretty close."

"But more important, they should always approach in a way that they can be seen from the airplane, so they don't come up from behind or underneath."

China says the American propeller plane veered into its jet fighter flown by Wang Wei, who disappeared.

The United States says Wang's jet, having come as close as 3 feet to the EP-3E on a previous pass, hit one of the four propellers on the American plane while it was flying on autopilot.

The collision at about 22,500 feet caused the Navy plane's nose cone to break away and the aircraft plunged 7,500 feet before the pilot, Lt. Shane Osborn, got it under control and made an emergency landing on China's Hainan island.

Stuck in traffic? Neighborhood school might be to blame

ATLANTA (AP) — Traffic jams aren't just a problem in bustling areas of the nation's cities. Congestion can be found in suburbs and even small towns, and experts say they've found an unlikely culprit — schools.

Roads surrounding schools can be jammed with parents and teen-age drivers, creating dangers for any child who walks to school, said national traffic experts, gathered in Atlanta this week for a summit.

"Schools are a big source of aggravation, fatalities and injuries," said Peter Valk, a traffic engineer from Pasadena, Calif. "It's affecting all the children in our schools, and it's getting worse."

Gone are the days when most children walked to school or rode the bus, Valk said. Many children are now driven by parents or child-care providers, causing a mess around schools that were built to accommodate buses and teacher parking only.

"All that traffic is completely overwhelming these communities," said Marion Waters, Georgia's top traffic operations engineer.

In Cherokee County, a rapidly growing suburb north of Atlanta, only one of 32 schools has sidewalks and neighborhoods close enough even to allow walking, school spokesman Mike McGowan said.

"Walking isn't really an option," he said. "And most of our schools weren't designed to hold the traffic they're getting."



Wisconsin Army National Guard members William Shaler, Heather Nelson and Mike Olinen use a boat to carry sandbags to a flooded house in Prairie du Chien, Wis., Saturday.

Flooding threatens more homes

EAST DUBUQUE, ILL. (AP) — Homeowners along the upper Mississippi River kept watch on levees Saturday and kept pumps humming against the slowly rising water after light, scattered rain moved across the region during the night.

Some of the river's excess spilled over a rural levee onto farm land, momentarily easing the threat to a couple of towns.

Heavy wind swept through

the area along with the rain, sending waves slapping against the siding of houses surrounded by water and washing plastic bottles and other trash against a levee at East Dubuque, where Ray Leppert, 34, was checking on homes belonging to friends.

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'Slave boat' mystery reveals legacy of child trafficking

TORI TOKOLI, Benin (AP) — When the corn harvest is led or a breadwinner dies, child smugglers crisscross the red dirt roads linking Benin's villages with the big city, offering money and promises of a better life.

They prey on villagers' hopes for an education for their children, a good wage, a full belly. The odyssey of a suspected slave ship put the fate of a few score such children at the center of world attention this week. The saga ended in a confused mystery — with international aid workers unsure whether they had been mistaken all along or were duped when a cargo of men, women and children finally came to port.

Undeniable, however, is the prevalence of child slavery in West and Central Africa. An estimate of 200,000 child slaves "is probably low," said Nicholas Fron, a UNICEF official in Benin. Eugene Zoulougbe, 35, recalls how her family relinquished her then-teen-age sister to a ring of child-traffickers more than a decade ago. Later, her neighbors gave up several sons.

All the children ended up toiling as unpaid slaves in cocoa plantations and street markets in Ivory Coast, a West African nation hundreds of miles to the east. Months or years later, they escaped and returned home.

"Everyone knows that if you give your child to a stranger you take the risk of never seeing them again," Zoulougbe said in her red brick-and-mortar home in the village of Tori-Tokoli, an hour's drive from Benin's commercial capital, Cotonou.

Uncounted others disappeared regularly into a loosely organized, largely undetected web of child-trafficking that U.N. officials and aid workers say stretches from the Sahara Desert to the jungles of Congo.

For each child, Zoulougbe says, gifts of \$14 to \$26 were given as advance monthly payments "to the families. No more money ever came."

"They give the same lies each time. Yet people will still sometimes take the chance, because we are all so poor," Zoulougbe said.

Few other families are willing to talk about the subject — a sensitive one, however common.



Eugene Zoulougbe, 35, right, with her husband, Leon Gakouin, and daughter Charlotte, relinquished her teen-aged sister to child-traffickers more than a decade ago.

The final destination for many of the children is Ivory Coast and Gabon, two countries with relative agriculture and mineral wealth in a region of desperate poverty. Some end up picking coffee and cocoa. Others work as domestic servants. A few are sold into prostitution.

One reason smuggling flourishes in Benin is because it bears a close resemblance to the West African practice of child apprenticeship, known in southern Benin as "vidomegon," meaning "putting a child in a home."

The tradition prescribes that the progeny of poor families can be sent to stay with richer relatives or friends to learn a trade and go to school. To earn their keep, the children provide domestic services.

Benin was known in the 18th and 19th centuries as the Slave Coast for its central role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

Today, many of those who lure children out of the villages do so as a business, like a used-car salesman," said Fron, the UNICEF worker. Most children are neither paid nor allowed to go to school.

The smugglers give the children's families a fictitious address and conjure up false stories of good schools and a comfortable life.

"You'd be amazed at the convincing arguments they use to lure families in," Fron said.

"These are not parents who don't care about their children. They love them just as much as anyone else."

Dog-lovers rally against Bucharest mayor

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Politicians and dog-lovers rallied outside the home of Bucharest's mayor on Saturday to protest his order to start killing hundreds of stray dogs.

Dozens of demonstrators stood outside Mayor Traian Basescu's upscale villa shouting, "assassins." Flooded by appeals, President Ion Iliescu on Saturday telephoned Basescu to urge city hall "to find a civilized and negotiated solution" to the dog problem; a statement from his office said.

Basescu on Thursday declared an adoption program backed by French actress and animal lover Brigitte Bardot to save some of Bucharest's 200,000 stray dogs a failure, and gave the order to start killing the dogs in the city's pounds.

Anca Tomescu, a spokeswoman for Austrian animal rights' group Vier Pfoten — or Four Paws — said on Saturday that 280 dogs had already been killed.

Basescu wouldn't confirm the number, but said there were hardly any dogs left in the pounds. Earlier in the week, there were about 400.

City authorities say packs of stray dogs are health hazard and a financial burden, blaming them for 20,000 bites in the past year.

They blame the glut of strays on the late dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, who demolished tens of thousands of homes, forcing res-

idents to move into cramped apartment blocks and often abandoned their pets. Ceausescu was toppled in a 1989 anti-communist revolt.

Prime Minister Adrian Nastase criticized Bucharest's handling of its stray dog problem, saying it was harming the country's image abroad.

Some protesters carried posters reading: "They looked at you with tender eyes, and you killed them in cold blood."

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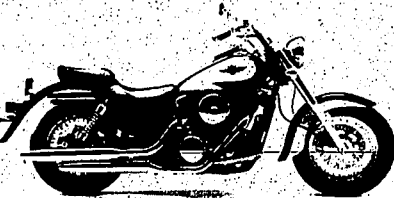
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WORLD

Palestinians adopt mortar as weapon of choice against Israelis

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A snapshot of three hooded Palestinians firing a mortar was attached as proof of the Islamic militant group Hamas' claim of responsibility Thursday for an attack on a Jewish settlement. The message was delivered by leaflet and e-mail — and later even in a video.

Hamas has become increasingly boastful about its use of mortars and their shells — simple, often homemade explosives that have destabilized the region by drawing harsh Israeli reprisals, including a brief occupation of a small slice of the Gaza Strip that earned Israel a harsh U.S. rebuke this week.

Israel holds the Palestinian Authority responsible for the dozens of mortar attacks of recent weeks, saying Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has done nothing to stop the firing and asserting that some of his officers are directly involved.

Yet despite its military might, Israel has been unable to prevent the attacks — a source of frustration for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has promised to restore security to Israelis.

The mortar attacks have hurt two Israelis — one of them a 15-month-old child — and have rattled many others, especially in the communities in target range. Hours after Israel seized two Palestinian areas on Tuesday and Wednesday, mortar shells fell near Jewish settlements and an Israeli community farm.

Israeli Transport Minister Ephraim Sneh, an ex-general, acknowledged that the army had no answers. Mortars can be fired by small crews hiding in the fields and citrus groves of Gaza, he said. "Even the entire army searches, it won't find them," he

Mideast mortar guns

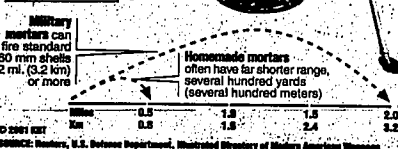
Israeli says Palestinians have raised the level of violence in Arab-Israeli fighting by firing mortars from the Gaza Strip into a nearby Israeli town.

The Palestinians' mortars were reportedly smuggled into Gaza or homemade from metal pipe.

They fire homemade shells 80 mm (2.4 in.) across.

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told Israel radio. Sneh drew a parallel to Israel's painful guerrilla war in Lebanon, where Shiite Muslim Hezbollah guerrillas frequently used mortars against Israeli forces. "In Lebanon, in 1981, the army was looking for one 130mm mortar that was firing at (the Israeli town of) Nahariya, and we didn't find it, with all the technology," Sneh said.

Hezbollah has trained Hamas activists how to make and fire mortars, said Barry Rubin, an Israeli political scientist. Rubin said he believes only about a dozen Hamas members were involved in the mortar squade and that the group was acting with the full approval of the Palestinian Authority.

Hamas said it was behind the mortar fire Monday on the Israeli border

town of Sderot — an attack that triggered the fiercest retaliation yet, a brief Israeli capture of a square mile Palestinian territory later branded by the U.S. as "excessive."

The group also claimed responsibility Thursday, in e-mails and leaflets, for firing two mortars Wednesday at Kfar Darom, a Jewish settlement in Gaza. The attack caused no injuries but drew Israeli return fire. A Hamas member was critically wounded by shrapnel from a tank shell.

Attached to the responsibility claim were two snapshots — taken from a video tape — including one showing three hooded figures firing a mortar shell. Later, the Qatar-based satellite TV station Al Jazeera released a 20-second clip of the video it said was given to its Gaza correspondent by Hamas.

Kashmiri Muslims deem Time issue blasphemous

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Students angered by an illustration in Time magazine they considered offensive to Islam threw stones at police and burned several cars in India-held Kashmir on Saturday, and Malaysia ordered the magazine be pulled off of newsstands.

Police in Srinagar, the summer capital of Kashmir, used bamboo canes and tear gas to disperse the nearly 5,000 people in a dozen different locations protesting the April 16 of Time, which contained an article "Jerusalem at the Time of Jesus."

Accompanying the article was an illustration of the Prophet Mohammed meeting the archangel Gabriel to receive God's revelation. Illustrations or images of Mohammed are considered blasphemous in Islam. An image of Mohammed appeared in both Time's Asian and domestic editions.

The editor of Time's Asia edition apologized to Muslim readers for the image. After a smaller protest on

Friday, police in Srinagar seized all copies of the magazine from news agents, said a vendor at the Abdullah News Agency.

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Israeli army briefly enters Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli tanks rumbled into a Palestinian-controlled area of Gaza Strip on Saturday and leveled a border police post before quickly pulling out, an operation the army said was aimed at curbing Palestinian attacks.

Army bulldozers, backed by two tanks, entered the city of Rafah on the southern tip of Gaza for 90 minutes, destroyed the post and returned to their base, according to Palestinian police Col. Jaber Ghoneim. No injuries were reported.

Palestinian police later said that several farms were also destroyed and that the Israelis had arrested three Palestinian civilians. It was unclear whether the arrests were connected to the attack on Rafah.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli army spokeswoman said the "pin-point" operation was carried out in retaliation for shooting from Palestinian positions in the area.

The Gaza Strip, an impoverished stretch of land along the Mediterranean that is home to more than 1 million Palestinians, has faced several incursions by Israeli troops in the last two weeks in retaliation for mortar attacks. Dozens of homes and police posts have been destroyed.

Arab states condemn Israel's attack in Lebanon

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Arab nations on Saturday called on the United States to stop supplying arms to Israel and condemned Israel's retaliatory attack last week on Syrian troops in Lebanon, saying it will be held responsible for "repercussions of its aggression."

The statement following an emergency meeting of the 22-nation Arab League representatives — called in response to escalating violence and tension in the region — did not specify how Israel would be held accountable. But it urged the international community to condemn Israel for its "continuous aggression and not respecting internationally legitimate principles and resolutions."

It also urged world leaders and organizations to provide international protection for the Palestinian people and to work toward trying Israeli war crimes and crimes against Lebanon.

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Rescue team plans risky flight to South Pole today to help sick doctor

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PUNTA-ARENAS, Chile (AP) — A rescue team has landed in Antarctica and plans to head to the South Pole today in the face of high winds and near-total darkness on a risky effort to evacuate an ailing American doctor working at the end of the world.

Ronald S. Shemenski, 59, is the only physician among 50 researchers working at the

Amundsen Scott South Pole station in Antarctica. He recently suffered a gall bladder attack and has been diagnosed with the potentially life-threatening condition known as pancreatitis.

Two eight-seater propeller planes took off at first light Saturday from Punta Arenas, Chile's southernmost city some 2,240 miles south of the capital of Santiago, en route to a British

base on Antarctica.

They landed later Saturday at Rothera, base on Adelaide Island, said Alerie Carroll, a spokeswoman for Raytheon Polar Services, the civilian company that provides staff and support services for U.S. Antarctic programs.

On Sunday, after changing the landing gear to skis, one of the Twin Otter planes then will

begin a daring 10-hour flight to the ice-covered and wind-swept South Pole, she said.

The twin-engine planes are outfitted with skis and said to be the only planes capable of reaching the Pole at this time of year, when the approach of winter heralds continual darkness and freezing temperatures of 103 degrees below Fahrenheit.

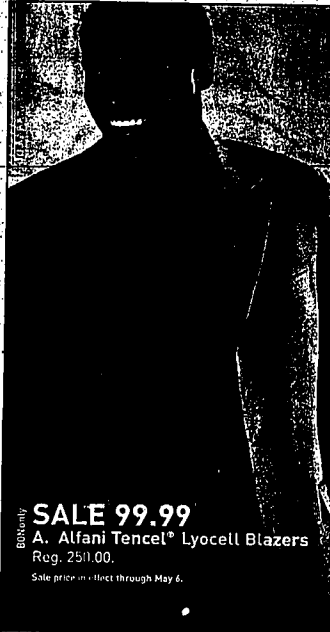
Larger cargo planes used to fly

in heavier payloads risk developing problems with their hydraulic control systems in the deep subfreezing conditions.

In a separate rescue effort, four Americans also in need of medical attention were to be airlifted out of McMurdo Station, another research station on the other side of the continent's edge, on Monday by the New Zealand Air Force.

Those efforts were also being complicated by hazardous conditions.

Freezing temperatures and only a meager half hour of daylight will mean the aircraft will spend just an hour on the ground loading the four Americans and refueling before making the seven-hour return flight to Christchurch, New Zealand.



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EDITORIAL

Blue Cross PPO tries to keep health costs down

The standoff between Blue Cross of Idaho and some Twin Falls physicians is probably leaving patients feeling confused, alarmed and powerless.

Will my medical costs go up if I stay with my family doctor?
Do I have to change doctors just to keep the same health benefits?

Why are the doctors and the insurance company doing this to me?

But patients, over the long run, have more influence than they may realize. More on that a little later. First, some background.

A PPO, short for "preferred provider organization," is a mechanism for holding down zooming health-care costs. It's basically a buyers' cartel — an OPEC in reverse.

An insurance company, representing the employers who are its customers, tells doctors, "We'll steer patients to you, if you agree to our fee schedule." Then the employers tell their workers, "We'll pay a bigger percentage of your medical costs if you stick with the doctors who signed up."

It's not managed care — just managed cost. The PPO organized by Blue Cross has worked pretty well throughout Idaho. Patients get convenience and lower payments. Doctors accept somewhat lower fees, but they get steady cash flow and a measure of business security.

Employers get a handle on health-care costs. But many of the docs in Twin Falls became unhappy with the program. Presumably the fee schedule cuts into their income, and they decided they could get better deals by dropping out.

So the standoff developed. Many doctors' contracts with Blue Cross will run out on May 1, and patients feel like unwitting casualties of a war they don't understand.

No one has ever said exactly how many people would be affected, but dozens of local businesses and govern-

ment offices use the PPO. Their health insurance plans cover thousands of local families — all of whom have a stake in seeing the docs come to terms with Blue Cross.

One of those affected businesses happens to be this newspaper. The guys who write this daily editorial are in the same boat with thousands of our readers. As much as anyone else, we'd like to see the standoff settled.

A potentially big step toward resolution came last week. A group of local employers gathered to strategize, and they pledged to stick with the PPO.

They'll continue encouraging their workers to use doctors on the Blue Cross list.

That's a powerful message. If thousands of families take their sprained ankles and ear infections to doctors who stay on the PPO list, the doctors who drop out could see thinner crowds in their waiting rooms — and soon, reduced cash flow.

That's how patients can exercise influence.

There are plenty of reasons for wanting the PPO to survive. By holding down costs, it keeps insurance premiums lower for businesses as well as for patients. It allows businesses to offer their workers better coverage, with smaller co-payments.

It's also less painful than some other options for holding down health-care costs, such as managed care (HMOs) or a Clintonesque national health plan. And the presence of a PPO in a community is an important economic development factor. Outside companies are less likely to locate where no mechanism exists to rein in medical costs.

Businesses aren't dictating which doctors their employees should visit. But through individual choices, medical consumers collectively will decide whether or not Twin Falls will keep an effective PPO.

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LETTERS

Something stinks in Jerome

To the citizens for Jerome sheriff recall.

During the time you are involved in the recall of your sheriff, you might take a peak at the court system: Prosecuting attorney that does not prosecute (in fact, speaks for the criminal), judges that have their minds made up before the hearing (that way they are not confused by the facts) and a whole system that smacks of cronyism. A big fat Ad Litem program that is a joke so all-in-all, it's not just the dairies that sink in Jerome County.

DONNA BACH
Twin Falls

Take a good look at big picture

I am writing in response to Mike Matthews' letter calling for the end of the "War on Drugs." Let me first say that as retired U.S. military, I find his comparison of the war on drugs to the Vietnam War very offensive and naive on his part.

The war on drugs is a multifaceted program that operates on many levels and for many reasons, least of all to be convenient to anyone. Sure there are problem areas and pitfalls but what program of this magnitude wouldn't have?

Mr. Matthews says "the War on Drugs is an unjust war"; all I can say to you, Mr. Matthews, is I would like you to go to the state hospital and look in the face of a small child born from a crack cocaine mother and tell that child that all of the pain and suffering this child will go through is for nothing, and then go to an orphanage in Panama where there is a 5-year-old child whose parents were killed by members of a South American drug cartel and tell him that no one cares and nothing can be done. I ask you, do these atrocities constitute that our government or we the people should give up?

You see, Mr. Matthews, the War on Drugs is not happening only in your neighborhood or for that matter in the small state of Idaho, but worldwide and in epidemic proportions. You need only look at the big picture to see this, but

first you have to want to
EDDIE WILLIAMS
Twin Falls

Don't forget to wear safety gear

I am writing because of the front-page article in the April 15 edition titled "Nick's Hope."

As founder-coordinator of Idaho's only brain injury support and referral service (free of charge), I was very concerned over this young man, Nick Braman.

As I read and then re-read the article, I found nothing that said Nick had any form of a helmet on at the time of the accident.

One year ago I know this too well, as we too, as a family faced a very serious accident of one of our children, also 16 at the time. That was Sept. 22, 1989, that we almost lost our child to a truck accident. They gave her less than 45 minutes to live, so as a mom, I do know, and as a support and referral service, I have helped thousands with the transitional steps you go through with a survivor of any accident. My main point that I want to bring out is this: After looking at the full page of pictures not only on the front page but also on the Family Life, Section E, Red flags. Why, you ask? Simple! Where is Nick's helmet on the four wheeler that he rides, that was a wonderful gift from the church, but I think they forgot something — a helmet to protect his most important piece of equipment, his brain. I would die a thousand deaths for Nick and his family, if he fell off the four-wheeler and suffered a second accident, adding yet another insult to his already injury. Possibly with a second accident, he wouldn't be able to even get on a four wheeler, let alone know why he would want to get onto one to begin with.

I, too, have kept a journal on not only what our accident did to us as a family but all of the survivors. I have helped with God's help for more than 11 years. In the meantime, please, please remember to buckle up and helmet up for your life and for the lives that love you.

With deepest respect and Christian love,
CASSANDRA PHARIS-BLAKLEY
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Green elephants need to speak up

Today, on Earth Day,

Americans need to remember that Republicans can be environmentalists, too. And the conservative-minded among us need a special reminder of how important it is to speak up, to be heard by the Bush administration in Washington. It's up to us to prove that, while

"Republicans for environmental protection" may elicit loud chuckles from some quarters, it's a phrase with a proud history.

Theodore Roosevelt declared that efficient use of resources is a moral and patriotic obligation. Frugality and restraint are hallmarks of true conservatism, as TR well knew. But our new president has forgotten what it means to be a true conservative. Instead, he is conducting the continued squandering of natural resources for the short-term gain of a few.

Many people know that the idea of setting aside public lands began with Theodore Roosevelt. Few realize, however, that Republican Presidents Coolidge, Taft, Hoover and Eisenhower greatly expanded our public land inventory. Unfortunately, President Bush seems determined to undermine this great legacy.

On the very day he was sworn in — urged on by some of his largest campaign contributors — Mr. Bush suspended one of the most popular and widely supported forest conservation rules in U.S. history. The policy to protect the remaining wild parts of our national forests from logging, road building and mining had been enacted after 600 public hearings, resulting in a record 1.6 million public comments, 96 percent of them favorable. Yet on top of suspending the rule, Bush's Department of Justice has failed to defend adequately the new policy from special interest lawsuits.

he was New York's Mother Teresa, a tiny, white-haired woman who cared for the babies of drug addicts in her Harlem brownstone. Everyone in New York City in the 1980s and 1990s knew about Clara Hale, and half the reporters who passed through must have written about her.

We knew the legend of Hale House's beginnings: how Clara Hale's daughter, Lorraine, saw a drug addict nodding out with her baby on a park bench and advised her to take the child to her mother's house. Soon, other drug-addicted moms were bringing their infants to Mother Hale, whose houseful of babies became known all over the country.

Stories of how she nursed trembling, undersized infants back to health with lots of love appeared in newspapers and magazines and on television. President Ronald Reagan pointed her out during his State of the Union address and called her "an American hero." This was at the height of the crack epidemic, when doctors thought "crack babies" were doomed to lives of chronic illness, underachievement and maladjustment. This only fueled the Mother Hale legend.

But as Hale House's reputation grew, so did the egos of its prime movers, Clara Hale and her daughter, Lorraine, now director. When former Mayor David Dinkins announced that the city would no longer send babies to Hale House because it had switched to a poli-

MARTHA MARKS

President Nixon first proposed the Safe Drinking Water Act and it was signed into law in 1974 by President Ford, setting a new standard for our country. But now, thanks to President Bush's recent decision not to lower the level of arsenic in tap water, almost everyone associates our GOP with poisoned water. The only cheers for his arsenic decision were from the mining industry, which had worked behind closed doors to revoke the new safeguards.

Not surprisingly, mining waste is a major cause of arsenic in drinking water supplies.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a priceless environmental legacy of the Eisenhower presidency, which first set the land aside for wildlife habitat. But President Bush seems to regard the refuge — one of the most pristine places left in North America — as just another oil and gas field.

And if Congress balks at drilling in the Arctic Refuge, Vice President Cheney and Interior Secretary Gale Norton have an equally poor back-up plan to drill in national monuments and other protected areas, sacrificing to industrialization these lands that are the heritage of all Americans.

The first President Bush signed the Framework Convention on Climate Change at the Rio Earth Summit, starting America down the road toward an international climate accord. Yet after only three months in office, his son repudiated a campaign promise to seek reductions in the carbon-dioxide emissions that are the major cause of climate change.

Mr. Bush's lack of interest in environ-

mental issues is more unfortunate than he seems to realize. Voters have shown time and again that they place a premium on clean air and water, undisturbed wilderness areas, and protected wildlife habitat. They are increasingly concerned about the effects of global warming, and want to raise their children free from toxic pollution.

In 2002, Americans will go to the polls to elect a new Congress, and in 2004 choose a president. If Mr. Bush continues his current policies, it will only further convince voters the GOP places the interests of campaign contributors ahead of the needs and desires of ordinary citizens. We will pay a heavy price at the polls if people believe the party has turned its back on the environmental protections that 80 percent of Americans routinely say they want.

Recent actions by President Bush and his advisers have created the impression that the only environment Republicans know or care about is the business environment. That isn't so, but we need to work hard to convince our president that his recent anti-environmental decisions are both bad policy and bad politics. On this Earth Day — and every day — Republicans need to remind President Bush that we, too, value conservation of our natural resources. We need to insist that he live up to one of the greatest traditions of our party. It is not just "liberals" and Democrats who want to protect the world we live in — conservation is conservative. In fact, it's the most fundamentally conservative action there is.

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Cashing in on society's good intentions

SHERYL MCCARTHY

cy of placing babies with foster parents, Mother Hale called him a black man who had sold out.

Hale House turned to private donors, growing rich as movie stars, princesses and wealthy moguls rushed forward with their checks. Clara Hale died in 1992, but since being defunded by the city that year, the home has raised more than \$40 million to care for about 18 babies at a time, according to recent New York Daily News articles.

The articles allege that Hale House became a cash cow for the Hale family. Questionable practices included spending less than half the money it raised on direct care for the babies, accepting millions of dollars in federal and city funds and property for a nonexistent learning center and a nonexistent housing program for homeless mothers, maintaining family members on the payroll, and making personal loans to Lorraine Hale.

When legends are created, arrogance and greed can set in, along with a tendency to embellish one's accomplishments. Father Bruce Ritter — world-renowned priest, shepherd to homeless kids and founder of Covenant House — built an empire of hovels for runaways before he was revealed to be a child abuser. His theory of teen-age runaways who sold their bodies to survive

was proved to be a gross exaggeration that helped increase donations.

Recently, the "crack baby" theory that was so widely promoted in the 1980s and which served programs such as Hale House so well has been debunked by the medical community. Children born to crack-addicted mothers are no more doomed to a life of dysfunction than other kids, all other things being equal, scientists now say.

Manhattan Borough President Virginia Fields, who has known Lorraine Hale for years, said she respects Hale's commitment to children.

"I hope this won't turn out to be something where the children have been shortchanged because of excessive expenditures that are not directly related to their care," she said. Hale House announced that it's hiring a law firm to probe the allegations. Both the mayor and the state attorney general have wisely said they'll look into them.

This could be a story about people whose good intentions surpassed their ability to follow through on them, or it could be about people whose better instincts were thwarted by ambition and greed. Either way, those of us who've denied to the legend of Hale House all these years deserve to know, which is true.

Sheryl McCarthy is a columnist for Newsday.

OPINION

Consumers aren't set for a spending spree

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Wednesday did not say what he needed to do by dropping short-term interest rates another half-point, but it's not enough.

The Great Economic Slowdown of 2001 (let's not call it a recession quite yet) came on partly because Greenspan raised short-term interest rates too high, starting in June 1999 and continuing through five more rate increases.

Now he's backtracking, and interest rates are going back below where they were when he started. That should give the economy a needed boost.

Not surprisingly, on word of the rate cut, the stock market reversed direction and scored one of its largest one-day rallies ever. But can the rally be sustained? And what's the outlook beyond the immediate euphoria?

Notably, two-thirds of the recent economic slowdown has been because of a dramatic drop in capital spending. At the start of last year, American businesses were buying new equipment (much of it high-tech) at an annual rate of 20 percent above the year before. By last December, the bottom had fallen out of capital spending.

Greenspan's rate cut alone won't convince businesses to start

ROBERT B. REICH

buying a lot of equipment any time soon.

Think of capital spending as one end of a long tube. At the other end are consumers. The purpose of buying a lot of high-tech equipment is to be more efficient in making things and providing services that, ultimately, consumers will buy.

But what happens if consumers can't or won't buy at nearly the rate necessary to justify all the capital spending? This is the heart of the current dilemma.

The dirtiest little secret about the Roaring '90s is that average working families gained almost no income. From 1986 through 1997 (the latest year for which detailed Internal Revenue Service data are available), the average income of the richest 1 percent of Americans rose 80 percent to \$517,713. During these same years, the average income of the bottom 90 percent of Americans rose just 1.6 percent to \$23,815. (These figures, not incidentally, are after all federal income taxes were paid.)

Rich people don't spend nearly as much of their income as middle-income people do. Rich people tend to save more of their earnings.

Average working people don't have that option.

So it stands to reason that as most of the income gains of the 1990s went to the top, typical American consumers eventually hit the wall. They couldn't spend more—at least not without going into debt, and there's a limit to that.

Yet American businesses continued to invest in capital equipment as if consumers would remain on a consumption binge. As consumer debt mounted in the late 1990s, consumers couldn't possibly keep up.

They're still buying, to be sure. Yet the rate of increase in consumer spending isn't coming close

to justifying all that capital spending. The bottom had to fall out, and it did.

Greenspan's rate cut was necessary but not sufficient. The core of the American economy is the nation's large middle class and its capacity to spend.

These people have reached their limit, which means the surge in capital spending that marked the late 1990s is probably over for some time, Greenspan or not.

Robert B. Reich, secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration, is a professor of economic and social policy at Brandeis University. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

Commercial fishermen need help

When a fisherman stops fishing, the entire community knows. A fishing boat is a floating small business that depends on everyone from the person who sells the bait to the deck hands to the fish processor.

Our hometowns of York, Maine, and Half Moon Bay, Calif., are part of an economic and cultural transformation taking place across the country. For these are fishing communities that have, with such legendary places as Gloucester, Bristol Bay, Key West and Monterey, they are witnessing one of America's oldest and most colorful occupations forever change.

As commercial fishermen, we know that the reasons for the changes in America's commercial fishing industry are complex and controversial. The contributions of coastal development, polluted runoff from land, and the introduction of invasive species cannot be overlooked. But one thing is clear: fishing must change if we are to restore fish populations and habitats and ultimately save our industry and the local communities it supports.

Twenty-five years ago, foreign fishermen in U.S. waters represented the main threat to American fishing. Congress passed the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to move foreign vessels out of U.S. waters and promote economic opportunities at home. By many accounts, the law met those goals. Today, foreign vessels may not fish within 200 miles of the coast. Investments in new fishing vessels and technologies at home have greatly expanded a fisherman's range and efficiency. America's appetite for fish is greater than ever.

In many ways, we have been too successful. Our short-term economic gains have come with long-term conservation costs.

As Congress begins debate on changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, America faces an industry in crisis. The federal government has declared fishing disasters off New England, Florida and the West Coast. Trust has eroded among fishermen, scientists, environmentalists and government, leaving critical fishing decisions in the hands of federal judges instead of citizens. Third- and fourth-generation fishermen no longer encourage their sons and daughters to join them at sea, where economic and bureaucratic handshakes await.

Clearly we cannot continue down this road. We must seek new and better ways to restore and protect our marine ecosystems and the fisheries they support. This is why we decided to join the Pew Oceans Commission, an independent group of Americans concerned about the health of our oceans and the communities they support. The commission includes scientists, business leaders, conservationists, government officials, and fishermen who are reviewing national ocean policies. The commission will issue its recommendations on such issues as coastal development, fishing, pollution, and governance to Congress next year.

For our part, we have been talking to fishermen across the country about ways to improve fishery management. The response has been great, reflecting the severity of the problem and a thirst for answers. And already we are beginning to hear some common themes:

PAT WHITE AND PIETRO PARRAVANO

What works for Maine doesn't always make sense in South Carolina, California, or Hawaii. The marine ecosystems that support fishing vary from place to place. To protect ecosystems and sustain fisheries, decisions need to reflect the local knowledge of fishermen, scientists, environmentalists and government officials.

We need to untangle overlapping local, national and international jurisdictions and return common sense and accountability to fishery management. Fish do not respect state or national boundaries, and for many species what happens on the high seas and in other countries is as important to U.S. fisheries as what happens in our own waters.

We must continue to reduce the amount of fish caught, killed and discarded as bycatch by improving fishing gear, changing fishing practices and removing ill-conceived regulations. At the same time, we must respect the habitat that fish need for food and shelter.

Whether we can protect the marine environment that supports us depends on our collective willingness to consider new ways of doing business. Whether we can preserve the commercial fisherman and the unique fishing communities that line our coasts ultimately depends on how all of us respond today.

Pat White is a commercial fisherman and executive director of the Maine Lobstermen's Association from York, Maine. Pietro Parravano is a commercial fisherman and president of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations from Half Moon Bay, Calif.

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ENERGY NEWS

Earlier this month, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) approved two of Idaho Power's load-reduction programs.

By a two-to-one vote, the IPUC approved a pilot program that will allow as many as 300 Idaho irrigators to shift their energy use away from peak hours when energy costs are high. The program would not change the amount of energy used, but rather when it is used. While the program is in the pilot stage, it will be limited to 300 participants because the company has to install special time-of-use meters for participating irrigators.

The commission, however, did not approve Idaho Power's request to include the revenue impact of this program in the company's annual Power Cost Adjustment.

The second program approved by the IPUC enables industrial and commercial customers to voluntarily reduce their

electrical loads by at least 1,000 kilowatts in exchange for a credit on their Idaho

Power accounts. These customers would get up to two days advance notice ahead of anticipated load-reduction "events," or times when demand is high and the company must purchase large amounts of expensive energy from the wholesale market. Idaho Power would then offer bid prices to participating customers for each hour of the event. It would be up to participating customers to accept the bid offer and reduce power use.

Implementation of these two programs is pending final written orders from the IPUC. Both programs are among many efforts currently under way at Idaho Power to lower costs, encourage customer curtailment or conservation as well as boost the amount of less-expensive energy produced by the company's own generators.



WATT SAVERS

"Everything we've done so far has been at no cost to us and we're still saving energy and money," said Alan Kuykendall, facilities coordinator at Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in Boise.

Now, he's tackling the heating and cooling system. "We've just programmed our HVAC system to shut down every night between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. as well as on the weekends," said Kuykendall.

Kuykendall was referring to the energy conservation measures adopted at EDS. Since last November, their 42,000-square-foot call center has turned off all 500 computers and 9,500 overhead lights nightly and on weekends. Kuykendall said the company has saved about \$1,000 on its monthly utility bill.

Switching out the fluorescent light bulbs to more energy-efficient bulbs is his next task. Kuykendall said he hopes the company will reduce its electricity use by 50 percent by installing the more efficient lighting.

Each week "Power Lines" will feature a business located somewhere in Idaho Power's 20,000-square-mile service area that has adopted some ordinary and extraordinary energy conservation measures. If you know of a business or company that deserves our thanks and recognition, please write to lwhester@idahopower.com or Corporate Communications P.O. Box 70, Boise ID 83707.

