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Help for farmers



Gordon Miller buys sugar at Grocery Outlet in Twin Falls. Because of the federal farm policy, U.S. consumers pay more for sugar than they would otherwise. But experts say farm subsidies generally have little effect on most commodity prices for consumers.

Farm programs pump dollars into valley

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - To get at the real cost of a loaf of bread, a carton of milk and a pound of sugar at the grocery store would require stripping away the various farm programs that support commodities.

The programs can take a variety of forms, including loans, fixed payments, payments for conservation practices, or price supports that cushion markets.

Every seven years Congress updates the Farm Bill, and because it is 2002 it's time for a new one. The House version of the bill passed in October boosts federal farm spending by \$64.5 billion over the next 10 years. About \$48.8 billion is directed toward commodity support programs, and about \$15.7 billion is directed toward conservation programs.

The Senate adjourned in December without having passed a bill and will take up the issue after it reconvenes Wednesday. A number of issues under debate in the Senate are important to southern Idaho farmers, including issues over water rights on land sold through conservation programs and dairy policy that influences milk prices.

Freedom to Farm

The 1996 Farm Bill, called Freedom to Farm, was to have steered commodities to a freer

Magic Valley farm payments

Area counties ranked by amount of total 1996-2000 federal payments to farmers:

County	Total recipients	Total subsidies	*County farm acres
1. Cassia	721	\$69,488,650	656,658
2. Twin Falls	1,880	\$37,853,542	456,378
3. Blaine	816	\$34,884,661	206,882
4. Jerome	750	\$22,336,020	193,921
5. Elmore	210	\$13,274,731	355,569
6. Gooding	436	\$11,437,962	220,362
7. Lincoln	327	\$9,828,507	131,473
8. Blaine	158	\$4,965,552	214,985
9. Camas	239	\$4,382,767	127,514
Statewide	21,603	\$898,471,320	11,830,167

Sources: Subsidy data compiled by the Environmental Working Group using USDA data. Payments include commodity program subsidies, conservation programs and disaster assistance. *Acreage statistics from 1997 Census of Agriculture by the USDA.

market by increasing farm flexibility and gradually reducing federal payments to farmers.

For consumers, the impact of the bill was to have been marginal. The research arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported in 1996 that Freedom to Farm wouldn't change consumer prices all that much even with commodities operating under more free-market like conditions.

What Freedom to Farm has done is result in subsidy payments that have reached an all-time high. The General Accounting Office said direct payments to farmers

reached more than \$20 billion in fiscal year 2000. That year nearly half of all U.S. farmers received federal payments. The payments made up half of net farm income for the year. Between 1998 and 2000, about 40 percent of the federal payments were distributed as emergency payments totaling \$28 billion.

Freedom to Farm's failure largely is blamed on the collapse of the world commodity market, coupled with a lack of trade policies and tax plans to back up the domestic policy.

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Farmers see fed payments posted online

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Farmers and even corporations have been surprised to find the amount of federal payments they receive under various farm programs are posted on an Internet Web site.

The Web site has logged some 16.7 million searches, reports the Environmental Working Group, the site's operator. Internet surfers can look up their neighbors, friends and anybody else they can think of to see who got what in federal farm payments since the 1996 Farm Bill.

"It's statistically correct, but it's a long way from the whole picture," said Duane Grant, a Rupert farmer and immediate past president of the Idaho Grain Growers Association.

Grant called the Web site a "complete distortion of reality." It doesn't put the numbers into perspective, because it only shows income and expenses, he said. The payments make the difference between whether his 5,000-acre operation near Rupert makes a profit or not, Grant said. In 2000, the partnership he operates with his dad received \$184,000 through various federal farm programs. Payment amounts are based on

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Cheese wars

Mediation goes on in dispute with Jerome Cheese, Gooding County

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - If patience is a virtue, then the players in the Jerome Cheese/Gooding County special-use permit mediation process are close to becoming saints.

The 12-member mediation panel went behind closed doors to begin mediation meetings on Sept. 19, after the Gooding County's planning and zoning board twice denied Jerome Cheese Co.'s special-use permit application. The process has yet to reach a conclusion four months later.

The permit is necessary before the cheese company can move forward with its plans to construct a multimillion-dollar wastewater treatment facility in southern Gooding County.

The mediation process is a relatively new concept in Idaho, established by state statute in 2000. The Legislature's intent was to create a forum for disputing parties to take some time away from formal public hearings and to set up a meaningful dialogue in a more intimate setting. Hailey attorney and mediator Robert Werth explained.

"Sometimes what happens is that the land-use application process can appear very adversarial," Werth said. "The time involved to weigh all the issues can be very limited, and that could mean that there isn't enough time to adequately talk through the issues. That isn't a great situation for any of the parties."

As the mediator, Werth said it is up to him to create an environment in which mediation panel members are free to engage in honest and forthright dialogue regarding the issue in dispute. The 12-member panel consists of individuals, both proponents and opponents, who had a high level of involvement in the application process; people with critical technical or regulatory expertise; and representatives of Gooding County's planning and zoning board and county commissioners.

The meetings are closed to the public. Members agreed to not discuss the details of any of the meetings with the media. And no decisions will be made during mediation.

After the mediation process has run its course and both sides are satisfied, the application goes back to the public and the appropriate government agency.

"In the end, this issue will go back to the public officials who are empowered to make a decision based on the best information available from all sides involved," Werth said. "What's being attempted here is to provide a place where discussions can occur with a great amount of integrity, trust and honesty, and then we let the chips fall where they may and move on."

What's at stake for Jerome Cheese Co. is the construction of a reclaimed water irrigation facility

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ONE YEAR LATER

War and recession transform Bush presidency

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Friends notice more gray in his hair and more confidence in his voice. Few people call him an isolationist anymore. Fewer still question whether he's up to the job.

War and recession transformed the Bush presidency - and some say George W. Bush himself - since he swore the oath of office Jan. 20, 2001.

On that cold, raw day, Bush quoted Thomas Jefferson to assure a divided nation that an American president - even one whose election was disputed - has help from above in troubled times.

"We know the race is not of the swift nor the battle to the strong," Bush said in his inaugural

address. "Do you not think an angel rides in the whirlwind and directs this storm?"

Soon after, the storms struck his own presidency.

The political landscape forever changed by war and recession, Bush's plans for health care, energy policy and other agenda items were scuttled or delayed, but his tax cuts gained currency. Budget surpluses became deficits. Bipartisanship made a brief comeback. The war alone forced him to improve relations with Russia and European allies and it dramatically changed the public's perception of the new president.

"He went from an accidental president who was a 'Saturday Night Live' joke to the commander in chief," said Bill Gerrick, a Democratic political consultant in

Los Angeles.

The recession began in March, but Bush's entire first year was marked by rising unemployment rates. The economy became his greatest political worry.

The war began Sept. 11 when suicide hijackers slammed commercial planes into Washington, New York and a Pennsylvania field. A U.S.-led coalition began bombing Afghanistan in October, targeting the terrorist-hiding Taliban regime and mastermind Osama bin Laden.

"The war helped him get beyond the controversy of a disputed election and let people accept him emotionally as president," said the Democrat Gerrick. "It changed everything about this

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One year after assuming office, President George W. Bush has gained the respect of many Americans.

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Army takes over as focus shifts in Afghanistan



U.S. Marines receive winter boots at the American military compound at the Kandahar airport Saturday. The Marines are handing the base over to the Army.

the two-mile tunnel, which will ease aid deliveries from countries to the north.

Meanwhile, Afghan Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, on his first trip abroad since taking office, met with Saudi Arabia's rulers, King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah, in Riyadh. The Saudi leaders promised "in principle to contribute to the reconstruction of Afghanistan," an Afghan diplomat said on condition of anonymity. The amount was not immediately known.

Saudi Arabia, which was once a supporter of the ousted Taliban regime, will be a major partici-

Rebuilding challenge - A4

part at a two-day donors' conference for Afghanistan that opens in Tokyo on Monday. The gathering, which Karzai will attend, is expected to raise \$3 billion for the next 2.5 years of rebuilding, Japanese press reports said Saturday.

In an interview published Saturday, Karzai said Western countries must deliver on promises of financial aid or Afghanistan will again become a "sanctuary for terrorists."

"I can only hope that the Western world doesn't turn away

from Afghanistan again," Karzai told the German magazine Der Spiegel.

Representatives of the United States and its allies to ignore Afghanistan after the Soviets left in 1989 led to civil conflict which paved the way for the Taliban to take power in 1996.

Representatives of the United States and more than 50 countries and international organizations are participating in the Tokyo conference. Japan reportedly will promise a \$500 million donation; the United States \$400 million; and the 15 nations of the European Union some \$350 million.

Officials don't expect bugging to hurt U.S.-China relations

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The reported bugging of China's new presidential aircraft, a specially fitted Boeing 767, is unlikely to cause a rupture in relations with the United States, U.S. experts said Saturday.

The White House and State Department were publicly silent on the subject, declining to comment on the disclosure or say whether Beijing had protested or otherwise contacted Washington about it.

"We never discuss these kinds of allegations," said White House spokesman Taylor Gross.

It was understood in Washington that there has been no communication on this subject involving either the U.S. or Chinese governments. A former U.S. government official with close ties to the administration said he believed there would be no lasting impact. He said a Chinese official in Beijing told

him Friday there had been no official protest.

Newspaper reports Saturday said Chinese authorities discovered the bugs during a test flight last October. That Beijing has not protested to Washington, three months afterward, suggests the possibility that Chinese authorities have reason to suspect their own people played a role in the episode.

The Washington Post quoted unidentified sources as saying Chinese aviation and military officers believe U.S. intelligence agencies planted the listening devices aboard the plane while it was being fitted in the United States with special bathroom and

other accommodations for President Jiang Zemin.

The CIA had no comment. The Post reported that after the listening devices were discovered, 20 Chinese air force officers and two officials involved in negotiations for the airliner were detained and are being investigated for negligence and corruption. It also said a senior air force officer is under house arrest for his role.

The Chinese government made no public comment on the matter. The Financial Times of London reported that tiny listening devices were hidden in the jetliner's upholstery, including in the

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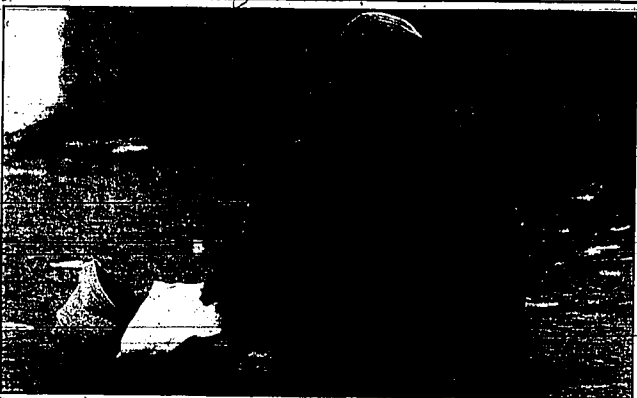
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NATION



A burqa-clad Afghan mother begs for alms with her daughter at a chilly market in Kabul Friday. The World Bank has said it will take \$15 billion to rebuild Afghanistan. Donor nations will meet Monday in Tokyo.

High hopes, but huge need

Rebuilding Afghanistan will require substantial outside help

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — On the banks of the freezing, filthy trickle that is the Kabul River, women with raw, red-knuckled hands kneel to wash clothes. People on streetcorners huddle around open fires for warmth. Wizen old men struggle to propel heavy wooden pushcarts; maimed beggars moan out appeals.

Daily life in Afghanistan — a country all but crushed by years of war, drought and poverty — has at times an almost medieval quality, the feel of an existence played out in some calamitous long-ago century.

As the world's main donor countries gather Monday and Tuesday in Tokyo to consider what Afghanistan needs to rebuild itself, the answer is: almost everything. Few places on earth are so lacking in basic necessities, let alone the trappings of the modern statehood to which the country now aspires.

Asian Development Bank estimated in advance of the Tokyo conference that rebuilding Afghanistan would require \$15 billion over the next 10 years.

The conference, attended by 50 nations and international organizations, is expected to raise some \$3 billion for the first 2.5 years of reconstruction. But Japan's top official on Afghan aid underlined that this must be only the start.

Yet against this backdrop of suffering are remarkable displays of resilience and resourcefulness. Impossibly dilapidated cars, ingeniously repaired with makeshift tools and parts, roar through city streets. Market stalls

set up in shanties and shipping containers sell bicycle tires whose original rubber treads can barely be seen through an intricate tracery of patches.

Even Afghans in the most difficult straits tend to talk as much of their aspirations as their adversities.

"I want to get an education," said a ragged 14-year-old named Faizal, who sells vegetables from a pushcart in Kabul's main market. "I lost my father in the fighting when I was six, and I have no brothers, so there is no man but me in our family to work. But I want to learn. Maybe I will be able to now."

Saving face won't be easy for Enron, Andersen

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Farming

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Other issues include the contention that importers are not held to the same standards as growers at home, said U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, an Idaho Republican on the House Agriculture Committee. And other countries have heavily subsidized commodities.

"We would like to get a true fair market but on a level playing field," he said.

Simpson pointed to potatoes as an example of an industry that does exist without subsidies.

"They don't want any type of program which tends to distort the market and increase production. Potato guys are generally free-market guys. They know there will be good and bad years," Simpson said.

The 2002 House bill continues federal programs for specific crops. Crops grown in Idaho that are covered by Farm Bill programs include grains, corn, dairies, sugar, honey and fruits and vegetables.

The House bill incorporates a safety net into Freedom to Farm's flexibility, a House Agriculture Committee spokesman said. It's more honest budgeting, because it budgets for the safety net that turned out to be emergency supplemental payments under Freedom to Farm, the spokesman said.

Farm payments

Farm policy is a source of frustration for many farm families. Jack Thornborrow, a leader of the Idaho Rural Council's Twin Falls Urban Farm Network, said Americans have been told they have a cheap food supply. From his point of view, subsidies aren't making much of a difference at the grocery store.

"The price at market hasn't dropped as has the price at the farm gate," he said.

Most farmers would like to get a fair market price for their product, Thornborrow said. Rather than paying farmers an extra dollar a bushel of corn, he said he would rather see incentives for changes such as growing alternative crops.

"I don't know how we get away from where we are," Thornborrow said.

Direct payments to farmers provide fodder for some of the juiciest details about federal

States and subsidies	
State	1998 Federal Funds Distributed (in dollars per person)
U.S. Total	\$1,111,599,685,029.30
1. North Dakota	11,411,599.68
2. Iowa	8,017,877.85
3. South Dakota	6,828,263.37
4. Nebraska	5,154,353.97
5. Illinois	4,717,115.87
6. Kansas	4,193,347.35
7. Minnesota	3,367,469.77
8. Wisconsin	3,002,38,948.59
9. Indiana	2,725,20,255.29
10. Montana	2,427,12,008.50
11. Ohio	2,081,29,019.42
12. Michigan	18,027,18,881.41
13. Idaho	22,334,7,848.38
14. Missouri	16,880,33,842.34
15. Colorado	15,256,20,255.29
16. Georgia	10,534,12,372.31
17. Mississippi	11,318,9,439.30
18. South Carolina	20,189,9,894.20
19. Delaware	2,427,12,008.50
20. Oklahoma	74,214,20,218.27
21. Kentucky	82,273,20,965.28
22. Louisiana	29,823,6,132.26
23. Maryland	5,174,12,008.50
24. North Carolina	49,406,12,269.25
25. Wyoming	9,232,2,329.22
26. Alabama	41,384,9,283.22
27. Texas	134,301,41,527.21
28. Pennsylvania	45,457,9,963.22
29. Alaska	546,116.21
30. Arkansas	45,142,9,477.21
31. West Virginia	2,427,12,008.50
32. Washington	29,011,5,711.20
33. Virginia	41,095,7,972.19
34. New Mexico	14,534,9,398.18
35. Tennessee	76,819,12,819.17
36. Arizona	6,135,992.16
37. Maine	5,810,934.16
38. Utah	14,181,2,284.16
39. Vermont	5,128,910.15
40. Oregon	34,030,4,521.13
41. Connecticut	3,687,417.11
42. New Hampshire	2,937,310.11
43. New York	17,772,3,901.11
44. California	74,126,6,540.99
45. Nevada	2,829,254.99
46. Florida	34,789,2,921.89
47. Massachusetts	5,174,12,008.50
48. New Jersey	9,301,629.87
49. Rhode Island	735,46.86
50. Hawaii	5,473,118.79

Source: Compiled by the Environmental Working Group using the USDA's 1997 Census of Agriculture.

farm policy. An environmental activist group's Web page lists the names of farmers and the federal payments and loans they received between 1996 and 2000.

Those payments are one part of the farm program. When it comes to policy that impacts consumer prices, the sugar program that does not include direct payments to farmers has a significant impact on consumer prices.

A General Accounting Office report says the country's sugar

Farm subsidies compared with all federal support spending

The comparison by the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows how much money the government spends per person on federal programs in 1998. The comparisons are sorted by county types: all rural counties, farm-dependent rural counties, or metropolitan counties (counties with a population center of 50,000 or more).

County type	1998 federal funds distributed in dollars per person		
	All rural	Rural	Metro
All federal funds	\$5,028	\$5,885	\$5,514
Direct payments to farms	\$182	\$937	\$11
Other agricultural and natural resources	\$87	\$339	\$14
Community resources	\$407	\$484	\$634
Defense and space	\$305	\$142	\$728
Human resources	\$117	\$123	\$100
National functions	\$508	\$344	\$879
National security	\$3,422	\$3,315	\$3,147
Estimated population 1998	54.5 million	4.8 million	215.7 million

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service

program cost sugar users — be they refiners, food manufacturers or consumers — about \$1.9 billion in 1998. The program limits sugar supply to keep prices higher. As a result, domestic sugar prices are higher in the United States than on the world market.

Beet and sugar cane growers used a sugar program safety net in 2000 to ease the sting of a 25 percent drop in sugar prices because of oversupply. The government bought 150,000 tons of surplus. The purchase cost taxpayers about \$60 million, but was billed as the cheaper alternative.

Economic impact

While the impact of farm policy might not be a direct benefit to the consumer in the grocery store checkout line, researchers also look at the impact of farm subsidies on local economies.

The businesses may keep some farms in business, the USDA's Economic Research Service says. This is more the case for small farms. The payments typically allow big farms to get bigger.

But when it comes to the overall economy, a 2000 report by the ERS says farm payments have been found not to make a difference in metro and non-farm-dependent counties. That is

growth of other economic sectors by driving up land prices and diverting capital away from other local businesses.

While farm payments might actually hinder growth in urban areas, the loss of them could be at the rural economy's expense, the USDA research service says. Removal of payments could lead to population loss, decline in land values and the failure of local businesses that rely on farm spending in rural areas.

"When farmers purchase seed, livestock, fertilizer, equipment, insurance and fuel, and when they hire workers, make mortgage payments; spend their profits on household items or pay local taxes, they inject money into the local economy, supporting local businesses and creating jobs," the USDA report says.


The ultimate impact on a rural economy depends where farmers spend their money: "... a government farm payment used to purchase seed from a local farm supply store or to pay property taxes provides a boost to the rural economy," the report says. "But if the payment is spent on a truck made in Detroit and purchased in Chicago, there will be little local impact."

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NATION

U.S. prison at Guantanamo houses all kinds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The makeshift prison camp of chain-link cells set up by the U.S. military at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is emerging as a clearinghouse for all manner of suspected terrorists, including some with little or no connection to Afghanistan, the Taliban or Osama bin Laden.

The all-purpose prison camp could allow the United States to scoop up all sorts of suspected international terrorists or criminals, as much for safekeeping as for eventual prosecution, lawyers and security experts said.

"Guantanamo will serve two functions," as a short-term processing center and a long-term holding pen, said Timothy Crawford, who studies U.S. policy in regional conflicts at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

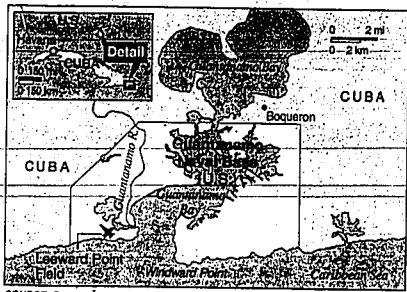
Even if never prosecuted by the U.S. government, detainees the military deems dangerous "could sit there for a very long time" before they are released, deported or turned over to a foreign government for prosecution, Crawford said.