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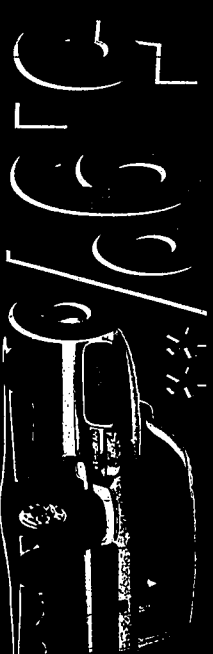
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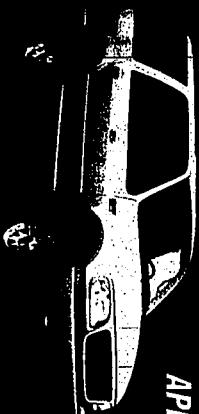
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State Rep. Maxine Bell mentioned in jest the other night at a legislative forum that had lawmakers not spent a lot on the corrections budget during the recently adjourned session, the state might have had to resort to an "adopt-a-convict" program.

That's almost irresistible. "Won't you help Tiny, currently serving 5-to-10 for aggravated assault? He needs a nurturing environment with good role models in which to rehabilitate his nasty speed habit. Not prone to violence unless teased about his piercings."

And if this works out, we might be able to eliminate the corrections budget altogether. Moral suasion, you understand.

Police reported that Leonard "Saw" Stonebraker, a 31-year-old convicted triple murderer, was persuaded not to run over the head of a fellow bar patron with his motorcycle early Saturday morning after his sponsor arrived at the scene bearing Deepak Chopra tapes and chocolate-chip cookies.

"At Stonebraker's self-esteem hearing Monday morning, the convict, both lawyers, 5th District Magistrate John Doe, the court recorder, two bailiffs, and a couple of prospective jurors waiting in the corridor joined hands and sang, 'Kumbaya.'"

Stonebraker was sentenced to a day off from his job training junkyard dogs in order to read to shut-ins.

And maybe we'd even find out there's no crime. Only misunderstanding.

"Yes, officer, I'd like to report that the young man down the street with the tattoos and the record apparently forgot to respect his boundaries last night."

"Has anybody found my pickup?"

Did you read the state Department of Environmental Quality has actually hired "sniffers" to tell whether dairies and other CAFOs smell bad or not?

I grew up on a dairy farm over in eastern Idaho, and I'm a little concerned about the qualifications. See, it's my experience is that proximity to dairies in inversely proportionate to an ability to appreciate them sensorily. Bottom line: What if these "sniffers" grew up in farm country? They could be immune.

The biggest dairy in Arbon Valley when I was a kid belonged to Mr. Norskaug, a painfully skinny, beautiful-looking man who was literally a Norwegian bachelor farmer.

He had 300 head of milking cows and 50-60 pigs. Does anyone still wonder why he was a bachelor?

Nobody lived on the 300 acres of Rattlesnake Creek bottomland that abutted Mr. Norskaug's property to the east, even though it was the best farmland in Power County.

For they'd seen what happened to the Weisses, a family of German immigrants who were the nicest folks you'd ever want to meet. They owned the property that bordered Mr. Norskaug's land on the north.

That was bad because the wind in that part of Idaho, steered by Utah's Wasatch Mountains, often comes from the south.

As their name suggests - Weiss means "white" in German - the Weisses were extravagantly hygienic. Mrs. Weiss cleaned house all the time; sometimes Mr. Weiss even had to take a bath in an old cast-iron tub in the garage when he came home from the fields if Mrs. Weiss judged him excessively grimy.

And yet few folks came to visit because they, well, smelled. Of you-know-what.

Their social isolation baffled the Weisses until one evening, at a Grange meeting after the schnapps had been passed around, Mrs. Cline, the local schoolteacher, took Mrs. Weiss aside and had a word.

Mrs. Weiss burst into tears and pleaded with Mrs. Cline to tell her why folks considered the Weisses so offensive. Why, because of all Mr. Norskaug's animals, Mrs. Cline replied gently, Mrs. Weiss was inconceivable. "Henry," she said, "he was a pig."

He was a pig? "Even the neighbors' cows and pigs think we stink."

I sure hope the state doesn't hire one of the Weiss kids as a sniffer.



Students raise money for shelter

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Baxter the beagle, Snotts the Pug, Rex the Rottweiler and Hugs the golden retriever were among the more than 40 dogs shampooed and clipped Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho's dog wash.

A shampoo and rinse plus a nail clipping cost \$10 with an ear wash available for an extra \$5.

The CSI Veterinary Technology Club will use the money to paint and spruce up the interior of Burley's animal shelter.

CSI students on the wash crew got a workout soaping up the mostly large breeds that trotted - and in some cases covered - through A Pet's Place, the veterinary clinic leased by the CSI program for student training.

The CSI students borrow four cats and four dogs each semester from the Burley animal shelter. The students care for and train the animals while learning about veterinary medicine. Training includes assisting a veterinarian spay and neuter the animals.

The dogs and cats are sent back to the shelter at the end of the semester - if they haven't already been claimed by an attached student.

"We make the pets more adoptable," said Crystal Wilford, student president of the Veterinary Technology Club.

The pets typically are adopted within one day after they are returned to Burley, instructor Clara Saxton said.

The two-year CSI program is the first of its kind in Idaho. Nationally, there is a shortage of veterinary technicians. Between the first and second years of the program, students work in veterinary clinics to gain experience.



"A lot of those externships work into jobs for them," Saxton said. Most of the program's students come from elsewhere around the state and out-of-

state, and return to their hometowns for post-graduation employment, she said. Some students go on to become veterinarians.

A certified veterinary technician helps with diagnostic, medical, surgical and clinical laboratory procedures.

Technicians perform a variety of radiological, animal care, animal breeding and handling

responsibilities.

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Little Shadow gets a shampoo and style, from Jennifer Featherston at the Pet's Place Vet Clinic in Twin Falls Saturday. Students in the College of Southern Idaho's veterinary technology program washed and groomed dogs Saturday morning to help paint Burley's animal shelter.

Jerome County files lawsuit over Eden shooting records

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An attorney representing Jerome County in a \$10 million tort claim brought by the family of George Timothy Williams has asked a judge to decide public records issues in the case.

Patrick D. Brown, the attorney

for Williams' family, said he welcomed the chance for a judge to clear up the issues that he said so far have prevented him from gaining access to evidence.

The lawsuit was filed last week by Boise attorney Paige Parker who is representing Jerome County on behalf of the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program - a public agency insur-

ance program. Defendants named in the lawsuit are the families of the three men who were killed in the Jan. 3 Eden shooting, and The Times-News.

Williams, 47, and Jerome County sheriff's deputies Cpl. James Moulson, 30, and Cpl. Phillip Anderson, 23, died when gunfire broke out as officers served a search warrant for ille-

gal drugs at Williams' Eden home. Only trace amounts of marijuana and related drug paraphernalia were found in his house.

The lawsuit describes the issue before the court as one of privacy versus public access. It states that while the deputies' families have requested that the deputies' autopsy photographs

not be released, requests for access to all investigatory materials have been made separately by Brown and The Times-News.

Brown said he has not sought access to pictures of the deputies, but that he has wanted access to all evidence that includes pictures of Williams. He said he and his clients have

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Hailey hosts self-image conference

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — When a new boyfriend and girlfriend meet, they want to spend all the time in the world getting to know each other. Why then, are people so afraid to spend time with themselves?

That's the question best-selling motivational author Cheryl Richardson posed to a crowd of nearly 200 women and men Saturday at a "Conference on Healthy Self-Image" in Hailey. The conference, sponsored by St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center's Center for Community Health, attracted people from as far away as Utah, Oregon and Washington.

When we can't bear to be alone or when we think we must go to the gym every day or we won't be a good wife or a good mother, we're indicating that we don't like ourselves very much, said Richardson.

But, never fear, Richardson, author of "Take Time for Your Life" and a regular Monday contributor on "Oprah," had a few tips for developing a relationship with ourselves.

One of the most powerful ways to dialogue with ourselves is through journaling, she said.

Write three or more pages every day - lists, letters to God, a running dialogue about how



Cheryl Richardson, author of 'Take Time for Your Life' and a regular Monday contributor on 'Oprah,' gave tips for developing a healthy self-image at a conference in Hailey Saturday.

ticked you are at something - and eventually you will find the truth of what's going on in your life, she said.

The first few weeks you spend with your journal may feel boring, she said. But, in reality, boredom is the gateway to peace.

"Eventually your journal will become a trusted friend so much that it's the first place you go to when you're upset about something," Richardson added.

Richardson also stressed the need for learning to set boundaries in an adrenalin-addicted

Environmentalists fear green isn't choice color

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON — For many environmentalists, Earth Day is taking on more of a sour tone than a celebratory one this year as the lobby that had the ear of the Clinton administration now struggles to have a voice in the Bush White House.

From the Bush administration's views on developing public lands in Idaho and other western states for road building and energy exploration to its recent decla-

ration that the Kyoto Treaty on global warming is dead, environmentalists fear that green is no longer the color of choice in Washington.

"Unfortunately, most Americans don't feel like celebrating Earth Day this year," said Bill Meadows, president of the Wilderness Society. "The record speaks for itself. This is the most environmentally hostile administration ever."

Topping the list of concerns for

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Farmers look at the feasibility of Mini-Cassia ethanol plant

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Some Mini-Cassia farmers thought the idea of an ethanol plant was too good not to get in on the idea.

So they jumped on the bandwagon Twin Falls County commissioners recently started rolling to look at the feasibility of building an ethanol plant in southern Idaho.

Supporters of the plan say such a plant could salvage thou-

sands of pounds of surplus crops the region grows annually and help ease the financial strain farmers are under thanks to a pitiful farm commodity prices.

Ethanol is a fuel additive that is said to be environmentally safer than the commonly used and controversial oxygenate MTBE, and it can also be used to generate electricity and make livestock feed.

After Declo-area farmer Winston Inouye heard Twin

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M-C museum receives drafting plan

By Lorraine Cavenier
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Historical Society museum has floor plans for its new addition, thanks to a Minico High School student.

Minico senior Cody Cooper, a student in the school's architectural drafting class, won a \$100 prize for the plans he designed for the museum.

"He caught the essence of what we were looking for," said Gary Schorzman, president of the museum.

Plans include a library with a place for people to do research, and an area to display turn-of-the-century clothing and uniforms. Many other display areas are planned to house items now stored in boxes in a back room of the museum, Cooper said.

"Our intentions are to give the museum what they need to build it," said Marvin Scow, head of Minico High School's technology department.

Schorzman called Scow and told him what the museum wanted and several architectural drafting students spoke with Schorzman about plans for the new display room.

After taking measurements,



Minico High School's Cody Cooper prepares to print a copy of the floor plans he designed for the Minidoka County Historical Society museum's new display building. The society is raising money for the \$50,000-plus building project.

Booklet for sale

The Minidoka County Historical Society is selling a historical booklet to raise money for an addition to the museum. The museum is taking orders for "The Minidoka Story: The Land and the People in

Words and Pictures." Copies of the 42-page booklet are \$10 and money from sales of the book will go toward a new display building. For information, or to order a copy, call the museum at 436-0336.

Cooper worked on his plans in class for a couple of weeks and then presented them to the museum along with entries from other students.

A professional architect would

normally charge between 8 percent and 10 percent of the total project cost for the plans, Scow said.

Cooper's drafting services will save about \$4,000 to \$5,000 on

the \$50,000-plus building project. The floor plans are complete, but Cooper will continue working until he has produced the plot, section and electrical plans required by the county for a building permit.

But Cooper said he's doing it for the educational experience, not money.

Students have worked on several professional architectural drafting projects, including school district additions, an industrial park and an apartment complex.

While the museum is working on getting a new display room and library, several projects have been completed to improve museum displays. Eagle Scout Matt Bingham recently built a 40-foot-long peg board display area which freed up space to display six old engines that had been donated to the museum.

Schorzman said. Eagle Scout Richard Bradshaw built 20 standing plaques with information about displays at the museum. Eagle Scout Austin Cammull refinished a bench from the old Rupert train depot which is in use in the museum board room. The three Eagle Scouts were presented with recognition plaques at Thursday's board meeting.

Micron Electronics tries to sell computer division

BOISE (AP) — More than 1,500 Micron Electronics employees could lose their jobs if the sale of its personal computer division does not occur before the Nampa company completes its merger with Interland Inc. this summer.

That push took a more urgent turn last week as Micron Electronics filed a gloomier report with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, saying it would either sell or discontinue operations of its computer division by the time it merges.

But a company executive Friday stressed closing the plant will not occur and the sale is expected to close by the end of May.

"We are in advanced stages of discussion," said Jim Stewart, chief financial officer. "We are going to sell that business."

Yet, the company's filing said: "However, we can provide no assurance that a definitive agreement will be signed, the anticipated sale will close, or of the timing of the sale."

Stewart would not disclose the buyer's name, widely rumored to be Los Angeles-based Gores Technology.

Micron Electronics has more than 2,000 employees, about

1,600 in the computer division and 500 at the Web-hosting HostPro. Stewart said if the sale did not occur, Micron would continue the computer operation.

The federal filing, however, refers to that arm as discontinued, meaning it has no plans to operate it.

The company must turn a profit or increase its ability to raise funds before its cash reserves are depleted, or losses could pull under HostPro, the company said in its filing.

A downsized company could be its saving grace, according to an industry analyst.

Roger Kay with Massachusetts-based International Data Corp., said HostPro, which has not made a profit since it was started in 1998, will lose money at a far slower rate than the computer division.

HostPro still faces a tough road on its own. Micron said in its filing it cannot assure HostPro will be profitable in the future, although it expects to have adequate cash reserves to fund operations.

The loss connected with disposing of Micron's computer business is estimated by the company at \$147.5 million.

Conductor to admit guilt in sex abuse case

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Todd Snyder, the former conductor of the city's symphony and youth orchestras, will plead guilty to sexually abusing a 14-year-old boy.

In a plea agreement finalized late last week, Kootenai County prosecutors said they would drop more serious charges against Snyder in exchange for his willingness to plead guilty and waive his preliminary hearing.

Snyder has not officially pleaded guilty. He has two weeks to enter a written plea.

"A paramount concern to the state and to the parents and to the victim's counsel is the retraumatization, which will occur if (the victim) has to testify at the preliminary hearing and at the trial," Prosecutor Bill Douglas said on Friday.

Snyder had originally charged the 46-year-old Hayden man with lewd conduct with a

Police said they found more than 50 pornographic videotapes during a search of Snyder's home.

Detectives told a judge at least 20 of those tapes appear to display children 16 years old or younger, court records show.

minor and possession of sexually exploitative materials.

They alleged Snyder had sex with the 14-year-old boy, a family friend and member of the youth orchestra, on March 10.

The boy later told friends what happened, saying he did not want Snyder to get in trouble. The friends told a school counselor, who reported the

alleged abuse to police.

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Douglas said he made the agreement because the boy's family did not want the boy to testify in public court proceedings about the sexual encounter.

"This expresses their desires," Douglas said of the agreement. "This will assist in his healing."

There is no evidence showing there are any other victims, he said.

As part of the agreement, prosecutors will be able to recommend up to 15 years in prison, the maximum sentence for the crime. Lewd conduct carries up to life in prison.

Douglas would not comment on how many years he will recommend Snyder serves in prison.

Organization vows to help native trout

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A national conservation organization has pledged \$450,000 to rebuild the Yellowstone cutthroat trout population in the South Fork of the Snake River.

Trout Unlimited and its 125,000-members-promised the money over three years as part of its Home Rivers Initiative, started to protect native fish species in the United States.

The South Fork is the fifth river to receive that status and the first in Idaho. The money will go to research of the river, and then projects to help cutthroat trout.

The world-famous river is one of the few remaining cutthroat strongholds, but the population is currently threatened by nonnative rainbow trout. Rainbows breed with cutthroat, which runs the genetic purity of the fish and could lead to their extinction.

"In lieu of this initiative, we could continue to muddle along

with underfunded efforts that wouldn't get much done," said Bob Dunnagan, state council president for Idaho Trout Unlimited. "This is a wonderful chance to make a difference."

Trout Unlimited will work with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Reclamation. It is a thrilling challenge for biologists.

"We'll make a difference for the fish because money isn't a constraint," said Bill Hutchinson, Fish and Game assistant fisheries chief. He has been with the department for 27 years and cannot remember bigger, one-time donation to a single fishery.

"Most of the time, we identify the needs of the fish and then go begging for money to implement solutions," he said. "This is awesome because we'll have the money. It gives us the ability to get things done."

The South Fork was picked

because of its national notoriety and the problems facing Yellowstone cutthroat, Dunnagan said. Trout Unlimited hopes the money will keep the cutthroat off the endangered species list.

"I don't believe this is a threat to water users," said David Scott, executive director in Idaho. "We're going to work with all stakeholders and it's going to be an ultimate benefit to everyone."

How exactly the money will be spent is unknown, said Mark Gambin, fisheries manager in Idaho Falls. It could go to learning more about the interaction of cutthroat trout and rainbow trout.

It could go to run the new weirs to keep rainbow trout out of key cutthroat spawning tributaries.

The money could also go toward improving habitat on the tributaries, Dunnagan said. Some could go to studying the health of the river's cottonwood forest.

Green

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many environmentalists is an estimated \$2.2 billion in budget cuts for environmental protection programs, such as the development of solar energy and nuclear waste cleanup at sites like the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Other concerns include the possibility of drilling for oil and natural gas in Wyoming's Red Desert, Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other sites around the country.

"There aren't a lot of winners here, there are a lot of losers," said Rebecca Cullen, president of the League of Conservation Voters. "We are in the fight of our life to try to protect the environment."

Advocates of the administration's environmental agenda, however, argue that the president is striking a balance between the country's economic

interests and its environmental health by exploring new energy resources and promoting the "responsible development" of public lands at a time when the country is falling deeply into an energy crisis.

"President Bush is being very responsible in his proposals for the environment," said Rep. Barbara Cubin, R-Wyo., chairman of the House subcommittee on energy and natural resources. "He is making careful decisions based on sound science, common sense and factors other than public relations. He's putting people first."

Cubin and other proponents of the administration's environmental plan likewise point to Bush's plans to increase funding for public parks, expand clean coal technologies, provide consumers who use solar power with a tax credit and, perhaps most significantly, fully fund the federal Land and

Water Conservation Fund.

And, in the last week, environmental issues seemed to have topped the administration's agenda. In the span of a few days, Bush declared his support for a global toxic chemical treaty, upheld a lead reporting requirement for drinking water and vowed to explore new ways of reactivating U.S. participation in international efforts to fight global warming.

But environmentalists are still wary, saying that Bush's attention to the environment is merely a temporary political move in the week before Sunday's Earth Day celebration.

"We are still hopeful this administration will stop the assault on the environment," Meadows said. "But this is really a theme week for this administration."

To help ward off what they consider as any further

"assaults" on the environment, the Wilderness Society released Friday a list of America's most endangered wild lands, which included Idaho's Greater Yellowstone National Park.

At Yellowstone, the primary concern is the continued use of snowmobiles, which the National Park Service agreed to phase out over the next three years. Legislation introduced by Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., would allow snowmobiles in certain areas of national parks, while Interior Secretary Gale Norton said she would review the planned phase-out.

"These machines are not only noisy, they pollute the air and disturb both man and other wildlife," Michael Scott of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition said in the study. "There are plenty of places for them to go. They don't belong in national parks."

Suit

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wanted a copy of the crime scene video and have been willing to agree that portions showing the deputies be ported out.

"They are missing the photographs of the officers to make people think we have demanded public disclosure of the photographs," Brown bickered. "We are very concerned about other things we have not been given," he said.

One example is a purported photograph of Williams holding a revolver, which Williams' family has not been given access to, Brown said.

"The public should not be fooled by their overtures that we have been given access," he said. Times-News Managing Editor Clark Walworth said the newspaper has not requested the investigatory pictures of any of the three men.

"I just want to emphasize that we have not asked for autopsy photographs, and we are not interested in the autopsy photographs," Walworth said. "Our interest is solely in bringing out all the facts of the case. The community can rest assured that The Times-News is not interested in any sort of ghoulish exploitation of these pictures. We are not asking for them."

Richard Bevan, a Twin Falls attorney representing The Times-News, said the lawsuit asks the court to set guidelines for access to the evidence. The newspaper wants to enforce the open records law, which should not need to be re-debated in a courtroom, Bevan said.

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Ethanol

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Falls County commissioners were investigating the feasibility of an investor-owned or farmer co-op plant, he thought Cassia County could benefit from one, too.

Some and a handful of Minicassia farmers, as well as Twin Falls County commissioners and others, began to study the possibility of a regional plant.

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has agreed to use its resources for the feasibility study, said Michelle McFarland, the Minicassia Economic

Development Coordinator.

The Idaho Energy Division and the U.S. Department of Energy have already given a \$10,000 grant to the Twin Falls County Commission for a study.

"It's too soon to tell what farmers would stand to gain from a plant, Inouye said, but he and others are using similar plants in Minnesota as their model. And so far, he likes what he's learned."

"We really feel like it's a win-win thing for this area," Inouye said.

Twin Falls County commissioners were out of the office this

week and could not be reached for comment.

Just who would host a plant would be determined by the feasibility study. Some say its unlikely the region can support more than one plant.

"I don't think the area would support two. I think it would support one," said Don Dean, the former president of Sundance Ag Inc., a Burley chemical plant.

Inouye has been soliciting technical advice from Dean, who lives in Burley but now owns his own business in Boise.

Dean questions whether the amount of locally grown crops

could feed more than one plant, and whether there's a substantial market for the additive when Idaho doesn't require a minimum percentage of ethanol in its gasoline — as some states do.

But discussion is still in its most preliminary stage.

"It's just something farmers are talking about because the farming business has been so bad," Dean said.

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"Oprah" helped her learn to set boundaries. That's when she began to realize it was stupid to stay up until 1 in the morning poring through a five-page letter detailing a viewer's problems.

She stopped reading her mail and began channeling it through an assistant.

She also began realizing that it isn't necessary to try to please everyone, and she stopped defending herself against everyone who called her an egomaniac.

12-step program

Cheryl Richardson launched a 12-step program for life that she dubbed Life Makeover in January. Within four weeks, there were a thousand Life Makeover support groups worldwide.

The groups are designed to help support participants as they set boundaries, get rid of the clutter in their lives and learn to say no. Periodically, Richardson provides free coaching and teleconferencing via the network. For more information, check out www.cherylrichardson.com.

Denise Pulsipher, of Twin Falls, was among those who attended Saturday's conference. "I'm here taking time for

myself. A lot of it I've heard before but it's a reminder of what you need to do," she said.

"Self-image impacts all of us. Even if we have a healthy self-image, there's always something we can work on," added Erin Hart, of Gilmet. "Cheryl is down to earth, which is nice. She's not to say, which is nice. She's someone who just preaches changes but she shows how she's been able to assess her priorities, define goals and peel away distractions to achieve change in her own life."

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Border controls depend on honesty of travelers

WASHINGTON (AP) — When they landed in Boston, passengers on a recent Aer Lingus flight from Ireland got a clear indication of U.S. concerns about foot-and-mouth disease.

At the gate, the flight crew told departing passengers who had visited an Irish farm, walked in the countryside or even stayed at a bed-and-breakfast that they had to report to U.S. agricultural inspectors.

Inside the terminal, two inspectors pulled aside any passenger who acknowledged being in the Irish countryside. They were directed to other inspectors to have their footwear disinfected.

"That's quite a bit more than they used to do," said Bennie Osburn, dean of the University of California-Davis veterinary school.

"It's quite important at this point in time, because of the extensive distribution of the virus in the U.K. and other parts of Europe. Once we see evidence that it's been controlled and we no longer have cases they can become more lax."

Logan Airport's increased security is typical of the recent changes at other U.S. airports that handle international flights, Agriculture Department officials said.

The chance that anyone on the flight from Dublin carried the virus was probably slim, and few passengers were likely to be in contact with U.S. livestock or vulnerable wildlife.

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near the Northern Ireland border — and the country is working hard to prevent an epidemic. Farms, hiking trails and many tourist sites have been closed to the public for weeks, and every vehicle entering the country is disinfected.

But what if passengers arriving in the United States do not answer truthfully or do not want to risk a delay that could mean missing a connecting flight? Or what if a passenger was deliberately trying to bring the virus into the country?

Osburn said the inspection system depends on the personal ethics of passengers.

The animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals outraged farm groups and lawmakers by declaring recently that it would be a good thing for foot-and-mouth disease to get into the United States because of the damage an outbreak could do to the U.S. livestock industry.

The group is opposed to eating any animal products, including meat, eggs or dairy products. The recent scare with foot-and-mouth and mad cow disease has

prompted many Europeans to become vegetarians, according to polls. Foot-and-mouth is harmless to people, but mad cow is linked to a deadly human disease.

"It's not arguable from the standpoint of animal welfare, environmentalism or human health that were foot-and-mouth to come to the U.S. that it would be a very good thing," said Bruce Friedrich, a spokesman for the group.

Friedrich denied that his organization would try to spread the virus, but the group's comments have raised concerns that someone might.

In a letter to Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Mike Simpson, both Idaho Republicans, said they were worried about eco-terrorism and wanted to ensure "the penalties are adequate to deter this activity" and that the department "has the resources necessary to protect our border."

Agency spokesman Kevin Herpelt declined to comment on PETA's position or on the possibility of bioterrorism.

The director of the Agriculture Department laboratory that researches foot-and-mouth disease, David Huxsoll, says the chances that it could get into the United States are "quite great" given the amount of travel between Britain and the United States.

Hundreds gather to celebrate pow wow

BOISE (AP) — Dozens of American Indians in elaborate costumes kicked off the Boise State Pow Wow Saturday by dancing in a ceremonial grand entry procession.

Dressed in bright colors and feather headdresses, tribal members ranging in age from 3 to over 90 formed a chain of dancers moving to the beat of live drumming.

Two men in traditional American Indian outfits at the front of the train held a flag — one gripped an American flag, while the other sported Idaho's blue flag.

"The group danced to the music of Painted Horse — a band of eight drummers from Owyhee, Nev. — as audience members watched from the stands."

"I've been coming for years," said Sheryl Luskens. "I brought family from out of town to see the authentic costumes."

The feathered, beaded, moccasins, headresses, weavings and furs all stayed perfectly in place as dancers made their way through Boise State's Pavilion sports arena.

"This is the first year of dance competitions," said Johanna Jones, of Boise State's Intertribal Native Council, the sponsor of the event.

Tribal dancers and groups of drummers from across the country competed in several categories of dance competitions

including jingle dance, fancy shawl and traditional dances.

Jones said that the Pow Wow helps "enlighten people about our rich cultural heritage."

She also said that holding the event at Boise State helps recruit

American Indian students to the university.

"It's makes them want to come here," Jones said. "They see that BSU is a cool place. The word is getting around and it brings people in."

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Porn czar can't throttle the Web

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — While Utah has done a good job keeping pornography away from children in retail stores, the state's new "pornography czar" has been unable to suppress access on the Internet.

Local stores have laws regulating display, and there is no regulation on the Internet. They can see anything an adult can see. That's my big concern," Paula Houston told 200 Utah State University students and professors.

"If anyone has any bright ideas, call me."

Houston handles pornography complaints for the Utah Attorney General's office.

She joined an attorney from the American Civil Liberties Union and a pastor from Logan's Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for a panel discussion on pornography in the state capital.

Stephen Clark, legal director of the ACLU in Utah, questioned the wisdom of attempting to regulate the Internet, which has no geographical borders. "Who's going to enforce it, someone in Singapore, in the Netherlands, in Thailand?"

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Man beats execution dates

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — In 1982, Donald Paradis was scheduled to die by hanging. In 1986, he was to be killed by a firing squad. In 1995 his execution date was set again, this time by lethal injection.

On April 10, he walked out of the Kootenai County Courthouse a free man.

After 21 years in prison — 14 on death row — Paradis was freed when a federal appeals court ruled he was the victim of prosecutorial misconduct.

Paradis, 52, was no angel. The former member of the Gypsy Jokers motorcycle gang admitted he helped hide the body of a 19-year-old woman strangled by his friends. But he contended he didn't deserve to be convicted of murder and sentenced to die.

"Am I a murderer? No. I didn't murder anybody," Paradis said after he was released by the same judge who sentenced him to death in 1981. "I did conceal."

In his 1981 trial, Paradis was saddled with an inexperienced lawyer and buried by testimony from a former Oregon state medical examiner that seemed later to be unsupported by forensic evidence.

His road to freedom required numerous appeals, the confession of an associate, and the dedicated efforts of attorneys William Mauk — of Boise — and Edwin Matthews of New York City. Both worked 15 years to win his freedom.

This conclusion should not be misinterpreted as a vindication of the judicial system," Mauk said. "It's a sad day for justice that Donald Paradis spent 21 years in prison."

Not everyone is convinced Paradis got a raw deal when he was convicted of the death of Kimberly Anne Palmer of Spokane, Wash.

"The jury that considered the case found Mr. Paradis guilty," said Marc Haws, the former deputy prosecutor who won the death penalty against Paradis in 1981.

Scribbled notes taken by Haws in the early days of the investigation, and then withheld from defense lawyers, formed the crux of Paradis' appeal.

An important point of contention was the location where Paradis was killed. Her body was found near Post Falls, about 20 miles east of Spokane, just over the border. Idaho prosecutors — working with forensic evidence from Oregon State Medical Examiner Dr. William Brady — concluded she was killed in their state, allowing them to charge Paradis with murder.

But Paradis contended Palmer was actually killed at his Spokane home, and her body dumped in Idaho. He said he was not at home when some fellow

bikers killed Palmer and her friend, Scott Currier, because he was out trying to steal a motorcycle.

During Paradis' trial, Brady testified that his autopsy indicated Palmer likely died in Idaho. That, contradicted more ambiguous comments he made earlier, according to Haws' notes. Those notes were not found until the mid-1990s.

Defense attorney William Brown was not aware of those notes during the 1981 trial, and could not raise doubts about Brady's conclusions.

Haws, now a deputy U.S. attorney in Boise, believes all the focus on some hastily written notes was misplaced.

"I never did say to get a jury to say he was the slayer, only that he was a principle in the slaying," Haws said. "Jurors were convinced and I am still convinced."

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last month ruled that because the notes were not shared with defense attorneys,

and might have produced a different verdict, Paradis should receive a new trial or be freed.

Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas decided the chances of convicting Paradis again were slim, so entered a plea agreement.

First District Judge Gary Haman, who originally sentenced Paradis to death, came out of retirement to preside over a brief hearing that was almost joyous.

"This is essentially the final chapter in what has become a long novel," said Haman, who retired last July. "I thought it was appropriate to finish what I was part of at the beginning."

Haman entered an amended charge of being an accessory to murder. He asked Paradis for his plea.

"Guilty, your honor," Paradis replied. "This is something I've been trying to say for 21 years."

Since the crime carries a maximum penalty of only five years, Haman sentenced Paradis to time served.



Former Idaho death row inmate Donald Paradis gets a hug from his 9-year-old stepdaughter, Lorene Sanford, during a news conference in downtown Boise Thursday. The former member of a motorcycle gang was sentenced to die in 1981 for the murder of 19-year-old Kimberly Anne Palmer of Spokane, Wash. Paradis was released 12 days ago after a judge vacated his murder conviction. Paradis accepted a plea agreement and was released for credit from time served.

Former inmate enjoys new freedom

BOISE (AP) — Freedom, for Donald Paradis, is often exhilarating, sometimes surprising and occasionally a little frightening.

But it's always sweet.

The only Idaho death row inmate ever released from prison said on Thursday that the 10 days since he was freed have had all the frenzy and madness of a wedding day, filled with novelty and anticipation.

"Every new store I go in is a party. Everything's a party for me. Every place I go, except the unemployment office and places like that," Paradis joked during a news conference.

The former member of the Gypsy Jokers motorcycle gang — sentenced to die in 1981 for the murder of 19-year-old Kimberly Anne Palmer of Spokane, Wash. — was accompanied by his lawyer, Bill Mauk; his wife, Vanessa; his stepdaughter and his spiritual adviser. He said Thursday's comments would be his last for a few months.

Wearing khaki pants and a green shirt, a pony tail extending to the middle of his back and an American Indian-style choker necklace, Paradis said he appreciated the kindness and patience of people he's encountered in Boise, where he's living with the woman he married while in prison.

Paradis said he was surprised to get used to a world that has changed dramatically during his 21 years in prison, including 14 years on death row.

He said he was taking his adjustment "one day at a time, one step at a time. There's a lot of new stuff. It's pretty scary."

Schools to undergo field trial

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The state Board of Education Friday gave the nod to a field trial that may bring stricter standards and more accountability to Idaho's public school accreditation process.

The proposed point-based accreditation will be tested on five schools and districts, said Bob Haley, a former Meridian school superintendent who is heading the panel that drafted the assessment standards.

The five Idaho schools and/or districts will be chosen from 10 participating in the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation's "Earning for the 21st Century Initiative."

If adopted, the new assessment will place more value on results than previous models, Haley said.

Results would be evidence of change and progress of students and teachers, or by evaluating improvement in other areas such as strategic planning or facilities safety.

Evaluation guidelines cover both Idaho and Northwest accreditation standards. Each school and/or district may choose which standards it will use for evaluation.

Schools and districts would be awarded points on how students test, how teachers are technologically and professionally prepared, how closely they adhere to the state teaching model, and how safe the schools are.



Donald M. Paradis, with his wife, Vanessa, whom he married while in jail, explains at a press conference Thursday in Boise how he is adjusting to life since being set free from prison after 21 years.

actually. There's toilets that flush by themselves. I'm looking for pervers under the stall."

The once-condemned man said on Thursday that he had given up bitterness about his prosecution years ago and now was focused on the future.

"If I keep on being angry I'm not going to have time to smell the flowers," he said. "I don't have time for anger. I'm sorry."

Mauk said Paradis was facing the future with no money, job, health insurance, driver's license or even a Social Security card. In addition, he has high blood pressure and is badly over-

weight from his sedentary life in prison.

"I don't think any of us knows where it goes from here," Mauk said. "It's fine now, but I think it's going to be a tough road."

Paradis said he eventually would like to pursue a college degree in sociology and to work with troubled youths. But he said he understands that may be difficult.

"People are going to be kind of standoffish. I expect that," he said. "But who better to help somebody stay out of prison than somebody who's been in prison?"

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Salt Lake City feels Idaho quake

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — An earthquake of 5.3 hit southeastern Idaho on Saturday. Tremors were felt from Pocatello to Yellowstone, and as far away as Salt Lake City.

No damages or injuries were immediately reported in the quake, which occurred at 11:18

a.m., according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

"This is a remote area, so I wouldn't expect a lot of damage," said Sue Nave, seismic network manager at the University of Utah seismograph station.

The earthquake was centered 27 miles northwest of Afton, Wyo., southwest of Grand Teton

National Park.

"I was just sitting in my front room and I heard a noise that sounded like a truck and felt it shake about three to four seconds," said Kevin Jackson, 45, of Afton.

The tremor was the biggest to hit Idaho since a 5.8-magnitude quake in 1994.

Contract with physicians expires soon

BOISE (AP) — St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in August will end its contract with the six doctors who take care of critically ill newborn babies.

A spokesman for the physicians said it may result in fewer doctors available to treat the infants. St. Luke's officials reply they are recruiting more doctors and there should be no reduction of service at the newborn intensive care unit.

The unit is the only one in the state and serves about 1,000 babies a year.

Hospital officials said one reason for letting the doctors go is they want to increase their charges too high. While St. Luke's cannot control what they charge, spokeswoman Beth Tzol said it wants to safeguard its patients.