The U.S. military has already brought more than 100 captives from Afghanistan to Guantanamo, and housed them behind razor wire in a group of open-air cells collectively called Camp X-ray. Workers are building a permanent prison to hold up to 2,000.

The government calls the prisoners "unlawful combatants" or "detainees" rather than prisoners of war with assigned legal rights, and has lodged no criminal charges. They are universally described as exceedingly dangerous, and at least one allegedly threatened to kill an American if given the chance.

The prisoners are a motley lot, a mix of nationalities and affiliations who probably hold differing legal rights, lawyers said.

The mix got more complicated Friday, with word that six Algerians transferred to U.S. military custody in Bosnia would be sent to Guantanamo. The men were originally arrested by Bosnian authorities on suspicion of terrorist ties, but there is no public allegation that they were members



SOURCE: Central Intelligence Agency

of bin Laden's al-Qaida network. "They obviously weren't arrested on a battlefield in Afghanistan," said Morton H. Halperin, a senior fellow at the private Council on Foreign Relations. "I think it makes clear that (the United States) views Guantanamo as a place to collect people they capture anywhere in the world. It's not clear what they plan to do with them."

U.S. defense officials said Saturday that the Algerians were being flown first to Kandahar in Afghanistan and put aboard a U.S. military transport plane with a group of Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners for transfer to Guantanamo Bay. The commanding officer of security forces at Guantanamo Bay, Col. Terry Carrico, said Saturday that one prisoner bit a military policeman who was trying to subdue the prisoner on Wednesday. The bite did not break through the MP's uniform or skin, Carrico said.

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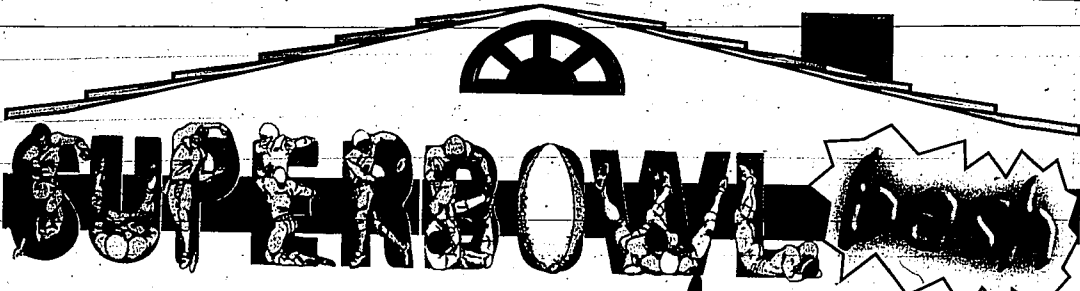
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Toxins abound in WTC rubble

NEW YORK (AP) — When the World Trade Center crumbled, the spotlight was on its two majestic towers, not on 7 World Trade Center — a building that stood and collapsed in their shadows.

But 7 WTC was toxic. It housed two electrical substations owned by Con Edison. And they contained 109,000 gallons of oil and hundreds of pounds of potentially dangerous chemicals set loose when the building fell. Trace amounts of PCBs, a carcinogen, and larger quantities of sulfuric acid, a possible carcinogen and respiratory irritant, were among the hazards.

Details about some of the pollutants are contained in reports Con Ed made to the state Department of Environmental Conservation beginning Sept. 11. The Associated Press recently obtained the documents from Con Ed.

No one is sure what happened to the chemicals. Because the Environmental Protection Agency quickly had oil, water and other liquids pumped from manholes and basements at the trade center site, some of the pollutants already may have been cleaned up.

Some may have burned, although officials believe that is unlikely. Con Ed knows its transformers, and the oil in them, survived the worst of the trade center fires because the transformers were working until 7 WTC collapsed.

A third possibility is that the chemicals leaked into soil, groundwater and underground infrastructure, according to the Environmental Protection Agency and Con Ed.

The red granite edifice of 7 World Trade Center, once connected to the twin towers by two slender footbridges, tumbled to the ground in a chain reaction several hours after suicide hijackers crashed into the towers. The attacks sent flaming debris falling down on nearby buildings, igniting 7 WTC in an unstoppable blaze that leveled it. The collapse crushed electrical equipment within.

The two destroyed substations — one-story high and running roughly one-third the length of a city block — housed nine transformers used to reduce high-voltage electricity to the lower levels required by ordinary office and residential buildings.

NATION

Civil rights leaders want more businesses to observe King holiday

While post offices, many schools and the New York Stock Exchange will close for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday, it will be business as usual for most companies.

Just a quarter of workplaces offer a paid holiday on Monday, according to a survey of 448 employers by the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., a Washington-based publishing company that researches business trends.

Civil rights leaders say they're disappointed the holiday has not been more widely adopted by companies.

The numbers are still embarrassing and disappointing, primarily because the Martin Luther King holiday came after so much struggle," said Mary Frances Berry, chairwoman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Beginning in the 1970s, he joined hundreds, and then thousands of others, including Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder and U.S. Rep. John Conyers, shivering through an annual protest march that ended at the steps of the nation's Capitol each Jan. 15 - King's actual birthday in 1929.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a law making King's birthday a national holiday. It was first celebrated nationwide in January 1986.

In the next two decades, states slowly - and in some instances reluctantly - followed. All 50 states now observe the King holiday, said Robert Vickers, a

spokesman for The King Center in Atlanta, Ga.

On Monday, 83 percent of government organizations and 76 percent of schools will grant a paid holiday for King's birthday, according to the survey. But only about 10 percent of manufacturers, stores, hospitals and communications companies scheduled a paid holiday, the survey found.

Many companies may not observe the holiday for financial reasons, or because King was a controversial figure, businesses and King scholars say.

"Because King toward the end of his life was talking a lot about the injustice he thought was built into the American capitalist system, he was not a poster boy for American business," said Vincent C. Harding, author of "Martin Luther King: The Inconvenient Hero."

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Crowd marks Poe birthday in darkness at burial site

BALTIMORE (AP) - A small crowd gathered at the old church where Edgar Allan Poe lies buried, waiting, as he do every year, for the arrival of a stranger.

A black-clad man arrived at 2:50 a.m. Friday, marking the poet's birthday with the traditional graveside tribute: three red roses and a half bottle of cognac. Only this and nothing more.

It is a rite that has been carried out by a mysterious stranger every Jan. 19 since 1949, a century after Poe drank himself to death in Baltimore at age 40.

This year's birthday tribute was normal and subdued compared with last year, when the stranger left a note that enraged Baltimore Ravens fans.

Borrowing from Poe's "The Masque of the Red Death," the note read: "The New York Giants. Darkness and decay and the big blue hold dominion over all."

Red and blue are the Giants' colors and "the big blue" is a team nickname. The Ravens, who take their name from Poe's most famous poem, were to meet the Giants later that month in Super Bowl XXXV. The Baltimore team ended up winning the game handily.

"My own theory is that after the near riot that occurred last year when he insulted the Ravens, this guy thought, 'I'll just stick to the tradition and not cause the trouble,'" said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum. Jerome and 15 invited guests watched from inside the church.

Jerome said the man wearing the traditional black hat and coat, with a white scarf concealing his face, appeared to be different from last year's so-called Poe Toaster.

"He appeared to be a younger man," said Jerome, who has witnessed the ritual for 20 years. "He stood erect and walked quickly."

The man made no gestures, other than the secret signal he sends Jerome to show he is the genuine Poe Toaster, as he laid the tribute.

The three roses represent Poe, his wife and his Aunt Maria Clemm, who are buried beneath the newer monument. The cognac is a mystery, Jerome has said, because there are no prominent references to it in Poe's works.

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Indian official: Distrust of Pakistan runs 'too deep'

NEW DELHI, India - Despite a visit by Secretary of State Colin Powell, India showed little sign Saturday of changing its tone toward Pakistan, saying its distrust of its rival runs too deep for conciliatory gestures.

Powell wound up his tour of the region, flying from Nepal to Japan in New Delhi on Friday. Powell said he believed the two countries were pulling back from the brink of war.

He highlighted steps Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has taken to confront anti-India extremists within its borders, including 1,900 arrests. New Delhi blames the extremists for terrorist attacks in the disputed province of Kashmir and other parts of India.

Lal K. Advani, India's interior minister, said it was difficult to take Musharraf's promises at face value, referring to a speech a week ago in which the Pakistani leader announced the crackdown.

Police arrest suspected members of al-Qaida

BARCELONA, Spain - Police arrested two suspected members of Osama bin Laden's terrorist network al-Qaida on Saturday in northeastern Spain, news reports said.

The two, a Moroccan and an Algerian, were arrested on a warrant by Judge Baltasar Garzon as part of an operation that saw eight people jailed in Spain last November for their alleged role in the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington blamed on bin Laden.

The two, whose names were not immediately released, were arrested in Hospitalet, a town just north of the northeastern port city of Barcelona, the national news agency Efe said.

Cleric whom al-Qaida terror group praised dies

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - An Islamic cleric who was praised by the al-Qaida terror group and endorsed by the Saudi government, Sheik Hamud bin Oqba al-Shoeibi, died Saturday of a heart attack. He was 77.

Al-Shoeibi died early in the morning at the King Fahd hospital in Breida, central Saudi Arabia, hospital officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He had been admitted suffering from a severe pain in the chest and shortness of breath, the officials said.

Although blind, al-Shoeibi rose to become a leading Islamic scholar in Saudi Arabia. His students included the country's mufti, the current minister of justice and a former Islamic affairs minister.

He came to wider notice in October when he issued a fatwa, or religious edict, calling for holy war against the United States in support of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and their al-Qaida allies.

U.S. offers support to Himalayan kingdom

KATMANDU, Nepal - The United States is willing to help the leaders of Nepal fend off a violent Maoist uprising, possibly including an expansion of existing military assistance, a senior State Department official said Saturday.

The official, who spoke after a visit by Secretary of State Colin Powell that included talks with top government officials, said only non-lethal assistance would be provided. Powell is on a five-country Asia tour.

The Himalayan kingdom, known for the famed Mount Everest, faces a turning point in its internal affairs.

Much of the royal family was massacred by the crown prince last June and Maoist rebels have ended a 4-month-old cease-fire, prompting the government last week to declare a state of emergency.

Greece's largest banks cancel merger plans

ATHENS, Greece - Greece's two largest banks, called off merger plans Saturday, citing "radical differences" in management styles.

The proposed share swap between Attika Bank of Greece and Alpha Bank, announced last year, would have been largest of its kind in Greece, worth \$9.2 billion.

A statement from the National Bank said there had been "radical differences" between the two sides during negotiations resulting in "failure to make any progress."

The government had enthusiastically favored the deal, hop-

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ing it would provide a boost to the country's economy by treating a powerful Greek bank able to operate in the European marketplace.

Six die in crash of New Zealand sightseeing plane
WELLINGTON, New Zealand - Five tourists and their young

pilot died Saturday when their sightseeing plane slammed into a mountain in southern New Zealand, officials said.

The Air Fjordland single-engine Cessna 207 was on a scenic flight from Te Anau to the pristine Fjord of Milford Sound, said Russell Baker, the company's chief executive.

Two Canadians and two tourists believed to be from Britain were among the dead. A Te Anau police spokes-

woman identified the two other victims as New Zealanders - the plane's 25-year-old pilot, Andrew David Robins, of Queenstown, and 21-year-old teacher Wayne Leslie Clarke, of Christchurch.

Police were working with Canadian authorities to advise relatives of the Canadian tourists, and were seeking more information on the other victims.

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Israeli troops set off a controlled explosion at the official Palestinian television and radio broadcasting building in Ramallah, West Bank, Saturday.

Israeli forces blow up Palestinian broadcasting building

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—Israeli troops lit up the night sky with a powerful explosion that gutted the official Palestinian broadcasting building Saturday, dealing another retaliatory blow to Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority.

Israel said its latest strike against the Palestinians was in response to a deadly attack by militants two days earlier. Officials said the media center was targeted because it was the source of what the Israelis described as incitement throughout the Mideast conflict.

The Palestinians called the demolition part of an ongoing

Israel attempt to undermine their leadership.

"The current situation is very dangerous," Arafat told journalists after meeting a delegation of Italian lawmakers in his Ramallah office, surrounded by Israeli forces for a second day.

"I call on the international community to make an immediate move to rescue the situation before it explodes," he said.

Only hours after the Israeli operation at the broadcasting building in Ramallah, in the West Bank, Palestinian broadcasting returned to the air. The Voice of Palestine operated out of several local radio stations in Ramallah

while Palestine Television used alternative facilities here and in the Gaza Strip.

A few miles from the gutted building, Palestinian protesters clashed with Israeli troops who have taken up positions outside Arafat's headquarters. Demonstrators threw stones at Israeli vehicles, including armored personnel carriers and tanks that had moved near the edge of the compound a day earlier.

Israeli troops responded with tear gas, rubber bullets and stun grenades. Palestinian hospital officials said 22 people were injured, 10 from rubber bullets and 12 from breathing tear gas. One

youth was shot in the head with a rubber bullet and was in critical condition.

The Israeli moves are part of a tough response to a Thursday night attack by a Palestinian gunman who opened fire on a girl's coming of age celebration, killing six and wounding dozens.

Before dawn Saturday, about a dozen Israeli tanks surrounded the hilltop broadcasting building and Israeli soldiers entered the five-story complex.

Palestinian Broadcasting Corp. chief Radwan Abu Ayyash said Israeli soldiers called over loudspeakers for the remaining employees to evacuate the building.

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Not always says one real estate professional. Bob Jones, broker of Robert Jones Realty in Twin Falls has been a stable figure in the Magic Valley's real estate market since the early 1970s. With nearly 30 years of property buying and selling experience on his resume, Jones knows about real estate dynam

Americans when it involves homeowners and dairy operations. "The transactions I've been involved with have been positive on sales that have been next door or near to a dairy," Jones recalls. "From what has taken place in our office, the buying and selling has been very positive." Jones says that property values can increase or decrease depending on how owners maintain their property. Neighbors, including dairy operators, who are good stewards of the land, who develop and improve the property, and who are thoughtful environmental neighbors, can actually have a progressive impact on property values in the surrounding areas. Dairies can also optimistically contribute to property values

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when dairy owners look to develop their real estate holdings by purchasing additional farmland close to their dairy to raise crops for livestock feed. Another positive impact comes when dairy owners shop around for residences close to their operations for employee housing. The right

plot of land or home can sell immediately and for top dollar. "In the instances that my office has been involved with, there have been definite situations where dairymen have bought property near their dairies and they paid a fair price for it," Jones says. "In some situations the dairymen paid more than a fair price." So having a family dairy as a neighbor doesn't inevitably result in declining property values. The only way to find out what your land is really worth is to consult with a professional and evaluate the situation. "People need to understand that a dairy down the road could have a positive effect on surrounding property values, it just depends on a lot of different conditions," Jones adds. "There's a lot to consider when determining land values and each situation is looked at on a case by case basis."

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WORLD

Lava courses through Congolese town center

GOMA, Congo (AP) — Bright red lava shot into the air from what appeared to be a new volcanic cone in eastern Congo Saturday, sending a new wave of molten rock into the devastated center of Goma, slicing the city in half, killing at least 40 and forcing hundreds of thousands from their homes.

Residents cutoff from escape surrounded the visiting rebel leader who controls the city Saturday pointing to their stomachs and begging for food.

As seen from a Rwandan Air Force helicopter, a small black cone was forming in what had been banana grove on Congo's border with Rwanda. The new lava source was spewing to the southwest, covering one third of the runway at Goma's airport, destroying the city's Roman Catholic cathedral and thousands of homes.

A second lava flow also poured from a fissure at the base of the erupting Mount Nyiragongo, six miles west of the new cone and 12 miles north of the city.

There are eight volcanoes in eastern Congo and Rwanda, but only two are active. They have developed several new craters



The house and compound of the World Health Organization in Goma, Congo, lies in the path of a river of lava which flowed through the eastern Congolese town Saturday.

More than 300,000 people have fled Goma into neighboring Gisenyi, Rwanda, where they have been living on the streets, sheltering at night under shop porches.

An estimated 180,000 more people remained marooned by the lava on the other side of the divided city without potable water or

electricity, said Adolphe Onusumba, the leader of the Rwandan-backed Congolese rebel group that controls Goma and who visited the stranded people by helicopter.

"People are beginning to return, but they are complaining of no food; no water. They are hungry," Onusumba said. He said 85 percent of the central business

district had been destroyed, including warehouses holding food supplies.

Like two spokes extending from Mount Nyiragongo, lava flows 160 feet wide and up to 10 feet deep in places, ploughed through the city. Onusumba said 10,000 homes, or 40 percent of the city, had been destroyed. One of the lava flows created a 330-foot wide delta as it poured into Lake Kivu, producing a huge cloud of sulfuric steam.

Upon landing in the western half of the city, where no outside aid has reached the stranded population, Onusumba tried to reassure the people.

"We are asking the international community to come here and bring aid," Onusumba told the crowd. "We are doing everything we can to help you."

Any aid sent to western Goma would have to be delivered by boat because the lava is too hot to cross, and there are no airfields.

Onusumba said it was too early to know how many people died, but U.N. officials have put the figure at more than 40. Hospital officials in neighboring Gisenyi said they had recorded 16 deaths, including two infants and two old people.

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EDITORIAL

Fighting taxes, terrorism brings different results

Idaho's attorney general and the speaker of the House both offered proposals to the Legislature this week. The speaker's proposal to raise taxes to protect Idahoans from terrorism seems to go a bit too far in some areas.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, proposed a bill this week to prevent additional school taxes on local property owners when shortfalls occur in the state budget, as is the case this year.

A shortfall at the state level should be dealt with at the state level - not be loaded onto local taxpayers.

Newcomb is right to block property tax increases when the state can't pay. The state Constitution clearly mandates the Legislature to establish and maintain the public school system. A shortfall at the state level should be dealt with at the state level - not be loaded onto local taxpayers.

Any local tax increase for school funding should be subject to voter approval. Newcomb's measure clarifies the point.

Attorney General Al Lance, the state's highest law officer, is offering a wide variety of proposals aimed at preventing terrorism. While most of these recommendations have merit, Lance's proposals to amend public records laws need closer inspection. Specifically:

One proposal aims to restrict access to evacuation and emergency response plans for schools and other public buildings.

It makes sense to keep this kind of information secure. But legislators were correct last week to throw out one part of this proposal - the one that would seal records detailing the travel plans of public officials. If elected leaders' whereabouts are made secret, Idahoans would have no way to monitor junkies or excessive travel expenses.

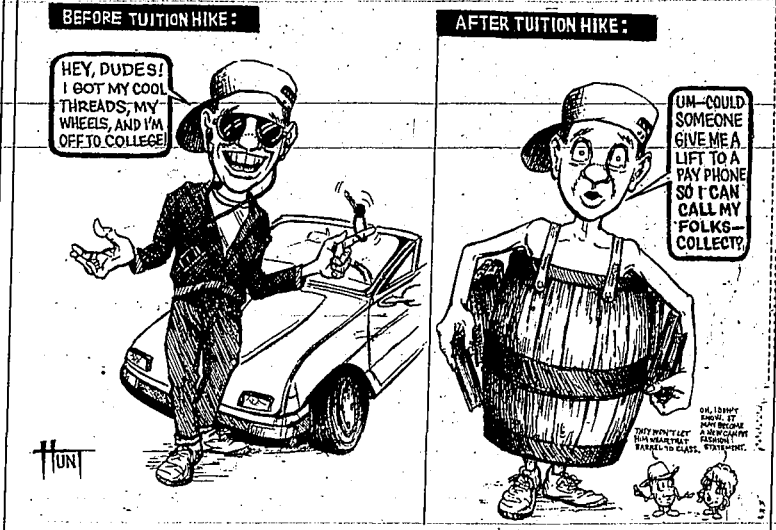
A second proposal from Lance allows a court to seal public documents when a compelling interest in closure outweighs the value of public access. This proposal would make Idaho's Public Records Act toothless. Government lawyers could shop for a sympathetic judge and then make their case without opposition.

Decisions to withhold public records from the public are the Legislature's job. Lawmakers shouldn't delegate that important authority to individual judges.

Lance also wants to seal travel routes for hazardous materials shipments, including nuclear materials. But such a law would contradict a federal requirement that those transit plans be made public.

Lance is considering a suggestion to seal public blueprints of state agency facilities. With biological warfare identified as a genuine threat these days, keeping these records sealed is worthy of discussion.

Information is power, and there's no doubt terrorists want all the information they can get. But even after last year's terrorist attacks, the power of information should remain in the public's hands whenever possible.



Amendments would fill security gaps

Immediately after Sept. 11, Idaho's elected officials began a comprehensive review of Idaho's ability to prevent, investigate and punish terrorist actions within our borders. My role was to review Idaho laws to identify deficiencies that could impede our ability to protect our citizens.

With my review complete, I am proposing several amendments to Idaho law designed to fill gaps in our laws that, before Sept. 11, did not appear to be significant.

In summary, the bills I am supporting during the legislative session include:

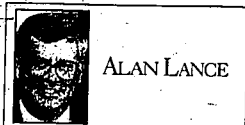
Idaho Anti-Terrorism Act
Current Idaho law neither defines nor prohibits "terrorism." My proposal recommends up to life in prison for the new crimes of terrorism or conspiracy to commit terrorism. It also provides for life in prison or the death penalty for a murder committed in an act of terrorism.

The Weapons of Mass Destruction Control Act
This bill provides for up to life in prison for unlawful use or possession of a biological, chemical or other weapon of mass destruction or for producing or possessing biological agents, toxins or delivery systems for use as a weapon. The bill contains exceptions for peaceable and accepted uses of these materials.

The Public Security Act
This bill addresses efforts to induce public panic. It would prohibit acts such as mailing anthrax, or talcum powder and representing it to be anthrax. It would criminalize willful threats or knowing conveyance of false information concerning an attempt to destroy any building or other property by fire, explosion, or a biological or chemical substance.

Amending Idaho's Public Records Law
Idaho's public records law presumes that all government records are public records. This policy is good for democracy. Our law also identifies certain records that are exempt from disclosure for privacy, law enforcement and other valid reasons. However, current law provides no authority to withhold records that, if disclosed, could compromise public safety.

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ALAN LANCE

The Public Facilities Protection Act
This bill provides up to ten years in prison for terrorist acts against waterways and energy facilities.

The Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act
This bill would bring Idaho's 22-year-old wiretap law into conformance with key provisions of current federal law. It updates definitions to include cellular telephones and electronic communication such as e-mail. It provides for wiretaps aimed at individuals, rather than locations. It also protects the privacy of Idahoans by making it a crime to unlawfully intercept electronic communications, such as e-mail.

I am not recommending the so-called "48-hour wiretap" or the federal provision allowing law enforcement to delay notifying an individual that his premises have been searched.

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identifiable records, giving public agencies authority to withhold those documents only when disclosure poses a threat to life or public safety. This exemption would apply only to evacuation plans for buildings, including schools, threat assessments of public buildings, and documents describing the future whereabouts of public officials.

My office continues to review federal law to determine the feasibility of a public records exemption for blueprints of facilities housing nuclear or hazardous materials and transportation plans for movement of nuclear or hazardous materials when disclosure would threaten public safety.

My second proposal allows a court to withhold an otherwise public document, but only when there are "compelling interests favoring restriction of access to the document and the interests favoring restriction clearly outweigh the interests favoring access." "Compelling interest" is a legal term of art meaning a very high state interest, generally relating to a threat to life, health or public safety. The agency seeking court review must prove that disclosure threatens public safety and the agency. By putting the decision into the neutral hands of the court, I am attempting to balance the public's competing interests in information and safety.

Should these proposals become law, they will provide the tools to prevent, investigate and punish terrorist and criminal acts. I believe the proposals are narrowly tailored to avoid abuse by government agencies. If abuse occurs, the proposals and existing law provide for review and punishment by our courts.

Alan G. Lance is the attorney general for the state of Idaho.

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LETTERS

Embryos have the right to live

In response to Linda Frazier's letter regarding pro-life commercials: "You don't like the use of graphic photos of embryos undergoing abortions? I didn't particularly enjoy viewing graphic footage of car wrecks and their victims when I was in driver's ed either, but someone thought they just might make us think twice before drinking and driving. Are you similarly upset when you see use of graphic photos of Holocaust victims? Or do you recognize that perhaps by giving people a realistic view of such atrocity they might vow that such will never happen again? I think it is obvious that many besides pro-choice folks believe that "a picture is worth a thousand words."

Also, you criticize these ads do not address the "myriad reasons women seek abortion." Do you honestly believe that are any reasons which justify the killing of unborn children? I suppose the southern slave owners, too, had their "myriad reasons" why they felt they had to have their slaves, but I doubt you'd list those "reasons" legitimized their robbing other human beings of their lives.

I see little difference between the moral issues of slavery and abortion. They both boil down to a matter of one human being who feels that his or her lifestyle (be it financial, emotional or otherwise) is more important than another human's very life. Like the pro-slavery Southerners in their day, the pro-choice today refuse to face the core issue. Southerners didn't like to discuss the immorality of slavery themselves. Rather, they preferred to hide behind the banner of states' rights."

Likewise, abortion advocates today refuse to face the immorality of killing unborn babies, hiding behind the banner of "choice." And you dare talk about "shameful hypocrisy?"

It really doesn't matter what one calls it. The bottom line question remains: Is there any human right that supersedes the basic right of another human being to live?

AMELIA MOTT
Kimberly

Just vote out politicians
When it comes to term limits, it seems

like someone would want to throw out all of the public servants regardless of their value. We have a method that is tried and true to rid our office of the politicians that we think are not doing a good job. It is called voting.

There are several political offices with hard-working, dedicated people that have been there for a number of years. To throw them out just because they have been in office for an allotted number of years just doesn't make sense.

A case in point is Sheriff Wayne Tousey. This is a dedicated, career police officer that has spent a good part of his life to upholding the law in Twin Falls County. He has served as a city officer in Burley as well as a deputy sheriff.

In the years that he has been a police officer, he has devoted many hours of training to make him more valuable to the people of Twin Falls County. It doesn't make good sense to fire him because he has been in the profession for a number of years that someone would say is too long.

If he, as well as others, is not doing the job that we voted them to do, let's simply vote them out.

DUANE W. OWEN
Kimberly

Leave the dairies alone

I am writing this letter for those who are trying to get rid of the dairies in Idaho.

I would like to know what their intentions are. Don't they realize that Idaho is a right-to-work state? That means keep prices low, doesn't it? If the dairies move out, then a lot of people will have no jobs and our meat and milk - all the dairy products - will be outrageous in price. We already have outrageous prices as it is. Look at rent, gas, groceries, etc., and they want to take away our dairies because they don't like the smell. Don't they realize that if it were not for our farmers, ranchers and dairies, then Idaho would wad up and blow away?

Say that if you don't like the way our Idaho smells, then the best solution for you is to leave and leave the people in Idaho alone.

MERRIE HASE
Twin Falls

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Yucca Mountain is right choice for spent fuel

GERALD E. MARSH AND GEORGE STANFORD

We don't need to worry about accidents while transporting waste to Yucca Mountain, either.

Nuclear shipments have been involved in traffic mishaps, but as far as we know there has never, ever, been even one death or injury due to radiation released in a transportation accident anywhere in the world.

For comparison, note that between 1982 and 1992, spills of gasoline and other chemicals in U.S. transportation accidents caused 107 deaths, more than 1,400 injuries, and the evacuation of more than 13,000 people.

Today, spent fuel freshly removed from a nuclear reactor is initially placed in a "wet storage" facility resembling a swimming pool, only much deeper. Many of these pools extend below ground level, but some are entirely above grade.

There the fuel stays for a few years while the short-lived radioactive fission products decay away. Then it can be moved to dry storage in air-cooled concrete casks while it awaits long-term disposal.

For terrorists, a storage pool, particularly if it is entirely above ground, is the most tempting part of a nuclear power plant for a jetliner to hit, because it has the potential to create the most damage.

Ideally, then, to reduce the threat from terrorism, we should move fuel out of storage pools as soon as possible. It only makes sense to move the spent fuel to the most secure location possible: Yucca Mountain. Yucca Mountain, too, should be seen as an interim storage facility, because reprocessing of spent reactor

fuel, which does not now take place, should be reconsidered in light of new proliferation-resistant fast-reactor technologies.

With fast reactors and reprocessing it is possible to get more than 100 times as much energy from the fuel as is obtained by current U.S. nuclear plants. Reusing spent fuel in innovative fast reactors has an additional attraction, as what otherwise would be waste requiring storage for ten thousand years would become consumable fuel, and the residual waste from fast reactors becomes harmless in less than 500 years.

Secretary Abraham has had the courage to propose proceeding with disposal at Yucca Mountain, but the controversy is by no means over. It is now up to President Bush to approve that recommendation, recognizing that Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn has vowed to reject the proposal, throwing the matter to Congress for a final decision.

Unfortunately, Congress is greatly divided. In the House, Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has said he would bring the matter of Yucca Mountain to the upcoming approval of the House. In the Senate, Majority Leader Tom Voinovich, R-Ohio, has vowed to block the matter from even coming to a vote.

Daschle, his fellow senators and Nevadans should resist political pressure based on misconceptions. The risk from Yucca Mountain's repository is utterly negligible and its opening is truly in the national interest.

Gerald Marsh is an advisory board member of the National Center for Public Policy Research, John F. McGovern Center for Environmental and Regulatory Affairs and a nuclear physicist. George Stanford is a nuclear reactor physicist now retired from Argonne National Laboratory.



Both our parties fail to debate budget honestly

This is a Milius moment, and the tragedy is that we no longer have Peter Milius to walk us through it. Milius, a reporter, editor and, most recently, editorial writer at The Washington Post, died much too young on Jan. 10, just as the latest round of the budget debate, which he had no peer at deciphering, was getting underway.



DAVID S. BRODER

At the memorial service, where he was sent off to the sound of the Cajun music he loved and played (sort of) on his accordion, the real domestic policy experts of Washington — the anonymous staff people Milius affectionately dubbed "skunks" for their willingness to speak truth to power — turned out in force to honor a journalist who was uniquely thorough in cutting through partisan rhetoric to find reality.

Gene Sperling, who ran the economic policy shop in the Clinton White House, told me that "when Peter called, there was always an argument about who would call him back. No one wanted the assignment, because he knew too much."

Milius was at his best in decoding budgets; and once again, after a few years' blessed surcease, we face a debate about federal deficits. The morning after the Milius memorial, Mitch Daniels, the current director of the Office of Management and Budget, said he welcomed "an honest debate" about the fiscal plan. President Bush will submit early next month.

Embarrassingly for Republicans, that budget will confirm that the surpluses built up during the Clinton administration have disappeared. To divert attention, Republicans, including Daniels, are charging that when Democrats advocate suspending some or all of the

years in advance. But no one in the administration wanted to tell Bush the surplus surpluses might not be there.

Now, recession, war and terrorism have knocked the budget into deficit, and no one knows how long it will remain there. Daniels argued that Congress will have "many opportunities" in coming years to suspend those promised tax cuts if it should be necessary. But beginning remedial action this year would, he said, be a mistake.

Milius would scoff. If you admit you've made an error, a gross miscalculation, why not fix it? But also he would point out some things about the Kennedy proposal: Far from being a radical suggestion, it would leave intact about three-quarters of the promised tax cuts. It would not affect any tax reductions scheduled to take effect until 2004 or later. That means it would not likely change the short-term course of the economy and it wouldn't help stem the budgetary red ink this year or next.

Second, as Daniels pointed out, the senator's proposal is not even designed with the budget in mind.

Kennedy's real argument is that spending \$350 billion more on such things as early childhood education and prescription drug benefits (which would likely cost much more) is better than giving that much money back to people who have annual incomes of more than \$130,000 or estates of more than \$4 million.

The Republicans and Democrats have concocted their messages for the coming campaign. But Peter Milius would say: That's not the same as an honest debate.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

LETTERS

Get career politicians out
I read two interesting articles in last Friday's *Times-News* (Jan. 11).

On the front page was an article about members of our Legislature who are introducing bills to overturn term limits. The article states that the voters have approved term limits three times and the Idaho Supreme Court has upheld the challenge. Then, on the front page of Section 2, I read that these same lawmakers have to take money from the state's firefigting fund to make the first payment on the \$6.4 million park that few thought we needed. The school budget is being slashed and other necessary agency state budgets are being reduced, but they can apparently find \$300,000 for election funds and \$500,000 for the initial payment on a park that we neither can afford nor have the funds to clean and maintain.

These are the same forward thinkers who want us to believe that their political experience is so valuable that we as voters

didn't know what we were doing when we voted for term limits. I can see why they don't want to face life in the private sector. They probably can't hold a job.
MIKE SIMMONS
Buhl

Speak your mind on issue

Nate Johnson had an article published in *The Times-News* (Magic Valley section) on Jan. 3 regarding term limits. In that article, he quoted Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb as saying term limits would "have a negative effect on the area" and "a move against the law is in the works" and "I have a plan but I don't care to talk about it. I don't want to let the 'enemy' know what I'm up to." So it appears we voters are the enemy.

My wife and I called him because we were offended by his statement. He told us he was misquoted and that he'd said "opposition." He said he would demand a retraction from *The Times-News*. None has been issued. So we called Nate Johnson, to ask him if he might

have misquoted the man. Nate told us that he heard the word "enemy," not "opposition."

As registered Republicans, we are appalled at Newcomb's words and actions. Term limits were approved by the voters on three different occasions. Newcomb is not the only person who can do that job. People are not elected for life.

Some say voting is a term limit. But that is not honest since the incumbents always win (having name recognition and money).

Newcomb appears to be obsessed with the control and power. Not so Gov. Kempthorne, who appears to respect the voter's rights.

This is a situation which reflects badly on the Republican Party. Please speak your mind regarding this issue by calling 332-1145 (in Boise) and talking to Teresa at the legislative office. As for Newcomb stating "out-of-state money" is involved, we should welcome any out-of-state money at this time.
PAUL WILLIAMS
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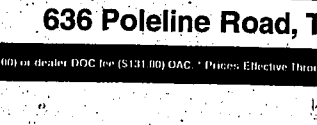
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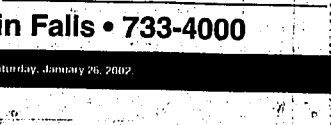
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Here's to staying up with the BBC

In this space, I've written before about the alarming deterioration in oddness that befalls anyone who is bachelored at middle age.

You know, excessive numbers of cats in the house; telephones in the fridge and empty milk cartons on the desk; an obsession with Dr. Scholl's footcare products—that sort of thing.

I've been divorced for 18 months now after 20 years of marriage, and I'm here to report that it gets only worse.

Because now I think I've become co-dependent on the "Beeb."

That's the British Broadcasting Corp., the UK government-owned electronic media empire that takes great pride in spanning the globe and penetrating even corners of God's green earth known only to legend: *Murraugh*, for example.

Idaho's public radio stations carry the BBC World Service report overnight, but that's basically a straightforward news program designed only to get the Beeb's hooks into you.

For the BBC is actually a collection of TV and radio stations, covering a range of arcane interests comprehensible only to a people that makes a practice of drinking warm beer.

The Beeb is basically Monty Python with a straight face, and it's available—live and around the clock—via the Internet through the magic of some-thing called "streaming audio."

On a Friday night a couple of weeks ago, I was sitting on the couch doing a crossword puzzle and listening to pigeon racing on BBC4.

My 20-year-old son, home from Seattle for the holidays, and a friend walked through the living room just then, shaking their heads.

"Mr. Crump," my son's friend murmured, "you need a girlfriend."

"Pull up a chair, lads," I chirped. "There's Foot and Mouth Through the Ages" on BBC2!"

London—and it will come as no surprise to you to learn that I know this—is seven hours ahead of Idaho, so when I get home from work in the evening I log on about the time some of the BBC channels are signing off for the night. That's a ritual that involves the playing of "God Save the Queen" and the reading of rather lengthy wind and tide reports.

Last Wednesday night I listened to every single one of them while I fixed conifakes for me and the dog. It was then and only then that it occurred to me that I'm badly in need of a life.

Pinochle. Model airplanes. Transpoting. Something.

The Brits can get away with hermitage because they, as a people, traffic in news of a darkness—of some quality that allowed Thomas Hardy to observe in "Far from the Madding Crowd" that "living only in the company of sheep for 30 years can make a person odd."

All of those goofy Monty Python skits—like the one about the Ministry of Silly Walks—are funny only because they're very funny true.

Idahoans have no such latitude. You're either fit for the company of normal folks or you're home watching "Jeopardy."

So me and the Beeb have to part company somehow, and preferably before BBC4 begins its new-looking series next week, "The Triumph of Trifle."

For the uninitiated, trifle is an appalling English dessert consisting of sponge cake spread with jam, soaked in wine, sprinkled with crushed macaroons and topped with custard.

God help me, but it sounds pretty good.

You've only a fortnight—that's Britspeak for two weeks—to submit your entries for the first annual Don't Ask Me We Need a New Idaho Flag and Pretty Darned Quick Contest.

We're imagining a new state flag to supplant Idaho's current blue silk bedsheet, and we need your ideas. Artistic ability is neither required nor encouraged.

Send your entries to Don't Ask Me We Need a New Idaho Flag and PDQ Contest, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or you can fax them to 734-5538.

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Just think of Times-News features editor Steve Crump as the Ed McMahon of Rockchuck Acres.

More schools release scores

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—More Magic Valley school districts have released their standardized test scores. Those districts with a large percentage of migrant and English-as-a-second-language students tended to score lower than other districts. Still, scores varied widely across the region.

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, administered to grades 3-8, and Tests of Achievement and Proficiency, administered to grades 9-11, assess skills in math,

language and reading. Scores reflect performance in percentage, compared with national scores.

This may be the final set of ITBS and TAP scores for the region, as the Idaho State Board of Education is working with the Legislature to implement a new set of standardized tests.

Shoshone

Max Excell, Shoshone School District superintendent is fighting an uphill battle trying to wring out student achievement

from one of the most concentrated of migratory populations in the region.

More than 50 percent of his students won't return next year, and of those who remain, 60 percent live below the poverty line. The majority of the district's students don't have an adequate grasp of the English language.

"We realize it's a cop-out; it's an excuse; it's a strong problem, but my gosh it's hard," he said.

All grades scored below the national average. The fifth-grade class, which is 50 percent Hispanic, scored in the 11th school

norm percentile for core total and the seventh-grade math percentile for reading.

Excell said they've viewed the problem from various angles but still are searching for the magic elixir. With the nature of education being a long-term endeavor, and the transitory nature of the district's student population, it's a daunting task indeed.

Of the 29 students in last year's fourth-grade class, only eight had been in the district for at least three years. "It's a real challenge," he said. "There's nothing you can do to prohibit people from moving."

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STILL GOING STRONG



Tracie O'Gorman says the closeness of her family helped her get through multiple transplants and surgeries to replace her hips and repair her knee and ankle. Two of her family, including her mother, Dee Packer, donated a kidney to her.

Transplant recipient gets on with life

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—It's all about getting on with life.

For Tracie O'Gorman, there might never be an end to the health problems that first struck her as a teen-ager.

"There's no 'home free' date for me," she said Saturday. "But I really don't even think about it."

In 1988 and 1989, O'Gorman—who then lived in Twin Falls—at age 18 started to suffer from a liver shut-down brought on by an auto-immune disorder that had resulted from a case of the chicken pox. A harmless disease in toddlers, chicken pox can have devastating effects on adolescents and adults. O'Gorman was hit especially hard.

The auto-immune disorder eventually led to multiple liver and kidney transplants. And medication she must take to keep her immune system in check weakened her bones and other parts of her body leading to still more surgeries.

Even so, news of O'Gorman's plight in the late '80s touched off a wave of support and sympathy from the community.

Letters and cards from people she and her family had never met came to her during her long stays at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and donations helped cover medical bills.

After a recent ankle surgery in Boise, O'Gorman, now 32, decided to spend a month resting in Twin Falls before heading back to college in San Diego.

"I live alone in San Diego, so I decided that while I'm on crutches, it would be easier to stay here at my mom's house."