The new fees would add an estimated 50 percent, or an average of more than \$2,000, to the average patient's bill, she said.

"While we believe these doctors deserve a reasonable increase in

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some of their fees, area patients should not have to pay fees that would be far above the national average."

But Dr. Stewart Lawrence said he and his colleagues deserve higher salaries, but did not quantify them.

"I work 60 to 80 hours a week, day and night, holidays and weekends. There are weeks when I work 120 hours," he said, adding the fees are below average for the region.

The doctors belong to Mountain States Neonatology Associates, a professional organization. Lawrence said it will be difficult to find six replacement doctors in four months.

"They could try to make the

doctors do twice as much work, or they could put those babies on a plane to Portland, Salt Lake or Seattle," he said. "We don't want that to happen."

St. Luke's said Mountain States doctors will be free to practice at St. Luke's even after the contract ends Aug. 10, as long as their hospital privileges remain valid. Lawrence replied that was news to him. St. Luke's also objects that the doctors are becoming affiliated with Pediatrix Medical Group Inc., a nationwide network of 450 physicians.

For the past two years, Mountain States has been connected with Magella, another group with 80 doctors. Pediatrix recently announced it was buying Magella.

St. Luke's said that is a concern, because Arizona and Florida have investigated Pediatrix's Medicaid billing practices. The company refunded \$260,000 to settle allegations it accepted overpayments from the government.

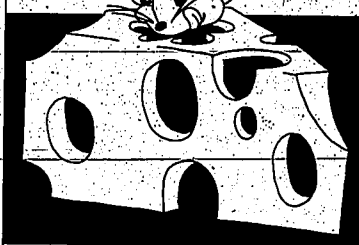
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Police stop man from leaving state

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — In a race to the border, state police on Friday stopped a California prison van from leaving the state with a 70-year-old Oregon man who had hours earlier lost his battle to stay out of prison for the 1963 murder of a California highway patrolman.

The California Department of Corrections took custody of Robert Lee Burns of Springfield after a Lane County judge denied his motion to block the extradition pending an appeal, but Burns' defense attorney won an emergency stay from the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Burns and his guards were on Interstate 5 south of Medford within 21 miles of the border when state police armed with the stay caught up to them and brought Burns back to Medford, where he was taken to the Jackson County Jail, said state police spokesman Lt. Gregg Hastings.

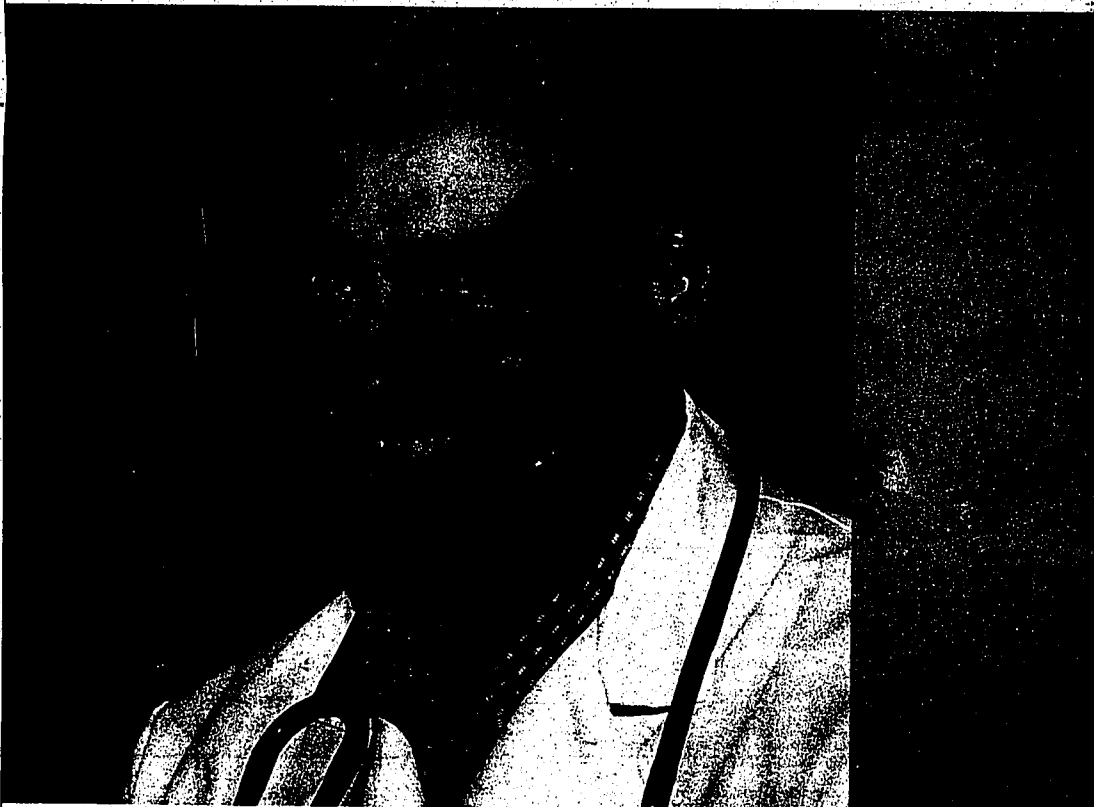
But the jail refused to accept him. Hastings said Burns was returned to the Lane County Jail.

"The whole family is really excited," said Tammy Ferguson, Burns' ex-sister-in-law, who just hours earlier had bid Burns a tearful goodbye in the courtroom. "Bob's boys started crying for joy he didn't get taken to California. As long as he's here in Oregon, they felt like he had a chance."

If the prison van had crossed the border, there would have been no way to get Burns back or have the Oregon Court of Appeals consider his case, said public defender Dave Phillips.

Before his arrest last January, Burns had been free the past 27 years. He served just 4.5 years of his California murder sentence before being sent back to Oregon to finish an unrelated sentence for robbery.

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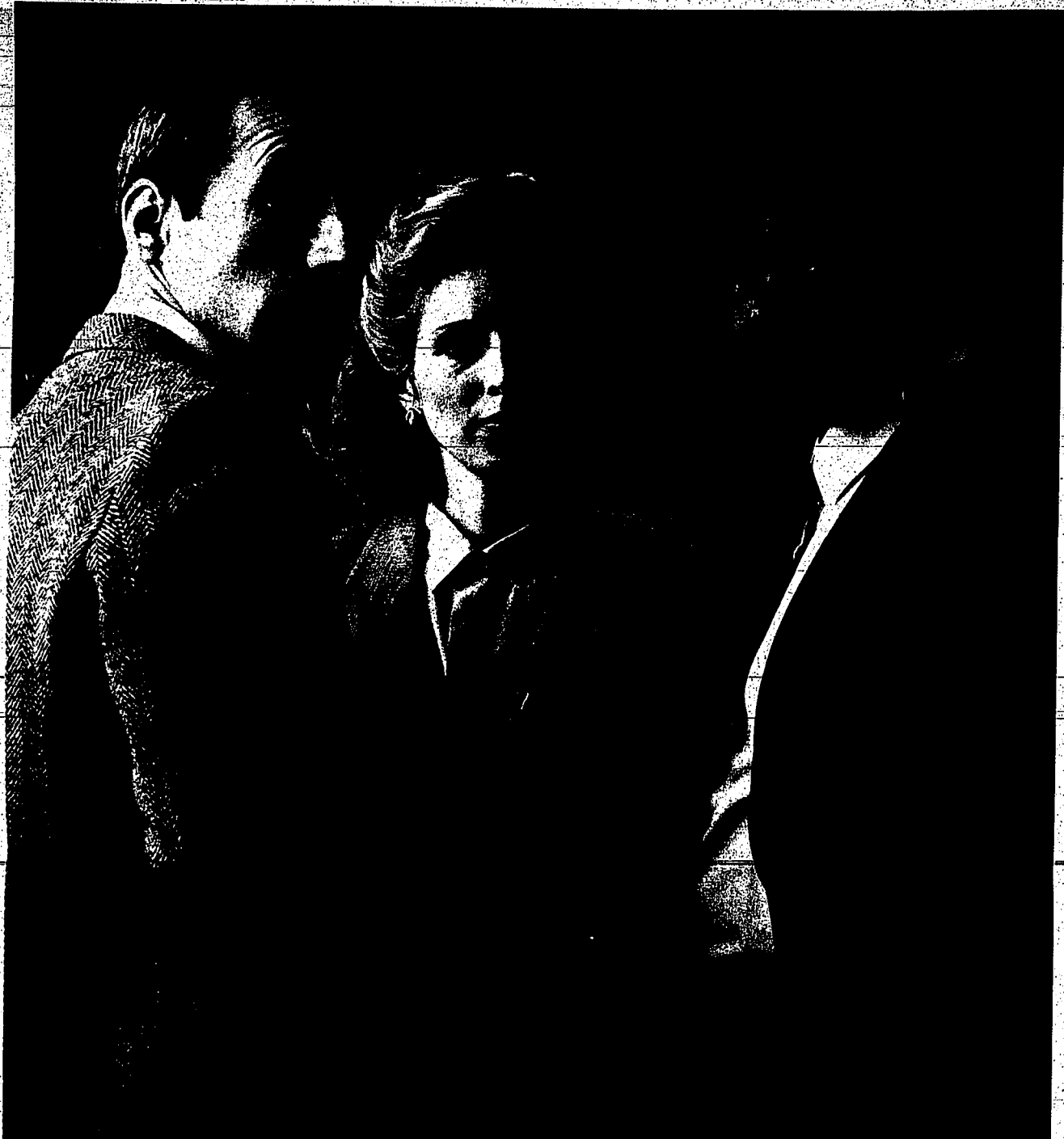


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Jordan says 'challenge' could lure him from retirement

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The Associated Press

Michael Jordan would return to the NBA only to prove he could still play at a high level.

"It's definitely the challenge," the 38-year-old Jordan said Saturday on NBC, adding that he isn't ready to say he'll return next season. "I'm not coming back for money. I'm not coming back for the glory. I think I left the game with that, but the challenge is what I truly love."

In an interview taped Friday in Washington, Jordan said he started thinking about a return after



Michael Jordan

he began playing pickup games when his weight increased to 242 pounds. He says it is now about 218 or 220 — slightly over his ideal playing weight.

"I can't get on a treadmill," he said. "I've got to have movement, so basketball became my cardio."

Jordan, now part owner of the Washington Wizards, conceded

that his competitive fire has made him think about a comeback. But from a physical aspect, he remains close to his earlier assessment of being '99.9 percent' sure he won't.

"Mentally, I can reduce that, because mentally I'd like to get my skills back," he explained, but added that desire alone would not be enough.

The five-time MVP and 10-time NBA scoring champion who led the Chicago Bulls to six titles, says playing pickup games can't prepare him for what he'd face in a return after three years of retirement.

"I'm not convinced as of right now that I can find those skills," he said.

Jordan won't put a timetable on a comeback decision, but knows he may eventually have to say to himself: "You know what, I'd like to have fun, but I think you better let '98 be your exit."

Jordan said the assumption that a comeback with the Wizards would mean he would have no chance for a championship is nothing more than idle talk.

"Nobody knows, and I love that," he said.

The hiring Thursday of Doug Collins as the Wizards' coach early in his career — should not be seen as a sign that a comeback is imminent.

"I'm not really thinking about who's going to coach Michael Jordan," he said. "It can play for anyone."

Jordan retired after a storybook ending to his last game, when he hit his final shot to give the Bulls a title-clinching victory over the Utah Jazz in Game 6 of the 1998 NBA Finals.

He previously showed he could come back from a prolonged

absence. After retiring in 1993 to play in the Chicago White Sox's minor league system, he returned almost two years later and led the Bulls to three more NBA titles.

"At 38 years old, I think everybody probably will be waiting and watching to see if he is truly Superman," Miami Heat coach Pat Riley said. "You know, where's the kryptonite? If he comes back and plays at the level he did two or three years ago and dominates the game, then he definitely is from another planet. It would be very intriguing."

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(AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Chicago White Sox 4-3 in a game that was a defensive struggle for much of the night.

White Sox starter Tim Lincecum (1-1) pitched six innings, allowing three runs and six hits. He struck out three batters.

Toronto's Jeff D'Amico (1-0) pitched four innings, allowing two runs and four hits. He struck out two batters.

The game was tied 3-3 in the bottom of the eighth inning when Toronto's Jeff D'Amico hit a home run to give them the lead.

White Sox manager Paul Molitor said his team was "out of sync" and that he was "not sure" if they were ready to compete for the playoffs.

Toronto manager John Gibbons said his team was "excited" and that he was "confident" they could win the division.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Elder statesmen lead Jazz past Mavericks

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone, John Stockton and Danny Manning proved experience means a lot in the playoffs.

Malone scored 26 points and Stockton had 12 points, 18 assists and two go-ahead free throws with 25.8 seconds left as the Utah Jazz scored the final six points and beat the Dallas Mavericks 88-86 Saturday.

"It's just basketball. Forget about age," said Utah coach Jerry Sloan. "Young, old, whatever. It's about who plays focused."

In an emotional, closely contested opener to the best-of-five series, it was the Jazz that held their focus in the end. Utah prevailed in a frenzied atmosphere and took a 1-0 lead into Tuesday night's Game 2 in Salt Lake City.

Manning scored 12 for the Jazz, hitting a huge 3-pointer with 58 seconds remaining. With Utah trailing 86-82 and facing a do-or-die possession, Malone found Manning open at the top of the key.

"They went down to double-team on Karl," Manning said. "Karl gave me a great pass. I got a clean look at the basket, and I'm very fortunate it went in."

Dallas coach Don Nelson was ejected midway through the fourth quarter as referees called seven technical fouls and one flagrant foul. But it was a call that wasn't made that had the Mavericks steamed at the end.

After Stockton hit two free throws with 25.8 seconds remaining to put the Jazz ahead 87-86, Don Novitski drove the lane at the other end and was fouled and stripped by Malone, and Donyell

Jazz vs. Mavericks
Game 1: Utah 86, Dallas 86
Game 2: Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.
Game 3: Saturday, 1 p.m.
Game 4: May 1, TBD
Game 5: May 4, TBD

Marshall came away with the ball before being fouled with 3.3 seconds left.

"Dink puts the ball on the floor a lot," Malone said. "He likes to go to his left. He keeps the ball down low, and I was able to grab it."

Mavericks assistant Donn Nelson, who took over after his father was ejected with 7:20 to play, jumped and ran in front of the Dallas bench, stunned that no foul was called.

Television replays appeared to show Malone stripping the ball cleanly.

"I thought I was fouled but you'll never get that on the road," Novitski said.

Marshall missed his first foul shot but made the second. After a timeout, Michael Finley inbounded to Novitski, who tossed it back to Finley for a 30-footer that bounced off the front of the rim at the buzzer.

Novitski and Steve Nash each scored 20 and Juwan Howard had 14.

"That was a tough game. Those guys are so talented," Stockton said. "They have a good team, and I expect this series to be a dog-fight."

Marshall and Bryon Russell finished with 12 points each for Utah.



Utah guard John Stockton drives his way around Dallas Howard. Easley in the fourth quarter. Stockton made the game-winning free throw for a 88-86 win over the Mavericks. Easley was with the Jazz last season.

Sixers-killers: Miller's 3-pointer shocks Philadelphia

Knight Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Now we have ourselves a playoff series.

The Indiana Pacers sauntered into Philadelphia this weekend with a chip on their shoulders, annoyed at being labeled mediocre, beyond their prime, and at predictions that they would get swept, and buoyed by a no-nonsense attitude unfamiliar to a defending conference champion.

Nearly three quarters on Saturday, it meant nothing as the 76ers threatened to run the Pacers out of town.

"Then our asses got tight," Sixers guard Allen Iverson said, and so did this best-of-five first-round series.

The Pacers' Reggie Miller, after shooting a horrendous 4 for 20 from the field in the game's first 47 minutes, 57.1 seconds, rolled off a screen to the left side of the court and drilled a 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds left in the game, leading the eighth-seeded Pacers to a heart-stopping 79-73 win at the First Union Center in front of a sellout crowd of 20,613.

The top-seeded Sixers had 2.9 seconds left to win, but Iverson never got to attempt a shot. He fell to the floor near midcourt while trying to dribble past Miller, and slammed the ball to the hard-



Pacers vs. 76ers
Game 1: Indiana 79, Philadelphia 78
Game 2: Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Game 3: Saturday, 10:40 a.m.
Game 4: May 2, TBD
Game 5: May 4, TBD

wood in frustration when no foul was called by referee Dan Ford as time expired.

His venting unified everyone's ire and surprise.

Pacers guard Reggie Miller, left, drives past 76ers guard Allen Iverson in the first half of the first round of the NBA playoffs Saturday in Philadelphia. Miller scored 17 points in the Pacers' 79-73 game-one win.

The win put the Pacers up, one game to none, in this matchup. Game 2, scheduled for Tuesday night at the First Union Center, has become a must-win situation for Philadelphia. The Pacers, who were to fly back to Indiana after the game, walked with a defiant swagger, eager to make fools of naysayers.

"People were actually saying we were going to get swept, saying the Sixers are going to be champions," Jalen Rose said. "Well, we believe we have some say in the matter."

Indiana spoke emphatically throughout the afternoon, limiting Iverson to 16 measly points on 7-of-19 shooting. The Pacers double-teamed the league's scoring champion every time he touched the basketball. Essentially, none of the other Sixers stepped up.

Eric Snow had 14 points and five assists. Dikembe Mutombo had 12 points, 22 rebounds and five blocked shots, setting a team playoff record with 17 defensive rebounds. Aaron McKie came off the bench and chipped in 18 points and seven assists. But no one did anything when it counted most.

After holding the Pacers to 29 percent shooting (15 of 51) in the first half, the Sixers shot just 31.3 percent (5 of 16) themselves in the fourth quarter. Their high scorers in the final 12 minutes were Iverson and McKie — each with four points.

The first three from Miller came with 3:19 left, helping the Pacers — who had been behind by 57-40 earlier — take a 76-73 lead. The second was much more lethal.

"They made big plays," Sixers coach Larry Brown said afterward. "We didn't make any shots in the second half. I thought we got real tentative, and they made big plays."

"These guys know what's at stake and what we've come here to do," Adelman said. "People say we're not experienced in the playoffs, but this team knows what the playoffs are all about. You can see it in their eyes."

The Kings open their best-of-five series against the Phoenix Suns at Arco Arena today. After first-round losses in the last two seasons, the Kings want to capitalize on the franchise's best regular season in decades by advancing in the postseason for the first time since 1981.

But the third-seeded Kings have drawn a difficult matchup against the sixth-seeded Suns, who have enough physical players to slow down Sacramento's league-best offense. In the playoffs, the Kings know they must add toughness and meanness to their repertoire of fancy passes, long-distance jumpers and thunderous dunks.

Phoenix feels confident in its ability to slow down the Kings, particularly after an 88-86 victory over Sacramento last week. In that game, the Suns gave a preview of their playoff strategy by pushing Webber out of his favorite spots on the perimeter while punishing the Kings who drove to the hoop.

"I think we did a really good job of being physical with (Webber), not letting him stand out there and shoot jump shots," said Phoenix's Cliff Robinson, who will draw the defensive assignment against Webber, the NBA's sixth-leading scorer.

Spurs top T'wolves 87-82

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan hit the biggest shot of the game for San Antonio, while Minnesota turned to Dean Garrett — not Kevin Garnett — late in the fourth quarter.

Duncan had 33 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 87-82 in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series Saturday.

"Tim came out with guns blazing tonight," said David Robinson, who added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Spurs. "There's nobody that can guard him."

Duncan's 15-foot bank shot over Garrett with 12.7 seconds remaining all but sealed the win for San Antonio, which overcame a poor third quarter and shut down Garnett in the fourth.

"They hit their shots down the stretch and we missed ours, even though we had some good looks," said Terrell Brandon, who had 16 points.

Game 2 is Monday night at the Alamodome.

Garnett did not attempt a shot over the "final six" minutes, although he was credited with a field goal when Duncan inadvertently tipped the ball in the wrong basket with 7.4 seconds left. The Wolves quickly fouled Antonio Daniels, who led the victory by making two free throws.

Garnett, who led the Timberwolves with 25 points, later said he had a cramp in his



San Antonio guard Terry Porter (30) celebrates after scoring in the fourth quarter against the Minnesota Timberwolves in a first-round playoff game in San Antonio, Saturday. San Antonio won 87-82.

"His legs were pretty dead," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "He really had little in his legs to get any shots off. He turned down a lot of shots. He made a lot of extra passes to other guys."

Garrett ended up taking Minnesota's biggest shot — a jumper that missed with 1:16 left and another that missed with 38 seconds left.

In between, Robinson grabbed an offensive rebound on Anderson's missed 3-pointer and followed up with a dunk.

Mashburn, Hornets melt Heat 106-80 for series lead

The Associated Press

MIAMI — In the early going, fans booted Jamal Mashburn. By the third period, the jeers were directed at the Miami Heat.

Mashburn burned his former team with 31 points, and the Charlotte Hornets stunned Miami 106-80 Saturday night in the opening game of their best-of-five playoff series.

It was the most points scored against the Heat this season.

Traded last August after four seasons in Miami, Mashburn came to Charlotte with a reputation for wilting in the clutch, especially at playoff time. But he rose to the occasion Saturday, as did his teammates.

Baton Davis scored 23 points and David Wesley 17 for the Hornets, who repeatedly beat the lethargic Heat in transition and dominated the boards. By the midpoint of the third quarter, the Heat trailed 70-42 — their largest deficit this season.

With the dismal performance, the Heat squandered the home-court advantage they worked 82 games to earn. Game 2 is

Monday before the series switches to Charlotte.

Mashburn talked trash with his teammates. "Tim Hardaway and got in the locker word. He sank a 3-pointer and I converted a three-point play to help break the game open, made all nine of his free throws and added five assists."

The Heat were finally at full strength after playing short-handed virtually all season. Alonzo Mourning, Anthony Mason and Eddie Jones started together for the first time, but their disjointed play made Miami look like a team at the start of training camp.

Mourning, playing his 14th game in a comeback from kidney disease, had 14 points and just three rebounds in 27 minutes. He left the game midway through the fourth quarter with a cut near his right eye that was expected to require stitches.

Hardaway, who missed the final three regular-season games with a bruised left foot, started but scored just three points and shot 1-for-6 in 18 minutes. Miami totaled 23 turnovers.

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games against the Raptors, three of which were losses.

Forward Larry Johnson, who missed most of the final six weeks of the season with a chronically sore back, is not expected to play today.

His spot in the starting lineup will be taken by Kurt Thomas, who averaged 13.1 points and 4.3 rebounds in 29 games as a starter. As a reserve, Thomas' numbers dipped to 8.7 points and 5.7 rebounds.

Bucks have owned the Magic.

St. FRANCIS, Wis. — The Milwaukee Bucks are odds over whether they're due for a letdown against the Orlando Magic.

They've beaten their first-round playoff opponent nine straight times.

So, the odds say... Nothing, according to Sam Cassell.

"I think there's odds when you're shooting craps, but not when you're playing basketball," Cassell said. "The players dictate the odds, have as long as I've been in this league. No matter if you've beaten a team 10 times in a row, you're playing good basketball against that team, you're going to continue to beat them. It's that simple."

Maybe not, Ray Allen said. "Any time you lose to a team twice, you say the third time's the charm," Allen said. "Nine times, I don't know that kind of saying you have for that. But the more and more you win, the chances get

greater and greater that you're going to lose."

Either way, the Magic never seem to have an answer for the Bucks. Orlando lost by nine points in one game and by 12 points in the other three games this season.

Magic coach Doc Rivers has a theory. "They're better than us," Rivers said. "That has something to do with it."

Blazers get another shot.

LOS ANGELES — The lead was 15 points with 10.5 minutes to play, and it seemed only a major meltdown could keep the Portland Trail Blazers from reaching the NBA Finals.

Brian Shaw smiles at the memory of that major meltdown in Game 7 of last year's Western Conference final.

"I remember Phil saying we were concentrating too much on trying to get the ball into Shaq," the veteran Los Angeles Lakers guard said, referring to coach Phil Jackson and near-unanimous MVP Shaquille O'Neal. "Once the coach says to look for your shot, we started to hit shots, they started missing, and the rest was history."

That was last June, when the Lakers rallied for an 89-84 victory over the Blazers to advance to the NBA Finals, where they beat the Indiana Pacers in six games to win their first title in 12 years.

Now, as the Lakers open defense of their crown, they meet the Blazers again, starting today at Staples Center.

"If you would have told me last

season that we were going to face them in the first round, I probably would have told you, 'You're crazy,'" Kobe Bryant said Saturday, following the Lakers' first practice before the best-of-five series begins.

But that's the deal, because the Blazers dropped seven of their final 10 regular-season games to finish at 50-32 — seventh-best in the Western Conference.

The Lakers, meanwhile, won their last eight to finish 56-26, win the Pacific Division title and rise to No. 2 in the West, behind San Antonio.

Meanwhile, Rashard Wallace spoke briefly with reporters before the Blazers practiced at Staples Center, and made it clear it wasn't by choice.

A day earlier, he was fined \$10,000 for failing to make himself available for interviews, and the team was fined \$25,000.

"I'm just here to play basketball, man, that's all," he said. "It's a good matchup; they're the best, we're the best."

Sacramento puts on game face.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Chris Webber's normally playful demeanor changed ever so slightly. Wade Davis spoke up more in practice and in the locker room. Turnovers were down, and intensity was up.

In the last three weeks, Rick Adelman was pleased to see the Sacramento Kings preparing themselves for the playoffs — and doing it with very little prompting from their coach.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE



Blues defenseman Chris Pronger, right, celebrates with goalie Roman Turek after they defeated the Sharks 2-1 in a first-round game in San Jose, Calif., Saturday. The Blues won the series 4-2.

Stars drill Oilers, Pens quiet Capitals

NHL playoffs

EDMONTON, Alberta — Joe Nieuwendyk returned from a knee injury and scored with 2:53 left to lead the Dallas Stars to the Western Conference semifinals with a 3-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Saturday night.

Nieuwendyk, injured in a knee-on-knee collision with Edmonton's Scott Fergusson in Game 1 of the series, broke a 1-1 tie at 17:07 of the third, and Mike Modano added an empty-net goal with 44 seconds remaining as the Stars won the first-round series 4-2.

Brett Hull, who tied it 1-1 at 8:57 of the third, set up Nieuwendyk at the Edmonton blue line for a shot that beat goalie Tommy Salo between the pads.

Ryan Smyth scored his third goal of the series 4:44 into the game to give the Oilers a 1-0 lead. Smyth, who had a point in all six games, took Doug Weight's cross-ice pass in the slot in, drove to the net, and flipped the puck past goalie Ed Belfour with defenseman Richard Matvichuk draped over him.

Hull tied it when he flipped the puck over Salo during a goal-mouth scramble midway through the third.

The Oilers got a chance at a go-ahead goal at 13:20 of the third when the Stars' Darryl Sittler was called for goaltender interference, but were unable to convert on the power play.

Penguins 2, Capitals 1

WASHINGTON — All it took was half a minute of Mario Lemieux to put the Washington Capitals on the brink of elimination.

Lemieux had a goal and an assist in a 31-second span of the first period as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Capitals 2-1 Saturday.

"That was huge," Lemieux said. "Right off the bat, we got off to a good start."

In 34 career playoff games, Lemieux has 151 points. One more victory by the Penguins, the team Lemieux owns, will advance Pittsburgh to the second round.

Pittsburgh, which has won five of the six playoff meetings between the teams, improved to 7-0 against Washington in Game 5. The Penguins lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 and can eliminate the Capitals at home Monday night, Game 7, if necessary, would be Tuesday night back in Washington.

"Obviously, it's not over yet," Lemieux said. "It's going to be another battle. They're going to be desperate, and we have to be ready for a hard 60 minutes."

Andrew Ference gave Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead. Sergei Gonchar scored Washington's lone goal in the second.

Eight of the last nine playoff games between the teams, including six straight from Game 2 last year until Game 2 this year, were decided by one goal. The team that has scored first has won each game of this series.

Blues cage Sharks

St. Louis advances to semifinals

St. Louis vs. San Jose St. Louis wins series 4-2

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Roman Turek got redemption, and the St. Louis Blues got revenge.

Turek stopped 30 shots, and the Blues broke open a scoreless game with two second-period goals in 52 seconds as St. Louis advanced to the Western Conference semifinals with a 2-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Saturday.

Cory Stillman and Pavol Demitra struck for quick scores late in the second, but the Blues owed the victory to team defense and to Turek, who erased memories of last season's playoff crash-and-burn against the Sharks with a fine performance.

St. Louis won the Presidents' Trophy last season but lost a seven-game series to San Jose. A year later, with a less-glossy regular-season record but much more playoff determination, the Blues earned payback with a 4-2 series victory.

The Sharks pulled to 2-1 when Brad Stuart one-timed Mike Ricci's pass from behind the net past Turek with 7:29 to play. The

frantic final minute included two San Jose shots that skittered through the crease, as well as a point-blank chance blocked by center Mike Eastwood, but the Blues held on.

At the final buzzer, Blues captain Chris Pronger tackled Turek, and both fell into the net in a joyous hug.

St. Louis reached the second round for the third time in four seasons while sending the Sharks to an early summer. San Jose had the best regular season in franchise history and acquired high-scoring wing Teemu Selanne for the playoff push, but ran into an opponent even more determined.

Turek, whose play was roundly criticized in the Blues' playoff loss to the Sharks last season,

was in control through most of the series. He wasn't forced to make many big saves Saturday until the third period, when his sparkling stop of Patrick Marleau's point-blank chance with 16:30 left was the first of several gems.

Evgen Nabokov, the prohibitive favorite for the Rookie of the Year award, returned to the Sharks' goal after a two-game injury absence. He played well, making 28 saves, but defensive blunders by his teammates left Nabokov helpless on both of the Blues' goals.

Instead, San Jose's offense made the blame. The Sharks managed just 11 goals in the six-game series, with captain Owen Nolan scoring just one goal and Selanne none.

Please remain calm, Devils say

By Mark J. Czerninski
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

RALEIGH, N.C. — The last place the Devils expected to be spending their Saturday night was at a hotel in Raleigh. Especially after they took a 3-0 series lead last week against the Carolina Hurricanes in the Eastern Conference quarterfinals.

But, as so many of them have said over the last 72 hours, that's playoff hockey. The defending Stanley Cup champions let their guard down a bit, for whatever reasons, and the hungry Hurricanes made them pay.

"I think that the guys are a little more nervous than they were when it was 3-0," said coach Larry Robinson, whose team tries again to close out the pesky Hurricanes in Game 6 this afternoon at Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena. "But I still feel the guys are confident."

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attacked. Osgood faced barrages of shots, while his defensemen and forwards failed in front of him, while the Kings did all the little things the Wings usually do well. Knocking down pucks. Standing up at the blue line.

Center Ian Laperriere gave the Kings a 2-0 lead 1:51 into the second. On the rush, forward Eric Belanger ended up in the slot alone, went to the right around Osgood and put the puck behind him. Laperriere, mauling down the left side, cut in front of Wings center Igor Larionov and, tapped in the puck.

"The second goal really hurt

us," Bowman said. "It was offside by a foot. But those kind of breaks, you've got to push through."

Again, the Wings sagged; the Kings attacked. The lowest point came with about 4:15 left in the period, when some of the Kings' best players kept the puck away from some of the Wings' best players in the Detroit zone for what seemed like an eternity. Boos rained like an eternity. They rained down again at the horn.

Associate coach Dave Lewis gave the Wings an inspirational lecture during the second intermission. At first, it seemed to work. Forward Slava Rodzlov

scored 33 seconds into the third, jamming in a rebound. But only 1:05 afterward, Kings forward Adam Deadmarsh finished a 2-on-1 at the other end. The Kings led, 3-1.

"It's unfortunate they scored what ended up as the winning goal so quickly after we got back into the game," Bowman said.

Despite his broken left thumb, Wings defenseman Chris Chelios got enough on a slap shot from the right point to score at 12:46. But that's all the Wings could muster, although they outshot the Kings, 15-4, after the Kings outshot them in the first two periods combined, 21-14.

As if things couldn't get any worse for the Wings, Shanahan limped to the dressing room with 2:29 to go. He came back, tested his foot twice, and played the final 28.8 seconds, getting off the Wings' last desperate shot. But his heroics were not enough. Not even close. Not with center Sergei Fedorov crumpling, and Martin Lapointe not producing, several others slacking.

"You know, Brendan, coming back in the condition he's in, it's a remarkable effort," Osgood said. "We didn't match it. We had no determination in our game. We have to play with more passion."



Philadelphia's Dan McIlvill (3) checks Buffalo's Miroslav Satan (84) in the first period of Game 6 of their Eastern Conference playoff series in Buffalo, N.Y., Saturday. The Sabres eliminated the Flyers 4-2.

Flyers fall flat in 8-0 defeat

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia vs. Buffalo Sabres win series 4-2

BUFFALO — The Flyers were already trailing by four goals when defenseman Chris Therien walked off the left boards at the Sabres blue line and was pick-pocketed by J.P. Dumont.

The crowd roared in anticipation as Dumont streaked down the center of the ice and fired yet another puck past Roman Cechmanek deep into the Flyers' net. Five goals on nine shots. It's not often that a goalie gives up more goals than saves.

"Tell me about it; had dream for the whole team," Cechmanek said later.

It was a day of humiliation for the Flyers on Saturday at HSBC Arena as the Sabres crushed them from the Eastern Conference quarterfinals with an 8-0 demoralizing that clinched the first-round series, four games to two.

It was the worst defeat in Flyers' playoff history, eclipsing their 7-1 loss to the Rangers on April 18, 1979, at the Spectrum. How does a team go from a textbook perfect 3-1 win in Game 5 to this?

"It's inconceivable, but it became possible," Keith Primeau said. "They had a game plan to come out and thoroughly beat us, and that is just what they did."

Cechmanek, who was lifted after the fifth goal, didn't have a single timely save early when the Flyers needed it and failed to steal any game in the series, something he had done more than once during the regular season.

He could not be faulted, however, for three power-play goals — Buffalo hid six in the series in just 18 attempts — dumb penalties, coverage mistakes, and gaffes from the defense.

"The whole series, Buffalo was better than us," Cechmanek said. "We played too nervous. I don't know why. Our (team) defense played one good game at home but not the whole series. I don't know why."

Flyers coach Bill Barber did not address how uncompetitive and unprepared his club was in its final game.

"I sure wasn't the way we wanted to continue on or finish off the series," he said. "I'm not going to sit here and hang my head. I guess, we have to look at it as 8-0 or 10-0, we didn't win."

Questions abound for the long term. John LeClair will be an unrestricted free agent this summer. Has he played his last game as a Flyer?

"I don't know," LeClair said. Did he think about it walking off the ice?

"When you get beat 8-0, that's the last thing on your mind," he replied.

The off-season figures to be the most challenging yet for general manager Bob Clarke. There is the resigning of LeClair, possibly dipping into free agency to get a top center such as Joe Sakic and top defenseman such as Rob Blake, and the need to get something of value for Eric Lindros, especially if LeClair walks.

"Free agency is a nice word," said a subdued Clarke. "But we have to get players who want to come here, and players today have a lot of choices."

Given the choice, the Flyers were probably relieved that Saturday's game was here and not at the First Union Center.

Xtreme win XFL championship

NFL Draft List

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former NFL backup Tommy Maddox threw for two touchdown passes, and Jose Cortez, a roofer from Oregon, kicked four field goals as the Los Angeles Xtreme beat the San Francisco Demons 38-6 on Saturday in the first XFL championship game.

The "Million Dollar Game" drew a crowd of 24,153 to the 90,000-seat Los Angeles Coliseum. Attendance was some 10,000 fewer than the Xtreme's inaugural game at home, but almost double the gate of 13,081 for Los Angeles' semifinal victory over Chicago a week earlier.

The Xtreme's defense, led by Ron Carpenter's two interceptions, shut out the Demons until the final 25 seconds after earlier blanking San Francisco in the regular-season finale.

Reggie Durden scored on a 71-yard punt return as Los Angeles took control of the title game by building a 21-0 halftime lead.

The Xtreme, who finished 9-3, will split the \$1 million bonus 45 ways because the 38 players on the regular roster voted to include the seven players on their practice squad. That works out to \$22,222 per man, about half what each earned for the entire 10-game regular season.

Maddox, a former UCLA star who was out of football and running an insurance agency two

years ago, completed 16 of 28 for 210 yards and was intercepted once.

Cortez, who finished the inaugural XFL season by making 24 of his last 26 field-goal attempts connected from 37, 34 and 50 yards, the 50-yarder as time expired in the first half. He added a 22-yarder in the third quarter.

Saladin McCullough rushed for 109 yards on 20 carries for Los Angeles.

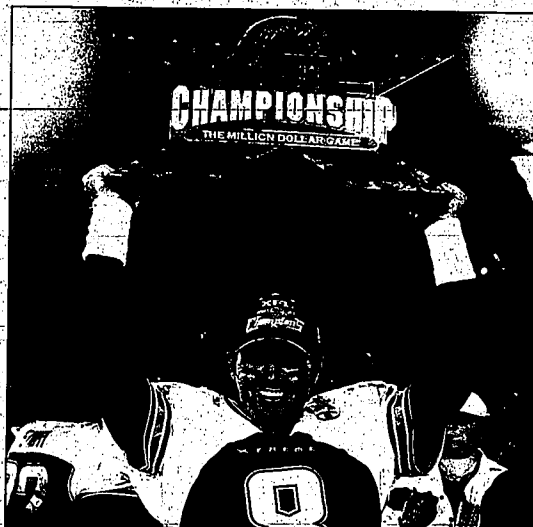
The Demons, who finished 5-5, were unable to generate any offense against the Xtreme, who had beaten them 24-0 in the final regular-season game after losing 15-13 in the season opener at San Francisco.

In the rematch for the title, the Demons' Mike Pawlawski threw for just 74 yards, completing 8 of 20, with two interceptions.

The losing Demons earned \$7,000 each for making it to the title game.

Vince McMahon, whose World Wrestling Federation and NBC jointly own the XFL, presented the championship trophy, giving fans handclaps as he worked his way down the stands and onto the field.

Although the XFL's TV ratings were poor this year, McMahon has said the league will be back for a second season.



Los Angeles Xtreme quarterback and XFL Player of the Year Tommy Maddox holds the league championship trophy in the air after Los Angeles beat the San Francisco Demons 38-6 Saturday to win the 'Million Dollar Game.'

First Round

1. Atlanta from San Diego, Michael Vick, QB, Virginia Tech.
2. Arizona from Dallas, T. J. Ward, RB, San Diego State.
3. Cincinnati from Kansas City, Marvin Harrison, WR, Miami.
4. Cleveland from Pittsburgh, Mike Anderson, RB, Miami.
5. Denver from Houston, Lyle Blackwood, QB, Colorado State.
6. Detroit from Tampa Bay, Lleyton Stewart, WR, Miami.
7. Green Bay from Seattle, Aaron Rodgers, QB, California.
8. Houston from San Francisco, Andre Carter, WR, Miami.
9. Jacksonville from New York Jets, Tim Tebow, QB, Florida State.
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Hingis, Capriati square off in Family Circle final

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Martina Hingis won her 14th straight match at the Family Circle Saturday, setting up a rematch of the Australian Open final against No. 2 Jennifer Capriati.

Hingis won eight straight games during one stretch in defeating No. 3 Conchita Martinez 6-2, 6-2 in the semifinals. Earlier, Capriati returned to the championship for the first time in 11 years with a 6-0, 6-2 win over unseeded Marlene Weingartner.

Capriati was told after the match she would move from fifth to No. 4 in the world — her highest ranking ever.

The Family Circle has been super for Hingis through the years. She first became the world's No. 1 player here in 1997, taking that title, and won again in 1999. She lost only one set this week in eliminating the world's hottest player, Amelie Mauresmo, in the quarterfinals and two-time Family Circle champion Martinez.

It was the 11th time Hingis beat Martinez in their past 12 meetings.



Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten celebrates after winning his match against Argentina's Guillermo Coria during the semifinals of the Monte Carlo tennis tournament in Monaco, Saturday. Kuerten defeated Coria 6-4, 6-2.

"I always enjoy playing the better players," Hingis said, smiling.

"Conchita beat me at Berlin (last year) and I wanted revenge," she also would like revenge

against Capriati, who followed Hingis' back-to-back victories over Serena and Venus Williams in Australia with a 6-3, 6-3 win in the final.

Capriati "was just too good there," Hingis said. "I want to give it another shot. I feel like I've got nothing to lose in the final."

Arazi, Kuerten reach Monte Carlo final

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Hicham Arazi scored another upset Saturday and will face Gustavo Kuerten in the final of the Masters Series Monte Carlo, the season's first important clay-court tournament.

Arazi, an unseeded Moroccan, beat ninth-seeded Sebastian Grosjean of France 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals of the \$2.55 million tournament. Today he will be playing in the title match of a Masters Series final for the first time.

Kuerten, the second-seeded Brazilian, won this title in 1999. He had no trouble downing 19-year-old Guillermo Coria of Argentina 6-2 and looked far stronger than he did in the two previous rounds.

Kuerten was ousted from the first round in Monte Carlo last year. He put his forehead and serve to good use against Coria, who was playing in only his second Masters Series event.

Now Kuerten goes for the title, facing an opponent he has beaten three previous times.

"Hicham is a great character," Kuerten said. "It's going to be a tough match."

Maleeva, Kremer reach Budapest final

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva and Luxembourg's Anne Kremer — the top two seeded players — advanced to the finals of the \$110,000 Budapest Grand Prix.

Maleeva, seeded first, used drop shots and precise baseline play to beat Spain's Cristina Torrens-Valero 6-2, 6-4 Saturday in the clay-court tournament.

Kremer defeated 17-year-old wild card Aniko Kapros of Hungary 6-1, 7-5. This was the first time this year Kremer was not extended to three sets. She has faced Hungarians in three of her four matches.

Durant rallies at Houston; Pak holds strong at Longs

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Joe Durant birdied two of the last three holes in a round of 1-under 71 on Saturday to take a one-shot lead after the third round of the Houston Open.

Durant, who shared the first-round lead with Lee Janzen, had two shots off Janzen's pace going into the 16th hole Saturday. Durant birdied No. 17 to tie Janzen, and pulled ahead when Janzen bogeyed the final hole.

Durant, with two victories this year, had a 9-under 207 total. Janzen's late falter gave him a 73 and a 208 total. Hal Sutton was another stroke back at 209 after 71.

Chris DiMarco, who started the day four shots off the pace, got within one shot of Janzen's lead with a birdie on the par-3 16th, but fell back on the next hole with a double bogey.

Vijay Singh, the tour's No. 2 money winner, shot a 69 for a 212 total, and David Duval had a 72 for a 214 total.



Joe Durant pulled ahead of Janzen late in the Houston Open.

McGee leads Las Vegas Senior Classic

LAS VEGAS — Jerry McGee birdied three of the final five holes en route to a 5-under 67 and a two-stroke lead in the Las Vegas Senior Classic.

McGee, who had surgery for throat and tongue cancer in 1999, had an 8-under 136 total on the TPC at Summerlin. Bruce Fleisher, 11-time senior winner, was second after a 68.

McGee won four events on the regular tour, but has yet to win since joining the senior tour in 1993. His last victory came in the 1979 Sammy Davis Jr. Greater Hartford Open.

Birdies push Pak into lead at Longs Challenge

LINCOLN, Calif. — Se Ri Pak used a late flurry of birdies Saturday to shoot a 1-under 71 and take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the rain-shortened Longs Drugs Classic.

Annikka Sorenstam was eight shots back and in need of a second straight minor comeback to win her record-tying fifth straight tournament. Sorenstam, who made up 10 shots in the final round to win last week in Los Angeles, shot a 72 for a 1-over 145 total.

Sweden shares Spanish Open lead with Ireland's Clarke

VALENCIA, Spain — Sweden's Robert Karlsson shot a 1-under 71 for a share of the third-round lead with Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke in the Spanish Open.

Clarke shot a 68 to match Karlsson at 5-under 207 on the El Estor course. Denmark's Soren Hansen (70) followed at 209.

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"They do have a plan," Vick said, adding that he had "no bitter feelings" toward San Diego. "I just spoke with Coach (Dan) Reeves and he said we'll talk about it tomorrow. ... I'm going to have fun doing it. As long as I'm comfortable and I learn this offense, then there's really no stopping me."

Michael Sullivan, Vick's agent, said here Saturday that the Falcons deal will make his client very comfortable. It will include just over \$15 million guaranteed over the first three years of a six-year contract that ultimately will pay Vick \$50 million to \$55 million.

Sullivan also said the Falcons are willing to structure the last three years of the pact with incentives that would put Vick in the same financial class as Cleveland's Tim Couch and Indianapolis' Peyton Manning, quarterbacks also taken with the first overall picks two of the past three years.

Other sources indicated the Chargers had started the talks with \$12 million guaranteed over the first three years but were not willing to go above \$14 million for a quarterback they did not plan to play very much this year, and perhaps not this year, and Davis said he'd do anything he was asked.

Many teams helped themselves. The Arizona Cardinals, moments after trading veteran cornerback Aeneas Williams to the St. Louis Rams, selected the biggest man on the board, 6-foot-5, 360-pound Texas tackle Leonard Davis. They've told him he might play some guard this year, and Davis said he'd do anything he was asked.

The Rams moved to shore up their defense by adding Williams and drafting Miami defensive tackle Damione Lewis with the 12th overall pick, a selection acquired from Kansas City for quarterback Trent Green on Friday. With the 20th overall pick, they added cornerback Adam Archutula of Arizona State.

The Cleveland Browns, third overall, were thought to be leaning toward Tomlinson, a Michigan wide receiver David Terrell to improve their woeful offense. Instead, they opted for Florida defensive tackle Gerard Warren, considered the best defensive player in a draft loaded with quality defensive linemen.

At No. 4, the Cincinnati

returner Tim Dwight, a second-round pick next season, were the primary reasons for making the deal. Sources in Atlanta said the Chargers wanted the Falcons' No. 2 pick this year, but Reeves refused.

"There's no looking back for us right now," Riley said Saturday. "We did a thing we think will help our team more immediately."

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Bengals chose Missouri defensive end Justin Smith, an aggressive pass rusher whose rock rose considerably after impressive postseason workouts: Tomlinson went next to the Chargers, who had the worst rushing offense in the league last year. Tomlinson also had been considered by the Chargers as the No. 1 pick before the trade.

New England selected Georgia defensive tackle Richard Seymour at No. 5, and the 48ers made the first draft-day move trading up to the seventh overall choice with Seattle (down to ninth overall) to select California defensive end Andre Carter. His father is Rubin Carter, former Bronco star and now an assistant coach with the Jets.

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SPORTS

McLaughlin earns first win in three years at Subway 300

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Mike McLaughlin won for the first time in three years and 75 races, leaving several angry drivers in his wake after Saturday's Subway 300 Busch Series race.

McLaughlin, whose last victory came in Concord, N.C., in October 1998, took the lead on lap 104 and led to the end of the 113-lap event — at Talladega Superspeedway. He fought ferociously to hold off Jimmy Spencer, Mike Skinner and Spencer again at the end.

Several times one or the other of the two challengers pulled alongside McLaughlin's Pontiac, or even nosed ahead. Each time, though, the driver who earned the nickname "Magic Shoes" on the short tracks of the Northeast was able to power back to the lead.

"I went to protect my line on the bottom of the racetrack," said McLaughlin, who now has six career victories. "I just did what I had to do."

He averaged 131.258 mph, beating Spencer to the finish line by 0.125 seconds — about two car-lengths.

The Busch cars run with carburetor restrictor plates at Talladega, just like the Winston Cup cars, so the field remained tightly packed and competitive. The race was marred by a series of accidents, including a 13-car pile-up on lap 87 in turn 4 on the 2.66-mile, high-banked oval.

McLaughlin escaped trouble, but gave his competition plenty to think about with his blocking tactics.

Spencer, a regular in the Winston Cup series and only an occasional Busch driver, was hot after emerging from his Pontiac, refusing to congratulate the winner.

"I know you can't race in the grass and he put me down there twice-if I didn't lift," Spencer said. "Then he almost put me in the wall on the outside. I know he won the race, but I didn't forget it."

Spencer's comments didn't bother McLaughlin.

Jimmy said it was dirty race.



Busch Grand National cars spin and collide as part of a 14-car accident in turns 3 and 4 of the Talladega Superspeedway during the Subway 300 Busch Grand National Race on Saturday. Mike McLaughlin won the race.

Auto racing

ing? That's the pot calling the kettle black," McLaughlin said. "I had to try to block any run. People do it all day long. I'd have been a fool not to do that. He was never clear of me to get in front."

"He run me hard and I thought it was a good race."

Tough Talladega race

goes on without Earnhardt

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Reminders of Dale Earnhardt are everywhere at Talladega Superspeedway.

His No. 3 is written on just about anything that can hold paint or chalk. And clothing of every fashion carries the number, name or likeness of the late racing great.

Most of all, though, The Intimidator is missed on Talladega's 2.66-mile oval, where he was considered the absolute master.

Whether Earnhardt could actually see the air currents swirling around the race cars, as car owner Richard Childress has suggested, is open to debate. But there is no question that no one was better than Earnhardt, who had a record 10 Winston Cup victories on NASCAR's biggest and fastest track.

Earnhardt, who died in a crash Feb. 18 in the Daytona 500, loud-

ly decried the restrictor-plate racing at Talladega and Daytona — saying the idea in the sport is to go as fast as you can as long as you can — even as he became its most proficient performer.

"At these plate tracks, I always told people you just find that car with the No. 3 on the back and follow it," said Mike Skinner, Earnhardt's teammate at Richard Childress Racing.

Dale Jarrett, a winner of three of the last four Cup events and the series points leader, has been thinking about Earnhardt all week.

"Dale was always the guy that, if you were going to win this race, you had to beat him," said Jarrett, who edged Earnhardt twice in memorable Daytona finishes. "Sometimes he didn't have the best car, but he ended up being the best driver most of the time and could get to the front."

The plates used at Talladega and Daytona slow the cars by restricting airflow to the carburetor. Instead of racing at speeds well above 200, the Cup cars are dampened down to about 190. Because of that, they are bunched in long, tight, frightening packs.

Last October, in the first race with the new rules, there were 49 lead changes at Talladega as the field raced three, four — sometimes even five-wide.

Daytona was more of the same, with 49 more lead changes — and today's race is expected to be a repeat.

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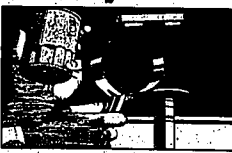
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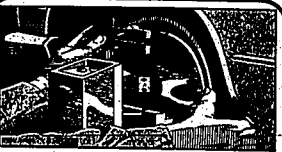
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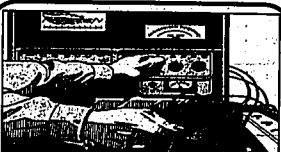
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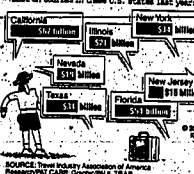
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Washington Federal Inc. reports earnings

JEROME - Washington Federal Inc., parent company of Washington Federal Savings and Magic Valley branches, announced earnings for its second fiscal quarter ended March 31 of \$27.324 million, or 47 cents per diluted share, compared with \$24.552 million, or 42 cents per diluted share, in the previous quarter - a 12 percent increase.

By comparison, the company earned \$27.008 million, or 47 cents per diluted share, for second quarter 2000.

For the six months ended March 31, earnings were \$51.876 million, or 89 cents per diluted share, compared with \$54.429 million, or 93 cents per diluted share, for the year-ago period. Previous-period data have been adjusted for the 10 percent stock dividend distributed to stockholders Feb. 23.

As of March 31, Washington Federal's net worth had increased to \$821 million, or 11.74 percent of total assets, the company said.

Roy M. Whitehead, president and chief executive officer, said, "The company experienced another good quarter for loan production, closing 2,068 loans totaling \$392 million, while deposits increased \$127 million, an annualized growth rate of 15 percent."

On April 27, Washington Federal will pay a quarterly cash dividend of 23 cents per share to common stockholders of record April 6. This will be the company's 73rd consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

UPS profit falls on rapid economic slowdown

NEW YORK - United Parcel Service Inc. said its first-quarter income fell 32 percent due to the rapid slowdown of the U.S. economy, higher utility costs and reduced international cargo demand.

UPS, the world's largest express carrier and package delivery firm with operations in the Magic Valley, earned \$556 million, or 48 cents per share, in the quarter, down from \$813 million, or 67 cents, a year earlier.

Excluding one-time gains and losses, the company earned 51 cents a share, compared with 56 cents a share a year earlier. Analysts had expected the company to earn 50 cents a share.

Revenue rose 4 percent to \$7.51 billion, helped by growth of the international and logistics businesses and a smaller increase in the core U.S. air and ground transport operations.

First-quarter revenues from the company's domestic package business rose 2.3 percent to \$6 billion. Revenues for international package operations rose 7.4 percent to \$1.1 billion.

"We were pleased that UPS maintained its growth across all product segments, particularly our international and domestic express businesses," said Tim Kelly, UPS chairman and CEO. "However, the economy did slow much faster than we expected, and we were not satisfied with our earnings performance."

Kelly said the company managed operating expenses well, but didn't address discretionary costs. Going forward, the company intends to reduce both discretionary costs and capital expenditures. UPS said capital reductions this year would total about \$300 million, with further cuts added in 2002 and 2003 if the weak economy continues.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Twin Falls March construction falters

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Old Man Winter picked up the pace on his leg of the relay, but young Spring stumbled when she took the baton.

The city's construction sector in March fell short of year-early activity for the first time since October.

Twin Falls construction values in March slid 9.5 percent from the year-earlier total. With less commercial building than a year ago, the city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$3.63 million - that's \$380,557 less than in March 2000 - for combined construction types.

By comparison, a flurry of new and expanding businesses sent the city's year-ago performance up by 17.4 percent from March 1999 construction values.

The new-residential side in March had more - but less expensive - houses than a year ago.

March's number of permits for new single-family homes in the city advanced to 23 from the 14 in March 2000, matching the 23 of a year before that. But those Twin Falls homes' average estimated value last month slipped 9 percent to \$80,642 from the \$86,807 of a year earlier, when values had fallen from the \$98,319 average of March 1999.

Included in last month's single-family-permits were two "zero lot-line" homes that Nelson & Co. of Hagerman is building on Whispering Pine Drive in Twin Falls. In plain language, those are adjacent houses that extend all the way to their individual property lines, making them appear from the outside as though they are connected.

But they still count as single-family homes, because each is on its own piece of property and can have separate ownership.

It's a similar situation for the attached single-family dwellings Twin Falls Development Corp. is building on Hampton Way. Those five building permits counted in last month's single-family total, as well.

But the city issued permits for no new apartments in March and only one mobile home.

Jay Frost's construction of a new \$299,376, 6,237-square-foot professional office building at 1126 Eastland Drive N. topped the commercial sector's March construction activity in Twin Falls. In other office action, Turner Chiropractic Clinic is adding 399 square feet at its 1736 Addison Ave. E. location - a \$245,451 project.

Preparations for First Security Bank's official conversion Saturday to Wells Fargo Bank Northwest boosted March's permit numbers. First Security Corp., which has bank branches throughout the Magic Valley and several in Twin Falls - has been part of Wells Fargo since Oct. 25, but the First Security name remained until this weekend.

Here's the other news behind some of the most recent numbers:

Smell solution

The city is spending \$1.17 million correcting an odor problem near Rock Creek. Permits issued in March for a new \$460,000 tank and new \$122,000 "blower building" at 631 Oak St. - the only two major structures in the project - represent just a portion of that cost, City Engineer Gary Young said.

Sitting above Rock Creek Canyon, near Lamb Weston Inc.'s potato-processing plant, the city's sewage pretreatment tank has corroded and needs to be replaced.

The tank is the key in controlling odors created by the mixture of wastewater from Lamb Weston and Glanbia Foods Inc. that have dismayed nearby residents.

Waste from Lamb Weston's potato plant and Glanbia's cheese plant flow into a city pipeline in the canyon. That pipeline stretches through the canyon and into the Snake River Canyon, where the wastewater is pumped into the city's sewage plant.

The new bio-oxidation tank and blower building are pre-built elsewhere then brought to the Oak Street site and assembled, Young said. The tank will aerate wastewater from an existing anaerobic digester near Lamb Weston that treats the company's waste. The building will house machines that compress air for the oxidation process - which, in plain language, bubbles air through the wastewater.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

BUHL - Anita Lara was promoted to manager of Black Rock Clothing.

Besides daily sales, Lara's duties include ordering merchandise, overseeing staff, and designing window and in-store displays. She also established Black Rock sales on the Internet, with the store's first order coming from a family in The Netherlands.

TWIN FALLS - The College for Financial Planning in Denver announced Lance W. Clow, a certified financial planner in Twin Falls, completed a Chartered Retirement Specialist Professional Education Program.

Graduates of the CRPS program complete a specialized independent-study course that provides a foundation for giving comprehensive retirement planning advice to corporations and small businesses, a press release said. The course covers all phases of establishing retirement plans for businesses. The designation is awarded to students after they complete the course, pass a final examination and sign a code of ethics.

Clow has been an adviser with American Express Financial Advisors for 11 years. He can be reached at his Twin Falls office, 1025 Shoshone St., N., Suite 5, or by phone at 734-8999.

TWIN FALLS - Horizon Broadcasting Group's Boise radio cluster has added several veteran sales and programming players to its team.

One of them, Nancy A. Jones, joins HBC as director of sales for its Idaho operations. She will be responsible for sales efforts in Boise, Ontario, Mountain Home and Twin Falls. Jones began her broadcast career in Twin Falls and joined KBOI-AM in 1981. She most recently was general sales manager of Citadel's Boise stations.

HBC owns KTFI-AM and KIKX-FM in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS - Candleridge Golf Course announced Chris Tarter joined the staff as its new teaching professional.

Tarter graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1997, where he was a member of the 1997 State High School Championship Team. That year, he also was awarded the Klausen Sportsmanship Award. He was a semifinalist in the Latham Match Play in 1998, 1999 and 2000. He attended Columbia Basin Community College, where he was the medalist in a dual match at the Arizona State University course against the No. 1-rated Scottsdale Community College. He most recently attended the Professional Golfers Career College in Temecula, Calif. Tarter is now available for private lessons and can be reached at 733-6577. He also will start women's, men's and junior clinics.

TWIN FALLS - Two Magic Valley residents completed courses at the Professional Driving School in Twin Falls.

Gary Griffin of Twin Falls completed the truck driver's course and passed the hazardous materials, doubles, triples and tankers endorsements. He already has a Class A commercial driver's license. Professional Truck Driving School financed his education. He works for Gem State Transportation of Twin Falls, hauling freight in seven

Western states.

Idaho - Inessa Benikova Oshyan completed the Class D driver's license class April 11. The 24-year-old Armenian refugee from Russia is the first member of her family to receive a Class D license.

TWIN FALLS - The United Way of South Central Idaho added board members and executive officers to its 2001 board of directors.

The new officers are Kathy Hansen of Costco, co-president; Terry Hosman of Holmstedt, Hyatt and Coleman, co-president; Jeanne Wilkey of Northwest Bee Corp., secretary; Stan Ferlic of the Department of Health and Welfare, treasurer; Cheryl Kautz, a retired teacher, allocation chairman; and Heidi Rivera of South Central District Health Department, Success by 6 liaison.

The United Way's new board members are Rod Burley of Burks Tractors, Linda DeBason of Zions Bank, Jeffrey Micalak, Eddy Packham of Fred Meyer and LeAnn Sullivan of Scott of Head Start.

Current board members include Helen Arnold, a senior citizen advocate; Joan Bevan, a retired accountant; Bill Bryant of U.S. Bank; Jim Gwin of J.C. Penney; Nicki Hawley of Target; Stacy-Madsen of Cactus Petes; Aaron Miller of D.L. Evans Bank; Calli Parrott of Clear Springs Foods; Cindy Scott of Head Start; and Jim Thompson of First Federal Savings.

TWIN FALLS - The United Way of South Central Idaho is the local administrator of an early-childhood development initiative called Success by 6.

Nationally funded by Bank of America, Success by 6 here is beginning its second year and announced All Snyder accepted the position of director. As a volunteer, Snyder wrote and submitted applications for both the first year's planning grant of \$25,000 and the second year's implementation grant of \$50,000, which was awarded by the Bank of America in January.

Success by 6's goal is to ensure all children are ready emotionally, physically and mentally to start school by age 6.

Snyder graduates this May with a master's degree in business administration. She is married and has two grown children. She is experienced in the nonprofit sector and understands administering and coordinating developmental programs. Snyder can be reached at the Success by 6 office at 733-4922.

BURLEY - Stan Buckley, associate broker and co-owner of Century 21 Riverside Realty, was awarded the Emerald Level Award in the 2000 Masters program.

The Century 21 program honors top-producing sales associates.

PAUL - Rodger Woodward of Paul recently returned from Missouri Auction School, where he completed the course in auctioning and auction sales management.

The nine-day course is conducted at the world's largest auction-training center, a press release said. His training included lectures and workshops featuring prominent auctioneers from throughout the United States. Topics included antiques, livestock, furniture, business liquidations, real estate, auto, machinery, general merchandise and estate auctions.

MILESTONES

Jerome hair salon

moves to new location - JEROME - Charlie Girls has moved from 634 S. Lincoln to 207 E. Main in Jerome.

Salon owner and operator Geney Spaulding said she has been working on renovations to the former Ross' Western Wear building for nine months but is now open for business.

Spaulding has been styling hair for 20 years and received her cosmetology training at Idaho State University in Focatello. She specializes in color, perms and cuts. Baldwin carries Redken, Joico and Back to Basic products.

Charlie Girls is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Walk-ins are welcome.

The business can be reached at 324-4242.

Developmental therapists

to open Twin Falls branch

TWIN FALLS - S.L. Start & Associates announced the opening of its Twin Falls branch office. Charles Babcock, residential manager, and Caimi Jensen, day program manager, will lead the Twin Falls office.

S.L. Start & Associates has offered developmental therapy and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities since 1979.

The company's services for adults and children include occupational, physical, speech, developmental and psychotherapies and are integrated in community settings. Every aspect of the programs, including monthly progress meetings and quality assurance surveys, is geared toward helping the individual enjoy a rich, satisfying and independent life, the company said.

With training and support from the staff, individuals with developmental disabilities live successfully in their own apartments. When needed, S.L. Start & Associates lends a hand with basic personal care, grooming, medication, nutrition and community integration activities such as shopping, recreation and transportation.

The company already has Idaho offices in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston and Sandpoint.

The office can be reached at 1027 Blue Lakes Blvd. S. or 732-0910.

Idaho engineers will receive

awards at annual banquet

HAILEY - The Consulting Engineers of Idaho, when announcing statewide winners of the "Engineering Excellence Award" for 2001, also recognized four other projects with first and second places in their categories, including Power Engineers of Hailey, which won first place in Special Projects for its work on the St. Luke's medical facility in Ketchum.

The awards will be presented to the companies and their

clients at the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers annual banquet Friday in Idaho Falls.

Subway wins gold medal for sandwich category

TWIN FALLS - Subway Restaurants won the gold award for the sandwich category in the Restaurants & Institutions Magazine's "Choice in Chains" award for 2001.

Also known as the "customer satisfaction awards," the 21st annual awards in Las Vegas announced Subway as a winner of one of the largest national consumer surveys of its kind. This year, 2,913 restaurant patrons gave surveys that called Subway Restaurants the nation's best in value, service and convenience, a company press release said.

Ten Subway franchise stores are in south-central Idaho.

Acosta to provide training for Aqua Vie Hydrators

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Acosta will provide sales and marketing for Aqua Vie Hydrators, with specific near-term emphasis in California.

With corporate headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla., Acosta provides marketing, distribution and sales support for consumer products through more than 9,000 associates in 75 North American locations. Acosta's distribution network includes Albertson's, Foodland, Ralphs, Stater Bros., Unified Western Grocers, Vons and dozens of retail grocery, convenience, mass marketing, club and drug chains throughout the United States, Ketchum-based Aqua Vie said.

Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive, also said that recently in San Francisco, following blind taste tests by a panel of professional chefs, the company's Hydrator line received the American Tasting Institute's Award of Excellence in the flavored water category, with all seven Hydrator flavors receiving high marks for various taste characteristics, including aroma.

Group gives Idaho Potatoes high rankings

TWIN FALLS - New nationwide consumer research on the "Power of Brands in Foodservice" by the Boston Consulting Group for Restaurant & Institutions Magazine shows Idaho Potatoes ranked eighth out of 44 well-known food brands.

Leading the top brand scores were Heinz, A.1. Steak Sauce, Grey Poupon Dijon Mustard, Smucker's jams and jellies, Land O'Lakes butter and cheese, Hershey's chocolate, Lipton Tea, Idaho Potatoes, Tropicana orange juice and Hellmann's Best Foods mayonnaise.

The presence of Idaho Potatoes in this group shows the effectiveness of efforts that have gone on over the years for "Famous Idaho Potatoes," the Idaho Potato Commission said.

The closest rankings of similar state/commodity groups are Wisconsin cheese at No. 23 and Florida citrus at No. 34, the commission said.

The Boston Consulting Group's findings indicate the values of consumer branding are increased sales, premium pricing, differentiation and the quality "halo effect" - that is, "when customers see the same brands in the restaurant that they buy at home, they perceive quality," a press release said.

CSI center offers Career Planning workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a Career Planning workshop.

The workshop will benefit someone beginning an education, trying to identify interest or developing new skills, the center said. A professional career counselor will help students identify their interests, discover their workplace talents, explore careers in demand and investigate their options.

The free workshop will be held in two parts from 5 to 7 p.m. April 30 and May 3. Career tests are included. Deadline to register is Thursday. To sign up, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

Occupational Health plans behavioral classes

RUPERT - Occupational Health is offering a course on "Dealing with Aggressive Behavior and Violence in the Workplace" from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Fireplace Room at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Pete Snyder, a certified therapeutic recreation specialist, will present the course. Snyder is marketing manager at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and co-coordinator of the Magic Valley Challenge Course, both in Twin Falls.

Joye Simpson, a registered nurse and director of Occupational Health, said admission is free, but seating is limited. Please register by Monday by calling 436-5379.

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TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

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- Seminars and workshops.
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- Other business news.

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by Craig Smith



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Burger King's CEO works on relations with franchisees

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MIAMI — In his first major policy move, Burger King Chief Executive John Desburg last week took a major step toward repairing the company's strained relations with its franchisees.

Desburg announced he is ending a controversial development strategy that had awarded exclusive territories to franchisees as a way to speed the opening of new restaurants.

The strategy, which was introduced last year under former Chief Executive Dennis Malmatras, had drawn the ire of franchisees because it prohibited many mom-and-pop restaurant owners from expanding. Desburg, who announced the policy change in a systemwide voice mail, said he found the policy gave an unfair advantage to selected franchisees at the expense of others.

"I sent the wrong message to

members of the franchise distribution system," said Desburg, who started April 2 as Burger King's chairman, chief executive and president. "You need to be fair and equitable. This clearly was having a chilling effect on development and expansion."

The Miami-Dade fast-food chain had signed two anchor agreements, while a handful of other franchisees had been informally designated as consolidators. Many franchisees feared the anchor policy would force them to sell at below-market prices because the only approved buyer would be the anchor franchisee.

"It was an ill-conceived policy that had to be taken back," said Manuel Garcia, a Burger King franchisee in Post Falls, who owns 27 stores in the Northwest. "It just didn't work."

Analysts say the problem with a master-development strategy is that it takes the emphasis off operations and execution.

McDonald's, Burger King's primary competitor, does not use master franchise agreements.

"If you give them a territory, you're more focused on opening new restaurants, as opposed to running good restaurants," said Mark Kalinowski, a fast-food industry analyst with National Smith Barney in New York.

The policy change was hailed by franchisees, including the leaders of the National Franchisee Association, who have been at odds with Burger King management for most of the past year and calling for its complete separation from British parent company Ougeo Plc. They have complained about everything from increased royalty fees to the number of vacancies in upper management.

President Steve Lewis said he is encouraged that Desburg is quickly taking steps to turn things around.

"I believe that John Desburg is the right CEO for this brand at the

present time," Lewis said. "He's smart and he's got the right understanding of what needs to be done."

The two existing anchor franchise agreements will be honored for their five-year terms, but will not be renewed when they expire.

The agreements had been signed last year with Sydnor BK Services of San Ramon, Calif., which received the rights to 11 markets in the Midwest and Southeast, and Mancha Development Co. of San Bernardino, Calif., which received rights to portions of the Los Angeles area.

Desburg, who has identified the franchise system as one of Burger King's greatest assets, said he hopes to add franchisees of all sizes to expand, as well as new franchisees to join the system.

"The strength of the franchise system comes from an entrepreneurial spirit," he said. "We want to encourage that."

Sonic Corp. plans to open restaurant in Mexico

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Sonic Corp. restaurants are preparing to sell Texas toast in Monterrey, south of the Rio Grande.

The Oklahoma City-based quick-service chain is already selling spuds in Idaho, the Potato State, next door to Canada, where it is entering the Mexican market this year.

While Cliff Hudson, Sonic's chairman and chief executive to say he's got stores on border. A passing reference is all it gets from Hudson.

"Stockholders or somebody in the industry may ask, 'When are you going national?' I'd say I don't know, and I don't care," he said at the corporate offices in Oklahoma City.

"What I want to be is the top of every marketplace we go into. If I'm not going into New England for 20 years, that doesn't bother me."

That's quite a different approach from McDonald's.

While the two burger chains are trading close on the stock exchange, they have their distinctions. McDonald's seems to be everywhere. Hudson wants Sonic where it needs to be, and not a moment sooner.

Take Idaho. It's a northern state with a cold climate that sends people indoors in winter weather. That's thought to be a problem for burger chains that specialize in carhop delivery.

Ice clogs the carhop's spunk. It sends sales and cool drinks plummeting. It gives ice cream the cold treatment. At least, that's the usual thinking.

Not so, Hudson said. Some new Sonic sites in Nebraska, another cold-winter state, modified Sonic's prototype design by adding indoor seating.

"We've not seen winter sales there a lot different from our traditional drive-in, particularly

if we have a drive-up window. The customers get used to that and keep doing it," Hudson said.