But O'Gorman hasn't let much slow her down over the years.

"Last year, I went to Europe by myself. My older brother is very protective of me, and he said, 'Tracie, what if you get sick over there? But I thought, if I get sick it'll just come home, because what if I stayed home, and didn't get sick?'"

O'Gorman said she is just shy of finishing a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology. She plans either to go to law school or get a master's degree in criminology.

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District cuts costs by dropping some athletic games

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY—At \$1.35 a mile, a basketball trip from Oakley to Carey costs more than \$165. A trip from Declo to Weiser for the wrestling team costs nearly \$322.

In the Cassia County School District, some of those costs are being cut.

At Declo High School, two wrestling trips were taken off the schedule this year, said Jay Darrington, Declo's athletic director.

At Burley High School, one "long" trip has been cut from each of the five spring sports, said Gary Hoxey, Burley's athletic director.

No directive has come from the superintendent or other school district officials about cutting athletic events, Hoxey said, but changes have been made to some athletic schedules.

"I like to be pro-active," Darrington said. "Darrington said he doesn't mind doing his part to help the district make up for lost funds. Cutting costs hasn't affected athletes in Declo too much yet and



Members of the Burley boys basketball team board a bus to travel to Twin Falls for a game on Thursday.

"we're thankful for that," Darrington said.

The suggestions came after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recent

announcement that the state is holding back 2.5 percent in funding to school districts around the state.

Superintendent Mike Chesley said the district does not have a specific amount of money it would like to save by making changes in the athletic schedule.

"We don't have a figure yet," Chesley said.

The district has looked at cutting 10 percent in many other areas and that may become a goal for athletic travel as well, but a number hasn't been set, Chesley said.

The Declo wrestling team's trip to South Fremont in St. Anthony was canceled and instead of a tournament in Weiser, the team will play a tournament in Burley.

The trips that have been changed didn't take away competition time for athletes. Darrington said wrestlers from South Fremont had already traveled to Declo for a meet, so

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Sun Valley gets high marks for romance

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY—If you're looking for Cupid, you might find the little chap schussing down the moguls at Sun Valley.

The ski resort has been named the second most romantic ski resort in North America by readers of "Ski America" and "Ski Canada."

"Ski America" bills itself as the top-selling guidebook to winter resorts.

Sun Valley came in just behind Crested Butte, Colo., when it came to love darts. The resort also snarfed two third-place honors for town and on-place mountain dining.

Sun Valley's aura as a romantic getaway is no news to Pres and Susan Hamilton, of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

As the song goes, it happened in Sun Valley for these two—love that is.

The two met 11 years ago during a Singles Week at Sun Valley.

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Program veers youth to better path

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

RUPERT—Instead of simply locking juvenile criminals up, Magic Valley criminal justice workers have tried to help young people turn their lives around.

One hometown effort is the "determined" program to educate and teach offending juveniles prison awareness.

The program, referred to as "Detour," is a prison awareness program coupled with other treatment and consulting programs whose goal is to intervene with juveniles whose actions are bringing them into the juvenile justice system," 5th District Magistrate Judge Larry Duff said.

"The program, instituted in 1997, brings juvenile offenders into prison for two days. Detour does more, however, than scare children by dropping them in prison. Duff stresses the difference between Detour and the "scared straight" program, which attempts to correct behavior through intimidation.

The results for the scared

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	75%
Salmon Falls Creek	117%
Oakley Basin	133%
Big and Little Wood	89%
Henrys Fork	89%
St. Anthony	74%

*Based on 1997-98 average

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SERVICES

Gladys Josephine Brandon of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Don J. Stevens of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at the Gooding Cemetery; visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Anna 'Louise' Dale of Nampa and formerly of Hazelton, grand service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hazelton Cemetery; visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

David Wayne Sparrow of Boise, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Meridian Stake Center, Cottonwood Park Ward, 3775 E. Ustick (off Ustick between Cloverdale and Eagle); burial will follow at Cloverdale Memorial Park; visitation will be held from

4-6 p.m. today at the Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Eldon Clay Baker of Chubbuck, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Colonial Funeral Chapel; viewing from 5-6 p.m. today and from 1-4:45 p.m. Monday; burial at Inkom Cemetery with military honors provided by the McCammon VFW Post 7075.

Nellie Alice Miller Stutzman of Glendale, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls; service at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Daniel Shalihal of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

Elsie P. Allen
BURLEY - Elsie P. Allen, 93, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Katherine Nielson
RUPERT - Katherine Nielson, 77, of Rupert, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at her home. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert LDS

Third Ward Chapel with Bishop Glade Chandler officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service on Tuesday at the church.

Robert Barigar
BUHL - Robert Barigar, of Buhl, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

OBITUARIES

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Rexburg, Idaho. Corban also had many aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved him and will miss him. Corban went to church at the View Second Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he really enjoyed attending Primary. He loved every one of his Primary teachers. Corban also enjoyed going to school, where he was in the first grade. He loved his teachers, making friends, and especially riding the school bus. Besides his teachers, he had many other people that helped make his life better: Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Developmental Therapist, CNAs, Dietitians and Physicians. We could never thank you enough.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2002, at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 South 500 East of Burley. Interment will follow at the View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Friday, January 25, 2002, from 6 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Saturday, from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be directed to the Ronald McDonald House, 935 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102; or The Wishing Star Foundation, 915 West 2nd Street, Suite 212, Spokane, Washington 99201.



Selma Switzer
Selma Switzer, 77, of Twin Falls, died Friday, January 18, 2002, at SunBridge Care Center.

Selma was born on December 20, 1924, to Lorenzo and Martha (Layland) Bowen in Cokeville, Wyoming. She was raised and educated in Wyoming and moved to Twin Falls in the mid 1940s. On May 25, 1946, in Twin Falls, she was married to Quintin V. Switzer. Mr. Switzer preceded her in death on July 3, 1993, in Twin Falls. Selma worked in various food processing plants in the Magic Valley. She spent most of her career working for Simplot in the bean and potato processing plants. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She loved to do cross-stitch, embroider, grow flowers and read. She loved to socialize with her family and friends.

Survivors include her two sons, Jerry (Tam) Switzer of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Thomas (Darla) Switzer of Reno, Nevada; two daughters, Cheryl (Scott) Norton of Pocatello, Idaho, and Fain (Dan) Mort of Twin Falls, Idaho; two brothers, Gene Bowen of Montrose, Colorado, and Bud Bowen of Pleasant Hill, Missouri; a sister, Wilma Flora of Grandview, Missouri; and also by sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, twin sister, one brother and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 23, 2002, at 2 p.m. at White Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Cliff Williams officiating. Friends may call at White Mortuary from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2002.

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Corban Preston Carson
Corban Preston Carson was born November 30, 1994, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He returned to his Heavenly Father on Friday, January 18, 2002.

He is the son of Preston and RaeAnne Carson of Burley. Corban had one sister, Camille. His paternal grandparents are Lakont and Colleen Carson of Burley and his maternal grandparents are Dr. Richard H. and Lois Jones of

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Larry C. Motzner
Larry C. Motzner, 61, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, January 17, 2002, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Larry was born on November 17, 1940, in Russell, Kansas, the son of Doris and Clarence 'Nick' Motzner. In 1941, the Motzner family moved to Twin Falls, where Larry attended school and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1958. In 1960, Larry married Linda Lockridge and they were later divorced. From that marriage two children were born, Larry and Niki. Larry moved to Reno, Nevada, where he met and married Diana Marzell, his wife of 28 years. From that marriage they raised two children, Cody and Shelly Motzner. Larry worked all of his life in the food service business. He started working in high school for Chuck Perkins, owner of the Town and Country Drive Inn on West Addison across from the hospital. Larry's work in Reno was setting up the food services for the Nugget, Fitzgerald, Circus Circus and Baldwin's casinos. He founded the High Sierra Chels Association in Reno, Nevada, and co-founded the Sawtooth Chels Association in Twin Falls. He was Chef of the Year several times for the associations. He was also active in many other civic groups. Larry then moved back to Twin Falls with his family in 1990, where he taught in the Culinary Arts program at the College of Southern Idaho until his retirement due to illness in 1999.

OREM, UTAH



Geraldine Mae Miller
Geraldine Mae Miller, 84, of Jerome, died January 2, 2002. She was born April 5, 1917, in San Francisco, California, to Edward G. and Louise Goodhue Jensen. On April 18, 1943, she married Maynard Miller in Reno, Nevada.

She is survived by three sons: Reggie (Sally) Miller of Jerome, Russell (Carol) Miller of Boise, and Mike (Charlene Caswell) Miller of Jerome.

She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard Albert Miller, and her Mom and Dad.

Sally would like to thank the family and friends who made it possible to keep Mom at Sally's home: Angela, Dustin, Shad, Carla, Darcy and Brad, and her six grandchildren who had a chance to love her. She certainly "Made My Heart Sing."

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.



Flora Robinson Bailey Bishop
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Flora Robinson Bailey Bishop passed from this mortal life with her family and loved ones present. Her pain and suffering now gone, she rests with those who have gone on before.

Flora was born in Kimberly, Idaho, the daughter of Shirley William Bailey and Macel Robinson. She lived in the Twin Falls area all of her life until she moved to Orem, Utah, to be with her son. She married Clyde Perkins Bishop and remained with him until his passing in 1992. They made their home in Twin Falls and raised two children, C. Dan Bishop, Orem, Utah, and Willa Erickson of Orem.

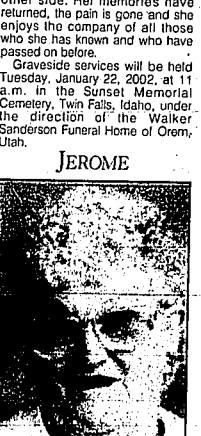
She spent her life making a home for them and enjoyed reading and drama. Her favorite author was Shakespeare and she would often quote from his works to emphasize a point. After the passing of her husband, she served a mission in the California Ventura Mission and also served as a Temple worker in the Boise Temple.

In her later years, the disease of Alzheimer's robbed her of many memories, eventually leading to her passing.

She is survived by her son and daughter, two brothers, Wayne (Patly) Bailey, Ken (June) Bailey and a sister, Bill (Frem) Louton, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister, Madonna, and a brother, Marshall (Bud).

She will be missed in this mortal life, however we know that a much

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greater reward awaits her on the other side. Her memories have returned, the pain is gone and she enjoys the company of all those who she has known and who have passed on before.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Twin Falls, Idaho, under the direction of the Walker Sanderson Funeral Home of Orem, Utah.

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Test results

Following are results for Magic Valley school districts from the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, for third through eighth grade students, and the Tests of Achievement and Proficiency, for ninth through 11th-grade students.

Results shown are percentile ranks — not actual scores — that compare local student achievement to average achievement levels nationally. A score of 50 is the combined reading, language and math score.

School District	Grade	Reading	Language	Math	Com. Total
Shoshone School District	3rd	50	50	50	50
	4th	50	50	50	50
	5th	50	50	50	50
	6th	50	50	50	50
	7th	50	50	50	50
	8th	50	50	50	50
	9th	50	50	50	50
	10th	50	50	50	50
	11th	50	50	50	50
	12th	50	50	50	50
Richfield School District	3rd	50	50	50	50
	4th	50	50	50	50
	5th	50	50	50	50
	6th	50	50	50	50
	7th	50	50	50	50
	8th	50	50	50	50
	9th	50	50	50	50
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	11th	50	50	50	50
	12th	50	50	50	50
Blaine School District	3rd	50	50	50	50
	4th	50	50	50	50
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	6th	50	50	50	50
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Officials consider bull trout

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Elko County officials announced last week they have taken the first steps in attempting to have the bull trout in the Jarbidge River removed from the threatened listing under the Endangered Species Act.

County commissioner Mike Nannini said the area's congressional delegation has been contacted for assistance in delisting the fish and in arranging a meeting with Interior Secretary Gale Norton during a scheduled visit to Elko next summer. Local officials are hoping Norton helps in the endeavor, Nannini said.

The process of delisting the bull trout may be complicated, however, since the federal government has not completed all the paperwork necessary for the original listing.

Jenny Valdivia of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Portland, Ore., said Friday one of the steps to determine if a delisting is warranted is looking at the recovery goals established during the process of determining if a species is endangered.

When asked about goals for the Jarbidge bull trout, however, she acknowledged, "Recovery goals have not been developed." She quickly added that by law the agency had 30 months from the time of the listing to complete the paperwork for developing recovery goals. The 30-month limit expired in early 2001.

The bull trout was placed on the list in 1998 after Fish and Wildlife, Trout Unlimited and other groups successfully petitioned the Interior Department that the fish population would be in jeopardy without controls.

The Jarbidge River is the southernmost point in the nation that the fish are currently found. The listing played a major role in stopping the county's attempt to repair flood-damaged South Canyon Road the same year.

In seeking the delisting, Elko County officials are using studies conducted by the Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) which in essence say there is no reason to list the bull trout as threatened.

County manager Rob Stokes said the NDOW report was a part of the information forwarded to congressional officials seeking the review of the listing.

Fish biologist Gary Johnson of the Elko NDOW office stands by the bull trout status reports he conducted in 1994 and 1998. In fact, he said, the federal government was considering listing the fish threatened in 1994, but decided it was not warranted. Four years later, however, "new players" reversed the decision, he said.

Johnson said the habitat survey his agency conducts is not considered by the federal government to be scientific evidence of the fish population in the Jarbidge River.

The survey consists of electrical shocks in a portion of the waterway; the different species of fish are then counted, he said.

If the population is within range of previous studies, it is determined that further shocking is not necessary. His studies indicate the bull trout population has remained stable.

Also last week, the terms of a settlement Fish and Wildlife reached in a lawsuit brought on by two conservation groups say the agency must determine the bull trout's critical habitat over the next three years.

Valdivia said the agency is now in the "information gathering stage" and no formal proposal has been drafted.

The bull trout habitat in the Jarbidge River will be reviewed in September 2003, and should a proposal be determined necessary, public comment will be sought. The process, she noted, will "not add any more bureaucracy" to the rebuilding of South Canyon Road.

County officials are hoping the controversial fish will be delisted long before any further studies are conducted.

Test

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back and forth."

Those students who did stay in the district's schools marked an 18 percent improvement from last year, he said.

Despite the Sisyphean chore before the district, Excell said they'll keep working at student achievement as long as there are children to teach. Fortunately, the district has a supportive community, approving supplemental bond levies for such efforts as lowering student-to-teacher ratios.

Not having aligned its curriculum to the ITBS or TAP, the district hopes to do so with the new batch of standardized testing to come out of Boise.

Castledorf

Castledorf School District generally scored above the national average, with only two grades just missing the 50th percentile.

"We feel like we're making steady progress in our goals," said Kelly Murphy, superintendent. "Our teachers are working hard."

Murphy said the district has been aspiring to produce in its students a several-point gain each year. And so far, each year it has happened.

That accomplishment is all the

more heroic considering that nearly 38 percent of the district's student body is English-as-a-second-language students.

The district's schools focus most of the morning's teaching on reading and math.

Reading scores are generally high with most in the 60s and 70s and only fifth and sixth grade falling below the national average. Math scores mirror that pattern.

"We are struggling with our ESL," he said. "We are getting tremendously better at that but we need to focus on getting these families involved in school."

With that in mind, the district has implemented student-led conferences in which the student takes the parent to the parent-teacher conference to explain what is happening daily in the classroom, such as class activities, curriculum and grades.

"[The parent] becomes a partner in the process," he said.

It seems to be working, as the school's teachers are reporting that they've seen more teachers in one night, as a result of student-led conferences, than they've seen in the entire previous six years, he said.

He said he's not going to miss

the ITBS test since the district's curriculum wasn't tightly aligned with it.

Jerome

Jerome School District scores hovered around the national average with five grades falling just below and four grades rising just above.

"We have shown gains but it's always hope for more," said superintendent Jim Cobble.

Out of the eight grades tested, five improved in reading, four in language and six in math. Overall, five grades scored higher than last year.

"Some of our efforts are paying off, but that doesn't happen overnight; it's a long, hard process," he said. "We have concentrated on what we can do as a district to improve student achievement."

Some of the district's undertakings include a strong emphasis on reading and math, extended school days and after-school tutoring.

Still, the district is struggling with a large number of ESL students.

"There is a direct relationship between socio-economic status and student achievement."

Developing methods to effectively teach a diverse student body is a continuous process, in which school officials analyze weak areas, adjust them as necessary and move on, Cobble said.

Richfield

In the Richfield School District, scores varied widely from grade to grade though generally fell below the national average.

A sampling of the up-and-down fluctuations in student norms core total percentile include: third grade, 26th; fifth grade, 50th; seventh grade, 38th; ninth grade, 29th; and 10th grade, 50th.

"It's hard to tell why that is," said superintendent Larry Turgeon.

Although most of the grades saw slight gains, the nature of the student body — 60 percent of the students receiving either free or reduced-price lunches — makes score improvement difficult, he said.

Furthermore, many of the district's students attend special education classes for at least one period.

"Our scores haven't been really spectacular over the years," he said.

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Film trilogy wins honors at Sundance

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - "Personal Velocity," a movie trilogy about three women confronted with momentous life crises, won the grand jury prize, the top dramatic honor at the Sundance Film Festival.

Harmony, which examines the role of freedom songs in South Africa's battle over apartheid. "Amanda!," also won Sundance's freedom of expression award.

Bill addresses issues affecting fetuses

By Dan Gallagher The Associated Press

BOISE - This legislative session's measure from anti-abortion forces is called "Noah's Law," named after a Canyon County fetus killed in a brutal attack.

But they caution that the measure championed by Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson of Meridian is not an abortion restriction bill per se.

Several hundred people marched to the Idaho Capitol steps on Saturday on the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which made abortion a legally protected right in many circumstances.

The Idaho Chooses Life Alliance is asking lawmakers to declare a crime against a fetus is a crime against a baby, child or adult.

Last year, a 16-year-old girl told Nampa police that a man in a ski mask entered her home and pummeled her in the stomach, hips and back.

"The baby was killed in her womb," alliance Executive Director David Ripley told the crowd.

"We found out Idaho doesn't have a fetal homicide statute; you can't prosecute for the



Jay Eaton, of Mountain Home, holds a sign during an anti-abortion rally Saturday in the Statehouse steps in Boise.

crime against that baby.

"So this year, we're proposing 'Noah's law.' It's named for her son who gave his life in that brutal attack," he said.

Ada County prosecutors working the case charged Ronaldo Luis Vela with sexual assault.

Vela was suspected of being the father of the baby, and the girl would have been 15 when her baby was conceived.

Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Roger Bourne said the decision to charge Vela with the lesser crime would have

been made even if Idaho law were more specific about crimes against unborn children. He said they could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt he was the assailant.

Earlier this month, Ripley said the bill would not apply to abortion providers or women who seek abortions.

"Even though the statute will not challenge abortion 'rights,' we expect a fierce battle with the abortion lobby because of their fear that such legislation is a step toward recognizing the humanity of babies in the womb as an alliance filer said.

The group has backed other anti-abortion measures in recent years.

U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams in December upheld the core of Idaho's law requiring parental or judicial consent for minors seeking abortion.

But he struck down a provision restricting the opportunity for obtaining judicial consent to judges in the girl's home county or the county where the abortion is to be performed.

A district judge in Boise also extended his earlier emergency order blocking another law against the state paying for abortions that doctors say poor women need to protect their health.

Non-profit companies feel economic pinch

NAMPA (AP) - The United Way of Treasure Valley, the largest private fund-raiser in the state for health and human services, is telling partner agencies to expect less money than last year due to declining donations.

give them a heads-up," United Way spokeswoman Bonnie Way said. "We also know that they are getting cuts everywhere. It's not just us. So we wanted to let them know right up front that this is what's happening."

The groups, ranging from Big Brothers and Big Sisters to Meals on Wheels, can expect as much as a 15-percent cut.

Last year, the United Way campaign collected \$5.3 million for Ada and Canyon counties and distributed the money to dozens of organizations.

"We met with member agencies that received funding last year to

Continuing contributions could

help offset the decline and soften the financial hit nonprofit groups have to take. But that is not certain. Most charity organizations already operate on shoestring budgets. A substantial cut in United Way funding will spell trouble.