"I am not sure that the cold weather, indoor seating model necessarily changes anything. More to the point, the Nebraska stores are doing quite fine, so it's not a circumstance that we are looking at with apprehension. We will continue our expansion there and in Boise, Idaho."

On the flip side, will customers in Monterrey, Mexico, buy burgers and hamburgers with the same relish as Americans?

Sometime in midsummer, Hudson will find out. A franchise group will open the first Sonic in Mexico — for that matter, the first one outside the United States.

Just 90 miles from the Rio Grande, Monterrey is an ideal Mexico test market, Hudson said. Personal income is good. The city has been popular with U.S. citizens who like to shop for art and leather. The Americans bring their quick-service culinary habits with them.

Equity analyst Michael D. Smith knows Mexico can be a challenge. Contacted at a Kansas City office of Falmouth & Co., Smith said he's not concerned about where Sonic goes as long as the chain maintains its food and service standards.

"I think eventually they will figure out this Mexican thing," Smith said. "The fact is, Oklahoma City is probably a more competitive market than Monterrey, Mexico. If Sonic is able to compete with major hamburger guys in the States, it can do it in Mexico."

One reason going north or south does not scare Hudson is market penetration. His objective is depth, not breadth. The value of operating more stores in one market far exceeds scattering stores over many markets.

In industry terms: growing the brand.

That means Sonic always enters a market with a plan for expansion. The objective is to establish a multistore market that will drive a television advertising presence within three to five years.

Dairy Queen kingdom grows, launches national ad campaign

Knight Ridder News Service

When Warren Buffett bought International Dairy Queen three years ago, securities analysts wondered what the so-called Sage of Omaha saw in the soft-serve ice cream company.

Quick-service companies, which is what the food industry calls fast food, were supposed to be the most mature of the old economy's mature industries. IDQ — which has a handful of restaurants around Magic Valley — was among the oldest of these companies and was an originator of the concept of franchising restaurants.

Now, as Dairy Queen launches its first national advertising campaign on network and cable television and brings out new products for the peak warm weather season, the company has become a sweet fit in Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway investment firm. Growing at about 2 percent per year since the acquisition, the chain now has sales of about \$450 million.

"I know we're supposed to be in a very mature industry, but we see a lot of growth potential," said Chuck Moory, the president and chief executive officer at IDQ headquarters in Edina, Minn.

Dairy Queen has more than 6,000 of its ice cream and food stores across the nation, about 400 more than when Berkshire Hathaway paid \$585 million to buy the company in January 1998.

But only in the Midwest and South have the stores reached such a level of saturation to justify national advertising on an ongoing basis, Moory said. "There's room for growth on both the East and West coasts, which is what we're working on now," he added.

Those efforts should get a boost from Dairy Queen's first national advertising campaign, which started during the college basketball tournament in March. The company's ad agency, Grey Worldwide, began buying network and cable television spots to promote new Blizzard products.

The geographic room for growth

sets IDQ apart from some of the other major restaurant chains, Moory said. McDonald's, Burger King, Taco Bell and other chains have reached domestic saturation points that make growth difficult by opening new stores. Growth then must come from increasing same-store sales from promotions and changes in product mixes — a more difficult task than opening new stores.

Dairy Queen won't reveal the dollar amount of the advertising campaign, but communications director Dean Peters said 50 percent of the ad budget is used on prime-time television. The media campaign also gives Dairy Queen exposure, or what the ad industry calls "reach," to 80 percent of the target audience that consists of 18- to 49-year-old viewers.

Investors bought out the founders and formed International Dairy Queen as an operating company in 1962, establishing a headquarters in Bloomington and moving to Edina in 1993. American Dairy Queen is

the franchising unit under IDQ.

To diversify, IDQ bought Karmelcorn shops in 1986 and added Orange Julius stores a year later. IDQ also has foreign development rights to Golden Sizzler restaurants, but Peters said the latter restaurants remain a minus-cash part of the company's business. IDQ had annual sales of \$420 million when Berkshire Hathaway bought it by offering \$27 per share in cash or \$26 in its corporate stock. Some of the larger shareholders, including members of the Moory family, took the unusual stock — the highest price on Wall Street — when their trading at \$46,000 per share.

For Dairy Queen, its employees and its franchise holders, the link with Berkshire Hathaway has been a great curiosity but not much has changed, said Moory.

Buffett buys companies he likes. He doesn't try to micromanage them from Omaha. And that is proving to be true at Dairy Queen headquarters as well.

YOUR BUSINESS

Market strategist to appear on Wall Street Week

TWIN FALLS — Alfred Goldman, chief market strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc., is scheduled to appear on the Friday edition of Public Television's Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser. The show is on cable Channel 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Goldman has been with A.G. Edwards — which has a Twin Falls office — since 1960 as a securities and market analyst, writer and lecturer on investments. As the firm's chief market strategist, he is responsible for analyzing the mood of the stock market and studying supply-and-demand factors to determine his opinion of the stock market's big picture.

sonal banners and sponsorship signs in downtown Jerome.

The 2000 Ambassador of the Year was Carl Hanson of U.S. Bank. Hanson was nominated by her peers in the Jerome chamber's Ambassadors Club. She is co-chairman of the ambassadors' Extra Mile Awards.

2000 Chamber President Bonny Ross honored Bonnie Becker of Canyonville Realty, GMAC Real Estate, as the 2000 President's Lifesaver. Ross said Becker was active in incorporating new chamber events such as member orientation. Becker is involved in nearly every chamber event and goes the extra mile to ensure the chamber success, the organization said.

Jerome Mayor Dennis Moore honored Rosa Palz, owner and operator of El Sombbrero Restaurant with a key to the city. Palz has sponsored and catered events such as dairy-appreciation banquets and Hispanic festivities.

Executive Director Elizabeth Thomas honored several unsung heroes who played a large part in the chamber's success in 2000: Jenni Stippich of Land Title & Escrow as the Idaho Open Fiddle Contest coordinator; Rosie Ayala as the 2000 School to Work student; and Sylvia Moore Furell, owner of Simply Serepindip, and Ross Rostoff of This N That Furniture as co-chairmen of the Downtown Merchants Association.

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The class will be held in two parts, from 6 to 9 p.m. May 7 and 14 in Room 117 of the Shields Building at CSI. Admission is free, and a training manual will be provided. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call Penny Johnson at 733-9554, Ext. 2287.

To apply or to get more information, contact Renee Hollingshead in the Idaho Business Week office by e-mail at ibw@idnet.com or by phone at 345-2166, or by e-mail at ibw@idnet.com. Application deadline is May 1.

Jerome Chamber of Commerce presents awards

JEROME — At the Jerome Chamber of Commerce's recent annual banquet, the board of directors honored many award winners.

The 2000 Lifetime Achievement recipients were Lynn Bingham and Cliff Sheppard, longtime Jerome residents who have dedicated countless hours to community volunteer work, the chamber said. Bingham, 82, was Jerome's city fire chief for 23 years. Sheppard, 87, was the first Jerome Lumber for 30-plus years then continued to work there part time. They both assist with eye exams for children in the Jerome School District and are involved in the Lions Club, the chamber said.

The 2000 Business of the Year was Rosebud's Florist, Gifts & Antiques in downtown Jerome. Owners and operators Cornelius Blom and his wife have dedicated themselves to the community through their partnership with the Jerome chamber and the Downtown Merchants Association. The chamber said. Lanoma Blom is active in the Jerome chamber and recently held a three-year term on the board. She volunteers at chamber events and functions and coordinates efforts to place sea-

Learn about homeowner benefits at CSI class

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at

High school students can attend Business Week

BOISE — Idaho high school sophomores and juniors can plan now to attend the 24th session of Idaho Business Week this summer.

This program provides an opportunity to develop business, teamwork and general life skills, promoters said.

Idaho Business Week is an intensive six-day resident program held on the Boise State University campus. Choose the week of July 8-13 or July 15-20.

Idaho businesses and civic organizations provide scholarships. Participants pay a \$75 registration fee at the time of acceptance.

Investors' group plans educational meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors is conducting an educational meeting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Best Western Cannavans convention center on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The meeting features presentations by three nationally recognized investment professionals:

- Stuart Shim, Salomon Smith Barney — "Disciplined Investment Strategies."
- Michael Conn, Investment Management Associates — "Equity Investing for Growth."
- Patrick Burns, Charles Schwab & Co. — "Status of the Market."

Cost is \$25 (\$30 for nonmembers), which includes a buffet-style luncheon.

The AAI is an independent not-for-profit corporation formed in 1978 to help individuals become effective managers of their own assets through programs of education, information, and research.

For information regarding AAI activities, call Ken Stosch at 522-5170, Ron Strong at 888-9555 or Jerry Townsend at 525-5941.

Construction

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The company has done many commercial jobs in Twin Falls and even a few residential ones. When it opens the Twin Falls shop, it will focus on getting a share of Twin Falls' auto-glass market. NTV is certified by Pittsburgh Glass, a major auto-glass manufacturer, he added.

But Nu Vu, meanwhile, is staying in Burley, too.

"It's a little slower this year because of the economy around here, but we're still doing OK," Harper said.

He hopes to open the Twin Falls location in July, starting with three new employees. The building permit for the 3,975-square-foot glass shop at 421 Eastland Drive lists a \$133,560 estimated value.

Offices in Old Towne

Eastern Idaho Railroad parent Watco Companies Inc. already set up a new office in an Old Towne warehouse to administer seven railroads and its other rail-related operations.

In a land swap with the city's Urban Renewal Agency, Watco got the building that once housed the Hotsy Steam Store of Magic

Valley Inc., at 156 Fourth Ave. S. in Twin Falls. Now the company is remodeling a \$110,000 interior into a new office space.

It's a project that furthers Old Towne leaders' efforts to revitalize the district for new uses.

Communications coming

Ubiquitel-PCS is erecting a new \$25,000 telecommunications equipment shelter at 171 Canyon St. That's not a huge project, but it marks a new entry into the local market.

Ubiquitel said recently it is the exclusive provider of Sprint PCS digital wireless personal communication services to mid-size and smaller markets covering a population of about 17 million residents. When complete, the majority of Ubiquitel's network will cover portions of California, Nevada, Washington, Idaho — including the Twin Falls market — Montana, Utah, Indiana and Kentucky.

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Left to Right: Diane Nielsen, Rich Nielsen, Ray Stockton, Jean Stockton

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Diesel fills the gap for farmers

TWIN FALLS — It's like putting in a whole new irrigation system. That's how one Hilder Valley farmer describes the process of converting two deep wells and seven pivots from electricity to diesel power.

He's lying awake at night worrying if the diesel storage tanks will arrive in time and if the gear drive will get set up in time to water in the chemical. One thing he's not worrying about is if the diesel system will actually work. With 25 years experience in other parts of the country, diesel has proven it can do the job.

Poor prices and bad weather would be keeping him awake at night this spring except that he chose to enroll his farm with its 400- to 500-foot deep wells, in the Idaho Power buyback program. But then he had to decide if he should pay the penalty for not raising his prescribed acres of sugar beets or find a way to get the beets anyway on his farm north of Paul.

It wasn't much of a decision. Idaho is one of the few regions in the country where farmers still rely on electricity to power irrigation pumps. When diesel is around a dollar a gallon, it costs about 6 cents a kilowatt hour to pump.

Compared to electricity at 3.8 cents a kilowatt hour, diesel just hasn't been competitive in Idaho. But that economic picture changed this winter when Idaho Power Company proposed paying irrigators to shut off irrigation pumps this winter. High-lift growers are receiving \$400 to \$470 an acre not to use their electrical pumps this summer.

Couple the buyback program with a proposed 43 percent rate hike for irrigators, potentially pushing irrigation costs to 6 cents a kilowatt hour, and diesel suddenly looks more attractive this spring. Especially for deep well pumpers with sugar company shares or healthy alfalfa stands.

Sheep producers still

battling same trade issues

TWIN FALLS — Trade, Tariff protection, Protection. Research and promotion.

That list looks like the beginnings of a sheep meeting agenda. And it was — 136 years ago when the National Wool Growers Association was formed. And the issues haven't changed much over the generations, how the industry approaches those problems.

The 201 Trade Action is one example. Much like sheep producer Cindy Siddoway told students at the College of Southern Idaho and the University of Idaho at Moscow via an uplink this week. Siddoway is serving the final year of her term as president of the American Sheep Industry Association.

Through the 201, American sheep producers were able to slow the flood of foreign lamb from entering the United States and the industry bought time to make itself more competitive. Halfway through the three-year program, Siddoway admits the industry hasn't made as much progress as she had hoped. But she insists producers aren't solely to blame.

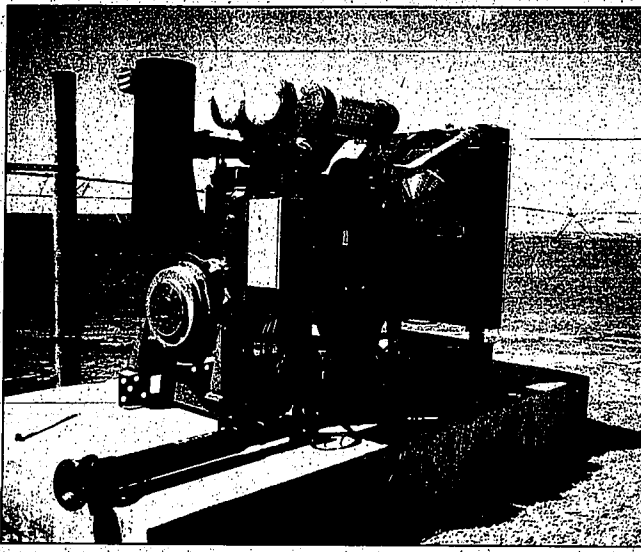
Human resource expert offers

suggestions to surviving in a 'cube'

Are your cubicle neighbor's noisy personal habits preventing you from performing at your peak? You might want to consider investing in some noise of your own. John Brady, president of HRnext.com, a provider of human resources news and information in Old Saybrook, Conn., says a "white noise" machine is probably the best weapon against such stress-inducing distractions.

Brady's Web site recommends at least a dozen other tips for thriving in a cubicle environment, such as hanging a "Do Not Disturb" to thwart unwanted visits and keeping a tidy cube if you share it. He also strongly advises against clipping your fingernails, wearing strong perfume or cologne, and chatting too loudly on the telephone.

And if a co-worker isn't sharing you the same courtesy, just tell



Just last week an electrical motor stood where this gear drive is today. The right angle gear drive will be connected to the diesel motor with a drive shaft. One advantage of a diesel system is the variable speed capability. If one pivot hooked into the system shuts off, the motor will idle down but will continue to run any other pivots connected to it. When one pivot shuts down on an electrical system, all the pivots shut down.



Got less milk? Industry

sees healthy price rise

BOISE — A national decline in dairy cow numbers and per-cow milk production is steaming up milk prices to Com State producers, even though Idaho's trending dairy cow population is enjoying a period of stability following continued growth.

"Like gravity in nature and price-earnings ratios for dot-com stocks, the law of supply and demand is still in effect," said C. Wilson Gray, University of Idaho extension agricultural economist.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange is projecting an average milk price of \$12.15 per hundredweight for the second quarter of this year, following stair-step increases in January, February and March. Gray expects the price for Class III cheese grade milk — Idaho's dominant dairy product — to average \$12.05 in the second quarter, \$12.50 in the third quarter and \$12.60 in the fourth quarter.

Dealers urge growers

to plant more beans

HANSEN — C & F Foods, which relocated from Filer to Hansen last year is concerned

about how many acres of beans will end up being planted this year.

"I don't know how far down our valley is going to be this year," Joyce Earl said. "A lot of acres have gone out. We're just waiting to see."

Murtaugh warehouseman Jim Perkins agrees that 2001 is a difficult year.

"I can't get a feel," he said on Wednesday. "Everything is so topsy-turvy right now."

And it's not just three years of break-even or below-production prices that is causing the uncertainty. Perkins doesn't trust the accuracy of estimates that Idaho will stay at about 90,000 acres this year.

Neither does Jim Soran of Soranco Bean Products, Inc. in Twin Falls. In fact, he calls the estimate "hudsonous."

"We're seeing dramatic reductions in bean acres," he said on Thursday. "I can't say how much, but it's big time."

Officials work nationally

for local sugar growers

Idaho officials keep slugging away at strategies to help local sugar producers. One plan has been thrown out, but others still stand good chances of becoming home runs.

Late last week Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman told Idaho Senator Larry Craig a product-for-production swap would not work, stating as the reason that the USDA does not have the authority to release some 800,000 tons of sugar in government storage, said Mark Duffin, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association

executive director.

However, another PK (Product in Kind) is still in the works, he said.

"The USDA appears to want to see how plantings are," Duffin said. "We are encouraging them to make a decision as soon as possible because of irrigation and fertilizer expenses. And they have been very receptive."

Economist expects hay

supplies to be down for year

BOISE — Curbed by last year's range fires and this year's looming drought, Idaho hay production is likely to reach just 4.6 million tons in 2001, said Neil Rimby, University of Idaho extension range economist. That's 700,000 fewer tons than in 2000 — and it could fall even lower, depending on water supplies and range conditions.

While that's not good news for buyers, it should benefit sellers, says Rimby. Continuing uncertainties make it "extremely difficult" to project prices, he said, but there's "potential" for strength in all classes of hay and in private grazing lease rates.

Idaho farmers told the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service that they plan to increase their hay acreage by 1 percent this spring. According to that agency's March 30 Prospective Plantings Report, that would bring the state's 2001 hay acreage to 1.41 million acres. If yields are average, 2001 production should be 4.8 million tons and total supplies 5.1 million tons, still 10 percent under last year.

How to decide what kind of business to use

By Joyce Rosenberg
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When you started your business, you were the sole proprietor, made the decisions and filed the company's taxes along with your individual return. Now that the business has grown, maybe it's time to think about changing your entity — the kind of business organization you operate under.

A sole proprietorship is an entity. So is a corporation, partnership or limited liability company. How do you know which to choose?

"When you start, the primary factors are taxes and liability for the company's debts," said Gerald Niesar, an attorney with Niesar & Diamond LLP in San Francisco.

You also need to think about how much control over the business you want or are willing to share.

Before considering the options, plan to get some help from an accountant and a lawyer well-versed in business organizations. Each kind of entity has different advantages and disadvantages, and all except the sole proprietorships involve legal paperwork.

In brief, here are the various types of business entities:

Sole proprietorship

It's owned and operated by one person who has unlimited liability for the company's debts and legal judgments against it, even if that means personal assets are threatened. Profits from the business are taxed as individual income.

Partnership

Owned by two or more people who share liability. Partners can be general, which means they have unlimited liability, or limited, making them liable only to the extent of their investment in the business. General partners have management rights, while limited partners are prohibited from managing. Profits can be divided in any fashion agreed to by the partners, and they're taxed as individual income.

Corporation

Owned by shareholders who are liable only to the extent of their investment. Management is three-tiered, with shareholders choosing directors, who in turn choose executives. In small companies, one person often has more than one role.

Profits are usually double-taxed, which means the corporation is taxed for its earnings, while any profits paid to shareholders are taxed as individual income. However, an S corporation — named for a section of the Internal Revenue Code — is treated more like a partnership in that shareholders, not the cor-

poration, are taxed. Business must be conducted in compliance with federal, state and local corporation laws.

Limited liability company

Owners are liable only to the extent of their investment, but unlike limited partners, they can play an active role in management. Like corporations, LLCs require some compliance with government regulations, but the paperwork is considerably less. And profits can be divided among the members any way they choose.

A business can take any entity from its founding. Many people become sole proprietors simply because it's easy — just do business and you're set.

Similarly, some partnerships begin because two or more people start doing business together. They don't need a written partnership agreement — without one, state law will govern the business is operated. However, it makes legal and business sense to draft one.

As companies grow, many sole proprietors — or partnerships — decide it's time to change their entity, often because liability becomes a bigger issue.

"The first reason people think of setting up a corporation is to protect personal assets," said attorney Thomas Pitegoff of White Plains, N.Y. Other business owners find it easier to attract investors if they incorporate, he said.

Similarly, the San Francisco attorney said that a growing number of owners are choosing the limited liability company.

"You can have the best of both worlds," he said. "You have the liability of a shareholder and yet enjoy the tax treatment of a partnership."

LLCs have developed in the last 10 years as corporate and tax laws changed. In some states, an LLC can have a single owner, making it an alternative for a sole proprietor looking to shield personal assets, Niesar said.

Before you make any decisions, research and compare the different entities. You need to anticipate a variety of situations and know in advance how they would be resolved under each.

For example, suppose you have a partnership and you or one of your co-owners decides to leave. The business will be dissolved unless there's a prior agreement providing for another alternative.

With a corporation, where shares can be sold, the company can stay in existence if one owner wants to sell. But what if a buyer doesn't want the other owners don't like? Unless a shareholders' agreement is drafted in advance, they could be stuck.

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Tech rally turns bearish investors into bulls again

By Amy Baldwin
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amazon.com has been a great investment for investors who bought the stock two weeks ago. They've nearly doubled their money.

Amazon closed Friday at \$15.78, up 95 percent since April 4, when it dropped to a 52-week low of \$8.10.

Investors who have purchased Microsoft and Intel — up 71.4 percent and 45.7 percent from their respective lows — haven't done so badly either. These stocks are part of the once-battered technology sector that soured over the past two weeks.

Behind the big gains was a combination of better-than-expected first-quarter earnings by companies like Intel and Microsoft and the Federal Reserve's fourth interest rate cut this year. The tech comeback gave the Nasdaq composite index enough power to reclaim the 2,000 level for the first time since mid-March.

The Nasdaq has also recovered 32 percent from its low close for the year of 1,638.80, reached April 4. In fact, it was this statistic that analysts were citing as the past week — as opposed to lamenting that the Nasdaq is still down nearly 60 percent from its March 2000 high of 5,048.62.

Still, analysts are uncertain how long the trend up will last, pointing out that stocks will have a brief window between the first-quarter earnings announcements going on now and second-quarter profit warnings likely to start in June.

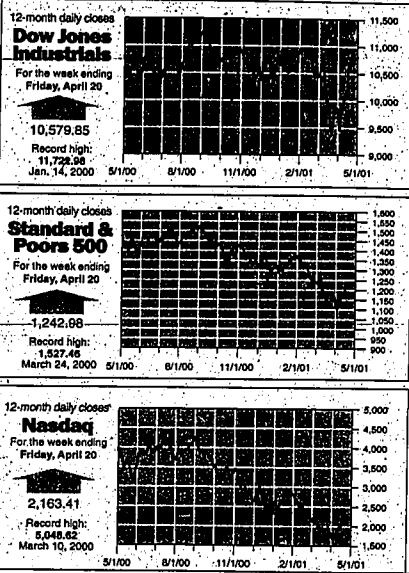
Even with that note of caution, suddenly, it's easier to find bulls on Wall Street.

"The bear market is over and we are back in the bull market again," said Al Mirman, market strategist for V Finance in Sarasota, Fla.

"We have reached ground zero," said Tony Cecchi, director of institutional trading for US Bancorp Piper Jaffray. "Certain technology we have certainly thought."

Given the Fed's aggressive rate cuts and companies' improving outlooks for the second half of 2001, investors are feeling more secure about buying tech stocks. They're even selling safer blue chips, including drug and consumer products issues, to fund their tech purchases.

After the Fed unexpectedly cut rates 0.5 percentage point Wednesday to stimulate the economy, the Nasdaq and the Dow Jones industrial average posted digit gains, and investors finally got the kind of session they've hungered for. The day saw extremely heavy volume and a wide margin between advancing stocks and decliners.



"While there are no guarantees, there are signs that the recovery in the economy may come in the latter part of this year," said Charles Pradilla, investment strategist at SG Cowen Securities. "Among the positive signs for the economy, Pradilla said, is evidence that companies like Intel are working off onerous inventories that have dragged down profits. Intel, which last month lowered prices on some of its chips, said Tuesday sales have stabilized."

Some bullishness is also creeping cautiously into some companies, where chief executives now say they see better business on the horizon.

Hewlett-Packard CEO and chairman Carly Fiorina offered some hope Wednesday, saying business should improve somewhat in the third quarter, with revenue flat with the previous year.

"We are talking about this quarter being a bottom," Fiorina said.

While analysts are pleased with the market's turnaround, they also know that stocks are likely to encounter some volatility in the months ahead.

Many think some pullbacks — as seen in Friday's session when the Nasdaq lost 18.73 and the Dow fell

113.86 — are desirable.

"We were going like a house of fire. The last thing you want to see is for this thing to blow out again," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst for Prudential Securities. "The reason we had this bear market was we got valuations up too quickly and they weren't supported by the fundamentals."

Wachtel continued: "You don't want to repeat that."

The market's major indexes ended the week with strong gains.

The Dow finished the week up 452.91, or 4.5 percent, at 10,579.85.

The Nasdaq advanced 201.98 or 10.3 percent for the week. It closed Friday at 2,163.41.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the week up 53.48 or 5.0 percent after falling 10.71 to 1,242.98.

The Russell 2000 fell 5.69 to 466.71, ending the week up 11.69 or 2.6 percent.

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index — which represents the combined market value of all NYSE, American and Nasdaq issues — ended the week at \$11,409 trillion, up \$557.10 billion from the previous week. A year ago the index was \$19,249 trillion.

It may look like junk mail, but it's actually a chance to avoid just that

By Eileen Alt Powell,
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — We're all so used to getting junk mail and unwanted promotional items along with our bills that we often don't pay attention to the many bits and pieces of paper that arrive daily.

These days it's worth taking a second look, because what look like throwaways might be the new privacy policies that banks and other financial institutions are required to send all customers by July 1. With many of these policies are special "opt-out" forms that can save you a lot of unwanted mail and phone solicitations in the future.

This is happening because of the financial modernization law, also known as the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, of 1999. The law eliminated many post-Depression barriers to commercial banks getting into investment banking and other financial activities such as insurance and real estate. It also set up new rules to limit the sharing of consumer information.

You get most of the protections automatically, but you get more if you fill in the opt-out forms and mail them back. These ensure that your bank doesn't share information about you with out-

siders. In some cases, you can opt out by calling a toll free number provided by the financial institution.

"The privacy regulations offer managers of customer information consumers to protect their personal financial information and for financial institutions to market themselves as responsible managers of customer information," said Donna Tanoue, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in Washington.

Most banks are including privacy notices with their monthly statements, while financial institutions that issue loans or credit cards are including them with bills. Even securities firms, insurance companies and some travel agencies are sending them.

By some estimates, the average American home will get more than a dozen.

Not everyone is totally pleased with the process. "We're finding that one of the biggest problems is having consumers recognize the notices in the first place," said Tena Friery, research director for the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse in San Diego. "It unfortunately requires consumers to look at almost every piece of paper they get in the mail."

In addition, even if you opt out

of having your information shared with outsiders, financial institutions under the law still can share your data with affiliates and with companies with which they have joint marketing agreements.

Nonetheless, Friery urged consumers to take the time to hunt out the notices, read them and return the opt-out forms.

"It will get rid of some of the bombardment of marketing materials that we're all getting," she said. "And it will put some limit on what information about you is passed around."

Steven Cross, director of compliance at the FDIC, believes consumers will benefit greatly from the new law.

"It does something that wasn't done before," Cross said. "It requires every financial institution to have a privacy policy. And it requires them to inform their customers annually of that policy. And it gives customers the right to know whether the institution shares information about them with unaffiliated third parties."

So far the response rate has been less than resounding.

Study: Merged companies trail peers

By Janet Kidd Stewart
Chicago Tribune

After a runaway decade of blockbuster mergers consummated in the name of shareholder value, new evidence suggests the first rarely leads to the second.

U.S. mergers and acquisitions in the 1990s smashed all records for both number and size of deals — roughly 46,000 deals, with a value of more than \$4.8 trillion — as companies paid homage to the idea that bigger is not only better, but a necessity to compete and survive.

Yet a Tribune analysis of many of the biggest national and local mergers during the decade showed that most have failed to pay off. Nearly seven in 10 surviving companies lagged their industry peers in stock performance two years after the deals were completed — some dramatically.

It's not a matter of a fickle stock market failing to reward visionary chief executives. The study, developed in conjunction with consulting firm A.T. Kearney, found merged companies with underperforming stocks also tended to lag in other financial measures, including sales and profit growth and return on equity.

The latest wave of deals worries even laissez-faire experts such as Thomas Lys, a noted merger expert at Northwestern University's J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management in Evanston.

"I don't think it's healthy," he said of the huge wave of deals driven by the roaring stock market of the late 1990s. "Is there any evidence that great wealth has been created? No."

After the excesses of the '80s and some spectacular failures — mergers in the '90s were supposed to be different. Acquirers promised to choose targets more strategically, avoiding mismatched conglomerates, and shied away from costly hostile takeover battles.

But what did Corporate America buy with that astonishing amount of money? In many cases, nothing but trouble. Even as the latest wave of deals transformed the corporate landscape

YEAR	OFFERINGS	AVERAGE FIRST YEAR RETURN
1972	1.0	1.0
1973	1.0	1.0
1974	1.0	1.0
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1990 through September 1999. It found that 69 percent of the surviving companies lagged their industry average in total shareholder return in the two years

after the deals closed — or, for a handful that hadn't been closed for a full two years, through mid-February. Only 31 percent outperformed their industry peers.

The study primarily measured performance two years after deals closed to allow companies to integrate their operations and produce meaningful results, while minimizing the effects of other significant events, including subsequent mergers, that would skew the stock price.

Company executives frequently say these giant deals are designed to pay off in the long haul, arguing that it takes time for the market to reward their strategy, making it too soon to fully assess many of the biggest mergers of the '90s. Nonetheless, among the deals in the study that have had the longest track records, shares of about 70 percent of surviving companies also underperformed industry peers a full five years after the deals closed. Several former acquirers have been bought out themselves in still-bigger deals, or embarked on new takeovers designed to improve results.

Such findings are an especially bitter pill for Chicago, which saw many — local — icons — Amoco, Amertech and First Chicago, to name a few — succumb to corporate takeovers in recent years. In fact, the performance of local mergers fared slightly worse. Among the deals in the study with Chicago-area firms, roughly three-quarters of surviving companies lagged industry peers in shareholder return.

The securities markets are both economic thermometer and barometer

NEW YORK — It's no longer just a place where prices jump around like corn in a popper, an indulgence of the rich but of no particular concern for most families.

For more than half of American households, the stock market is now to various degrees the financial future, the source of tuition, the provider of luxuries, the guardian of financial security and retirement.

And, based not just on a trend line two decades long but on more recent developments, it is destined to encompass ever more families, making securities for many their most important asset.

In 1980, 53 percent of the liquid assets of U.S. households were in banks, stocks and bonds and there by handing cash and a passbook to a teller. In 2000, the percentage had fallen to 20. The rest was in securities.

That tells part of the story. Households in 1980 owned 2.6 trillion in liquid assets; by 2000, they had amassed \$17.3 trillion. In 1983, 42.4 million individuals owned stocks; in 2000, 78.7 million.

Significant as other indicators in the makeup of ownership, which has filtered down from the rich to less rich. The Securities Industry Association says the typical stock owner has household income of \$60,000.

Because of this massive change, the stock market today is probably as good an economic thermometer and barometer as any other indicator, giving a fairly accurate reading of current health and a forecast of the future.



BUSINESS MIRROR
John Cunliff

That being so, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan could hardly ignore the gloom that had settled like a chemical fog on the market, suffocating what he had once referred to as irrational exuberance.

Equally to be feared, the Fed suggested in its sudden, 0.5 percentage point cut in interest rates, is a signal for which consumers, most from investor households, are too depressed or even unable to spend.

The transformation from saver to investor has come a long way, and the trend has built-in elements that assure continuance.

It is now a way of life, with payroll withholding incentives (automatic, record-keeping, even discounts) for employees and employer alike providing a direct pipeline into mutual funds and stocks.

Mutual funds especially have been a catalyst for the evolution of saver to investor. An idea of the role they have played is offered by the SIA in this summary.

"I took 10 years for (mutual fund) assets to grow from \$100 billion to \$1 trillion in 1990; three years to reach \$2 trillion in 1993; and just over two years to reach \$3 trillion in 1996. Less than four years later, assets have

more than doubled to \$7 trillion."

Increasingly, pension investments are becoming self-directed through 401(k) programs, again via automatic payroll deductions, and pressure has mounted for allowing workers to invest a portion of Social Security withholdings in equities.

Technological advances also are part of the transition. Low-priced computers and the Internet allow individual investors to obtain massive amounts to data and easy access to the market. And a profusion of newer, mobile devices is likely to quicken interest and probably trading too.

It means that the economic impact of the securities markets, especially for equities such as individual corporate stocks and mutual funds, has been hugely expanded in the past couple of decades.

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Frankfurt DAX	6,181.01 -1.1%	Sydney ASX All Ordinaries	3,263.6 -0.5%
Hong Kong Hang Seng	13,548.85 -0.7%	Tokyo Nikkei	13,668.28 -0.7%
London FTSE 100	5,871.6 -0.1%	Zurich SIX Swiss Market Index	7,286.1 -0.6%

Source: Reuters. All times local. Data as of 4:00 p.m. PT.

U.S. tech wreck spreads to Europe with wave of layoffs

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — After savaging American bellwethers Cisco, Hewlett-Packard and Intel, market forces are now taking aim at Europe, as the continent's high-tech sector cracks under the pressure of plunging profits and wilding demand.

Europe now appears on a collision course with an unfolding global tech wreck. And the spreading gloom is sapping confidence in a regional economy that had until recently boasted immunity from the U.S. slowdown.

"I don't think the tech problems are over," said David van Hoytema, an industry analyst with ABN Amro in London. "European companies are not necessarily driven by European sales, and the world economic slowdown is now causing pain in Europe."

Things unraveled last week, when Dutch electronics giant Philips posted a 90 percent drop

in quarterly profits and said it would layoff up to 7,000 workers. Philips placed the blame squarely on the slower U.S. economy, saying it had to scale back production to cut inventory.

On Friday, Swedish mobile phone giant Ericsson posted a \$500 million pretax loss for the first quarter and said it would shed another 12,000 jobs. Its Finnish rival Nokia, however, announced a 15 percent rise in its first-quarter profit and forecast 20 percent sales growth for the rest of the year.

That follows 2,000 job cuts by Germany's Siemens and 3,000 layoffs at British telecom equipment maker Marconi PLC.

There have been recent layoff announcements at Cisco and Hewlett-Packard and an 82 percent plunge in first-quarter profit at Intel, the world's leading microchip maker.

Part of the problem are high-

tech customers struggling to protect their own bottom lines, often by postponing or canceling plans to buy new computers, software and telephone systems.

"There comes a point when firms realize it's not their top priority right now to buy the latest technology," said Vladimir Lopez, a technology analyst with the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In Europe, market growth for those products is expected to fall to 8.9 percent next year after peaking at 13.3 percent in 2000, according to the European Information Technology Observatory.

That has been especially hard on smaller players, such as Dublin-based Baltimore Technologies, a maker of Internet security software for firms such as Deutsche Bank and Visa.

After issuing a revenue warning earlier this month, Baltimore postponed orders worth nearly 5 million pounds (\$7.2 million) on concern about the company's long-term outlook.

"Cash is king and everybody's trying to conserve it. Most customers are looking very carefully at every little investment," said chief executive Fran Rooney.

That trend seemed true even for SAP of Germany, the continent's No. 1 software company, which pleased investors Thursday when it announced a doubling of first-quarter profit.