"We do our best to raise funds from other sources. But we count heavily on their support," said Nampa Salvation Army Capt. Candy Stennett.

Project receives habitat restoration funds

BOISE (AP) - The Western Watersheds Project, headed by Hailey resident Jon Marvel, will restore more than two miles of river bank and 120 acres of riparian habitat with money that includes a \$60,000 state matching grant.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The award is part of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's Nonpoint Source Implementation Program administered with funding from the

With matching funds of \$40,000 from other sources, the \$100,000 project will support riparian rehabilitation and restoration of watershed and banks of the East Fork of the Salmon River and its tributary, Lake Creek.

"With the help of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funds that WWP received last

year, we were able to conduct a test planting in the spring along the East Fork," Judy Hall, development director for the group, said. "The DEQ grant will allow us to apply what we have learned on a larger scale."

Most of the restoration will take place on the group's Greenfire Preserve, a 440-acre former ranch on the East Fork that the conservation group is returning to its native state.

Officials worry stray wolves might have stayed near Ashton

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Though it is unlikely many wolves are still ranging near Ashton, there may still be one or two on the prowl.

Wolves have been a topic of conversation in Ashton since early November, when a pack of 13 went on a five-day hunt in the area. They did little damage, but killed one rancher's dog.

"Within the last two weeks there have been some tracks down in the barley fields between Ashton

and Tetonia." Wolves have been a topic of conversation in Ashton since early November, when a pack of 13 went on a five-day hunt in the area. They did little damage, but killed one rancher's dog.

Park's Hayden Valley. "It wouldn't surprise me at all if one or two didn't stay in the Ashton area, or if wolves don't show up again in the future," said Ed Bangs, head of the Fish and Wildlife wolf-recovery. "Once wolves appear in a place, other wolves will go there in the future."

have only one breeding pair, and that at this time of year they disperse. Members old enough to be of breeding age strike out on their own, looking to set up shop in places without resident wolves. If a couple of stray wolves are still around Ashton, they will probably move on soon because agricultural lands offer little cover or hunting opportunities.

Games

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wrestlers have had the chance to wrestle them.

The wrestlers won't have a chance to face wrestlers from Weiser, but will face competition at the Burley meet instead.

"Our coach still feels good about it," Darrington said.

No changes were made to the basketball travel schedules because there was only one long trip for each the boys team and the girls team. Each winter sport now has only one long trip, Darrington said.

Changes saved quite a bit of money in travel expenses, Darrington said.

Bus trips cost \$1.35 per mile, according to Leon Robinson, transportation supervisor in Cassia County.

At Burley High School, one long trip has been cut from each of the five spring sports - softball, baseball, track, golf and tennis, Hoxey said.

Hoxey agreed cutting the trips created quite a savings.

Darrington said most spring sporting events for Declo teams are within the Magic Valley, so no trips are planned to be cut. A

trip to state competition in Boise would probably be the biggest travel expense.

Spring sports at Declo include track, tennis and golf for boys and girls, Darrington said. Girls' softball is a new sport this year.

Oakley athletic director Roger Caresia said minimizing travel expenses is something that AD can do.

Caresia said no changes in the winter or spring sports schedules for this year were made at Oakley. Spring sports at Oakley include golf-and-track-for-boys and girls.

Caresia said he has been told to look at minimizing long trips in future scheduling, however, and is doing that.

In past years, there have been attempts to keep travel costs down, such as scheduling more doubleheaders, Hoxey said. Athletic directors "have been doing as much of that as possible."

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Judge

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straight-program-are-zero, Duff said.

Both programs bring juvenile offenders into prison, but the Detour program combines the experience with counseling and classes for both the child and the parents. Detour participants spend two days in prison working with inmate volunteers.

The children tour the prison and talk to inmates. The volunteers have been trained to identify thinking errors and they try to help the youths look for problems in their decision-making process. They talk honestly with the participants about their personal experiences with crime and prison, Duff said.

Boys go to the Idaho State Correctional Institution, a medium-security prison in Boise. Girls go to the Pocatello Women's Correctional Institution, said Erin Rosengreen, an officer at the Idaho State Correctional Institution.

A realistic experience

At the prisons, program members try to give the children a realistic experience of life in custody. The youths spend some time in a cell, eat prison food and suffer strict punishments for breaking rules. Parts of the experience can be frightening for the juveniles, but-sometimes fear is necessary to open them up, Rosengreen said.

"You get those hard-headed kids in here who think they're tough - sometimes it's hard to break the shell," she said.

There was one boy who was too-tough-to-listen-to-anything authorities told him, Duff said. At the prison, an inmate jeered at a sexual proposition at the boy, as he walked by his cell. The youth, to show he was not fazed by the remark, grabbed his crotch in a physical retort.

The inmate volunteer looked at the boy and told him prison rape was no laughing matter. Duff said, "The prisoner told him 'You may think you're tough, but you can't fight him when four men are holding him down. I know, it's happened to me.'"

The boy paid more attention during the one-on-one session that day and he began to apply himself in the counseling and education programs at home.

"I changed the kid," Duff said.

The prisoners talk to the juvenile offenders in a private setting. The children get information they couldn't find anywhere else, Duff said. Many of the youths refuse, out of principle, to listen seriously to warnings from authorities. Sometimes the message gets through when they hear the same information from prisoners.

More than a wake up call

On the second day, a parent or guardian comes to prison with the child. They talk with the inmates about family values, open communication and ways of helping the juvenile succeed. The prisoners also give the parent and the child the statistics. Ninety to 95 percent of prisoners

have problems with substance abuse; 80 percent never finished high school or obtained a general education diploma and 50 percent are functionally illiterate, Duff said. The prisoners shield the children that working hard in school and staying away from drugs can keep them out of prison.

The combination of eye-opening accounts in Detour and life-skills programs at home has proved successful. These programs have reduced the number of detention days for Mini-Cassia youths by 25 percent and reduced the number of juvenile petitions filed by one-third, Duff said.

Detour has been especially effective with girls, said John Varin, 5th District Magistrate Judge in Camas County. Varin is the juvenile judge in Twin Falls, Blaine, Lincoln, Jerome and Gooding counties.

Varin said there have been a number of cases where there seemed to have been a "click" in the girls' heads. "They come back and there are no more problems."

The program doesn't help everyone, Duff said. Fifty percent of the high-risk juvenile offenders, youths who have committed numerous crimes, are arrested again after going through Detour.

"For a lot of kids going to prison - if they're really tough - (it's) a badge of honor," Duff said.

After a few years of poor results with high-risk children, juvenile justice workers shifted the program's focus to children

with a lower risk of committing more crimes: Detour "has been much more effective with those children. The program keeps them from becoming high-risk offenders, Duff said.

Helping others

Most of the inmates who volunteer to work in the Detour program are people who were sentenced to life in prison, Rosengreen said. The leader of the volunteers was convicted of murder. He has bought into the mission of the program and become very involved, Duff said.

Inmates have said working in the program, trying to prevent others from coming down the path they traveled, has given them hope, Duff said.

Paying for programs

The Detour program is short on funds. Money comes from the participating counties and from federal grants, Duff said. Each county pays a sum relating to its population. Ada County, the only county outside the Magic Valley participating in the program, withdrew two years ago. While Ada County was contributing a large amount of money, not many children from the county were in the program. The county would like to participate, but only if it can pay on a per-ard basis, Duff said. He is looking for grants to fill the hole left by Ada's withdrawal.

If people want to support programs like Detour they should encourage legislators to look for alternative funding for juvenile corrections, Duff said.

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Transplant

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and catch serial killers. None of what she has done or plans to do would have been possible without the support of her family, friends and the community at large, she said.

The strong bond of affection between O'Gorman and her mother, Dee Packer, was evident as they relaxed at home together.

Packer said that first she and then her son, Rod O'Gorman, each gave a kidney to Tracie

O'Gorman during the transplants. "I was the best match. But she rejected my kidney and kept her brother's, so I guess she's an ungrateful child," Packer said jokingly.

"She's our miracle child," Packer said, turning to give her daughter a hug. "We say she's our multi-million dollar baby."

Along with her brother and mother, Tracie O'Gorman said the help of her father, Ernie O'Gorman, and a member of her extended family was pivotal.

Her mother's employers, Twin Falls doctors Allan Frost, Robert Welch and Scott Allan, were also helpful, she said.

And the countless people who sent love and support from Twin Falls were a key to success, she said.

Packer said the community concern still has not waned. "I think somebody asks me about how Tracie is doing almost every day," she said.

It was difficult leading and supporting her child through an

almost unimaginable series of trials, Packer said. But it was Tracie O'Gorman herself who was the center of strength, she said.

"Tracie made it all simple. She was always so positive, she was always smiling. She never said, 'Why me?'"

More than anything, Tracie O'Gorman said the whole experience taught her to be thankful for all the people she had on her side.

"I've really lucked out."

Search and rescue finds snowmobilers

The Times-News
ALBION - Two snowmobilers returned home safely Friday after spending a night in a snowstorm.
 Heyburn residents Gudalupe Silvas and Robert Salazar left for a snowmobiling trip near Pomerelle Mountain Resort Thursday, and did not return that night. Pomerelle Silvas was the first to call the Cassia County Sheriff's Office at 10:05 p.m. to report her

husband had not come home, said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins.
 Six patrolers located the men's vehicle at a snowmobile area near Pomerelle Thursday night. Cassia County Search and Rescue squad members and members of the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club headed to the mountain to begin searching for the men, but a heavy snowstorm halted the search until Friday morning.

Members of the lost men's families joined the team on Mount Harrison Friday morning. A family member heard shouting and led the searchers to the two men, Higgins said.
 Both men were in good health. Neither had suffered frostbite or hypothermia. The sheriff's report says the men had rolled one snowmobile and the other machine had become stuck in the snow.

Scores

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 Still, the few improved test scores are thanks to the implementation of a variety of programs, which include Accelerated Reading, 50-in-a-minute math test, Sixton Math Series and the Waterford Reading, he said.
 Since the start of the ITBS and TAP as just one measure in a multiplicity of tests, he's not going to mourn their loss. Instead, he does have concern for the proposed "high-stakes" test which students will be required to take to move onto the next grade.
 "I hope that our state looks at that and not go overboard and take a moderate view," he said.

Minidoka
 All grades save one - sixth grade - in the Minidoka County School District scored below the national average.

"Our scores are totally unacceptable," said superintendent Nick Hallett. "We have a great deal of work to do."

Hallett said it's primarily the limited-English speaking students and migratory students - 38 percent of the student body - who are dragging the scores down, he said. Nearly half of his students are considered poverty status.

"What's worse, many of those students return home to Mexico for Christmas and often don't return until March. Some leave as early as Thanksgiving, he said.
 "They miss a good portion of the school year," he said.

"Yes, Hallett said his district will move forward unafraid by aligning its curriculum with the state's standards to improve learning.
 "We want to make sure we're in synch," he said.
 The district has received \$150,000 in state funding as part of the standards project to develop an implement the curriculum.

Doing that will increase accountability, he said, adding that it's not enough to just look at the bad scores and then do nothing about it.
 Additionally, aligning the curriculum will allow better assessment of students' learning.
 "I expect to see real progress," he said.

Hansen

Hansen School District scored above average across the board, and in some instances well-above average. In fact, the third-grade score tied Twin Falls School District for highest in the region, with school norms falling in the 89th percentile, student norms in the 75th percentile.

Superintendent Dennis Coulter gave his staff all the credit.
 "Our strength lies within our dedicated staff that wants to see the best for our kids," he said.

Unlike some districts, Coulter emphasized that his schools don't teach for the test, and see it merely as a small indicator of weaknesses and gaps in learning.

Hence, he's not going to miss the test since his schools are more committed to teaching a wide variety of subjects that the test doesn't always completely measure, he said.

"We feel we're producing an all-around student," he said. "The essential knowledge is still there."

Hagerman

Hagerman School District scored generally at or above the national average.

The exceptions, in student norms, are the fourth grade, in the 37th percentile; ninth grade, in the 46th percentile; and 11th

grade, in the 43rd percentile.
 "I'm very, very proud of the scores this year," said superintendent Lee Mitchell.

Since his arrival four years ago, his district has made a 20 percentage-point gain.

Some creative incentive went into that dramatic improvement, Mitchell tells his K-6 students that if they'll read enough books to score 20,000 on the Accelerated Reading program, he'll do whatever they want. Each book is worth a certain value and a 10-question quiz is administered upon finishing each book.

The first year, Mitchell had his head shaved by the top two readers and last year he had to sing a ballad in front of the whole assembly. There's talk of having the teachers dye their hair blue this time around. The idea has paid off, as grades 3-7 scored above the national average.

A weak area among students that he's hoping to improve involves the sources-of-information section, which measures skills in map reading, diagramming and library resources.

Buhl

Buhl School District scores were mixed, with grades 3-5 scoring below national average while grades 6-11 scored above.

"We're happy with math; we're disappointed with reading and language scores," said superintendent Richard Hill.

Indeed, math scores were above average for all grades, including with seventh grade's 81st school norm percentile, while grades 3-6 struggled well-below average in language, the third bottoming at the 21st school norm percentile.

But he said there are new programs in place which should result in higher scores.

Student improvement days are designed for teachers and administrators to get together on days when students are away from school to develop ways to enhance the student's education.

He said he's never been in favor of norm-based testing such as the ITBS and TAP and will embrace levels testing when implemented.

Blaine

Blaine School District is one of a handful across the state that's piloting the proposed level tests. Last fall, the ITBS and TAP were only administered to grades 3, 5, 7 and 11.

All scores fell well above the national average with all school norms falling in the 60s.

"Our scores are still very solid," said superintendent Jim Lewis.
 "We feel very good about them but we've been trying to switch over to the levels testing."

The students did exceptionally well with the advanced-skills portion of the test, ranging from 56th to 80th school norm percentiles among the grades that tested.

The district has had high results by staying on top of each student's progress, as well as having aligned the curriculum with the standardized tests in 1995, he said.

Lewis said he likes what he's seen of levels testing so far. Because levels testing is given at the beginning and end of each school year, it's easy to measure a student's academic growth as well as how much is lost over the summer. In addition, it facilitates new student placement by making immediate assessments.

However, he said he's not ready to give the ITBS and TAP tests up quite yet, adding that the district will decide on the tests' fate this spring.

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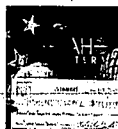
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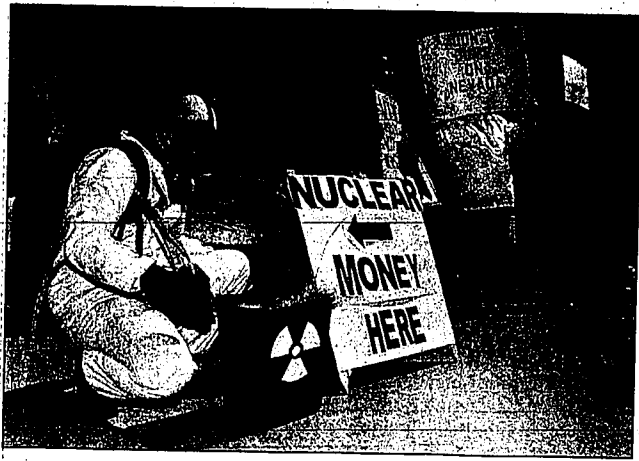
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Yucca Man Pat Blankenship leans over his 'radioactive waste' container, filled with dry ice and water, during a protest held by the Nevada Democratic Party at the main entrance of the Tournament Hills subdivision in Las Vegas Thursday. The group was protesting the position of U.S. Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, as a Yucca Mountain supporter. Armey was at a fundraiser held inside the gated community to benefit the Republican Party of Nevada.

Air Force retiree from Rexburg beats odds to publish thriller

REXBURG (AP) - They tell you to write what you know, whether your knowledge is as broad as nature or as narrow as upholstery with Naugahyde.

Robert L. Jones, a Rexburg resident for the past six years, drew on 20 years of experience in the U.S. Air Force and 13 years as an employee of a U.S. defense contractor to write "An Enemy of My Enemy," a fictional war thriller set in the Middle East.

Jones, a graduate of the Air War College and the Air Force Institute of Technology, retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel after 20 years of service to accept a military planning job with BDM International, a U.S. defense contractor.

"For 13 years, including the Gulf War, he was vice president of the company's operations in Saudi Arabia, where he worked closely with that country's military leaders in training Saudi forces in the use and maintenance of their U.S.-purchased military equipment.

When he and his wife Carmelita, a Filipino national working in Saudi Arabia, finally left the country, "I felt like I was leaving home, rather than returning home," he said.

The trail Jones' manuscript followed from the time he finished it to the time it was published by greatunpublished.com, an online publishing firm based in Charleston, S.C., is nearly as intricate as his military and civilian experiences.

"It used to be you could take a manuscript straight to a publisher and have them take a look," Jones said.

But with authors popping out of every profession and walk of life, publishers became swamped and urged writers to work through agents. Then the agents became swamped.

"My manuscript got sent back unread, with notes saying, 'Sorry, we've got too many clients already,'" Jones said.

Discouraged, he shelved it for about a year. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, however, friends who'd read the manuscript urged him to try to get it published again.

It's certainly timely. His plot follows two retired Air Force enlistees, one a specialist in organization and military planning - "a

'ground-pounder,' like I was," Jones said, and a hotshot pilot, recruited reluctantly to head an operation to destroy three weapons of mass destruction Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has aimed at Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

This time, he took a different track. After studying a handful of online publishing firms open to untried authors, he interviewed three or four firms before settling on greatunpublished.com, which has published about 500 works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and essay collections in about two years.

"If I'd stuck with traditional publishers, Jones thinks his book would have been, in military parlance, "OBE. Overcome by Events," as general reader interest in such a thriller faded as the terrorist attacks became a distant memory.

"When I wrote the book, I had no intention of making money on it," he said. "I wanted the self-satisfaction of accomplishing this little goal I had of publishing this book. It's a good feeling to have done something like this, and to have people enjoy it."

The ex-military man has Rexburg connections, thanks to Ricks College - now BYU Idaho, where six of his wife Carmelita's

brothers and sisters attended school after coming to the United States from the Philippines.

Washington interests weigh on Idaho water case

SPOKANE (AP) - Washington residents will be allowed to argue against a proposed power plant across the border in Idaho that threatens to use up a large amount of the drinking water for Spokane County.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources on Friday ruled against the power company, which had asked that

Washington interests not be considered in a hearing on use of water from the Rathdrum Aquifer to cool the plant.

"This is a fair decision," said Rachael Paschal Osborn, lead attorney for the groups protesting the water right application. "The protestors have the right to put on their case as they think best."

The Spokane Valley-Rathdrum-Prairie Aquifer is the sole source of drinking water for 400,000 people in Idaho and Washington.

North Idaho Power LLC, a subsidiary of giant Cogentrix Energy, has proposed a plant near Rathdrum that would draw water from an aquifer shared by the two states.

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Celebrities, including singer Peter Cetera and actor Adam "Batman" West, will sign the Relay Corvette Signature Car and with former Olympians will greet the public in the showroom at the Randy Hansen Chevrolet dealership on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

West Coast Hotel
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Reception for United States Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights", open to the public.

Saturday, January 26

BLUE LAKES AND POLE LINE "FOUR CORNER" site

- Interactive sites and booths for kids, w/hands-on activities
- International Food Festival
- VIP guests, including former Olympians from southern Idaho, political dignitaries and celebrities.
- An ice skating rink in the parking lot between McDonalds and the Dell Computer Corp. building, weather permitting.
- Entertainment in a giant tent, featuring the music of:

8:00 am - Aberdine	3:00 pm - Redshift
8:45 am - High Risk	4:05 pm - Elvis Impersonator
10:30 am - Standards	5:00 pm - Mark Lindsay (Original lead singer for Paul Revere and the Raiders)
11:15am - Thronloki	6:15 pm - Eddy Haskell
12:30 pm - Renegade	7:15 pm - Cobalt Blue
1:20 pm - Breached	
2:10 pm - Cold Shot	

LYNWOOD SHOPPING CENTER 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Breakfast for the public with a breakfast sandwich and coffee or hot cider for \$3.00. Proceeds go to Magic Valley Safe House.