But even SAP was bitten by the U.S. slowdown. Software sales in the United States rose only 7 percent, compared with 25 percent growth in Europe and 47 percent growth in Asia.

Such figures undermine the insistence of some European politicians and economists,

including the European Central Bank, that the region's economy can weather the U.S. slowdown.

Critics say the ECB is making matters worse by refusing to spur the economy with an interest rate cut, especially after the U.S. Federal Reserve cut borrowing costs Wednesday for the fourth time this year.

The Fed's surprise rate cut immediately pushed the tech-heavy Nasdaq stock index up 8.1 percent. The Neuer Markt, the Nasdaq's German counterpart, also got a boost but still languishes more than 70 percent below a high last May.

"The ECB has to be very aware of what's happening in the United States, where the Fed was almost too slow in reacting to a potential recession," Baltimore's Rooney said. "It's so easy to see how the whole fabric of an economy can be destroyed."

Idaho timber companies take triple hit

LEWISTON (AP) — Soaring energy costs, rock-bottom prices and cheap Canadian lumber flooding the market have ripped into the timber industry like a buzz saw.

"We call it the triple whammy," says Greg Konkol, vice president of Konkolville Lumber in Orofino. Sawmills in the region are struggling to stay open because of the triple hit, and many are operating at a loss. Others have not survive the onslaught.

Metley Co. Cedar in Weippe closed its post and rail division at the end of the year and moved its shake mill to Canada. Six employees were laid off.

About 195 jobs were lost in September with the closure of Potlatch Corp.'s Jaype plywood plant near Pierce.

Timber Savers, a cedar products operation in Weippe, went down more than a year ago, leaving around 20 people unemployed.

"One of the saddest sights I've ever seen is when I drove into the Jaype log yard and saw it empty of all personnel," said Jason Berrett, a former co-owner of Timber Savers. "It used to be full of a teaming network of people. The radio waves were full of people chatting and getting things done. Now it's just quiet."

But Berrett remains optimistic during these tough times.

"I think things will come back. We have a lot of smart people up here and a good resource base. Things will turn around."

Some mill owners are determined to stay open even though their operations are losing money. Konkol said they have decided to keep the 60 employees working at the 53-year-old lumber company — Bennett Lumber Products feels the same.

"There's tremendous loyalty to our employees," Marketing Vice President Gary Tragger said, even though last year was "extremely difficult" for his company because of low prices and the competition from Canada. The Bennett family has a sawmill in Princeton, Shearer Lumber Co. in Grangeville and Guy Bennett Lumber Co. in Clarkston, Wash.

"The Bennetts have a lot of loyalty to the communities where they operate and to their employees," Tragger says. "It makes financial sense to shut down temporarily, but that has a major impact on every community. The owners want to keep operating, if possible."

Frank Carroll, spokesman for Potlatch Corp. in Lewiston, says these times are especially hard since both paper and wood products are flagging.

"Usually either one of those two will be doing well," he said. "Right now both wood and paper products are facing harder markets than anyone can remember."

But Potlatch is cranking out as much tissue paper as it can to stay competitive, Carroll said, because "someone is going to be providing those products and one of those companies is going to be Potlatch."

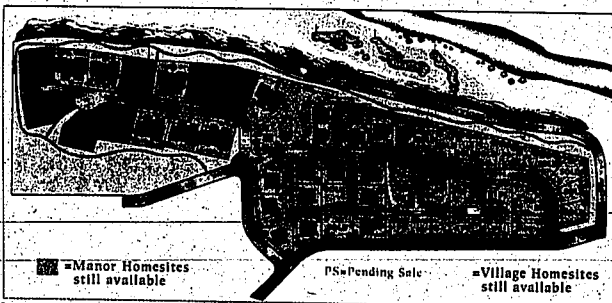
Some maintain that Canadian competition has crippled the industry. Others point to staggering power bills.

But industry officials agree the combination is a killer. Potlatch announced in February a \$33.2 million for 2000. The majority of that was for one-time expenses associated with closing the Jaype plywood plant and laying off 10 percent of its 2,200 work force in Lewiston.

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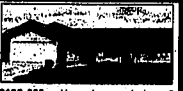
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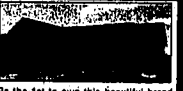
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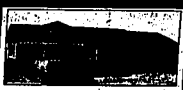
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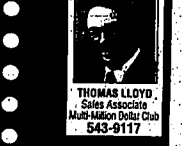
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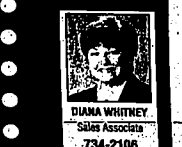
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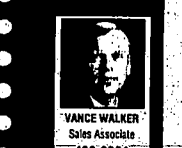
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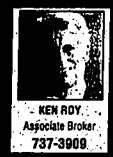
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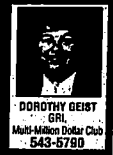
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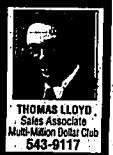
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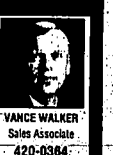
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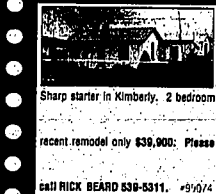
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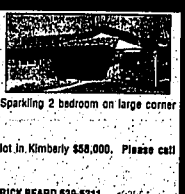
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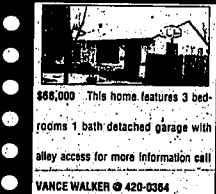
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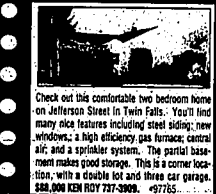
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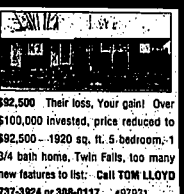
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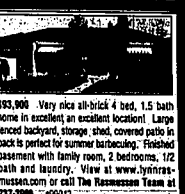
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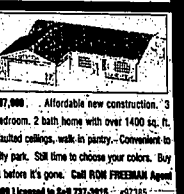
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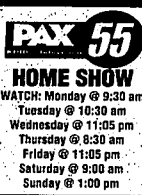
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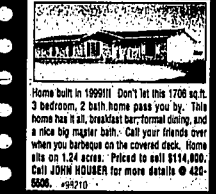
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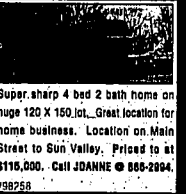
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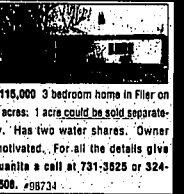
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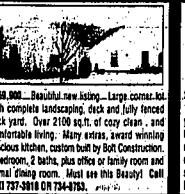
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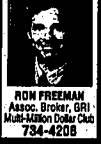
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The Times-News

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Frisk across the slopes of Gilead

The title was so intriguing: "How Ugly Men Can Get Beautiful Women." Of course, my first thought was, "They have to have money." But that's not what the guy who gives talks on the subject is saying.

Craig Marcott, a former president of a New York-area dance club, wrote "Three Minutes of Intimacy: Dance Your Way to a Sensational Social Life" to share what he's learned during his years of studying the dating scene. Now he tells groups how any—yes, any—man can have a chance with a beautiful woman. And he talks to people about why most men don't dance—and why they should.

Maybe he has something there. I don't know. I do know that everyone complains about dating; and I did, too, when I was young and single.

"There's got to be a better way to meet a guy," I would wail, mostly to no one, because everyone had heard it all before. Sometimes I think it would be better to live in the era of arranged marriages.

Or not.

I probably wouldn't have had a big enough dowry to get anybody good.

And now we're coming up on June—wedding month, and I'm feeling sorry for all those people out there who are still trying to get a date for Saturday night.

Dating is so confusing. Even figuring out what to wear can be frustrating. I remember one weekend when my friend Anne's daughter

spent hours on the phone with her friends agonizing over what to wear to a junior high party.

Eventually, all of the girls decided on baggy pants and sweater sets, because "that's what one girl was wearing once when she got asked to dance."

A while back, I ran across a book titled "Dating for Dummies," by New York radio psychologist Joy Browne. Browne has compiled a list of the worst pickup lines of all times. At the top of the list: "You're the best-looking person in the room."

Other gems on Browne's list include, "Come here often?" And, "I must have died and gone to heaven, because where else would I see an angel like you?"

But if the old pickup lines don't work, what does? No one is very good at playing the dating game anyway, and few people can play the game successfully without help.

Enter Glamour magazine, which printed a list of questions guaranteed to start a conversation with someone you're romantically interested in. The magazine advised discussing the hottest item on the national news, and warned against asking yes or no questions.

Asking open-ended questions is a good idea, the magazine article said. Ask, "What kind of music do you like?" Don't ask, "Do you like the Wallflowers?"

I would add that I don't think you should ask, "Do you like being a wallflower?"

Then there are the tips for special interests... A few years ago, the Salt Lake Tribune named "The Top 10 Pick-up Lines Among Traditional Christian Singles." One of the best: "I'm Episcopalian. What's your sign?"

And, "So, worship here often?"

On a similar theme, Cody L. Jones, author of "The Complete Guide to the Book of Proverbs," shares "King Solomon's Top 10 Pick-up Lines."

Try Song of Songs 1:9 (NIV): "I liken you, my darling, to a mare harnessed to one of the chariots of Pharaoh."

Or Song of Songs 4:1b (NIV): "Your hair falls in waves, like the fleece of goats frisking across the slopes of Gilead."

It goes on, beyond PG-13, so I'd better stop there.

Flip forward 3,000 years and consider Fred Cuellar's book, "The World's Greatest Proposals." It addresses the subject of "What Women Wish Men Knew about Proposals" and goes on to document "the all-time wackiest" selections.

Cuellar tells true stories about the romantic rock climber who proposed at home plate, the trooper with a gun and a heart and "How Dr. Billy Button found a hidden surprise."

(Don't ask.)

I think I'll just go home and be glad I'm already married.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

High school sophomore plays basketball from a wheelchair

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

HANSEN — A warm April afternoon hangs around the Hansen High School gym like a persistent question.

The track team is outdoors; the other students have gone home, and the thump-thump-thump of a basketball rattles around the rafters and echoes against the denim-polished wood veneer of bleachers folded upon themselves.

Bridget Shanahan is practicing her set shot from ever-expanding concentric arcs, and with increasing success. It's a scene identical to a million other solitary shoot-arounds in a thousand other gyms, only the shots are fewer and farther between, for Bridget must retrieve the ball in her wheelchair.

"I love to play basketball," she said. "I'd love to play on a team."

Sports are a passion for Bridget, a 17-year-old sophomore at Hansen High. She skis, she plays rugby, she's a member of the Hansen High School bowling team.

But because she must compete in a wheelchair — Bridget has cerebral palsy — mostly she watches others.

"People don't understand that kids with disabilities have the same interests as other kids," said Bridget's mother, Lea. "They love sports."

A native of Carson City, Nev., Bridget competed in a wide variety of sports, even qualifying for the national junior track meet in several events as a para-athlete. But when the family moved from Reno to Twin Falls in 1995, most of those opportunities disappeared.

"People ask me why Bridget just doesn't compete in the Special Olympics," Lea said. "Special Olympics are for people who are mentally and physically challenged; that's not the case with Bridget."

Bridget is on the same intellectual level with her classmates; she just has a physical disability.

"The rules say that I can't compete in (interscholastic) sports because of my wheelchair," Bridget said.

And para-athletics are all but unknown in the vast swath of southern Idaho between Boise and Pocatello, Lea says.

"There are organized Paralympics in Pocatello, and Bridget is involved with that group," Lea said. "But there's nothing around here."

Lea has lobbied other parents of physically challenged kids in the Twin Falls area to allow them to compete in organized sports, but so far without much success.

"I think there's a lot of fear," she said. "Either that, or they just don't want to get involved."

The Hansen School District, and administrators and teachers at Hansen High, have gone out of their way to accommodate



Bridget Shanahan would like to see mobility de-emphasized as a criterion for participating in sports.

Bridget's needs, Lea says. On Friday, the school hosted an assembly on Paralympics and a wheelchair basketball game, organized by Bridget and intended to spotlight the need for more opportunities for athletes with limited mobility.

"I just want people to know what's possible," Bridget said. "I want them to know that there are opportunities available."

Bridget, who dreams of becoming a sportscenter, isn't finished with her own fields of dreams. Some American colleges offer scholarships to para-athletes. In fact, there are Paralympic Games, parallel to the real Olympic Games, attracting athletes from all over the world.

"The qualifying procedure is pretty much the same as for the other Olympics," Lea said. "There are local and then regional and then national competitions."

But the challenges are extraordinary for Paralympians. Organized competition is spotty nationwide and costs are high — \$1,500 to \$3,000 or more for a wheelchair, \$900-plus for Paralympic skis, \$1,500 and up for the kind of specialized chairs used in track-and-field competition.

But changing attitudes is an even bigger hurdle.

"The first time Bridget went skiing here, the ski instructor said to her, 'Are you going to watch your friends ski?' She said, 'No, I'm going skiing too, and she did.'"

Bridget would like to see some organized teams among physically challenged Magic Valley residents — perhaps starting with basketball — and eventually the kind of systematic structure of competition that would allow southern Idahoans to compete for the Paralympics.

And she'd like to see the Idaho High School Activities Association and the state's school administrators consider changing the rules to make it possible for para-athletes to compete in more interscholastic sports.

"It's my goal to level the playing field so that people of all levels of ability, mobility and skill can enjoy participating in activities that improve their quality of life," she said. "It's my firm belief that as the perceived barriers restricting people with limited mobility from participating with people with higher mobility are removed that the successes will alter attitudes regarding what is possible is attainable."

After all — Bridget points out — she's an athlete — no more or less than any other.

"In schools and in adult life there are people who wouldn't be considered disabled, but who also don't fit into the currently

accepted model of being athletically inclined," she said. "Many don't exercise at all because they aren't able to function or compete at the Michael Jordan or Joe Montana level. This mindset has been instilled since grade school recess time and P.E. classes. These are the people who are the last picked for the team and made fun of."

The Paralympics will be in Salt Lake City next year, Bridget points out. She'd like to see some southern Idahoans there.

"People's self-worth is tied very closely to their perception of their own ability to succeed as a member of the team," she said. "Not to mention that people feel better after successfully participating in an activity."

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Find out what makes cliques tick and how parents can help to defuse them

The Dallas Morning News

Cliques become negative only when the group's primary purpose is to exclude, tease or torment other children, says Charlene Giannetti, co-author of a new book about cliques. Parents can help. Giannetti and her co-author, Margaret Sagarese, arm parents with these tips:

- Help your child belong. Give her standards to use in judging herself and others. You can't engineer the child's place on the social ladder.

- Help your child control emotions. Listen without being judgmental and voice your opinions often. You can't take

Etc...

away "bad" feelings or change your child's mood.

- Disarm the bully. Monitor your child's friendships, keep in touch with other parents. You can't correct bullying behavior overnight.

- Empower your victim. Assess whether your child is a likely target or an occasional victim. You can't prevent your child from being victimized.

- Get your bystander to par-

ticipate. Know your child's friends, and intervene to stop malicious gossip. You can't guarantee that your child will never be targeted.

- Teach tolerance. Serve as a good example by being more tolerant, and discuss hate groups. You can't prevent others from discriminating against your child.

- Lead by example. Teach your child about the ups and downs of friendships, and put popularity in perspective. You can't make your child popular.

- Lobby for change. Find a program that focuses on your school's major problem and encourage everyone to work together.

Children's theater to hold auditions

Monday

TWIN FALLS — The Missoula, Mont., Children's Theater will hold auditions for its production of "Treasure Island" at St. Edward's Catholic School. Tryouts start at 4 p.m.

About 50 roles will be available to local students. All students aged kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to try out. No advance preparation is necessary.

Most students will rehearse four hours a day, Monday through Friday. Two performances are scheduled for Saturday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, at 3 and 7 p.m.

To do for families

For more information, call the Magic Valley Arts Council office at 734-ARTS. The Missoula Children's Theater is the nation's largest touring children's theater. It has toured for 28 years, and will visit more than 800 communities this year with 24 teams of actors and directors.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed, send it to Feature Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

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Understand expenses, fees before investing

Q. Ever since I can remember, my parents always told me to put my money in certificates of deposit. So, throughout our 59-year marriage, my wife and I have always put our money in certificates of deposit - that is, until we were taken into buying shares in mutual funds by a local financial services company. These mutual funds looked very good to us based on the charts that we were shown, but now, seven months later, we have lost more than 40 percent of our investment and have just learned that in order to sell, we will lose another 5 percent. We understand that there were no fees involved in the purchase. We are each 79 years of age, live on Social Security and a small pension, and can't afford this. Is there anything we can do to recoup the money we've lost?

A. Probably not, but we hope that other readers will be able to avoid your misfortune by gaining a better understanding of what they are being sold before they sign the check. While we are sure that at 79 years of age and in your financial circumstances you never intended to risk your principal or to agree to a principal penalty if you wanted to withdraw your money, this is what you did.

When you purchase a "mutual fund," you are buying shares in a common pool of securities and hoping that the fund managers will perform well. Some mutual funds offer various types of shares called "classes." Because each class carries with it different fees and expenses, performance results will vary even though each class is invested in exactly the same way. Generally, these multi-class mutual funds can be purchased in Class A, Class B, or Class C.

Even though the purpose of the "class system" is theoretically to give the purchaser a way to choose a fee and expense structure appropriate to their investment goals, most of our readers tell us that they either never understood what they were buying and were not properly informed about the differences until it was too late.

Although the prospectus for each fund explains these differences, it would be a good idea to have a Philadelphia lawyer to understand them.

Class A shares charge you a "front-end sales load" - that is, you pay an up-front fee at the time you purchase the fund. Class B shares charge what is known as a "contingent deferred sales load" which is paid when



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Jan Collins and Jan Warner

you redeem your shares unless you hold your funds for a specified period of time. These "sales loads" are basically the commissions that are paid to the person who sells you the fund. Although sales loads may not exceed 8.5 percent, most funds do not charge the maximum.

But wait, there's more! All mutual funds - even those which are called "no-load" funds - charge other fees and expenses that, in some instances, can exceed 4 percent of your account per year.

For example, if you read the fund's prospectus under "Shareholder Fees," you will find customer transaction fees, advisory fees, marketing expenses, brokerage fees, custodial fees, and legal and accounting fees.

And if you take a look at the "Annual Fund Operating Expenses," you will see that you are also being charged a pro-rata share of the fund's operating expenses which include management fees and more.

Taking the Next Step: Since fees and expenses vary from fund to fund, before you make the purchase, be sure you understand exactly what fees you will be paying from your investment each year and whether or not your will be penalized if you sell your investment. Find out if you will be charged to move into another fund. Take your time, try to read and understand the prospectus or have it explained to you, and ask questions of the person who is trying to sell you the fund to make sure your investment goals are being met. And should you be told that the mutual fund you are purchasing does not charge fees, don't believe it.

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A broken leg is a pain in the neck

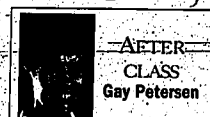
Well, dear friends and neighbors, I did it this time. I broke my leg - yes I did - both bones in my lower right leg - and the tibia is a spiral break so I really did it up good.

You know the old sayings, "Don't buy a BB gun - you'll shoot your eye out," or "Don't jump out of an airplane - you'll break your neck," or "Don't go skiing - you'll break a leg." Well, I went skiing.

You all know, if you know, it was Friday the 13th. I'm not at all superstitious, but I must admit the thought crossed my mind that morning as we loaded up our gear.

You all know, if you have followed my columns, that I haven't skied for very long, and I'm still pretty much of a novice. I do, however, enjoy our outings in the mountains. It is so crisp and clean and beautiful, and the ski runs give me exhilaration. I feel nowhere else.

But on that Friday, on our fifth run down the mountain, I made



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

a long slow turn, preparatory to heading down the slope. To my horror, I caught an edge, my bindings did not release, and I looked down to see my body going one way and my foot going the opposite direction. It was not a pretty sight.

There followed much pain and agony as my worried husband tried to make it back up to my side, wonderful strangers cared for me before the ski patrol could get there, the comfort of the ski patrol, the kindness of the ambulance attendants, and the final casting by a most competent physician at Mini-Cassia hospital.

So now I am in a cast - didn't realize how heavy a cast could

be - and I'm trying to get around the house with crutches. I didn't realize how awkward that might be for who knows how long. It is the first time in my life that I haven't been in control of my body. I've always been able to do just about anything I wanted to do, and now I can't.

And I have discovered something. You can't do much of anything when you have a broken leg and a pair of crutches. Getting to the bathroom becomes an ordeal, taking a bath an impossibility, and doing anything requiring picking up an object while on crutches and depositing it in a different part of the room, simply laughable unless you are using your teeth.

My dear husband and daughter are waiting on me hand and foot - something that is necessary, but bothers one as used to being independent as me, and I frankly am bored to death! How many books can one read - how much TV can one watch?

But, you know, in the long run, I believe it wouldn't hurt any of

us to put ourselves, just for the tiniest while, in the place of someone who is disabled.

Things we take for granted every day become insurmountable obstacles to those whose hands, feet, legs and arms do not act in accordance with the orders given by the brain. How difficult it is for those who have these problems to get into or out of a car; to go to the store, to clean the house.

My leg will heal - I will once again be able to do all that I did before my accident.

We all, however, know people who have permanent physical limitations.

As for me, I will never again take my good health for granted, and I will always admire and try to help those who do the best they can despite the permanent obstacles with which life has presented them. They are admirable indeed.

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Among current drinkers (defined as anyone who consumed 12 or more drinks of alcohol during the past year):

- Men are twice (21%) as likely as women (10%) to be heavier drinkers (individuals who consume two or more drinks per day on average).
- The prevalence of alcoholism is highest among people who have personal incomes of less than \$10,000 (17%) and lowest among those whose incomes are \$25,000 or more (6%).
- The prevalence of alcoholism is more than twice as high (19%) among those who have suffered from depression at some time during their lives as those who have not (9%).
- Anyone who admitted driving after drinking three times or more in the past year was either alcoholic (52%) or suffering from an alcohol-related problem (48%).
- Beer was the most popular alcoholic beverage by far among men who expressed a preference; women preferred beer and wine in almost equal percentages.

FYI:

Drinking in America

April is Alcohol Awareness Month.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence fights the stigma and the disease of alcoholism and other drug addictions.

- 61% who admitted they had driven after drinking at least three times during the past year said they preferred drinking beer to wine or distilled spirits.
- Nearly half who started drinking before the age of 16 said they preferred drinking beer to wine or distilled spirits.
- 56% of those who ever had received treatment for an alcohol problem said they preferred drinking beer.
- A family history of alcoholism in both first and second degree relatives is twice as common among American Indians and Alaska natives (46%) as among whites (23%). Blacks (29%), Hispanics of Hispanic origin (25%), or non-Hispanics of Hispanic origin (23%).
- 43% of those who ever had received any treatment for alcoholism in their lives said they had a family history of alcoholism in both first and second degree relatives.

Source: Drinking in the United States: Main Findings from the 1992 National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 11/98

www.ncaad.org/facts/fyidina.html

Widow's benefits: Find out how, when you can qualify

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I'm 58 years old and my husband died two months ago. Would you please explain widow's benefits and at what age I will qualify?

A. As a widow, you should know that you can receive benefits from Social Security as early as age 60. The amount you receive depends on your age and the amount of benefits your husband would have been entitled to when he died. Widow's benefits range from 71.5 percent of a deceased husband's benefit amount up to 100 percent. That means that if you wait until age 65 to begin receiving widow's benefits, you'll receive 100 percent of what your husband would have received if he were still living.

Here's another point to remember: If you are entitled to benefits based on your own work under Social Security, you can elect reduced benefits as early as age 62. Then when you reach age

Social Security Q&A

65, you can receive your full widow's benefit.

Q. I think I may be eligible for Social Security benefits on my ex-husband's Social Security record. Can I get a Social Security Statement showing benefits on his record?

A. For information about potential benefits on someone else's record, you should call or visit your local Social Security office. If your former spouse is still living, privacy rules prohibit us from giving you his Statement. But we can tell you what benefits you may be entitled to, after we have established your relationship to him.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

HEALTHY CHEF

Sugar-Crusted Lime Cake

CAKE INGREDIENTS:

- 2 egg whites, room temperature
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 C. flour
- 3/4 C. sugar
- 1 T. grated lime peel
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/3 C. skim milk
- 1/4 C. shortening
- 2 T. lime juice

TOPPING INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 C. sugar
- 1 T. lime juice

Heat oven to 350°. Spray 9" round cake pan and sprinkle lightly with flour. In small bowl, combine egg whites and 1/2 tsp. baking powder. Beat until stiff peaks form. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine flour and all remaining cake ingredients. Beat at low speed until moistened. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Gently fold in egg whites. Pour into prepared pan. Bake at 350° for 27-35 minutes until toothpick comes out clean.

In small bowl combine topping ingredients. Spread over hot cake. Cool in pan on wire rack for 30 minutes.

Serves 8.

Recipe Courtesy Dee Warren, Twin Falls, Idaho

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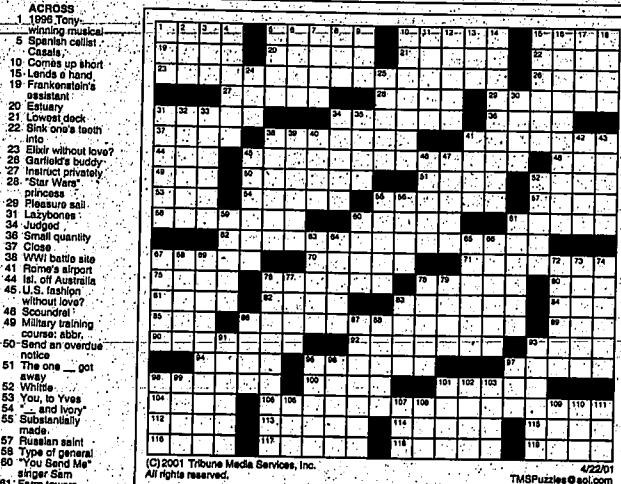
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How to tell if your life is fulfilling



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Tim O'Brien

Is your life fulfilling? Or is it just filled up? Do you feel that what you do adds meaning, purpose and pleasure to your life? Or do you feel it adds stress, worry, confusion and drudgery?

How you answer these questions will tell you much about your current mindset and attitudes. An honest comeback is: "It depends on how I'm feeling when I answer them." Yes, it could. However, if you're positive in response once, and then negative the next, isn't that an answer in itself?

Take a mental inventory now. Later, write it down, and do this exercise more intensely. Maybe take a pen, and write a plus or minus after each of the following questions. Then, add up the pluses and the minuses to help you determine your current situation.

• Do you take time for yourself and your personal interests? If so, do you or others feel it is selfish time? Do you take what you feel is enough time for yourself?

• Everyone experiences stress. Do you feel that the stress in your life has increased or decreased in the past year? Do you have a systematic way to deal with the stress in your life? Do you have and practice techniques that can give you immediate relief from the symptoms of stress? Do you have a stress management program designed to identify and release the underlying causes of the stress in your life?

• Do you enjoy your work? Do you feel what you do makes a difference to the world and other people? Or, do you feel that you hold a dead-end job, or one that hurts others and the environment?

• How are money matters in your life? Do you feel you have enough money to meet your current and future goals? Do you

have at least six months savings set aside in case of unexpected changes in your financial situation? Do you have a plan for the education of your children and a plan for your retirement?

• Are your personal relationships strong and growing, stable or weak and becoming fewer? Do you feel that your relationships have balance? Or do you feel that you must put in the most of the effort to keep them going?

Personal time, stress levels, our work, finances, and relationships are five major areas of our lives. How we perceive our relationship to them often regulates how happy and fulfilled we feel, or how depressed. Let's look at each of these.

• Begin with 30 minutes per day personal time. Through good time management and dropping unnecessary tasks, work towards an hour in one month. Stop watching one TV show, and you're there already. Do something enjoyable, challenging, or uplifting with your time. If we don't feel happy, healthy, holy, and refreshed ourselves, how can we be of help and service to others?

• If you don't have a personal stress management program, go to <http://www.hyperstress.com/> and print out the "BREAD Formula." This can help you get control quickly. There are free posters, articles, bookmarks etc., at the site also. Remember, get relief from symptoms first (like a headache), then "find and remove the cause (like eye strain, or tense shoulders). Then

the symptoms vanish!

• If you can't do what you love, learn to love what you do. I don't know who said it. However, it makes sense. The happiest among us do work that they love. Others, including myself, find ways to enjoy what they do. And they find purpose and meaning in it also.

• "Money can't buy you love, but it sure keeps the children in touch." I laughed until I cried when I saw this bumper sticker. Money, when handled correctly, makes life easier. When misused, it can bring misery. Learn to live below your means so you can save adequately for rainy days and old age. Delaying gratification saves money, and often nullifies the urge to buy. Do you differentiate between needs and wants? Try to avoid paying interest on anything but a mortgage.

• "Love makes the world go round," says the song. To love others and feel loved by others gives us a sense of worth and security. Learn to accept others as they are, for their strong points. Accept any perceived shortcomings as you would want them to accept yours. Share your time, energy and resources with others. However, don't become sad or disappointed if your efforts sometimes fail. We can't make others happy that is up to them.

Now, is your life fulfilling or just filled? If fulfilling, congratulations, and keep trying to make it even more so. If just filled, examine it closely and begin to take back control and enjoy life again.

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Nurse's affair makes her sick at heart

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old woman. I worked as a nurse in a psychiatric hospital for five years. Last month, I had an affair — a one-night stand — with a former patient whom I met in the hospital. It was discovered, and a week later, I was fired.

Abby, I swear nothing inappropriate ever took place while the man was a patient in the hospital. We only talked. Hospital management didn't believe me and gave me no choice but to "resign." Now I hear there are terrible rumors circulating about me. Fortunately, my husband is standing beside me as I try to get on with my life. I feel like I have committed a felony and don't know how to forgive myself.

— MADE A MISTAKE
DEAR MADE A MISTAKE: You don't need me to tell you that you committed a serious breach of professional ethics. Doctors, nurses, social workers and other health-care professionals must not have a physical relationship with their patients. Psychiatric patients are particularly vulnerable. You and your husband would benefit from professional marriage counseling. It's important that you find out why you took a risk that sabotaged your professional future and compromised your marriage vows, so that you can understand and be able to forgive yourself.

DEAR ABBY: My son "Rudy" is 42 years old and still depends on me and his sisters to give him money to survive. He is an only son and brother and has always expected it from us. Rudy never married and recently started living on his own, although he doesn't own much anything. One of his sisters was generous enough to purchase a home for him to live in, but he refused to move to where the house is located. He doesn't own a car, and I



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

guess he is waiting for one of us to get one for him. In the past, we have bought him cars and trucks, along with beautiful clothing, and he has nothing to show for it. All of us in the family have bent over backward to help him get on his feet. Abby, what can we do to make Rudy understand that he needs to take care of himself without help from us? His sisters have cut him off; however, I am still trying to do the best for me and for him. Your thoughts, please.

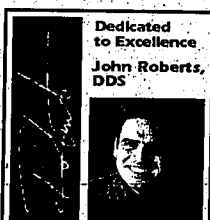
— NO NAME
DEAR NO NAME: Your son is old enough to be told the facts of life. Show him the help-wanted ads and point out entry-level positions. The gravy train has left the station, and now Rudy must stand on his own two feet.

P.S. He may need professional counseling to break his lifelong dependency on others. Let's hope it's the last thing you'll have to pay for.

DEAR ABBY: I love my wife dearly, but she has chronic bad breath — and I mean BAD. I have tried talking to her about it; she just shrugs it off or says I hurt her feelings. Every morning when I leave the house for work, she asks for a goodbye kiss and I reluctantly oblige. Please tell me what to do, Abby. It would be nice to enjoy a sweet kiss again.

DEAR GASPING: Perhaps you should change your approach. Tell your wife gently that you're concerned about her health, and you'd like her to get a thorough

exam from both her doctor and dentist. Bad breath can be a sign of serious dental or medical problems and should not be ignored.



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COLD SORES

No one wants a cold sore a week before his or her wedding; believe me, I know.

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Studies show that once this procedure is performed, the cold sore will never again reappear in that spot on your lip. This seems like a very bold statement to me; however, we guarantee this statement and will re-laser any cold sore that returns to that area of your lip at no charge.

I receive a cold sore every winter after the first time I forget my sunscreen on a snowy sunny day. After this treatment on my own lip, I have purposely left off sunscreen (not recommended) and I didn't receive any cold sore.

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Declo honors students with fun

DECLO—“Winter Carnival” was the theme for Declo Junior High School’s second Renaissance academic pep assembly of the year.

More than 200 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were rewarded for academic achievement. This is the 10th year for the Renaissance Excellence in Education program at the school.

The gym was decorated with streamers painted by seventh-grade art students and light blue and white balloons. A banner was painted by Carol Amende, assistant art instructor, and two students. The National Anthem was sung by Rebekah Christensen and Brittany Turner and Luke Rice, seventh-grade class president, gave a welcome.

Amy Kelsey, a special education teacher and organizer of the event, noted that 86 percent of the student body qualified for reward cards compared to 81 percent at the first assembly.

Students with all A’s who are eligible for a gold card and those with all A’s and B’s receive the silver card. Those having at least a 1.7 grade-point average with no F’s or increasing their grade point by .5 percent are entitled to a white card. The cards give students discounts at more than 90 local businesses and holders also receive academic incentives from the school, such as T-shirts.

Silver cards went to 85 recipients, white cards went to 117 recipients and 28 students earned gold cards.

Dennie Smyer, social studies teacher, presented certificates to the Geographic Bee finalists and a medal to Jason Turner, the school winner. An “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty” certificate was presented to Jenni Garrard by Susan Thomas, yearbook advisor, for selling more than 200 ads.

The top five Accelerated Readers in each grade received



A “Winter Carnival” activity during Declo Junior High School’s second Renaissance academic pep assembly of the year was a “bobsled” race won by the eighth-grade team.

special certificates from Melody Smith, reading instructor. A variety of prizes purchased by the Renaissance Committee were given in a drawing. Gold card recipients had their names put in three times, silver card recipients twice and white card recipients once.

The top 10 in each class received certificates. Those in eighth grade were Andrew Crane, Heather Snyder, Bjorn Christiansen, Heather Harper, Jordan Anderson, Holly Hurst, Calvin Stone, Jessica Boehler, Trevor Dschak and Alex Janak. Their certificates were presented by Kim Outley, an English teacher.

Seventh-grade Top Ten were Zenna Wardle, Richard Wheeler, Chad Allen, Danica Koyle, Jeff Lowe, Kayla Zoulton, Luke Rice, Heather Western, Shane Kelsey and Alisha Zollinger. Their certificates were presented by Deanna Carson, computer science teacher. Sixth-grade honorees were Kristen

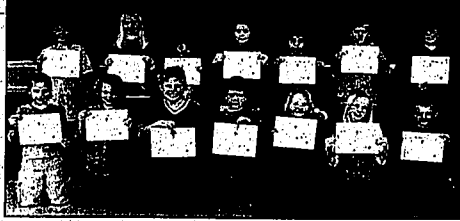
Cook, Samantha Fairchild, Lindsey Turner, Austin Beck, Skye Burch, Kyle Redman, Morgan Stoker, Nicole Knobbe, Emily Ramsey and Heather Gillett. They received their certificates from Eddy Kelsey, a math and science teacher.