United States Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights" skydiving from 12,500 feet, performing a 35-minute show and landing in the center of the Lynwood parking lot on the Filer Avenue side.

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The Second Jump - Around 2:00 pm to end the festivities.

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WEST

Debate rages over burned Sierra forests: Dead or alive?

RENO, Nev. (AP) - The Forest Service has suspended plans for salvage logging of fire-killed trees in the Sierra after an appeal by environmentalists who say the agency is exploiting loopholes to clearcut healthy old-growth forests.

Forest Service officials expect most of the salvage operation to resume in two national forests northwest of Lake Tahoe, part of ongoing effort throughout the West to remove dead timber to reduce future fire threats.

They say the appeal was granted to gather more information on the effect on the California spotted owl, not because of violations of federal forest protection measures.

Opponents say the Forest Service got caught.

They say the agency is exaggerating fire damage estimates in the forests along the Pacific Crest Trail to dodge environmental restrictions so it can harvest more so-called dead and dying trees - some older than 200 years and bigger than 3-feet in diameter.

"This is very high quality old-growth forest, nesting habitat for the California spotted owl, and they are talking about virtually clearcutting it under the guise of salvaging fire-scorched trees," said Chad Hanson of Grass Valley, Calif., director of the John Muir Project, an affiliate of the Earth Island Institute.

Hanson and others challenging the logging say the Storrie fire that burned two summers ago through the rugged mountains of the Plumas and Lassen national forests caused far less damage than the Forest Service claims.

"Most of these trees are not dead," Hanson said. "Many are not even visibly burned."

Forest Service officials have heard the charges before. They say they are confident of their assessments as well as their belief the forest will benefit if some of the trees are cut, about 70 million board feet worth - enough lumber to build 7,000 typical three-bedroom homes.

"It is restoration work. There is no guise to it," said Ed Cole, supervisor of the Lassen National Forest where most of the Storrie fire salvage project is planned.

"People are painting a picture like we are denuding the forest. It was a 45,000-acre fire and we are only looking at a project area of about 3,500 acres. And it's not like we are removing every tree from those 3,500 acres," he said.

Part of the disagreement centers on the difficulty of determining when a tree is dead.

"You can have a green tree standing out there that is a dead tree," Cole said.

Opponents say the Forest Service is using faulty standards to gauge the scorching of tree crowns, the damage to the tree's inner skin known as the cambium and the extent to which those calculations relate to whether a tree is really dead.

"These trees have survived many, many scorches over their life. They have very thick bark. To say they only look alive, they are really dead, is absolutely ridiculous," Hanson said.

The dispute is part of a larger debate that has raged for years over whether logging helps or hurts a forest after wildfires or insect infestations. Scientists have argued before Congress on both sides.

Environmentalists argue that if the Forest Service was true to its claim that the health of the forest is the priority, it should wait a few years to see if the scorched trees die. "What's the rush?" Hanson asked.

But agency officials and leaders of the timber industry counter that the wood will not lose its market value, and add to the build-up of fuels that stoke future fires.

"The commercial logging aspect of it is one way to remove the fuel from these acres where somebody actually pays the federal government to do it," Cole said.

"If you don't remove it this way, sooner or later it will be removed at taxpayer expense. We'll have to pay hard money to haul the stuff, pile it and burn it."

"Right now we have a commercially viable project but we are into the second year and deterioration comes on pretty fast in the second year," he said.

An increasing percentage of the Forest Service's timber operation has been in salvage operations the past decade, while the logging of green trees has declined dramatically, from about 12 billion board feet nationally in 1990 to about 2 billion board feet last year.

"The Forest Service is trying to get the vast majority of its logging projects out everywhere through post-fire salvage sales."



Officials from the U.S. Forest Service, the John Muir Project and the Sierra Club examine trees marked by the forest service for removal in the Storrie Project area of the Lassen National Forest, northeast of Chico, Calif., in August.

Hanson said. "Basically, any time a fire burns the Forest Service goes in and says, 'The entire area has been incinerated and there is no more habitat for things like spotted owls or the Pacific fisher and so we can log the hell out of it.'"

Phil Aune, a vice president of the industry's California Forestry Association who worked 35 years for the Forest Service, accused Hanson and others of abusing the appeal process to delay salvage projects.

"The tactic is the same with every major wildfire across the Western United States - delay long enough so the economic value goes away," said Aune, former director of forest management and research at an agency lab in Redding, Calif.

"I find it quite ironic that if you remove just one tree by harvesting it they say you will have a great effect on the California spotted owl but if hundreds of trees are killed by a fire, it can still be considered California spotted owl habitat," he said.

Although the Forest Service's regional office granted the environmentalists' appeal, a spokesman said officials there share Cole's belief that the majority of the proposed salvage operation will go forward.

Cole expects the revised environmental assessment to be completed by the end of the month and a decision issued in February, also subject to appeal.

Environmentalists warn the agency could be in for a court battle. "There will have to be a dramatic reduction in the logging levels," Hanson said. "If they are going to break the law, we will sue them."

BLM says wells won't harm environment

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) - A proposal to drill eight natural-gas wells on land within and adjacent to the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument would not harm the environment or wildlife, a federal analysis concludes.

The Bureau of Land Management environmental analysis, made public Thursday, says the proposed wells on existing federal

leases should be approved, as long as efforts are made to mitigate any potential environmental effects.

"Allowing companies to develop leases that pre-existed the monument designation is consistent with both the monument proclamation and with our interim management guidance for the area," said BLM's state director, Mat Millenbach.

The agency intends to take public comment on its analysis for a month and will issue a final decision whether to approve the wells at a later date.

The wells are in an area on the eastern end of the Missouri Breaks monument, known as the Bullwacker Coulee, an area of unique rock formations, steep cliffs and forested slopes along the Missouri River.

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 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, French fries, cookie
 Thursday: Slippy Joes, chips, pickles, dessert
 Friday: Pizza day, fruit, dessert

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Breakfast menu
 Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day
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 Tuesday: French toast sticks, maple syrup
 Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Thursday: Hot oatmeal, toast
 Friday: Donuts
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day
 Monday: Finger steak, barbecue sauce, French fries, fruit, cookie
 Tuesday: Hot ham sandwich, chips, colelaw, brownie
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread stick
 Thursday: Fish nuggets, tartar sauce, French fries, fruit, Teddy Grahams
 Friday: Chili, crackers, carrot sticks, applesauce, cinnamon twist

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served every day
 Monday: Donuts
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Pancakes
 Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
 Friday: Muffins
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Nachos grande
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Chicken burrito
 Thursday: Roast buffalo, potatoes, gravy
 Friday: Taco

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Milk served every day
 Monday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, hot roll, pudding
 Tuesday: Turkey sandwich, potato wedges, mixed fruit
 Wednesday: Taco salad, tossed salad, bread sticks, peaches
 Thursday: Macaroni and cheese, peas, carrots, pear
 Friday: No school

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Sandwich wraps
 Thursday: Finger sticks
 Friday: Corn dogs

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice
 Wednesday: Yogurt, toast, fruit, juice
 Thursday: French toast, bacon, fruit, juice
 Friday: Long Johns, cereal, fruit, juice
 Lunch menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Lasagna, salad, fruit
 Tuesday: Chicken patties, potatoes, gravy, rolls, corn
 Wednesday: Stromboli, potato wedges, fruit
 Thursday: Tuna sandwich, potato chips, fruit
 Friday: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
 Monday: Mini corn dogs, French fries, orange halves, granola bars
 Tuesday: Taco salad, peaches, cinnamon rolls
 Wednesday: Dippy day
 Thursday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken, corn, milk
 Friday: Italian sausage pizza, vegetables with dip, ice cream sundae

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Tostada, bread stick, salsa, peaches
 Tuesday: Deli sandwich, potato puffs, pickle spear, pudding
 Wednesday: Fettuicene, carrots, rolls, peas
 Thursday: Chicken party, potatoes, gravy, whole wheat roll, fruit Jell-O
 Friday: Chili, crackers, cinnamon rolls, applesauce

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day

Monday: Tostada, bread stick, fruit and vegetable bar
 Tuesday: Deli sandwich, potato puff, fruit and vegetable bar
 Wednesday: Fettuccine, roll, fruit and vegetable bar
 Thursday: Beef ranch rap, potato puff, fruit and vegetable bar
 Friday: Chicken nuggets, fruit and vegetable bar, cinnamon rolls

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Chicken nugget, fried rice, chilled apricot, bread sticks
 Thursday: Deli sandwich, mini granola, school boy apple, Rice Krispie cookie
 Friday: Soft shell taco, seasoned corn, chilled applesauce

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Burritos, corn, peas, chocolate
 Tuesday: Pocket sandwich, chips, mixed vegetables, peaches
 Wednesday: Potato bar, sliced bread, fruit cookie
 Thursday: Oven-fried chicken, biscuits, green beans, apricots
 Friday: Pig in a blanket, cooked carrots, applesauce, Jell-O

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Pancakes
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Cereal, apple juice, toast, jelly
 Thursday: Pancake on a stick, mixed fruit
 Friday: Cereal, applesauce, warm bread
 Lunch menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, salad, peas, soft pretzel
 Thursday: Fiesta Ole burrito, potato wedges, peaches, fruit snacks
 Friday: Ham and cheese hot pocket, salad bar or hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, banana, pudding cup

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: No school
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Tost
 Thursday: Baked potato
 Friday: Italian dinners

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Cereal, apple juice, toast, jelly
 Thursday: Pancake on a stick, mixed fruit
 Friday: Cereal, applesauce, warm bread
 Lunch menu
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit salad, dinner roll
 Thursday: Beef lasagna, seasoned corn, Italian bread
 Friday: Grilled chicken wrap, potato chips, orange slices, trail mix

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday: Cheeseburger, tater tots, apple, cookie
 Tuesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, California blend vegetables, hot roll, peaches
 Wednesday: Pizza, bread sticks, pizza sauce, salad
 Thursday: Pancakes, hash brown potatoes, sausage patty, orange wedges
 Friday: Vegetable beef soup, cheese sticks, fruit, cookie

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day.
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: No school
 Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or hamburger, French fries, chilled peas, trail mix
 Thursday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or pasta bar, salad, applesauce, French bread
 Friday: Potato bar, deli sandwich or Little Caesar's pizza, vegetables, ranch dip, banana, bread stick, pizza sauce

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All elementary
 Lunch menu
 Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Mini corn dogs, fries, vegetable, fruit
 Tuesday: Baked potato bar
 Wednesday: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll
 Thursday: No school

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available

GLENN FERRY

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese or salad bar
 Wednesday: Chicken roll-ups, potato bar or pizza
 Thursday: Cheeseburger, fries, salad bar or meatball submarine sandwich
 Friday: Idaho nachos, salad

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, fruit, vegetable, whole wheat roll
 Wednesday: Hamburger, oven fries, fruit, cookie
 Thursday: Pizza, salad bar, fruit, fruit turnover
 Friday: Rib-bone, tater tots, salad bar, fruit

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, link sausage, toast, butter
 Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, toasted bagel, jam
 Wednesday: Choice of juice, choice of cereal, yogurt, muffin
 Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast
 Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rolls, French toast, Polish sausage, syrup
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Tacos, corn, chilled peas, chocolate fudge cake, salsa

Tuesday: Breaded chicken sandwich, peas, carrots, sliced peaches, chocolate pudding
 Wednesday: Nachos, carrot sticks and dip, banana, cinnamon roll
 Thursday: Hamburger, tater tots, apple slices or applesauce, oatmeal cookie
 Friday: Sen burger, fries, grapes or fruit cocktail, Sunbeam lemon bar

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Rice, chicken burrito, green beans, vitamin peary or strawberries, over cake
 Wednesday: Turkey slice or pork tenderloin, stuffing, gravy, California blend vegetables, apple or cherry crisp
 Thursday: Hot ham and cheese, french fries, pizza pocket, hash brown potatoes, oranges or peaches
 Friday: Chili dogs, salad, grapes, peaches

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served every day
 Monday: Cereal, cherry pie
 Tuesday: French toast, sausage
 Wednesday: Cereal, Pop-Tarts
 Thursday: Pancakes, hash brown
 Friday: Cereal, toast
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Cheeseburger, baked fries, crisp rice bar, oranges
 Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, salad, bar, cookie, mixed fruit
 Wednesday: Hard-shell taco, lettuce, cheese, salsa, green beans, maple bar, peaches
 Thursday: Hot dog, baked fries, cinnamon twist
 Friday: Bean burrito, green beans, cake, peaches

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day

Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Idaho nachos, salsa, peas, chocolate chip bar cookie
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, barbecue sauce, rolls, peaches
 Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, pineapple, salad, ranch dressing, Rice Krispie treats
 Friday: Corn dog, potato puffs, sugar cookie, oranges

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Menu for available
 Tuesday: Menu for available
 All schools serve milk with meals

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal, graham crackers, juice
 Tuesday: Cherry pie bar, applesauce
 Wednesday: Scrambled egg, hash brown patty, toast
 Thursday: Breakfast on a stick, peas
 Friday: Cereal, muffin, juice
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken patty, potato wedges, pear
 Tuesday: Lasagna, tossed salad, bread sticks, peaches
 Wednesday: Hamburger, french fries, french fry cup, salad bar
 Thursday: Eschilleda, green beans, apple, peanut butter cookie
 Friday: Deli sandwich, tortilla chips, peaches

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Tuesday: Pancakes, sausage, peas
 Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, fruit mix
 Thursday: Yogurt, toast, peaches
 Friday: Hot cereal, muffin, fruit
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 Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
 Monday: Coney dogs, tater tots, fruit mix, turnover
 Tuesday: Student's choice
 Wednesday: Deli sandwich, soup, fruit, cookie
 Thursday: Nachos, refried beans, fruit mix, cookie
 Friday: Spaghetti, salad, peas, French roll

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 Chocolate milk served every day
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 Tuesday: Nachos, corn, applesauce
 Salad bar, Mini corn dogs
 Wednesday: Hamburger, burrito or cheeseburger, fries, fruit cup, Salad bar, Ham and cheese sandwich
 Thursday: Pizza or cheese square, green beans, peaches, Salad bar, Chicken nuggets, roll
 Friday: Chicken malibu or tuna on a bun, tater tots, orange half, Pizza or salad bar, Crispito

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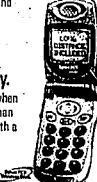
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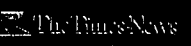
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SPORTSQUOTE

“I almost feel guilty playing against them.”

—Michael Jordan, after facing his former team the Chicago Bulls on Saturday

TRIVIA QUESTION

Who holds the NFL playoff record for pass completions in a game?

.....answer below

IN BRIEF

ISDB hoops tourney starts Monday

GOODING - The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind will host a basketball tourney starting Monday.

The school expects about 250 participants to attend from several states, along with their families.

ISDB is located at 1450 Main St. in Gooding.

District 4 seeks football commissioner

GLENN'S FERRY - The District 4 activities association is accepting applications for its football commissioner position. Interested parties need to contact Len Penner with a letter of application and a resume to P.O. Box 475, Glenn's Ferry, ID 83623 or e-mail at fdaleen@aol.com. Penner can also be reached by phone at 208-366-7957.

Buhl Legion holds meeting Jan. 28

BUHL - An organizational meeting for the Buhl American Legion baseball program will be held on Monday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at Buhl High School.

For more information, call Ryan Bobo at 543-8262.

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TRIVIA ANSWER

Warren Moon of Houston, 36, against Buffalo in 1992, overtime



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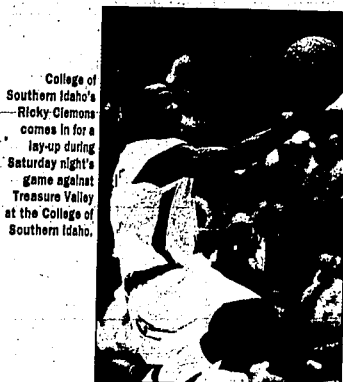


Countdown to the Salt Lake City Olympics

19 days until Opening Ceremony

6 days until the Torch arrives in Twin Falls

The Torch Tour: The Olympic flame tours Lake Tahoe on Sunday and returns to Squaw Valley, site of the 1980 Winter Games. The torch starts the day in Carmichael, Calif., then travels through Helgita, Truckee and Olympic Valley before heading into Nevada at Incline Village. It ends the day back in California, at South Lake Tahoe. March to the Medals: U.S. Olympic speedskater Chris Witty has mononucleosis, which she says accounts for her lagging performance lately. Witty withdrew from the world sprint championships in Norway on Friday after learning of the test results. She hopes to recover before the Olympics, having qualified to compete in the 500, 1,000 and 1,500 meters.



College of Southern Idaho's Ricky Clemons comes in for a lay-up during Saturday night's game against Treasure Valley at the College of Southern Idaho.

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CSI wins ugly over TVCC

Eagles remain unbeaten in SWAC

By Kevin Hall, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - All it took was a technical foul.

Tony Bobbitt's technical foul for throwing an inadvertent elbow with 9:18 to go sparked a lethargic College of Southern Idaho on a 9-1 run en route to a 95-76 victory over Scenic West Athletic Conference travel partner Treasure Valley Community College Saturday night in the CSI gymnasium.

Tim Ellis led four Golden Eagles in double figures with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Ellis was just one of three Golden Eagles who posted

double-doubles.

Ricky Clemons chipped in 19 points and 10 assists, Yakhoubia Diawara added 14 points and 13 rebounds and Bobbitt finished with 16 points as CSI (17-2, 7-0 SWAC) won its 11th straight game and sixth in a row over Treasure Valley (10-8, 1-6), which was led by the 18 points of Maurice Thomas.

Despite the win, CSI head coach Guy Beach was disturbed by the Eagles' lack of effort up to the technical foul. "We stunk the gym up tonight," Beach said. "It was very disappointing and very embarrassing to come out and play like that."

Devoid of any energy early on, CSI seemed to just go through the motions, clinging to a lead of seven to nine points throughout. Occasionally the Eagles, who committed 21 turnovers but outrebounded TVCC

51-34, would pick-up the tempo when called upon. But the Chukars managed to keep CSI at bay with their sleepy halfcourt game and CSI's inability to sustain any momentum.

"Credit Treasure, they came out and played hard," Beach said. "It was a basketball game until late. Yeah, we won by 20, but it's hard to find anything positive about the game."

Matt Peterson hit the second of two free throws after Bobbitt's technical as CSI's lead stood at six at 65-59. That seemed to energize the Eagles, who made the 9-1 run for the 74-60 lead, that the Chukars couldn't answer.

It was the first regular season appearance at CSI for the Bobcats, who head to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges next season. Maybe having a week off hampered

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The senator of Bruin hoops

Andy Toolson turned potential into reality

By Joe Sumner, Times-News writer

PROVO, Utah - Andy Toolson's latest stop in his basketball odyssey has a similar feel to his previous sojourns—First he gets a break, then he makes the most of the opportunity.

It wasn't by accident that the sweet-shooting guard out of Twin Falls ended up at Brigham Young University, but it wasn't entirely by design either.

Toolson was heavily recruited by the University of Utah and Utah State University as a senior, but Idaho's 1984 Mr. Basketball and Converse All-America selection was little more than a blip on the Cougars' recruiting radar until fate stepped in.

"When I was in seventh grade my cousin married Danny Ange," Toolson said. "So we came to Provo a lot when I was in junior high and high school. We followed BYU and I didn't know if they were going to recruit me."

As a senior, Toolson hit for 42 points in an overtime win against Pocatello with a few members of the Cougars coaching staff on hand. The total set a Bruin single-game scoring record and it was also good enough to wrap up a scholarship offer. His older brother, Tom, also played football for the Cougars.

"My senior year they finally came down to see me and I played the best game I ever played in high school," Toolson said. "Two days later they offered me a scholarship. It was an easy decision."

Toolson, take two
This is the last of a two-part series on former Twin Falls High graduate Andy Toolson, now an assistant coach at BYU. Part one ran on Saturday. Today: An Idaho kid doesn't forget his roots.

"I used to call him 'senator' because he was so affable. I thought someday he'd be in politics and become the president. His potential as a coach is limitless."

—John Astorquia, former T.F. coach

Baun and brawn

Toolson spent endless hours in Baun Gymnasium, shooting, dribbling and dreaming. His game was shaped by then-basketball

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Brigham Young assistant coach Andy Toolson jumps off the bench during a Cougar basketball game earlier this season. Toolson joined the Cougars' staff this year after an 11-year pro career. During his playing career at BYU he helped the Cougars to two NCAA tournament appearances and was named a GTE Academic All-American his senior season in 1990.

McNabb, Eagles bulldoze Bears

Philadelphia heads to NFC title game

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Donovan McNabb scrambled, ducked and used his quick feet to elude the Chicago Bears, turning his homecoming into a celebration for the Philadelphia Eagles.

"This is a feeling right now I somewhat can't explain," McNabb said Saturday after maneuvering the Eagles past the Bears 33-19, earning Philadelphia a trip to the NFC championship game.

"Coming back home and seeing family and friends yesterday, I knew today I just had to be focused on my job and that was going out, playing well and leading this team," said McNabb, who threw for two TDs and ran for another score.

"We've taken it one step farther than we did last year."

David Akers kicked four field

Divisional Playoffs

Today
• Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 10:30 a.m. (CBS)
• Green Bay at St. Louis, 2 p.m. (FOX)



goals and Philadelphia's rugged defense bottled up a Chicago offense crippled when quarterback Jim Miller was knocked out of the game in the second quarter because of a separated shoulder.

The Eagles, in the NFC championship game for the first time since January 1981, will face the winner of today's Green Bay-St. Louis game. The Bears, who gave up the fewest points in the league this season, head home, disappointed after winning the NFC Central and making their first playoff appearance since 1994.

McNabb, who grew up in the Chicago suburbs and once played in a prep championship at Soldier

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His Airness deflates in return to Chicago, Wizards win anyway

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - His statue sits in front of the arena. Playing in Chicago can never be just another game for Michael Jordan.

"I have too many memories," he said. "It's important for me not to come back and try to live up to that situation because that's tough. I may have a good game maybe the next time I come here."

But to try to compare the two eras or the two situations, it's very, very tough.

The struggle between past and present was clear Saturday as Jordan made his first trip to Chicago as a visiting player. The Washington Wizards beat the Chicago Bulls 77-69 - getting victory No. 19, matching their total from all of last season - but Jordan had about as bad a game as he's ever played.

He fought back 3 minutes, as fans gave him a thunderous, 2-minute ovation before the game, and he

More NBA - C5

didn't have much better luck containing his emotions the rest of the day. He had a career-high nine turnovers, and was just 7-of-21 from the floor for 16 points.

"When the crowd started that whole thing, it made it tough for me to play," Jordan admitted. "I had a tough time playing against Chicago. It's like playing a relative, in a sense. It's not as intense, you're not quite as motivated."

He did have 12 rebounds, four assists, two steals and two blocks, but this game will never make any of his many highlight reels.

Chicago wasn't any better, threatening the NBA record for lowest field goal percentage. This Bulls shot just 24.7 percent, just shy of the low of 22.9 shot by Milwaukee last year against Minnesota on Nov. 6, 1954.

Chris Whitney led the Wizards with 20 points. Ron Artest and Ron Mercer led the Bulls with 14 each.

Minico boys complete sweep of Bobcats

By Scott Thompson, Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Minico Spartan boys basketball team took care of some housework Saturday night and swept cross-river rival Burley 54-48, with senior forward Taylor Duncan leading the way with 18 points and 14 rebounds in the nonconference game.

It didn't look good early though for the Spartans (9-4), who fell behind 14-7 after the first quarter as the Bobcats looked to avenge a 67-54 loss on Dec. 13.

However, Duncan kept Minico in the game with all seven of the Spartans' points.

"I thought we came out a little flat," Spartan coach Mike Graefe said. "But I am real pleased to come out of here with the win. Especially considering how we started."

The victory ended a long week for the Bobcats (7-7), who thrashed Declo and Twin Falls in contests earlier in the week.

"I think they got tired," Graefe said. "But then we got tired, too." The Bobcats didn't relinquish the lead until 1:04 remaining in the third quarter when Minico sophomore guard Travis Noble hit a 3-pointer to put the Spartans up 38-36 to head into the fourth.

From there, it was nearly all Spartans as Minico opened the fourth quarter with an 11-3 run sparked by senior guard Ryan Hapworth, who started the period with a lay-up on a steal and assist by Saul Garcia and then hit a 3-pointer to get the team rolling.

The run effectively ended the game. "We knew they were playing well," Graefe said. "And it always feels good to win with a rivalry like this. You know it's going to be a dogfight."

Hapworth joined Duncan in double-figure scoring with 12 points and Cody Kole knocked in 10 for the Spartans.

Cole Nelson and Jacob Kay led the Bobcats with 10 apiece.

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NFL

Bears' Jauron edges Patriots' Belichick for coaching honor

The Associated Press

Dick Jauron showed the world how to handle being on the hot seat: win 13 games, a division title and The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award.

Jauron, who needed a winning season to impress new general manager Jerry Angelo and keep his job, led the Chicago Bears to the NFC Central crown and a first-round playoff bye. The Bears, 5-11 in 2000, had the stingiest defense in the league, allowing 203 points.

Their turnaround earned Jauron 24 votes from a nationwide panel of 40 media members who regularly cover the NFL. He edged New England's Bill Belichick, who had 19.5 votes in balloting held Saturday.

When Angelo was hired, there was strong conjecture that Jauron had little job security. But then the Bears started winning, compiling the league's second-best record.

"Our football team won 13 games," Jauron, who carried a 11-21 record into the season. "Any time a team has success, whether you're a player on the team, an assistant coach, the head coach, you get recognition. That's just how it works in our business."

"Sometimes it may not even be your best year, but the fact that as a team we put together 13 wins, these are the things that come out of it. Everybody gets recognized."

Jauron's players were thrilled for their coach, who joins "Papa Bear" George Halas (1963, 1965) and Mike Ditka (1985, 1988) as Chicago coaches who won the AP award.

"I'm happy for Coach Jauron," said Mike Brown, Chicago's big-play safety and one of the key reasons the Bears made the playoffs for the first time since 1994 and won their division for the first time since 1990. "People have been really hard on him. He's the main reason we're here. He told us at the beginning of training camp that we weren't going to lose anymore. And we believed in him."



Chicago's head coach Dick Jauron walks the sidelines before the start of their NFC Divisional Playoff game against Philadelphia in Chicago. Jauron, winning 13 games and a divisional title, was selected as The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year on Jan. 10.

Jauron will take away a lucrative new contract from this season. He's not quite an icon the way Halas and Ditka were, but he now is among the town's most popular sportsmen. Winning does that, of course.

Belichick had to work extra hard to turn around the Patriots after they lost starting quarterback Drew Bledsoe to injury and top receiver Terry Glenn to suspension. He nurtured Tom Brady into a Pro Bowl quarterback, revived the career of several players - particularly running back Antowain Smith - and led New England (11-5) to the AFC East Championship.

Cowher, who has the most seniority with one team of any current coach, was third with four votes. Cowher led the Pittsburgh Steelers to the AFC Central title and best record in the conference.

San Francisco's Steve Mariucci received two votes, and Cleveland's Butch Davis got one-half vote.

Last year's winner was Jim Haslett of New Orleans.

Flaky finish

New England boots overtime field goal

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) - A steady snow whited out the field for Saturday night's playoff game between New England and the Oakland Raiders, but it wasn't the weather that gave the Patriots the home-field advantage.

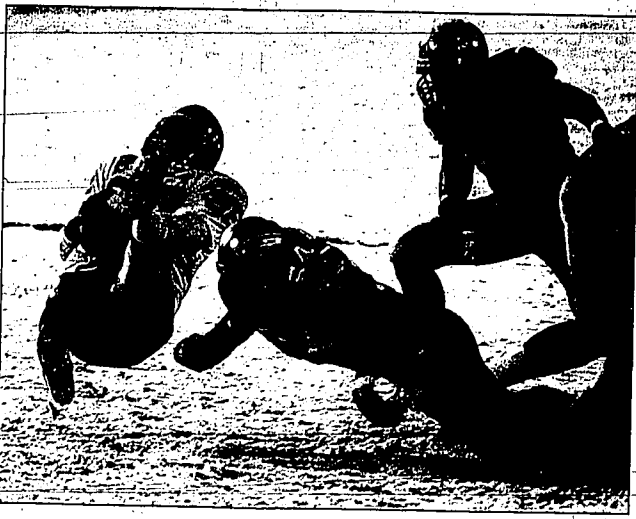
Several inches of snow fell during the afternoon and evening, freezing both offenses out of the game. But the key to the game was a call by the instant replay officials, who overruled an apparent fumble by Tom Brady and gave New England the chance to send the game into overtime tied at 13.

Adam Vinatieri's 23-yard field goal on the first drive of overtime gave the Patriots a 16-13 win to send them into the AFC championship game.

The field was covered with snow well before the game started, though members of the field crew armed with blowers cleared the lines during breaks in the game. The most obvious impact of the snow was in the first half when Raiders safety Derrick Gibson apparently lost track of where he was on the field and crouched down in the end zone and let a punt roll to him, instead of downing it on the 1-yard line.

The scene was reminiscent of the Dec. 12, 1982, "Snowplow Game," when Mark Henderson, a convict on work release, used a snowplow to clear a spot for Tom Smith to kick the winning field goal in New England's 3-0 victory over the Miami Dolphins.

Late in the game, a fan hit one of the television announcers with a snowball, and he dutifully gave the play-by-play to the TV audience. "Somebody just hit me with a snowball, and I see



Patriots linebacker Tody Bruschi (54) cuts out the legs of Raiders runningback Zack Crockett as Patriots linebacker Roman Phifer enters the play during their AFC Divisional Playoff game at snowy Foxboro Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Saturday.

Somebody just hit me with a snowball, and I see who did it.

—Television announcer to TV audience

who did it," he said angrily. The temperature was in the 20s, and though the wind was supposed to be minimal it

picked up as the game went on. The weather enhanced the home-field advantage for the Patriots, who are 4-1 at home in the postseason; their only previous loss was to the Houston Oilers 31-14 in 1978.

New England has never lost in four snow games at Foxboro Stadium.

Oakland has lost five straight road playoff games dating to 1981. The Raiders haven't won a postseason game in a cold-weather city since beating Cleveland 14-12 in subzero tem-

peratures on Jan. 4, 1981.

When the Patriots played host to the AFC championship game in 1997, it was so cold that a transformer near the stadium exploded and knocked out the lights on the field.

But cold weather won't be a problem next year - at least for those on the field. Foxboro Stadium is being torn down to make room for a new, 68,000-seat stadium next door; it will have a state-of-the-art heating system underneath the field to melt snow and ice.

Ravens don't see Pittsburgh as roadblock to Super Bowl

By Alan Robinson
The Associated Press



PITTSBURGH - The road to the Super Bowl has been an express lane to victory for the Baltimore Ravens, one in which no stop is a final stop and every field becomes their home field.

Even now, heading into today's game at the Pittsburgh Steelers - the AFC's top-seeded team, the NFL's No. 1 defense and the champion of their division - the Ravens show no real indication nor nagging fear of defeat.

After all, the Ravens faced this very scenario last season in the AFC playoffs at Tennessee and won, and they were the only visiting team to win in Pittsburgh in the AFC's inaugural season. They are 4-0 in the playoffs away from PPN Stadium the last two seasons.

"What no one thinks is we can get it done playing on the road, winning on the road, getting back to the Super Bowl," safety Rod Woodson said. "We can see it, feel it, smell it."

The Ravens (11-6) might be a wild-card team but, in their minds, they are the team to beat.

The Steelers (13-3) think they are the team to beat. It's not just because they have a better record, the advantage of playing in one of the NFL's loud-

est stadiums and the confidence they've built over the course of an impressive season.

The Steelers look at the Ravens' No. 2-ranked defense, hailed a year ago as one of the best in NFL history, and think theirs is better. They look at the Ravens' offense, one that has become conservative and run-oriented, and think theirs is better, too.

They look at the confidence-spewing Ravens, who talk a good game and play an even better one, and they see a team they would hate to lose to - a team that, safety Lee Flowers said, they feel hatred for.

"They are the world champs and they know how to play in the playoffs and their defense is winning games, but they've got to prove that Sunday," Flowers said. "You can't sit around and tell us how good you are, you've got to show me how good you are."

"The experience they have, the road games, the hostile environ-

ments - they're proven," Steelers running back Jerome Bettis said. "You've got to beat the champ to become the champ."

If Bettis runs as he did while averaging nearly 100 yards per game for 11 games before injuring his groin, the Steelers might do exactly that. But he hasn't played exactly that - seven weeks ago - and he hasn't had a 100-yard game against Baltimore since 1997. He came close with 91 yards in the Ravens' 13-10 victory at Heinz Field on Nov. 4.

The Steelers dominated that game statistically, only to lose when Kris Brown missed four field-goal attempts.

Baltimore wouldn't have made it back to the playoffs if it hadn't won that game, and it won't make it back to the Super Bowl unless it wins in Pittsburgh again.

"Quite honestly, the game feels like it was three lifetimes ago," Ravens coach Brian Billicek said. "It's about this game and these circumstances. We've been down that road before."

So have the Steelers. This is the third time under coach Bill Cowher they've held home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, but they didn't get to the Super Bowl in the 1992 and 1994 seasons. Only one of the last seven top-seeded AFC teams - the 1998 Broncos - reached the Super Bowl.

over five minutes after Chicago's Ahmad Merritt took a handoff from Matthews and ran 47 yards for a TD.

It didn't last. McNabb hit a 9-yard pass on fourth down to Thomson and connected on a 14-yard to Chad Lewis. After splashing the ball to stop the clock, McNabb was at his elusive best.

He kept his feet moving, side-stepping the rush and then finally throwing a 13-yard TD to a wide open Martin with 14 seconds remaining.

Trailing 6-0, the Bears moved to the Eagles 25, but when Miller tried to lift a third-down pass to Dez White, Damon Moore intercepted at the 2.

During the return, Philly's Hugh Douglas threw Miller to the ground, separating the quarterback's throwing shoulder and changing the Bears' outlook.

lined up on the far end and when the Bears went to sleep and forgot to cover him, he easily took a pass from McNabb for a go-ahead 6-yard TD that made it 20-14 late in the quarter.

"He buys a lot of time," Bears coach Dick Jauron said of McNabb. "If his receivers are not open initially, he can buy time with his legs and his athleticism."

The Bears, with Shane Matthews filling in for Miller, managed only one offensive touchdown. Their defense got them a third-quarter lead when Jerry Azumah grabbed a deflected pass and raced for a 39-yard TD to put the Bears up 14-13.

McNabb led the Eagles on a 11-play, 69-yard drive in the final minute of the first half, scrambling out of a Bears rush and hitting Cecil Martin for a 13-yard TD with 14 seconds to go.

That put Philly up 13-7, just

Rams know Favre's capabilities

By Barry Winer
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - OK, OK. So the Rams average more than 31 points a game.

They have the league's most valuable player and its best offensive performer. They're playing at home on turf, exactly the elements for which they are built.

Their defense is peaking. Their confidence is soaring. They are rested after their NFL-best 14-2 record earned them the NFC West title and a first-round bye.

Why, then are the Green Bay Packers showing up today at the Dome at America's Center? Isn't the divisional playoff game a gimme for St. Louis?

The Rams know better. They know all about Brett Favre.

"He is well-known. It has always been that way," Rams cornerback Dexter McCleon said. "I was a quarterback myself, so I always studied Brett and admired Brett from his high school days to Southern Mississippi, all of the way to Atlanta and now through Green Bay."

"I am well aware of what he is capable of doing. I followed him all my life. He may not know that, but I've seen everything Brett is capable of doing."

Such as lifting a team to the summit at the right time. Favre has done it since 1994 in Green Bay.

He did it again last week in a 25-17 wild-card victory over San Francisco, making all kinds of big plays in the second half.

Favre, who won the league's MVP award from 1995-97 and is having yet another superb season, would add to his legacy by taking these Packers to their third Super Bowl since 1996.

The Rams don't plan to let that happen.

"Hopefully our pressure will make it a little harder for him to make the easy throws," McCleon said. "Brett is a guy that has made a ton of tough throws in his career. He has made every type of throw that you could look for. We've seen everything. ... Nothing he does surprises us."

Added All-Pro cornerback Aeneas Williams: "He is so confident that he is not afraid to attempt to get balls in situations



Green Bay's Brett Favre throws a pass in their NFC wild card playoff game against the 49ers on Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. Favre threw two touchdown passes as the Packers won 25-15.



Green Bay (13-4) at St. Louis (14-2), 2 p.m. (FOX)

that maybe somebody else wouldn't try to do it. He has had so much success doing it and his guys have come up with some big plays."

Among his guys is Antonio Freeman, who was a key to last week's victory after an ordinary regular season. The Favre-Freeman combination was a major cog in Green Bay's 1996 NFL title run and its conference championship the next season.

Freeman figures to see lots of Williams, which won't faze Favre. The quarterback will test anyone.

"I think I'm playing my best football right now," Favre said. In the last eight games, Favre has thrown 15 touchdown pass-

es and just three interceptions - his best two-month stretch since the Packers' championship season in 1996.

He ranks second in NFL history with TD passes in 11 straight playoff games.

Dan Marino holds the record at 13.

Freeman wants to be the guy Favre focuses on.

"It's my time of year," Freeman said. "I want to be the guy. If they say we need a play, they call on me. I want them to get on my back and ride it. If that's the case, fine. If not, whoever is hot, just ride them, and I love it, man."

Most likely, the Packers will be riding Favre. And the Rams will be trying to rope him in.

"He has the ability to put it in some tight situations," Williams said. "The thing is that we know Brett is going to throw the ball, the key now is when he throws it and we are around it, we need to come up with the ball. That is going to be a big key to winning this game."

Eagles

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Field, completed 26 of 40 passes for 262 yards and rushed for 37 more in the last game at the venerable Lakeland stadium before it undergoes a major renovation.

"I think Donovan showed that in the biggest games what he's all about. That's all part of his journey," said Philadelphia coach Andy Reid, whose team lost in the divisional playoffs a year ago.

"We just weren't on the field that much," Bears offensive tackle Blake Brockermeyer said.

"McNabb just killed us. We had him wrapped up many different times and the guy just made plays."

After the Bears sacked him for the first time in the third quarter, McNabb scrambled and hit Jeff Thomas for a 30-yard pass to the Chicago 10.

On second down, Duce Staley

SPORTS

No. 20 Bulldogs shock second-ranked Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jarvis Hayes scored 23 points and twin brothers Jonas had 15 as No. 20 Georgia upset No. 1 Florida, ending the Gators' school-record 14-game winning streak.

Fred Gibson, a two-sport star who reneged on an oral commitment to play football for Florida, hit all four of his free throws to help Georgia.

The Gators (15-3, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) seal the victory.

The Bulldogs (15-2, 4-1) lost at home for the first time since Georgia beat them 75-72 last season.

No. 1 Duke 103, No. 14 Wake Forest 80

DURHAM, N.C. — Jason Williams had 23 points, Dahntay Jones added 22 and Carlos Boozer had 20 and 18 rebounds as top-ranked Duke rolled over No. 14 Wake Forest 103-80 Saturday.

It was Duke's fourth straight ACC win in convincing fashion since a stunning loss to Florida State on Jan. 6.

No. 4 Kansas 74, No. 5 Oklahoma 67

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Drew Gooden scored 19 points and led a second-half run as No. 4 Kansas held off No. 5 Oklahoma in a game of wild momentum swings.

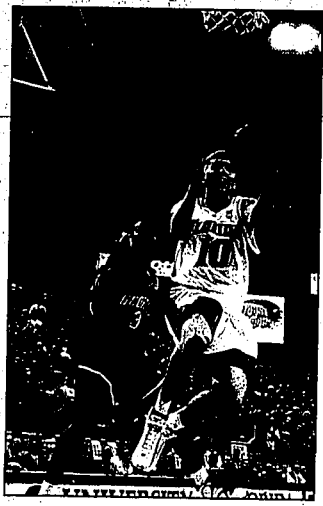
Unable to stop Eli Eze, the Jayhawks (15-2, 4-0 Big 12) almost let a 22-point lead slip away.

Nick Collison added 17 points and Kirk Hinrich had 15 as Kansas ended Oklahoma's 13-game winning streak. The Sooners (14-2, 3-1) fell to 7-38 at Allen Fieldhouse.