Fun activities included “ice fishing,” directed by Debbie Matsen, where students, whose names were drawn, were able to “catch” treats.

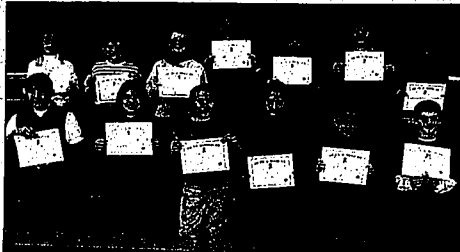
In the “bobsled” race, three students from each grade participated. The “sled,” a red wagon, was powered by one student who pushed the other two. The front person in the wagon had to steer the sled through the cone marked course. Team members received frozen treats.

In the “ice hockey” game directed by Dennie Smyer and Val Christensen, students whose names were drawn tried to score by hitting a golf ball through the hole in a cardboard net.

MATH KIDS



Top, students of Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls achieved a total of 2,327 50-minute passes through mid-January, thanks to efforts of teachers, parents, Title I and administration, school representatives say. The students averaged about 180 passes per week and 153 students achieved “Medalist” status, having passed the goals for their individual grade levels. Winners in grade four are: from left, back row: Kody Campbell, Karl Graybeal, Zalm Cabrie, Paige Hinojos, Joanna Ibarra, Justin Lattin and Courtney Stewart; front row: Sage Garrison, Chelsea Brown, Jake Jacobsen, Kenneth Goodine, Bettine Clinton, Kendra Florence and Anthony Bopp.



Middle, grade five medalists are, from left, back row: Ashley Aesel, A.J. Gutierrez, Chance Regus, Clara VanLewen, Clara Carter, Courtney Frazier and Nicholas Pollock; front row: Nikhila Dragicevic, Ashley Sabla, Whitney Kosman, Yelana Stepanov, Zachary Outley and Nick Sharp.



Bottom, grade six medalists are, from left, back row: Tom Ly, Cane Broderick, Kat Ingalls, Ashlie Jenkins, Paulina Ravella and Shantel Kimbrough; front row: Mirsad Kovalec, Lindsey Maughan, Magan Wasden, Meg McCarthy, Kameron King and Thomas Nichols.

SCHOOL TO WORK HONOR

At the Jerome Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, Jerome High School student Rocio Ayala, left, was honored by the chamber, which was represented by Trish Warmack and Elizabeth Thomas, chamber director, as School to Work Student of the year. Ayala worked as a staff person in the chamber office through the School to Work program.



Photo courtesy of Jerome High School

Organization offers continuing ed grants

RUPERT—Joyce Lindstrom, Bowman, president of Chapter BS, Philanthropic Education Organization for women, presented a check for \$1,200 as a grant through the Program of Continuing Education, which is one of the many projects sponsored by the group.

The program for continuing education is a grant program providing financial assistance to women whose education has been interrupted and find it necessary to resume studies due to

changing demands in their lives, the organization says. They must have a need for financial assistance with their educational expenses.

A woman is eligible to apply for a grant from the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education if she is a citizen of the United States or Canada, has had at least 12 consecutive months as a non-student sometime in her adult life, is within two years of completing her educational goal and is not enrolled in a doctorate,

law degree or medical doctorate program.

The maximum one-time grant \$1,500. Lesser amounts may be awarded according to individual needs and available funds.

The cost is for expenses such as tuition, books, transportation and others necessary to reach the applicant's goal.

Applications must be made through an organization chapter. Project chairman for Chapter BS, Rupert, is Peggy Goodman. For more information call 431-3444.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Several organizations hold luncheon at hall

TWIN FALLS—The second annual independent living week luncheon will be held May 3 in St. Edward's Parish Hall.

The luncheon is co-sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, LINC and SHIBA.

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center asks for donations

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5 on the corner of Eastland Drive and Elizabeth Boulevard. Donations from the community are requested. All money will go towards the new senior citizen building fund.

Buhl High School holds freshman orientation night

BUHL—Buhl High School will hold freshman orientation night at 7 p.m. Monday at the school. Counselors will provide information regarding graduation requirement, four-year planning, pre-registration, clubs and organizations. Students will also be given a tour of the facility. It is mandatory that all incoming freshmen attend, school officials say. Students must bring a parent or guardian with them.

Doctor presents free women's health luncheon

GOODING—Dr. Majorie Brockman of Brockman Family Chiropractic will present a free women's health luncheon at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. Brockman will speak on “Energies to Live By.” Donations

will be accepted for the Crisis Center of Magic Valley. The public is invited. To reserve a space, call 934-5000.

Buhl Arts Council announces events

BUHL—The Buhl Arts Council announces the following upcoming events:

Key to the Arts piano fundraiser party and Del Parkison party will be held at 7 p.m. Friday to purchase a grand piano. The theme is based on black and white piano keys on sale for \$200 each and includes admission for two people to the celebration.

An introduction to trager workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and April 29. Trager practitioners use movements to produce feelings of lightness, freedom and openness, organizers say. The cost is \$200 per person.

Both events will be held at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl.

Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

JEROME—The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced recent winners.

Winners for April 2 were: first place, Steve Hale and Dick Scheele; second place, Mike Mitchell and Sam Smutny; third place, Ilse Hylton and Doris Watts; and flight B, Vi Crowshaw and Bernice Richardson.

Winners for April 3 were: first place, Betty Grant and Polly Mulliner; second place, Joyce Astorquia and Betty Franz; third place, Faye Koneff and Madeline Sawaya; fourth place, Bonnie Aspitarte and Noreen Cregan; and flight B, Mary Ann

Siegel and Lee Woods

Winners for April 4 for north/south were: first place, Herb Burgess and Riley Burton; second place, Ched and Marilyn Butkin; third place, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll. Winners for east/west were: first place, Peggy Hackley and Evelyn Meyer; second place, Howard and Mary Tucker and third place, Sam Smutny and Lee Woods.

Winners for April 5 were: first place, Fred and Bobette Wright; second place, third and fourth place, Renee Bulcher with Doris Watts, Riley Burton with Craig Jones and Steve Hale with Marjorie Rainbolt, and flight B, Bonnie Aspitarte and Dick Kevan.

Winners for April 7 for north/south were: first place, Riley Burton and Mary Kienlen; second place, Norma Prestidge and Mary Tucker and third place, Renee Bulcher and Linda Fix. Winners for east/west were: first place, Wilma Driscoll and Evelyn Meyer; second place, Herb Burgess and Sam Smutny and third place, Lera Bruce and Lester Saunders.

Refreshments were served at each game. The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 256 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. For a partner, call 324-2000.

Health department conducts free screenings

TWIN FALLS—South Central District Health will conduct free screenings to help identify children at risk of developmental delays. Registered nurses and a devel-

opmental specialist will conduct the general screenings for children age 3 and younger. The screening consists of assessing immunization records, physical and developmental testing and a hearing assessment.

Clinics are scheduled in the following areas: In Burley, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday at 2311 Parke Ave., Unit 4. Register by calling 678-8221. In Rupert, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1218 Ninth St., Suite 15. Register by calling 436-7185. In Twin Falls, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 7 at 1020 Washington St. N. Register by calling 734-5900, Ext. 249.

Parents should bring their child's immunization records to the appointment.

CSI Refugee Center moves to new location

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho will offer a basic dog obedience course for owners and their dogs from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, April 30 to May 23 on the east Expo lawn.

The course will teach pet owners to train their dogs the basic commands of heel, sit, down, stand and come, using positive reinforcement.

The instructor is Donna Stalley. The cost is \$35. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Bliss School District holds kindergarten registration

BLISS—Bliss School District will hold kindergarten registration from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday in the kindergarten room. Children must be 5-years-old by Sept. 1 to register.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate and immunization records.

The district will also hold a screening for preschoolers from 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday in the kindergarten room to identify children who are at least 3-years-old who have needs that result from disabilities.

For more information, call 352-4445.

American Legion Post No. 17 meets Tuesday

BURLEY—The American Legion Post No. 17 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Legion Hall, 1501 Oakley Ave.

Mount Harrison Quilters discuss 'glass' quilting

RUPERT—The Mount Harrison Quilters will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 8th St., Rupert.

This month's program will be on stained glass window quilting, presented by Marge Green and Evelyn Spreier.

Cassia Regional offers childbirth refresher course

BURLEY—Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering a

refresher course for anyone who has previously taken childbirth classes from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday in the board room.

This class will address breathing, pain control update and a tour of the Birth Center.

The cost is \$35. Seats can be taken as part of the birthing series for \$20, which offers several other classes.

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WEDDINGS

Authors: Good marriage is journey of hard work

Knight Ridder News Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — When Linda Miles reads her grandchildren fairy tales, she leaves out the "happily ever after" part. Instead, she inserts: "And they began the hard-work-of-a-happy marriage."

That may not sound as exciting, but it's real, say Linda and her husband, Robert, who've been therapists for 30 years. They've witnessed so many breakups — including both of their previous marriages — that they've written a book called "The New Marriage" to help people work through the difficult times.

"We spend more time and energy in our culture teaching our kids to play tennis than we do helping them develop skills for a happy marriage," Linda

said last week in her Killdeer home that doubles as her office. The book seems to have struck a chord. It's been the No. 1 regional best seller at Books-A-Million since its release in December.

"They must be doing something right, because people are asking about it," said Mike Madaychik, general manager. The major problem with marriages today, the Mileses say, is that the old rules and definitions of marriage don't work. Increased life expectancy, the Industrial Revolution, the breakdown of extended families, birth control and women's changing roles cause marriages today to be very different from yesterday's.

"In many ways, that's a blessing," Linda said. "But we have to prepare people better for the new reality."

The Washington Post

Falling in love, that's the easy part. Easier than picking a florist. Easier than finding The Perfect Wedding Dress. Easier than deciding between caramelized onion tartlets and shrimp poistickers.

When Jenna Foley and Jay Gaglione of Washington opted to elope to Las Vegas, they had to make only one more decision: Elvis or no Elvis.

"To know us both, it's (eloping) the most natural thing," said Foley, 32. After all, Gaglione, 40, already owned a gold-brocade tuxedo. He had to wear it somewhere.

When they met, it was mutual admiration at first sight: She worked at the National Portrait Gallery; he worked at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. They both collected

How-to-elope

Every state has rules for the waiting period between applying for a marriage license and the marriage. Call the courthouse to find out the local law.

To elope abroad, call a country's tourist office, consulate or embassy for rules and legal requirements. Nevada has no blood test or waiting period. Obtain a license from the courthouse at 200 S. Third St. in Las Vegas. Both parties must appear in person with proof of identity and the \$35 fee (cash only). The license is

issued immediately. It may be obtained up to one year before the wedding.

One must be 18 to marry; proof of age may be required. Teens ages 16 to 18 may marry with the consent of a parent or guardian and proof of age; proof of identity of person giving consent may also be required. The Clark County courthouse is open 8 a.m. to midnight weekdays, 24 hours on weekends and legal holidays; call 702-455-4416.

— The Washington Post

Other Creative Wedding Options* (2001, Bantam Doubleday Dell, \$12.95).

While some couples dream of The Big Wedding, others dream of bright-toenail polish, pina colodas and a private beach wedding in Tahiti — something "more 'them' and more fun," Shaw said.

But unlike more traditional couples, most eloping couples don't get advice from beehive, done-don't twosomes.

Shaw and his fiancée wanted to elope but were unsure about quite a few things: whom to invite, what etiquette to follow and how much money to spend. "We didn't want to offend people."

In the end, they eloped to a Charlottesville, Va., inn, surrounded by a small group of friends and family — and a book idea was born.

ENGAGEMENTS

WILLIAMS-ROWLAND



Brent Rowland and Tara Williams
1999 with a degree in animal science at business. He is employed by Iowa Beef Packers in Boise. The wedding is planned for May 26 at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.



Brian Harshman and Heidi Krumreich
Krumreich is a home-schooled graduate of the School Along the Way in Warsaw, Ind. He is employed at Oral Maxillofacial Surgery in Warsaw.

Harshman is a graduate of Kimberly High School and is attending Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind. He is employed at Subway in Winona Lake.

The wedding is planned for June 2 in Indiana. A reception will be held June 30 in Kimberly.

HERMAN-HORTON



Debra Herman and Robert Horton
reception will follow the ceremony.

DOUTHIT-ZIMMERMAN



Randy Zimmerman and Kelly Douthit
The wedding is planned for May 5 at the Glad Tidings Church in Boise. A reception to honor the couple will follow at the Policeman's Clubhouse in Boise. An open house will be held in Rupert after the wedding with the date forthcoming.



Norman Southworth and Pamela Garwood

GARWOOD-SOUTHWORTH
TWIN FALLS — Lore Rosado of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Pamela Garwood, to Norman Southworth, son of Jack W. and Norma Southworth of Idaho Falls.

Garwood and Southworth are employed at Albertsons in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for May 12 at the Raymond Memorial Pavilion at Centennial Park in Twin Falls.

CUMMINGS-SEVERA



Tony Severa and Jessica Cummings

REDD-WATSON



Byron and Sabra Watson

HAGERMAN — Sabra L. Redd and Byron G. Watson were married April 13 in Las Vegas.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate with them at an informal reception from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, corner of Lake and State streets in Hagerman.

The newlyweds will reside in Hagerman.

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FAMILY LIFE

Scientist's findings link aggression, self-esteem

Who had higher self-esteem: Ghandi or Hitler? Columbine High School's 1999 valedictorian or the two Columbine students who, that April, killed a teacher, 12 fellow students, and then themselves? Albert Einstein or Adolph Eichmann? Popeye or Bluto?

If you picked the first person in each pair (the hero/high achiever), you're wrong. The bad guys, not the good guys, have high self-esteem. So says Dr. Roy F. Baumeister, whose article, "Violent Pride," featured in the April issue of Scientific American, should be made required reading for every school board member, principal, teacher, therapist and parent in America.

Baumeister, a social scientist at Case Western Reserve University, has studied the relationship between aggression and self-esteem for more than a decade.

His findings completely explode the self-esteem mythology that has driven American parenting and education for more



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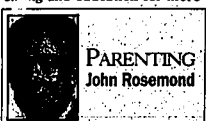


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One out of three pets get lost at some point in their lives



PARENTING
John Rosemond

than a quarter-century and explain why, in the "bad old days" when parents and teachers reinforced humility and modesty rather than false pride, America's kids were much better behaved and far less prone to violent outbursts.

People with high self-esteem, says Baumeister, are likely to respond aggressively when their inflated view of themselves is threatened by criticism or perceived insult or when someone obstructs their need for gratification. Gang members have high self-esteem. So do spouse abusers. On a narcissism scale, violent criminals, long thought to be "acting out" low self-esteem, obtained a higher mean score than people in any other category.

In short: the higher one's self-esteem, the lower one's self-control.

Doesn't it make perfect sense that the higher one thinks of oneself, the less regard one has for others?

Doesn't it make perfect sense that a school teeming with kids who've been repeatedly told that there is nothing about themselves that requires improvement, that each of them is - to quote a banner I saw hanging in a public elementary school, "one of the most special people in the whole wide world" - is not as safe as a school populated with kids whose teachers and parents set high expectations, dispense criticism when it's due, and are intolerant of egotistic behavior? Baumeister makes clear that he finds no fault with performance-based self-esteem, better known as self-competency - the feeling that one is capable of mustering whatever it takes to overcome challenge and adversity.

His warnings are exclusive to the brand of self-esteem that develops when parents and teachers dispense praise, reward, and good grades "unconditionally" - irrespectively of merit. Unfortunately, it's the latter sort that today's kids tend to be "high" on.

The Bible tells us that pride comes before a fall. Unfortunately, as Baumeister's research demonstrates, the people who end up taking the "falls" in question are often those who have run-ins with the prideful.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260, and at his Web site: <http://johns.rosemond.com/>

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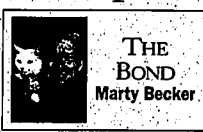
Recently we watched out the window as a large male coyote crept through the meadow below our house. He was in search of a meal in the form of a gopher, mouse, cat or small dog.

Suddenly, our black Labrador retriever, Siroin, awoke, sounded the alarm, and took off toward the coyote. The last we saw of the coyote and Siroin, they were cresting the top of a nearby mountain.

We immediately took off on horseback after Siroin. We soon found him, on his way back home. But what if we hadn't? What if he'd gotten lost? What if some well meaning neighbor or not so well meaning stranger had found him first?

We are mostly a country of responsible pet caretakers. We don't let pets roam, we walk them on leashes, and we spray or neuter them to prevent roaming. Yet one out of three pets will be lost sometime in their lifetime.

According to Connie Howard at the American Humane Association, a National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy report revealed that about 3.8 million dogs and 2.3 million cats entering the nation's shelters last year were strays. Only 16 percent of dogs and a discouraging 2.1 percent of



THE BOND
Marty Becker

cats are ever reunited with their families. The rest are adopted or euthanized. And this survey only covered 1000 shelters.

How can we take steps to ensure our pets stay safe at home and out of harm's way? Be proactive. Pets are lost when:

- You open the door to company;
- You and they move to a new home;
- They become frightened by lightning or fireworks;
- They're stolen or lost when wandering or left unattended;
- The neighborhood dog comes into heat;
- That bird, squirrel, cat or nasty neighborhood dog proves too irresistible to not chase

To get your pet home quickly and safely:

- Get an identification tag. It should contain your name and current contact information.
- Get microchip identification. Your veterinarian can insert a microchip identification. When scanned, most veterinary hospi-

Becker seeking stories

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is writing a new book, and he's looking for pet stories from his former clients in south-central Idaho. "The stories I need from your readers are very specific," Becker says. "I've often said, 'There is only one greatest pet in the world, and every family has it.' I need stories, not of the world's greatest pet showcasing their love, loyalty, antics or special traits, but specifically stories of where a pet transformed someone's life physically, socially or emotionally." Becker, who has co-authored two

"Chicken Soup for the Soul" books about pets, appears on "Good Morning America" regularly, has his own show on The Animal Planet cable network and writes a nationally syndicated column, had a veterinary practice in Twin Falls through 1986. The stories are for a new book called, "The Healing Power of Pets." Any of Becker's former clients with stories to share can send them Marty Becker, HCR 60 Box 177, Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805, fax them to (208) 733-5405, e-mail them to thebond@aol.com, or phone him at (208) 734-8174.

tals and shelters can identify your pet's owner and contact you. The best time to do this is when spaying or neutering or when cleaning the teeth, since the anesthesia means the pet will never feel it.

"Tattoo." This allows for positive ID at shelters or rescue centers that don't have a scanner.

• Phone tag. The least costly, easiest way to ID a dog that does not require a vet visit or sending away for a tag is to attach a strip of duct tape just large enough to write your phone number on to the collar.

If your pet is lost:

- Post fliers. Take a recent photo of your pet and have someone who is computer friend-

ly design a flyer with key information. Offer a reward. Sherlock Bones in San Francisco (the world's expert on finding lost pets) suggests \$500 for best results.

• Alert the neighbors. Describe your pet and leave phone numbers with neighbors, people who frequent your neighborhood (like the mail delivery person) and at stores.

• Call your pet and take along favorite treats. Shake the container to attract their attention. Stop, look, listen, and use your sixth sense.

• Call for help. Immediately call animal shelters, animal control, veterinary hospitals, police, and place a lost pet ad in your newspaper. Utilize the lost pet services from local radio sta-

tions. Continue to do this weekly for at least a month. Many people keep the dog for a couple of weeks, then surrender the dog after the owner has stopped looking at the shelter.

• Watch out for scams. Don't pay the reward until you have identified the pet in person and know that it is yours.

• Check out your old address. If you have recently moved, a missing cat may have returned to the old homestead - cats have been known to travel more than 1,500 miles in search of home.

No matter how careful you are, pets have a genuine talent for getting loose - and lost. Although you probably won't have a coyote stroll by your yard and coax your precious pooch into a futile chase, chances are great that you too will face this problem some day.

With some simple preventive measures in advance, and some timely action once they're lost, you won't find yourself home alone.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a veterinary contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and is a contributing editor for Dog Fancy. He is the co-author of the best-selling "Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul" and "Chicken Soup for the Cat & Dog Lover's Soul." Write to him in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Spot a satellite with these tips



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Being born in 1962, all I know about Sputnik are recollections of friends and relatives who remember seeing the first man-made thing to orbit over their heads.

Forty years hence, I find an awful lot of people who are amazed when they see their first satellite. On one hand, I'm sad that our society doesn't take such a thing for granted. On the other hand, I'm glad we can still have our own "Sputnik experience." The best time for satellite spotting is shortly after evening twilight, or before morning twilight. That's when the sun is just below the horizon but still illuminating satellites hundreds or thousands of miles up.

On any given clear night (or morning), within an hour or so you can usually spot a satellite tracking slowly across the sky. They're so common, I've lost track of how many have crossed my telescope's field of view. Most take several minutes to traverse the heavens, some flashing rhythmically as they tumble, turning shiny and non-shiny surfaces our way.

The brightest satellites are the Iridium family, orphans of a failed satellite phone venture. I can understand why their brief "flares" might startle an unsus-

pecting stargazer - the first one I saw was amazingly bright, dramatically brighter than any star or planet. You can see predictions of times and locations of "Iridium flares" at www.heavens-above.com.

Lots of folks have asked me about seeing the International Space Station (ISS). Luckily for Idahoans, the station's highly inclined orbit occasionally carries it right over our heads. Details for spotting it can be found at www.hq.nasa.gov/ist/station/viewing/issvis.html. For example, the site lists a Twin Falls flyover tonight:

Date: 22-Apr-2001
Pickup time: 9:48 PM
Direction (from/to): WNW/SSW
Duration: 4
Max. Elevation: 23
Translation: ISS will appear on the west-northwest horizon tonight at 9:48, rise to an altitude of 23 degrees, and disappear in the south-southwest after four

Sky calendar

(through Saturday)
• Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Venus: E, very low.
Mars: S, low.
One hour after sunset:
Saturn: WNW, very low.
Jupiter: W, low.
• Moon: New moon, Monday, 9:26 a.m. Thin crescent moon between Saturday and Jupiter Wednesday night, 7 degrees above Jupiter Thursday night.

minutes above the horizon - take a look!
Incidentally, this week is International Astronomy Week, a celebration of the oldest science. It concludes Saturday with Astronomy Day, with lots of cosmic fun going on at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, starting at 1 p.m.

Next week: When does summer really start?

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Reagan image-maker tells stories of presidency, Alzheimer's battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was Ronald Reagan's mastery of language that always mystified his chief image-maker, Michael Deaver. With an easy smile, the former president confounded those who sought to put words in his mouth by constantly speaking off-the-cuff, making up speeches as he walked to the podium.

In a new book, "A Different Drummer: My Thirty Years With Ronald Reagan," Deaver acknowledges the tragedy of a man known as the "great communicator" losing his eloquence to the cruelty of Alzheimer's disease.

Deaver reveals that during his last visit with the former president, Reagan had no memory of him.

Lying in a bed, Reagan was looking intently at a picture book about Traveller, Gen. Robert E. Lee's horse. Deaver does not reveal when the meeting took place.

Deaver wrote that in the earlier stages of Reagan's illness, the

former president kept familiar pictures close by — hoping that guests could use the images to tell stories from their mutual past.

"I understood the gimmick: It was vintage Reagan," Deaver wrote. "Take the focus off him (Reagan) and toss it casually upon your shoulders. With Reagan it was never about himself."

With broad strokes, Deaver tells how Reagan's relationship with

his wife, Nancy, slowly changed because of Alzheimer's.

"Soon, old places and pleasures lost their allure, and the shared memories that were so dear to them became blurry and, finally, vacuums," Deaver writes. "There would be no more conversations starting: 'Honey, remember when ...?'"

Reagan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1994. He wrote a final letter to the nation and has shielded away from the public eye

since.

In his book, Deaver, who was Reagan's deputy chief of staff from 1981 to 1985, uses anecdotes to reveal Reagan's personal habits — painting a gleaming portrait of the former president.

Deaver describes Reagan as a dichotomy that defied efforts to typecast him, first as an actor; then as a president.

He was a product of Hollywood's heyday, who graced at having his picture

taken and never wore makeup; a man who chose to downsize government, even after watching his father be saved from the Depression by Franklin Roosevelt's welfare programs.

"If I said that going to a certain event or supporting a certain bill would mean political death he would dismiss my argument out of hand," Deaver says. "But if I said his support of this bill would hurt people, Reagan would demand to know more."

The book glosses over the scandal over an arms for hostages deal with Iran that dominated a major portion of Reagan's second presidency, only saying the former president wasn't "implicated" in the matter. Deaver also gives his perspective of the day Reagan was shot and defends his belief that Reagan made a full physical and mental recovery.

The book, published by HarperCollins, goes on sale Friday for \$25.

Another boy burns self MTV-style

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Less than three months after a Connecticut youngster set himself on fire imitating a stunt on an MTV program, a Hartford boy suffered second-degree burns copying the same show, police said.

Jose Serrano, 11, said he was imitating the MTV show "Jackass" with several other children on Tuesday when he wrapped a rag soaked with engine degreaser around his leg and lit it with a lighter, Hartford police spokesman Neil Dryfe said. The flame burned Serrano's pant leg and his skin before it was extinguished.

He was treated at the Children's Medical Center, and released Tuesday.

In a written statement, MTV pointed out that the show carries a TV-MA rating, and a written disclaimer insisting that nobody try the stunts at home.

"While we don't accept responsibility, obviously we feel horrible when a young person does something to hurt themselves," the network said.

Jason Lind, the 13-year-old Torrington, Conn., boy who set himself ablaze in January while imitating the same show, last week urged others not to play with gasoline and fire.

In an episode, Lind saw, Jackass host Johnny Knoxville dressed in a flame-retardant suit with meat attached and laid down on a burning outdoor grill. People stood by with fire extinguishers.

Lind and two friends poured gasoline on his legs and set him on fire after watching the show. He suffered second- and third-degree burns on his hands and legs and spent 36 days in a Boston hospital.

Lind's lawyer said the family has not decided whether to sue MTV or the producers of "Jackass."

Since Lind's injury, MTV has moved the show to a later time slot on Sundays (the show airs at 8 p.m. locally) and changed the wording of the disclaimer aired during the show.

Paper ranks McCartney as music's richest

LONDON (AP) — Baby, you're a rich man.

Paul McCartney, who sang that song with the Beatles, is Britain's richest musician, according to the Sunday Times' annual list of the country's wealthiest people.

McCartney's personal fortune grew by \$235 million last year to \$1 billion, the newspaper reported Friday. That put him No. 1 among musical moguls, but 36th on the full list. The paper did not release the name of the wealthiest person overall.

The former Beatle's worth increased with \$200 million inherited from his late wife Linda, who died in 1998. McCartney, 58, also received rewards from The Beatles anthology "1," which has sold more than 12 million copies.

Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is ranked second with an estimated fortune of \$605 million, and producer Cameron Mackintosh is third with \$575 million. In fourth place is Robert Stigwood, producer of musical films including "Grease."



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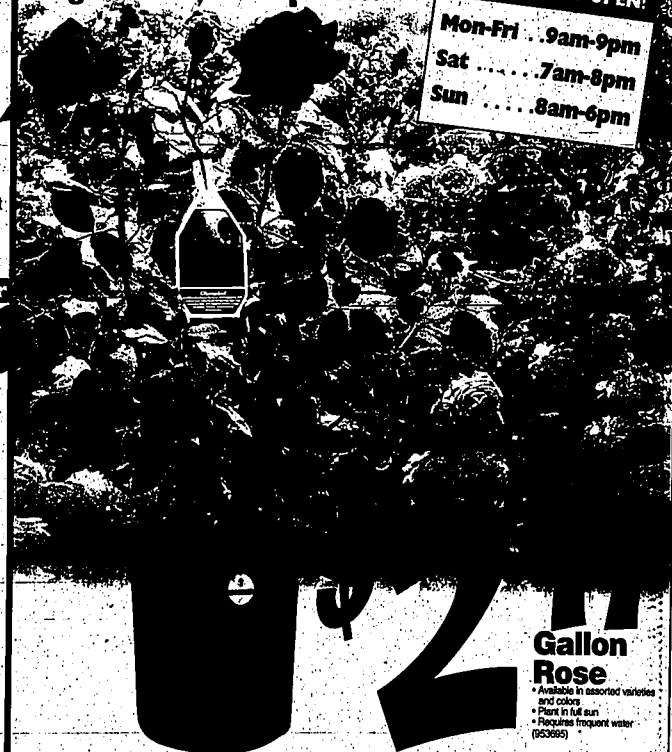
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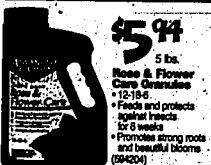
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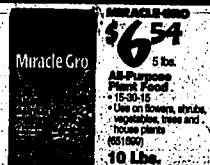
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Actor Tom Green uses the shower door of his hotel room for a portrait earlier this month in New York City.

Walking a 'weird line'

Actor Tom Green says he really doesn't mean to be offensive

By Douglas J. Rowe
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tom Green says he doesn't intend to offend.

He's OK with his audience being "disturbed and confused and surprised and grossed out and shocked even."

But offended? No.

In his new movie, "Freddie Got Fingered," the 29-year-old comedian plays an aspiring animator who eviscerates a dead deer and frolics in its carcass, manually pleases two other (living) animals, bites an umbilical cord in half after delivering a baby, whacks his wheelchair-bound girlfriend in the legs with a bamboo stick (that's her idea of foreplay) and lies about his father (Rip Torn) molesting his younger brother, Freddy — hence, the title.

Green, who co-wrote his directorial debut with childhood friend Derek Harvie, thinks religious, racial and ethnic humor are offensive and can leave people feeling "emotionally hurt," so he stays away from that.

"I think there's sort of a weird line," he says in an interview during which he comes across as nothing but subdued and sincere — he's even a little shy about asking a waiter to bring him a cup of coffee.

"I like to try to walk this line, you know, where I like to push the envelope as far as I can," he says, sitting in a fancy hotel restaurant. "I think you're actually able to push the envelope a little further if you're not being offensive in those sort of typical, obvious ways. Because once you do that, you kind of become a bit more mean-spirited, I think, with your comedy, and people don't want to rally behind you."

Green, who tongue-tied a live mouse in last summer's comedy "Road Trip," also says he doesn't strive to shock for shock's sake; he wants to get the laugh — something he thinks certain comedians lose sight of.

"I actually do put a lot of thought into these sort of fine lines," he says.

Green's biggest influence, he says, was probably "Monty Python's The Meaning of Life," which he stumbled across in a video store as a kid. He remembers thinking the 1983 movie was "the craziest thing I had ever seen. And I remember that was the first time I laughed so hard that I didn't stop laughing." The involuntary organ donor scene particularly fractured him.

"Here we are in the past five years, all of a sudden you hear this label 'gross-out comedy' — it's like it's a new thing ... The con-

cept of vomiting or pulling out somebody's guts on camera and bloody stuff" is as gross as anything he does, Green says.

"I just think it's sort of time for that term to disappear — you know, 'gross-out' comedy. Because what we're talking about has been going on ... A pie in the face was probably pretty gross when somebody first did it. That was crazy, you know, I mean, all dripping all over the place, all gooey and gross, you know."

The reality, he says, is that to make people laugh "something has to actually happen — something pretty extreme, to be honest ... You got to do something that really strikes people. Slapstick comedy — sometimes things tend to be a little bit gross."

"A little bit" might be open to interpretation. One time, Green wanted to fry and eat a benign cyst from his father's head. He showed up at the doctor's office with an electric frying pan and barbecue sauce — then found out how funny his father could be.

"He looked at me and said: 'Oh, didn't I tell you? Today's my hemorrhoid operation.'"

Growing up in Ottawa, Green was a classic class clown in school. His father, Dick, a retired army captain, and mother, Mary Jane, a former communications consultant, often have been the targets of his pranks. He's turned their house into a petting zoo while they were away and painted a pornographic scene on their car.

Somebody always has to bear the brunt of the joke, Green thinks. Sometimes he does — most famously in his well-regarded special on MTV last year after he was diagnosed with testicular cancer.

"I think it was all right to make jokes about cancer in that case because it was me that had it," he says.

He and his collaborators found that the show had a serious impact — encouraging young men to examine themselves for the disease — and they got letters thanking them for "saving my kid's life."

Green is "essentially, completely, 100 percent cured" of the cancer, but he and his new wife Drew Barrymore are still recovering from a Feb. 18 fire that gutted their home north of Beverly Hills. (Barrymore has a cameo in "Freddie Got Fingered," and he had a small role as her boyfriend in last year's "Charlie's Angels.")

Within days, Green will start work on a film titled "Say Uncle," co-starring Jason Lee.

It's crunch time for 'Survivor' participants

By David Bauder
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With "Survivor" down to its final four, the theories about the show's \$1 million winner are as prevalent as kangaroos and thunderstorms at the outbreak setting.

A man who says he's a disgruntled television writer claims he has inside information on the order the four contestants will be knocked out, and the eventual winner.

"That would be news for the folks at CBS, who say the votes cast during the final tribal council were sealed and locked away after the show was filmed in Australia last fall."

"(Executive producer) Mark Burnett doesn't know," said CBS spokesman Chris Ender. "(Host) Jeff Probst doesn't know. I find it hard to believe anybody has inside information."

The winning survivor will be

revealed in a two-hour finale May 3. A "Survivor" segment will air at 7 p.m. Thursday on KMTV.

CBS can't be too upset about all the speculation, since it only increases interest in what is already television's top-rated show.

The latest potential spoiler identifies himself only as "Jesus" and is a regular caller to "The Dan and Scott Show," a talk show on eyada.com. He said he's telling secrets about "Survivor" because he writes scripts for television shows and is upset about reality TV taking jobs away from writers.

He correctly predicted that Rodger Bingham would be knocked off Thursday and has given details over the past few weeks that only insiders would know, said Dan Schulz, co-host of the Internet talk show.

Schulz said he finds it implausible that people like Burnett or

his crew members don't know the winner.

Skip this next paragraph if you don't want to read the theories of "Jesus."

He predicts Colby Donaldson is voted out next week, and Elisabeth Filarski is the next to go. The final showdown is between Keith Farnie and Tina Wesson, and "Jesus" says Wesson wins.

Some people who watch the show closely are skeptical.

"He could be legitimate," said Melissa Batson, a college student from Los Angeles who runs a Web site on "Survivor" speculation. "But the thing is, you never really know. It could be someone playing a trick."

One thing that makes Batson suspicious is that his predicted winner seems somewhat obvious to people who have been watching the show regularly.

Batson's Web site, elipsis.com, has been posting

"Survivor" predictions the morning after each show airs for the past month. It has correctly identified in advance everyone to be ousted, but has gotten a few details, like winners of individual challenges, incorrect.

The choices are based on obsessive work by fans who study interviews and preview footage aired by CBS, she said.

Other supposed "insiders" have already been proven wrong. One Internet correspondent, saying his source was the friend of an uncle, predicted in February that Jerri Manthey and Amber Brich would be the two finalists. Both are already off the show.

"I'm quite skeptical," said Paul Sims, who runs the Web site survivorsucks.com. "The only real way to analyze the show is to pick it apart by old-fashioned detective work. You should be very wary of somebody who says he has inside information."

Movie set opens in Utah after years of neglect

New work will include displays of history in movies

PARIA, Utah (AP) — The Wild West began decaying 20 years ago. It was dismantled in 1999.

Now thanks to the efforts of a diligent community and some federal money, one of Hollywood's most popular Wild West movie sets will again open for the curious and the sentimental. Next weekend volunteers will put the finishing touches on a rebuilding effort that restores two of the original 10 buildings.

Featured in movies such as The Outlaw Josee Wales and the television series Death Valley Days, the Paria movie set had its heyday between 1963 and 1976 when it was featured in dozens of movies.

But as western movies reached middle age, the ghost town with a saloon and old fashioned post office fell to disrepair.

Floods in the late 1990s created a safety hazard, and the remaining four buildings were removed.

Now after nine months of volunteer work and about \$30,000 in labor and material costs, two buildings have been rebuilt — a two-story hotel with a saloon downstairs and a store with windows and open doors and a porch. The inside of the saloon is open, with no locks or glass in the windows.

"Just like it was in the olden time," said Tom Terry, assistant manager for the Bureau of Land Management.

Terry said the original set was built to last only a week.



Volunteers dismantle the buildings in Paria, Utah, in this undated photograph from the Bureau of Land Management. Volunteers, with help from federal dollars, have built the famed set used for such films as "The Outlaw Josee Wales."

Hollywood producers chose Paria because of the stunning natural colors of the surrounding red rock mountains, he said. "Each time another movie would come the buildings would be propped up, getting a new little shot of life," he said.

He said the rebuilding effort began when the federal government approached the community with a proposition. "We knew we didn't have the money to build it

from scratch, so we said we'd provide the cash if the community would do 90 percent of the work," he said.

The nearest town, Kanab, is 40 miles to the southwest, but picnic tables and bathrooms are available in Paria for visitors. The tourist site draws about 20,000 people a year. There is no estimate on the number of tourists the site will draw after completion.

When the project is complete, in midsummer displays will explain the history of the movie set.

"This part of the West that people grew to know through movies is more the West to them than the real thing," said Mary Dewitz, the visitor's center manager in Kanab. "This is an important part of our cultural. People want to stand where Wayne stood."

Capsized buddies buoyed each other until rescue

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Three teen-age high school seniors, who tipped over a catamaran two miles off Cape Florida, desperately clung to a pontoon, yelling, signaling and praying for their lives for eight hours in a moonless, wind-whipped ocean.

It was an adventure on the high seas the boys weren't sure they would live to tell. Because of their quick thinking — dropping the boat anchor and not trying to swim to shore — they survived.

At 12:30 a.m. Thursday, a spotlight from a Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin helicopter caught them perched atop the sunken boat and dropped a flare.

"It was like straight out of a movie," said Felipe de Varona, 18. "We couldn't believe what was going on."

De Varona and his two best friends at Christopher Columbus High School, Hector Delgado, 19, and Daniel Cardenas, 17, left Key Biscayne at 11 a.m. Wednesday aboard the 21-foot sailboat, the Noona. Linda, named after Delgado's great-grandmother.

The trio had made the trip several times before, cruising down to Soldier Key, catching a fish or two, then heading back.

On the way back, at about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, a sudden gust from a strong northerly wind capsized the craft, hurling them into the ocean. Lost instantly in a strong current were their shirts, shoes, their fishing rods, cold drinks and a cell phone.

Although the depth was only 6 to 8 feet and the boat stuck out of the water, they couldn't flip it over.

"They didn't panic. 'We thought it was funny,' said Cardenas — until they spotted some barracuda. 'We all freaked out,' de Varona said.

They didn't drift. The boys had dropped the anchor, preventing them from being swept out to sea. It probably saved their lives.

"That's exactly what you should do," Dana Warr, a Coast Guard spokesman, said Friday. "If you leave the boat, the chances of survival decrease dramatically."

With life jackets, the three tried flagging down every vessel they saw. They counted them — one, two ... 13, 14, 15. But apparently no one saw them. "We would go 'One, two, three' — and all scream, 'Help' at the same time," Delgado said.

When the sun set at 7:47 p.m.

and their frantic yells remained unanswered, the three best friends huddled closer together. They straddled the cramped, makeshift bench of a pontoon.

"We were freezing at this point, shaking uncontrollably," de Varona said. "We were getting extremely fatigued and our backs were killing us."

It was a moonless night. The air temperature dropped into the low 60s. An unrelenting wind made it feel like the low 40s.

"It would get real quiet because we didn't know what to do," said de Varona. "We would just try and tell each other to stay

strong and keep hope alive."

They prayed.

In the early evening, the families of three teen-agers realized something was wrong. The Coast Guard logged a call for help at 8 p.m., and promptly dispatched a helicopter and four rescue vessels. Other agencies' boats followed suit. The rescue team worked at 1,100-square-mile search area.

Four after hours, the three stranded teen-agers could hear the helicopters. But it wasn't until 12:30 a.m. that the spotlight caught them. "Eventually, thank God, the helicopter came in and spotted us," said de Varona.

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Court: Sheriff neglected duty in 'Boys Don't Cry' case

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A former sheriff was negligent for not protecting a cross-dressing woman who was murdered, the state's highest court ruled Friday.

In a scathing, 20-page opinion, Chief Justice John Hendry ordered a lower court to award the victim's mother \$80,000 and refigure damages for emotional distress.

The ruling reversed an earlier decision that said Teena Brandon, who often dressed as a man and went by the alias Brandon Teena, was partly responsible for her own death.

Sheriff Charles Laux was more concerned with Brandon's sexuality than he was with keeping her safe after she had reported she was raped, Hendry said.

Brandon, 21, was posing as a young man and using the alias Brandon Teena in 1993 when two acquaintances, John Lotter and Marvin Nissen, learned her true gender. She told the sheriff they had raped her, and about a week later, they killed her in a Humboldt farmhouse, along with two others who witnessed her death.

Brandon's mother, Joann Brandon, sued Laux and the county for more than \$350,000, saying he should have offering her daughter protective custody. The district judge awarded \$17,360.

Joann Brandon's lawyer, Herb Friedman, hailed the ruling.

"It's clear that this young woman was tormented not only by the people that killed her, but tormented by a local sheriff who simply did not understand anything about her," Friedman said. "He brutalized her. That should not be condoned in a civilized society."

Attorney Richard Boucher, who represented Laux and Richardson County in the case, declined immediate comment.

In the ruling, Chief Justice John Hendry said Sheriff Charles Laux showed indifference to the rape allegation by referring to Teena Brandon as "it" and not immediately arresting the two suspects, who had threatened to kill her if she reported the rape.

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arresting the two suspects, who had threatened to kill her if she reported the rape.

Hendry said Laux's tone on the

tape-recorded interview was "denigrating, accusatory and intimidating."

The ruling did not specify a minimum or maximum in refiguring emotional damages. State law caps such damages at \$1 million.

The 1999 movie "Boys Don't Cry" earned Hilary Swank an Academy Award for best actress for her portrayal of Teena Brandon. The slaying also was the subject of a 1998 documentary, "The Brandon Teena Story."

Thirty-one civil rights groups, including the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, filed briefs in the supreme court case.

Lotter received three death sentences for the killings and is awaiting execution in the state's electric chair. Nissen, in a deal with prosecutors, testified against Lotter and was sentenced to life in prison.

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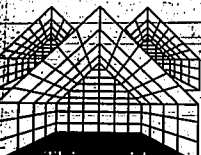
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Women search for forgotten tombstones

SANDPOINT (AP) — Mary Garrison works the graveyard shift.

For untold hours over the past year, with her mother Nellie at her side, she has roamed the cemeteries of Bonner County.

They're trying to rescue history before it gets lost forever, before the names on the tombstones fade and the graves are choked with weeds.

Over the last few decades, ever since Alex Haley's "Roots" aired on television and the advent of the Internet, genealogy has become one of the most popular American hobbies.

So it's not surprising that Nellie Garrison, a retired junior high school teacher who volunteers at the Bonner County Historical Museum, was getting an increasing number of calls from all over the country.

People from Ohio and Oklahoma and Oregon told her they had managed to trace their ancestors to North Idaho, and wanted to come and visit, to retrace their family trees.

Bonner County had no exhaustive record of exactly who was buried in the graveyards that dot the county from Sandpoint to Priest River.

So Nellie and Mary Garrison set out to create one.

In a small cemetery in Hope, they found the neglected tombstones of Chinese railroad workers.

At Lakeview Cemetery in rolling green expanse of lawn, marked with a single headstone which is inscribed with the letters INF, which they think symbolizes the graves of unnamed infants.

And in Priest River, amid a cluster of tombstones that bore distinctly Italian last names, they uncovered one lone Irishman, a Mr. McLean, who was protective enough of his Irish lineage to instruct his descendants to note it on his grave.

When winter set in last November, they suspended their graveyard work.

Mary Garrison, who works the night shift as a dispatcher for Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, retreats to local libraries and courthouses to spend every spare moment researching their findings.

Recently, they ventured back out to Evergreen Cemetery in Priest River to pick up where they left off, stooping by each tombstone in a row to transcribe the names and information on the gravestones.

"Mary was the instigator, I will blame it on her," Nellie Garrison said. "There was a lot of missing information. So we decided, well, that might be something good to do. We didn't realize that it would be so huge."

For Nellie Garrison, who has lived in Sandpoint for 65 years, the trips to the cemetery are like reunions with old friends.

"Mom will go, 'Hey, I know this person, he ran the dairy down the street from where I used to teach,'" Mary Garrison said.

After an afternoon spent at the graveyards, Mary Garrison takes the names and dates they have copied down and cross-references them with the obituaries listed in old newspapers, funeral home records and city and county documents.

Each check yields new names to look for in the burial grounds, she said.

When they are finished, the Garrisons plan to turn over the books of information they have compiled to the Bonner County Historical Museum, to the Hayden Lake Library, which maintains a large genealogical center and to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sandpoint.

But it may be a long time before their task is complete.

The Garrisons suspect that there are undetected graveyards scattered throughout northern Idaho, on family farms and private property, some with no more than five or six graves.

They hope that landowners who know of graveyards on their property might contact them, and allow them to inventory the graves.

Mary Garrison said that only the information on the tombstones in private cemeteries would be recorded, and that locations would not be revealed without permission from property owners.

There are also a number of mysteries and tantalizing rumors of long-abandoned cemeteries that are proving difficult to track down.



Raindrops fall April 2 at Pinegrove Cemetery in Rathdrum. This is one of the cemeteries that Coeur d'Alene resident Mary Garrison has researched.

"One that I want to find so badly is the settlement cemetery near Priest River," Mary Garrison said.

"Somewhere up on the hillside, near the old LP mill, I am told that there are 10 graves of Italian settlers, but I haven't found the exact location."

There are other puzzles.

Why, Mary Garrison wonders, are there no old cemeteries at Priest Lake, which is at least 30 miles north of Priest River? The same goes for Lakeview, an isolated community on the eastern shores of Lake Pend Oreille.

For Garrison, it transcends logic that turn-of-the-century set-

tlers might have been buried so far from their hometowns.

"And there are probably a few Indian burial sites, those are very sacred," she said. "I will probably never find those, and I respect and understand that."

Their project has also spread to Kootenai County, since many early Bonner County residents were buried around Rathdrum, then the county seat and home to the area's hospital.

In Kootenai County, there is already an exhaustive survey of graveyards, completed in 1985 by Betty and Albert Shane, and updated, periodically by the Kootenai County Genealogical

Society, said Lea Achey, the organization's corresponding secretary.

The Garrisons' have been using the Shanes' research as an aide and model, Nellie Garrison said.

But Achey said that there were only sketchy graveyard records for Bonner County.

By the end of the summer, the Garrisons hope to finish an inventory of Bonner County cemeteries and compile the information into a book, Mary Garrison said.

"People have asked Mom if we are going to sell them," she said. "I said no. This is to help people, to get the records out there, so people have access to them."

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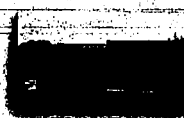
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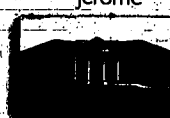
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SCHOOL LUNCH

Buhl School

Breakfast Menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice.
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Scrambled eggs, toast
Lunch Menu
Salad, milk and milk served every day
Monday: Pepperoni pizza, french fries, bread sticks, pineapple
Tuesday: Pancake, sausage on a stick, maple syrup, tater tots, peaches
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll
Thursday: Turkey and noodles, green salad, ranch, crackers, fruit
Friday: Beef and cheese nachos, cornmeal roll, corn, peach crisp

Castleford School

Breakfast menu
During April, breakfast will be free for all students. All money in breakfast accounts will be transferred to the lunch accounts.
Milk and juice served every day.
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Scones
Thursday: Pancake, sausage on a stick
Friday: Sausage, waffle roll
Lunch menu
Monday: Chickenburgers
Tuesday: Chicken menu
Wednesday: Taco
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Beef and cheese nachos

Clover Trinity Lutheran School

Milk served every day
Monday: Macaroni and cheese, green beans, applesauce
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, peas, cookie
Wednesday: Taco salad, bread sticks, pineapple
Thursday: Fried chicken, baked potato, dinner roll, peaches
Friday: No school

Filer School

Monday: Cheeseburgers
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Spaghetti and meat sauce
Lunch menu
Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: French toast, bacon, fruit
Thursday: Yogurt, toast, fruit
Friday: Long johns, cereal, fruit
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, strawberry shortcake
Tuesday: Pizza, salad, fruit, cookie
Wednesday: Chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit, California vegetables
Thursday: Ravioli, corn, salad, fruit
Friday: Chicken nuggets, green beans, fruit, rolls

Hansen School District

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Immanuel Lutheran School

Choice of milk every day
Monday: Chicken sandwich, condiments, potato O's, ketchup, pineapple
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, ham, tri-taters, apricots, cinnamon twists
Wednesday: Hearty ham and bean soup, honey cornbread, honey butter, chunky applesauce, Rice Krispie treats
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, dressings, garlic bread, peas
Friday: Corn dog, potato planks, condiments, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie

Kimberly School

Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, cole slaw, peas, peaches
Tuesday: Rib-b-cue, tater tots, orange half, trail mix
Wednesday: Baked ham, potatoes, gravy, whole wheat rolls, carrot sticks, pudding
Thursday: Fettuccine, green beans, rolls, banana half
Friday: Hamburgers, potato patties, cookie, fruit cup

Magic Valley High School

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Corn dog, mustard, ketchup, seasoned potato wedges, red grapes, devil's food cake
Tuesday: Deli sandwich, mini pretzels, frosty pears, fruit roll-up
Wednesday: Nachos supreme, refried beans, pineapple chunks, cinnamon churro
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, french vegetables, ranch dip, chilled applesauce, soft pretzel
Friday: Finger steaks, quick baked potatoes, bananas and strawberries, apple muffin

Murtaugh School

Milk served every day
Menu not available

Robert Stuart and O'Leary Junior High

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, pears, blueberry muffin
Tuesday: Cheese quesadillas, mixed fruit
Wednesday: Cereal, banana, toast, peanut butter
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, orange juice, toast
Friday: Cereal, pineapple, cinnamon bread stick
Lunch menu
Monday: Taco Bell burrito or salad

St. Edward's Catholic School

Breakfast served every day
Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Soup and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Deli sandwich
Friday: Rainbow treasures
Lunch menu
Monday: Cereal, pears, blueberry muffin
Tuesday: Cheese quesadillas, mixed fruit
Wednesday: Cereal, banana, toast, peanut butter
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, orange juice, toast
Friday: Cereal, pineapple, cinnamon bread stick
Lunch menu
Monday: Italian sausage, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, mixed fruit cup, french bread
Tuesday: Deli sandwich, mini pretzels, banana half, peanut butter cookie
Wednesday: Nachos supreme, refried beans, power gelatin, cinnamon bread sticks
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, seasoned corn, chilled pineapple, super pretzel
Friday: Finger steaks, quick baked potatoes, spiced apple slices, dinner roll

Twin Falls Elementary

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Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, orange juice, toast
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Twin Falls High School

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

Blaine County School District

All elementary
Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar.
Menu not available

Bliss School

Milk served every day
Breakfast
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Egg muffin sandwich
Wednesday: Breakfast burrito
Thursday: Hot and cold cereal

Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind

Milk served every day.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Choice of juice, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast, butter, jelly
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, assorted muffins
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, hot cakes, little smokies, syrup
Thursday: Choice of juice, applesauce, choice of cereal, yogurt, cinnamon toast
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rice, waffles, link sausage, syrup
Salad menu
Monday: Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Tuesday: Burrito, sliced pears, corn, yellow cake, salsa
Wednesday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, cherry crisp with topping
Thursday: Corn dog, seasoned carrots, apples, cinnamon rolls, ketchup, mustard
Friday: Fish nuggets or Idaho nachos, seasoned potatoes, sliced peaches, french bread, ginger cookie, ketchup, tatar sauce

Jerome Schools

Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken burgers or soft taco, corn, tangerines or apricot crisp
Tuesday: Chef salad, roll, or sausage pizza, green salad, kiwi or fruit cup
Wednesday: Turkey and dressing or pork chop, potatoes, fresh vegetables, tangerines, chocolate pie
Thursday: Fish burger or mozzarella cheese sticks, marinara sauce, fries, oranges or peaches
Friday: Pizza soup, half-grilled cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, applesauce, cinnamon rolls

Richfield Schools

Breakfast
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: French toast
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Cereal, Pop Tarts
Thursday: Pancakes, ham
Friday: Cereal, toast
Lunch
Monday: Hot dogs, fries, chocolate cake, orange smiles
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, green salad, chocolate cake, pears
Wednesday: Texas straw hats, corn, cherry cake, peaches
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, gravy, Jell-O applesauce
Friday: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, baked cheese sandwich, brownies, fresh grapes

Shoshone Schools

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Ham, bread, lettuce, tomato, macaroni salad, Rice Krispie treats
Tuesday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, orange halves, Italian bread
Wednesday: Rib-b-cue on a bun, corn, peaches, chocolate chip cookie
Thursday: Hot dog, french fries, apple chocolate cake
Friday: No school

Valley School (Eden and Hazelton)

Monday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, hot roll, peaches
Tuesday: Pancakes, strawberries, syrup, hash brown potatoes, sausage patty
Wednesday: Corn dog, tater tots, carrot sticks, pears, cookie
Thursday: Chicken burger, pickles, french fries, cinnamon apples
Friday: Baked cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, applesauce, carrot sticks

Wendell Schools

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Hamburger, ketchup, lettuce, pickles, fries, baby carrots, banana half
Tuesday: Flour totadito, salsa, corn, oatmeal muffin, pears
Wednesday: Corn dog, mustard, ketchup, fries, pears, peanut butter bar
Thursday: Pizza, tossed salad, ranch dressing, pineapple, power gelatin
Friday: Submarine sandwich, mayonnaise, baby carrots, ranch dressing, tortilla chips, peaches

Cassia County Elementary Schools

Breakfast menu

Dietrich Schools

Salad bar, fruit-and-milk served every day
Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Sloppy joes
Thursday: Grilled cheese, baked soup
Friday: Baked potato bar

Glenns Ferry

Monday: Canadian bacon, eggs and cheese, McMuffin, hash browns, orange half
Tuesday: Wildhorse cheesy beef burrito, refried beans, corn chips, salsa, fruit
Wednesday: Chicken, french fries, fruit, pudding
Thursday: Chicken terrazini, corn, fruit, hot roll
Friday: Red Baron multicheese pizza, tossed salad, pineapple, cookie

Gooding Elementary

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets, fries or salad bar or corn dog
Tuesday: Lemon chicken or potato bar or chef salad
Wednesday: Chili, cinnamon rolls or salad bar or hamburger, fries
Thursday: Taco salad or potato bar or buffalo wings
Friday: Lasagna, roll, salad

Hagerman Schools

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Submarine sandwich, mayonnaise, french fries, fruit
Tuesday: Soup, O'Cheese sandwich or taco, salsa, pineapple chunks
Wednesday: Chef salad or turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit, cranberry sauce
Thursday: Stuffed potato or curly noodles with meat sauce, cheese, tossed salad
Friday: Nachos or chicken patty, french fries, fruit, peanut butter bars

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Monday: Yogurt, toast, pears
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito, applesauce
Wednesday: Cereal, muffin, peach
Thursday: Cheese toast, fresh fruit
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Monday: Deli sandwich, tater tots, carrot sticks, fresh fruit
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Burley Junior High

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Monday: Student's choice
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Montana county struggles with population loss

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — Kimberly Grocholski did the research before she moved to this small eastern Montana town. But that didn't prepare her for what she found when she got here, she said.

Grocholski, who left Minnesota's Twin Cities last summer for Jordan and a teaching job, found what many consider a fading town: few jobs for those who don't teach or ranch, few young people, few prospects.

City Councilman Robert Wilson, like Grocholski, worries what the future holds for the area.

"This is rock bottom," he said. Nearly all of Montana's eastern counties lost population during the 1990s, but none greater than Garfield County, where roughly one in five residents left. The remaining 1,279 people are scattered over rugged farm and ranch land nearly the size of Connecticut.

The census counted 364 people in Jordan, the Garfield County seat, that became infamous five years ago as home to the anti-government Montana Freeman. That is about 130 fewer people than in 1990.

Services in Jordan are basic: two gas stations, a grocery, a hardware store, a cafe and a bank, among a few others. The dry goods store on Main Street is closing. Two bars serve as hangouts at night, cowboy hat and cap-wearing patrons swap stories and discuss weather and current events, leaving their pickup trucks parked in the otherwise desolate street until the late night hours.



Brent McRae, a Garfield County commissioner, stands on his ranch with his 2-year-old son, John. McRae said he would like for his two children to stay in Garfield County when they get older.

People here love their God, their families and their independence. This life — isolated and quiet — is one they've chosen and one they want to keep. Preserving that, yet still prospering economically, has proven difficult, especially in a town where many still prefer the simple life.

Some want to exploit the area's greatest assets — agricul-

ture, fishing and hunting — by building up businesses around them. Others contend the population loss is just another rough patch to get over.

Most blame problems on a sour farm economy. Agriculture is the lifeblood of Garfield County and the countless little towns of eastern Montana.

"People just think it will be all right. And it will, for a few

years," said Tom Spillum, a councilman who owns the homey Garfield Hotel & Motel. "But we can't keep going on the way we're going on."

The oft-repeated joke is: Jordan isn't the middle of nowhere, but it's close.

Teen-agers drive nearly 170 miles, roundtrip, for a \$3 matinee at the Montana Theatre in Miles City. Weekly shopping

trips to Billings, about 175 miles away, are routine.

Many parents encourage their children to leave — for college, for jobs, for more opportunities. "Around here ... you have to leave," said Becky Stanton, 17. "Unless you want to work at the grocery store 'til the end of time."

Farms and ranches that once supported two or three families now, in many cases, barely keep one.

City and county budgets are tight and residents complain at higher tax bills. Leaders would love to improve the look of downtown or give tax breaks to attract new businesses, but such ideas are tough when the city really doesn't even have enough money to fix its aging water and sewer lines and the county can barely afford road maintenance.

"It worries us, very much so," said Brent McRae, a county commissioner and rancher. Wilson believes a new road with sidewalks is important to Jordan's vitality, but previous grant applications have been denied. Many city streets are dirt and turn greasy after a rain storm.

The city and county have begun working with a development company to pursue grants and economic opportunities. They also have formed a joint board to explore options.

Nearby Fort Peck Lake is a

positive for the area; Wilson said. Traffic through town during the summer is fairly steady, with boaters accessing the lake by an often-narrow road just beyond town.

Wilson sees the potential for a business that fixes recreational vehicles, a full-time bait shop, lodging closer to the lake. McRae sees potential in market-

ing naturally grown beef or grain products, and using the Internet as a tool.

But it comes down to money and a new way of thinking, officials say, neither of which have come easily.

"Here we are, a dying community, really," Spillum said. "Our kids have no reason to come back."

The schools still bring the community together, though. The town staged a parade for the Mustangs' volleyball team when it qualified for the state tournament.

Twenty-one students are scheduled to graduate in May. Total high school enrollment is 76, and projected to dwindle to 51 students by 2008. Already, some elementary classes are combined. Eight rural, one-room schools remain in the county for kindergarten through eighth grade.

"It comes down to whether we can afford to keep them open," Spillum said. "They're our No. 1 concern, all right. Unless we figure out how to draw people in ... His voice trails off.

Filmmaker plans movie on LDS leader

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon filmmaker Richard Dutcher, director and star of "God's Army" and "Brigham City," has announced plans to make a movie biography of church founder Joseph Smith. Steve Lee has been named producer. New York and Midwest locations for the tentatively titled "The Prophet: The Story of Joseph Smith, Jr.," Dutcher said Thursday.

"I want to bring this amazingly charismatic and strong individual to the screen," Dutcher said. "A figure like this is greater than Lawrence of Arabia. This is Gandhi. ... If I don't make this film, somebody else is going to. And I'm convinced that if they do, I'm not going to like it."

Smith was born in 1805 and died in 1844, shot along with his brother Hyrum by a mob that stormed the Carthage, Ill., jail where the brothers were being held for the destruction of a dissenting group's press.

Smith claimed a heavenly being appeared him in 1823 near Palmyra, N.Y., and showed him a religious history of an ancient American civilization engraved on metal plates that Smith translated into the "Book of Mormon."

Dutcher said the movie will have a \$10 million budget.

He made "God's Army," about missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for \$300,000 and grossed \$2.6 million. His latest film, "Brigham City," a Mormon murder mystery, cost \$1.2 million and opened earlier this month.

With the larger budget for the Smith movie, Dutcher hopes to appeal to a crossover audience.

"We can't justify that budget with only an LDS audience, so this cannot be a film made only for the LDS audience," he said.

One of Dutcher's backers is car dealer and Utah Jazz owner Larry H. Miller.

"I have a concern, aside from any interest in the Jordan Commons, about what we as a society and kids in particular are seeing on their video screens and video games and movie screens," Miller said. "If I can have a role in what I view to be some better choices, I have an interest in that."

Dutcher has been developing the script for six years, and recently worked with Richard Bushman, author of "Mormons in America" (1998) and "Joseph Smith and the Beginnings of Mormonism" (1984).

The movie will be shot primarily in New York state and the Midwest but not at the exact historical sites.

Dutcher has not sought cooperation from the church, and says it is important to maintain independence.

Survivors commemorate 1906 San Francisco earthquake

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Survivors of San Francisco's devastating 1906 earthquake gathered at a historic fountain Wednesday morning for a wreath-laying ceremony marking the 95th anniversary of the temblor that leveled much of the city.

In 1906, Lotta's Fountain served as a meeting point for survivors looking for loved ones. This year, more than a dozen survivors met at there as sirens blared at 5:12 a.m., the exact time of the quake.

Most of the survivors were toddlers during the 7.8-magnitude quake that killed about 700 people and triggered a fire that all but destroyed the city. Many remember the commotion surrounding the quake, but said they were too excited to be scared.

Flora Allen, 98, was almost 4 years old when she was woken up by the shaking.

"I was screaming," she said. "I remember my mom dressing us up all nice and warm and putting us in the middle of the street, not having any drinking

water, my brothers showing us at night how red the sky was because the city was burning."

Allen, who has lived in Mexico and throughout Latin America, now lives across the Bay in Alameda and said the earthquake taught her not to worry.

"Something's going to happen no matter where you go," she said.

Bessie Chum was 2 when the earthquake happened. She remembers her father rushing in and telling the family there was no time to pack. He had to carry her mother out because, as part of Chinese tradition, her mother's feet were bound and she could not walk.

Others remembered what their parents told them about the quake and its aftermath. Marie Sagues, who was 2 days old at the time, said her parents and others put shoes out in the street because they couldn't cook in the house.

The earthquake lasted at least 45 seconds, about twice as long as is typical, and the movement traveled along an almost 300-mile long stretch of the San

Andreas fault. Many survivors have said they heard a low rumbling that grew louder for a few seconds before the ground began to shake, said Jack Boatwright, a geophysicist for the United States Geological Survey.

The ground shook violently back and forth and the land along parts of the fault moved as much as 26 feet, Boatwright

said. Some areas sank as much as 5 feet, he said. The quake was probably centered somewhere off the coast, not under the city.

The San Andreas fault has the potential to experience an earthquake up to 50 percent stronger than the one in 1906, Boatwright said. But there's only a 5 percent chance that the region will experience a quake the size of the 1906 one over the

next 30 years, Boatwright said.

The survivors at Wednesday's commemoration were treated to breakfast at the Westin St. Francis hotel, one of the few buildings that survived the temblor and is standing today. In the hotel's lobby, photographs of the city after the quake show piles of rubble covering streets, with only a few buildings standing.

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Campaign brings poetry to Alaska

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — During a night of drinking, when the small print about alcohol content becomes redundant, a short poem on a large beer bottle would inspire, says University of Alaska Anchorage student Patrick Hoosier.

"It's perfect. It's only seven or eight lines, you can get through it. I'll read it," Hoosier said.

Hoosier, 22, and kindred souls gathered at the Borealis Brewery last week to select three poems to grace beer bottle labels. It was part of a project intended to bring a little poetry into the lives of everyday Alaskans during National Poetry Month in April.

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She recited her poem on the sidewalk in blustery, 40-degree weather as hurried filers rushed past. Those who paused to listen heard:

I'm overstressed, by people and their income tax.
I'm overwhelmed by their files, boxes and paper sacks.
Even my best friends, after hello

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Bosnian group finds gathering place

BOISE (AP) — In some ways, it's as unlikely a place for Bosnians as Boise is.

On the wall hang pictures of prominent members of Boise's Basque community. A large hall displays stories of Basque immigration and examples of Basque dress and customs. But Sunday the song amplified through Boise's Basque Museum and Cultural Center comes from an eight-year-old Bosnian boy wearing a "Stone Cold" Steve Austin T-shirt.

As he sings a Bosnian anti-war song and sways to recorded music, a group of adults from Europe's Balkan region sit against a wall and watch with interest and pride.

The marriage may look strange: Bosnian immigrants gathering at the center of the city's greatest concentration of Basque culture.

But the two groups have much in common: they came to Boise from a distant land with a different culture.

And they want to make a new home without losing traditions of the old.

Since January, Basque Museum managers have let a group of about 80 Bosnians of all ages get together at the museum in downtown Boise on Sunday afternoons.

They sing, dance, socialize and plan events, all in an effort to teach their children — and the people of Idaho — about Bosnian culture.

They are part of a community of about 3,000 Bosnian refugees. Some have been in Boise for seven years.

"What they needed most was a place to meet," says Basque Museum Executive Director Patty Miller. "I can understand that very well because the Basque needed the same thing. The community was good to us when we first came, so it was good to be able to do this for them."

Boise's Mountain States Refugee Center closed last fall, doing away with one of the places Bosnians could meet.

"It means a lot to us because this is the only way we can get together," says Mirza Gracin, a 20-year-old Boise State University student who came to Boise with his father and brother two years ago. "My brother is 15 and he only speaks English. This is a place we gather and you really have to speak Bosnian and you keep the culture alive."

Thousands of Bosnians have been forced from their homes because of a civil war that has devastated the country.

The refugee center helped many Bosnians settle in Boise. Many say they like it here because the climate and mountains remind them of home, and they prefer a smaller city with affordable housing.



Nedja Loatic, 9, learns Bosnian dances April 8 at the Basque Museum in Boise. Since January, managers of the museum have let a group of about 80 Bosnians gather to sing, dance and socialize.

Last fall when teenagers from the group first performed a traditional Bosnian folk dance for the older refugees, the response was emotional.

"The first concern that we had, all the parents cried," says Adnana Kajdic, a 17-year-old senior at Eagle High School. "You don't have to know the dances to be Bosnian. But it's good to continue the tradition."

Maria Carmen Gambliel directs the Folk and Traditional Arts program for the Idaho Commission on the Arts. She realized the group of new Bosnians needed a cultural outlet and helped coordi-

nate the use of the museum.

"I knew they had an amazing tradition of music, dance and handicraft," Carmen says. "I met Irzav Husic (a folk dance teacher) and the rest is just this amazing, fast development. We introduced them to Patty Miller and they opened their hearts and this place to them."

Some of the older Bosnians have limited English speaking ability. But many younger ones can speak English well and are assimilating well into their new culture.

One of the goals of the group is to pass on its leadership to the

young people.

"You can see they speak English better than I do," Husic says of the younger Bosnians. "They are involved in their high school; they will be able to do things better than we will in the future."

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PEND OREILLE ARTS COUNCIL
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE
POCATELLO NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES
POST FALLS LITTLE LEAGUE
PREDATORS YOUTH SOCCER
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER
PRIEST LAKE FUN RUN
PRIEST RIVER JR HIGH
RACE FOR THE CURE
RAFT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
RAKE UP BOISE
REGION IV DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
RENDEZVOUS IN MOSCOW
REXBURG/MADISON FIRE DEPT
RIGBY HIGH JR
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FESTIVALS & EVENTS ASSOCIATION
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION
ROTARY FOUNDATION
ROTARY CLUBS OF IDAHO
ROXY COMMUNITY CENTER
SACRED HEART SCHOOL
SAINT ALPHONSUS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
SAINT ALPHONSUS FESTIVAL OF TREES
SAINT MARKS SCHOOL
SALMON RIVER RODEO QUEEN
SALUTE TO MUSIC NORTH IDAHO
SALVATION ARMY
SALVATION ARMY - NANPA
SANDPOINT LIONS CLUB
SENIOR PROGRAMS, INC
SHEPHERDERS EUSKALDUNAK
SHOSHONE CONCERT
SHRINERS
SILVER MOUNTAIN CONCERT SERIES
SILVER SAGE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL
SILVER VALLEY BABE RUTH
SILVER VALLEY CAREER MENTORING PROGRAM
SILVER VALLEY HOOP FEST
SILVER VALLEY SOCCER
SNAKE RIVER SHRINERS
SNAKE RIVER STAMPEDE
SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
SOUTH FREEMONT YOUTH SOCCER
SOUTH FREEMONT HIGH SCHOOL RODEO
SOUTHEAST IDAHO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SOUTHERN ID LEARNING CENTER
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ST JUDAS CHILDRENS HOSPITAL
ST LUKE'S CHILDRENS HOSPITAL
ST MARIES LUMBER JACK BOOST
ST MARYS SCHOOL
SUMMER GAMES OF IDAHO
SUN VALLEY SKI EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC
SUN VALLEY SUMMER SYMPHONY
TERRY RILLY HEALTH SERVICES
THE WISHING STAR FOUNDATION
TIMBERLINE JUNIOR MISS
TOYS FOR KIDS
TROUT UNLIMITED
TWILIGHT CRITERIUM
TWIN FALLS FIRE FIGHTERS
TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
TWIN FALLS MUNICIPAL POOL FUND
TWIN FALLS POLICE
TWIN FALLS TONIGHT
UTAH HIGH SCHOOL
UNITED WAY
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
UPPER VALLEY INDUSTRIES
VALLEY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE
VALLEY VISION 2001
VANDAL BOOSTERS
VETERANS BURIAL FUND
WALDEN HOUSE CLASSIC
WALLACE CRAZY DAYS
WALLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT
WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL
WEISER COMMUNITY CHURCH
WEISER HIGH SCHOOL
WINTER GAMES OF IDAHO
WITCO
WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER
WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPIC HEALTHCARE FUND
YOUTH VOTERS
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK GRANTS
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