Texas Tech 94, No. 6 Oklahoma State 70

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech posted its biggest win yet under coach Norm Knight, beating Oklahoma State 94-70.

Emmett made 14-of-18 shots



Florida's Brett Nelson beats Georgia's Rashed Wright to score on a steal during their game Saturday in Gainesville, Fla.

and Andy Ellis added 26 points on 11-of-15 shooting. The Red Raiders (14-3, 3-2 Big 12) ended their nine-game losing streak against Oklahoma State (15-3, 2-3).

No. 7 Cincinnati 77, Louisville 50

CINCINNATI — Steve Logan scored 21 points and led an early run as No. 7 Cincinnati beat poor-shooting Louisville, extending the nation's longest winning streak to 17 games.

Cincinnati (5-0 Conference USA) improved to 17-1 for the fifth time in school history.

No. 15 Arizona 96, No. 9 UCLA 86

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona overcame No. 9 UCLA's record-shooting performance with an amazing comeback as the 15th-ranked

Wildcats (13-4, 6-2 Pac-10) rallied from 20 points down in the second half to win.

UCLA (13-4, 5-2) set a school mark by making 17 3-pointers in 33 attempts.

No. 12 Kentucky 72, Notre Dame 65

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Keith Bogans broke out of a four-game shooting slump, scoring 23 points to lead No. 12 Kentucky over Notre Dame.

Kentucky (12-4) has won eight straight against the Irish (12-5) and leads the all-time series 39-17.

No. 16 Alabama 85, Mississippi 73

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No. 18 USC 81, Arizona St. 73

TEMPE, Ariz. — Sam Clancy had 20 points and 12 rebounds as Southern California gained a split on its annual trip to the desert.

The Trojans (14-3, 6-1 Pac-10) had won nine straight before a 97-80 loss at Arizona on Thursday. But they kept a share of the conference lead by beating the Sun Devils (10-7, 3-5) for the seventh time in eight meetings.

No. 21 Missouri 92, Colorado 77

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Kareem Rush matched his season best with 29 points and No. 21 Missouri dominated in the first half of a victory over Colorado (10-5, 1-3 Big 12).

Arthur Johnson added 20 points and Rickey Paulding had 15 for Missouri (14-4, 4-1).

No. 24 Miami 102, Providence 96, OT

MIAMI — Darius Rice scored 32 points, including a basket near the end of regulation, and John Salmons and James Jones added 23 each, helping No. 24 Miami (17-2, 4-2 Big East) rally to an overtime victory against Providence (10-9, 1-4).

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Shaq-less Los Angeles breaks San Antonio 98-81

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kobe Bryant scored 17 of his 28 points in the second half to lead Shaq-less Los Angeles to a victory over San Antonio 98-81.

It was the teams' first game since last season's Western Conference finals, when the Lakers swept the Spurs in four games en route to their second straight NBA title.

The Lakers broke open what had been a closely played contest by outscoring the Spurs 29-18 and outrebounding them 12-4 in the fourth quarter.

Los Angeles went 2-1 during Shaquille O'Neal's three-game suspension for a fight against the Bulls last weekend. "The Lakers' center can return Tuesday against Denver."

Stanislav Medvedenko scored 12 points, and Derek Fisher 11 for the Lakers. Each Los Angeles player who saw action scored at least five points.

Charles Smith, starting for the injured Tony Parker, led San Antonio with 21 points, and Tim Duncan had 20 points and 15 rebounds.

76ers 97, Knicks 89

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 34 points and Dikembe Mutombo added a season-high 24 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as Philadelphia extended its New York's losing streak to seven games.

Eric Snow added 15 points and Corie Blount, starting in place of the injured Derrick Coleman, had 15 rebounds for the Sixers, who outrebounded New York 56-39 and won their fourth straight.

Latrell Sprewell scored 32 points, and Allen Houston added 25 for the Knicks, who are mired in their longest losing streak since 1997.

Bucks 116, Hawks 107

ATLANTA — Ray Allen scored 31 points and Milwaukee extended its winning streak to a season-high seven games with a victory over Atlanta.

Sam Cassell, Jason Caffey and Anthony Mason added 17, 11 and 11 points for the Bucks, who handed the Hawks their sixth straight loss.

Jason Terry led Atlanta with 24 points, and Nazr Mohammed had his third straight double-double with 22 points and a season-high 19 rebounds.

Nets 99, Rockets 90

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Keith Van Horn scored 22 points and rookies Richard Jefferson and Jason Collins made big plays in crunch time in leading the New Jersey to a win over Houston.

Kerry Kittles added 21 points and Jason Kidd made two baskets down the stretch as the Nets (27-12) surpassed their victory total for all of last season in winning for the seventh time in eight games.

Jefferson finished with 10 points. Kidd added 10 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds.

Moochie Norris had 23 points and Kenny Thomas 21 for the Rockets, who were forced to play without All-Star guard Steve Francis, who was sidelined for the second time this week with a migraine headache.

NBA Raptors 91, Hornets 89

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Vince Carter scored 34 points and Alvin Williams hit a pair of free throws with six seconds to play, leading Toronto to its first win in Charlotte since 1997.

The Raptors, who have won four straight, had lost nine straight and won just once in Charlotte in franchise history.

Antonio Davis scored 13 points for Toronto and Williams added 11.

Elden Campbell led Charlotte with 22 points. Baron Davis scored 13. David Wesley 17, Jamaal Magloire 14, and P.J. Brown added 14 rebounds.

Pistons 94, Celtics 81

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jerry Stackhouse scored 28 points and Chuckie Atkins made an 18-foot jumper with 3.1 seconds left to lead Detroit past Boston.

Detroit rallied from a 17-point deficit in the final 11 minutes for its second victory in as many nights.

Antoine Walker led Boston with 28 points. Paul Pierce added 23 points.

Heat 100, Pacers 88

MIAMI — The Miami Heat shot a season-high 54 percent and scored 100 points for only the second time this season — and the second time this week — to beat the Indiana Pacers 100-88 Saturday night.

Eddie Jones scored 23 points for the Heat, who won their fourth consecutive game, a season-high. The Pacers fell to .500 with their fifth loss in a row, their longest slide of the season.

The Heat improved to 5-13 at home.

Mavericks 106, Jazz 103

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki made four free throws in the final 6.9 seconds and finished with 34 points, helping the Dallas Mavericks hold off a late surge by the Utah Jazz for a 106-103 victory Saturday night.

Dallas had a huge lead most of the night — peaking at 18 — and led by 15 midway through the fourth quarter when a 10-0 run by the Jazz tightened things up.

Andrej Kirilenko got Utah within 102-101 on a layup with 9 seconds left. Nowitzki took the inbound pass and was fouled immediately. He hit both to restore a 104-101 lead.

Magic 119, Grizzlies 103

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tracy McGrady had 25 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists to lead the Orlando Magic to a 119-103 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Saturday night.

McGrady shot 9-for-14 from the field and converted all six of his free throws as Orlando beat Memphis for the second time this season and dealt the Grizzlies their third straight loss.

Troy Hudson added 18 points and seven assists for the Magic. Mike Miller scored 15 points and Pat Garrity scored 15.

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MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Brent Cummings led four Montana players in double figures with 17 points Saturday as the Grizzlies downed Idaho State 79-65.

Montana (9-9, 3-2 Big Sky) broke open a tight game in the last seven minutes to hand the Bengals (9-8, 2-2) their first two-game losing streak of the season. ISU lost 78-47 to Montana State on Friday.

David Bell, who scored all 15 of his points from 3-point range, gave the Grizzlies the lead and was good at 51-50 with 13:01 remaining.

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Back-to-back rebound baskets by Victor Venters made it 55-50 and Cummings later made two straight 3-pointers to push the lead to 65-55 with 4:02 left.

Idaho State, which got 23 points from D'Marr Suggs, rallied from an early 8-0 deficit to take a lead of up to six points in the first half. The game was tied at 32 at halftime.

Shane Christensen added 12 points and Dan Trammel had 10 for the Grizzlies, who survived 21 turnovers—six by Christensen.

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No. 1 Connecticut cruises past Villanova

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — Aisha Jones scored 19 points and Swin Cash had 17 as No. 1 Connecticut remained undefeated with a 93-60 romp over Villanova on Saturday.

UConn (20-0, 6-0 Big East) never struggled, using a 25-8 run to open the second half to put away the Wildcats.

No. 3 Oklahoma 89, No. 12 Texas 69

NORMAN, Okla. — Stacey Lewis scored 21 points and LaShelle Cantrell had 19 in leading Oklahoma over Texas.

The Sooners (15-2, 5-1 Big 12) were coming off a loss at Iowa State that ended their 18-game regular-season winning streak in conference play. Texas (13-3, 5-1) saw a six-game winning streak come to an end.

No. 4 Stanford 75, Washington 67

SEATTLE — Lindsey Yamasaki scored seven of her 9 points in the final three minutes as No. 4 Stanford held off a late Washington run in a 75-67 victory Saturday.

Sebenem Kimyacioglu hit three 3-pointers and scored 14 points, Cori English added 13 and Kelley Suminski 10 for the Cardinal (18-1, 8-0 Pac-10). The Cardinal are off to their best start since finishing the 1996-97 regular season with a 30-1 record.

No. 15 Texas Tech 78, No. 14 Iowa St. 66

AMES, Iowa — Amber Tarr scored 21 points and made five of Texas Tech's school-record 12 3-pointers to lead the Lady Raiders past Iowa State.

Natalie Ritchie added 17 points

Women's Top 25

and hit four 3s for Texas Tech (11-5, 3-3 Big 12).

No. 20 Colorado St. 62, UNLV 57

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Ashley Augspurger scored 18 points, all on 3-pointers, and Joy Jenkins banked in a 3-pointer with 41 seconds left as Colorado State beat UNLV.

Freshman Ashley Venekamp and Angie Gorton each hit two free throws in the waning seconds as Colorado State (15-3, 4-0 Mountain West) held off its main rival in the race for the league title.

No. 21 Virginia Tech 69, St. John's 50

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Crystal Starling had 16 points and a career-high six steals to help Virginia Tech to a victory over St.

John's.

Nicole Jones added 12 points, and Sarah Hicks 11 for the Hokies (15-2, 6-0 Big East).

No. 22 Colorado 88, Texas A&M 70

BOULDER, Colo. — Jenny Roulier scored 24 points, including six 3-pointers, and Mandy Nightingale added 23 points as Colorado beat Texas A&M.

Nightingale was 10-of-11 on free throws and had eight rebounds for Colorado (13-6, 3-3 Big 12 Conference), which beat Texas A&M (10-7, 2-3) for the eighth straight time.

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Haas finds form at Bob Hope Classic

Former champ takes one-stroke lead to final round

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Jay Haas is trying to turn back the clock in the Bob Hope Desert Classic.

The 48-year-old Haas, the Hope champion 14 years ago, holed an 8-iron shot from 150 yards out for an eagle to begin his round Saturday. He went on to shoot a 9-under 63 at Indian Wells, good for a one-shot lead over Kenny Perry and Cameron Beckman.

A nine-time PGA Tour winner looking for his first victory since 1993, Haas had a 26-under 262 total through 72 holes in the five-day tournament. He won the 1988 Hope with a 338 total, closing with a 70 for a two-stroke victory over David Edwards.

The pros rotate among four different courses and play with amateurs the first four days of the Hope. Today's final round will be played at Palmer Course at PGA West.

Among those within close striking distance of the lead is Phil Mickelson, who shot a 65 to go to 22 under in his first event in five months.

Perry, the 1995 Hope winner, shot a 10-under 62 at PGA West to move into excellent position for a run at the lead over the same course today. Beckman had a 65.

Kirk Triplett (67), Deane Pappas (67), Brandel Chamblee (66) and David Berganio Jr. (64) were at 264, two shots out of the lead.



Jay Haas watches his tee shot on the second hole at the Indian Wells Country Club during the fourth round of the Bob Hope Classic in Indian Wells, Calif., Saturday.

Senior PGA Tour's season-opening MasterCard Championship. Kite birdied five of the first seven holes, but had two bogeys on the back nine as the wind picked up on the Hualalai course. He took a 12 under 132 total into the final round.

John Jacobs had a 67 and was at 137, along with Walter Hall (69), and Bob Gilder (70).

Brothers Lanny Wadkins (69) and Bobby Wadkins (70) were another stroke behind.

Maritz tops Dunhill Championship

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South Africa's Martin Maritz shot a 9-under-par 63 to take a two-stroke lead after the third round of

the Dunhill Championship. Maritz had a 17-under 199 total. Mark Foster of England (65) was second at 201, followed by compatriot Sandeep Grewal (68) at 202.

South Africa's Ernie Els shot a 63 to top a four-player group at 203. He eagled the par-5 18th to complete his closing nine in 30.

Kite files high at MasterCard Championship

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii — Tom Kite followed his course-record 9-under 63 with a 69 to take a five-stroke lead in the

Hurricanes rally for tie with New Jersey

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Defenseman Aaron Ward scored with 2:53 left to cap a two-goal tie between the Hurricanes and the Devils.

NHL Hurricanes a 3-3 tie with the New Jersey Devils on Saturday.

Rookie Erik Cole, who assisted on Ward's goal, and Bret Hedican also scored for the Hurricanes. Tom Barraso had 23 saves as Carolina stretched its unbeaten streak to three games (14-2).

Martin Brodeur had 22 saves for the Devils.

Islanders 3, Kings 2

LOS ANGELES — Adrian Aucoin and Mariusz Czerkawski scored 55 seconds apart early in the second period to lead New York past Los Angeles.

Kip Miller had a goal and an assist in his second game with the Islanders, and backup goalie Garth Snow made 14 of his 23 saves in the first period to win his third straight start.

Ziggy Palffy and Adam Mair scored for the Kings, who lost for just the fourth time in their last 20 games (13-4-3).

Canadiens 5, Lightning 1

TAMPA, Fla. — Andreas Dackell, Jan Bulis and Gino Odjick had first-period goals as Montreal beat Tampa Bay.

Lightning All-Star goalie Nikolai Khabibulin was pulled after allowing three goals on seven shots in the opening period. He was replaced by Kevin Weekes.

Tampa Bay is 0-6-1 in its last seven home games.

Richard Zednik and Stephane Ribeiro also scored for Montreal.

Canucks 5, Capitals 1

WASHINGTON — Ed Jovanovski and Artem Chubarov scored in a 23-second span late in the second period and Vancouver beat Washington.

Andrew Cassels scored twice and Brendan Morrison also tallied for the Canucks. Markus Naslund had three assists.

Chris Simon scored for the Capitals, who have dropped three straight.

Washington, which lost 147 man-games to injury last season, has already logged 146 man-games missed this year.

Senators 4, Wild 1

OTTAWA — Shawn McEachern scored for the first time in 22 games and Ottawa stopped a two-game losing streak with a win over Minnesota.

Chris Harnage, Martin Havlat and Miroslav Hossa also scored for the Senators and

Patrick Lalime made 22 saves as Ottawa outshot Minnesota 39-23. The goal, his seventh of the season, was his first since a 4-2 loss in Colorado on Dec. 3.

Flyers 3, Maple Leafs 0

TORONTO — Donald Brashear scored a goal and won two fights against Ilya Kovalchuk as Philadelphia beat Toronto for the Flyers' season-high eighth straight victory.

Roman Gecmanchuk made 31 saves for his second shutout of the season for the Flyers, who have won 14 of their last 16 games. Philadelphia passed Toronto for the Eastern Conference lead last week.

The Maple Leafs are 0-2-2-1 in their last five games.

Predators 2, Blue Jackets 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville's Karlis Skarstins got the game-winner when he scored his first goal on home ice this season in a victory over Columbus. The victory gives the Predators a 12-1-5 record in their last 18 games.

Thrashers 6, Panthers 1

SUNRISE, Fla. — Pascal Rheaume scored four goals and added an assist to lead Atlanta past Florida.

Ilya Kovalchuk had a power-play goal and four assists for Atlanta, giving him an NHL rookie-high 43 points.

Milan Hnaticka made 44 saves to help the Thrashers win for the fourth time in six games.

Blues 2, Bruins 1, OT

ST. LOUIS — Keith Tkachuk had both St. Louis goals, including one on a power play 3:29 into overtime, as the Blues beat Boston to extend a season-high eight-game winning streak.

The Blues are 10-1-0 in their last 11 games and unbeaten in their last seven home games.

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KSU athlete breaks pentathlon record

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State's Austra Skujyte broke the NCAA women's pentathlon record with 4,425 points at the Wildcat Pentathlon-Heptathlon meet on Saturday.

Skujyte, a junior from Lithuania, topped the previous record of 4,301 points set by Brigham Young's Tiffany Lott in 1997.

Skujyte finished first in the 60-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put and long jump, and second in the 800-meters.

Boxer Corley successfully defends WBO title

MIAMI — DeMarcus Corley retained his WBO junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Colombia's Ener Julio on Saturday night.

Using his quick hands and feet, Corley knocked down Julio in the second and third rounds of the 12-round bout at Miami Jai-Alai.

Corley (22-1-1) sent Julio (21-4) to the canvas in the second with a short right and left follow to Julio's head. A round later, Corley floored Julio with a right to the head.

Julio, who held the title for 11 months but was unable to defend it after being diagnosed with cataracts in June, sought to cut Corley's angles by pinning him to the ropes and wearing the champion down with power shots.

But Corley was effective fighting off the ropes by landing left uppercuts and straight lefts to Julio's head.

Corley, of Washington, D.C., had winning scores of 119-105, 117-107 and 118-107.

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SPORTS



Lee Ann Parsley, the 1999 Ohio Firefighter of the Year, will compete in the skeleton at next month's Winter Olympics.

Fire and Ice

Firefighter gears up for Winter Games

By Andy Resnik
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Whether she's burning into a burning house or whizzing down an icy slope at close to 80 mph, Lee Ann Parsley never worries. She doesn't have the time.

Parsley is a firefighter who's also on the U.S. Olympic skeleton team, competing in a sport that is returning to the Winter Games for the first time since 1948.

She puts on a helmet and skintight bodysuit and huris herself down the ice headfirst and on her belly, riding a sled that looks something like a big lunch tray. The brakes? Nothing but the spikes on her shoes.

"I think I've been clocked at 80 mph," Parsley said. "The speed at times can be the kind of exhilarating scary where you want to go fast. That's kind of the point of it. In the straight, when you start to pick up speed, it can really take your breath away."

If gravity doesn't take it away first.

"It's almost like it flattens you out," Parsley said of the G-forces. "It's more like having an elephant sitting on top of you. It's pushing the air out of you and pushing your head down. ... My face shield scrapes the ice on the curves."

Parsley earned a spot on the Olympic team Thursday by finishing second in the Skeleton World Cup in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Reaching the Salt Lake City Games is another in a long list of accomplishments for the 33-year-old resident of Granville, in central Ohio.

Parsley, who quickly rose to the top of the skeleton rankings after taking up the sport in 1996, has competed nationally in team handball, too.

She also works as a nurse in Columbus, has fought wildfires nationwide and was the Ohio State Firefighters Association's firefighter of the year in 1999.

"I don't think she has a lot of inhibitions. She doesn't have fears of new and unusual things," said Dudley Wright, chief of the fire department in Granville, where Parsley volunteers. "When you look at everything she has experienced in her life, it's pretty remarkable."

It's also heroic.

Parsley was decorated for her work on Feb. 15, 1999, when she helped rescue a woman and her 14-year-old daughter from their burning mobile home in Licking County, east of Columbus. The girl needs extra attention because she uses a wheelchair.

Parsley sat at a window and had other firefighters place the woman and her daughter on her lap one at a time. They then tumbled backward out of the window "like a soupy diver out the back of the boat," she said.

"She's willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done," said Wright, who was inside the

mobile home that day. "She is always the dirtiest one to come out of a fire. She is going to be covered in soot."

Parsley doesn't like to take credit for her actions.

"With both my firefighting and with skeleton you spend so much of your time training and practicing things they become second nature," she said. "Doing that you eliminate some of the risk."

In sports, few things are as risky as skeleton.

Parsley got started after doing some Internet research on women's sports. She was more interested in bobsled but - at 5-foot-8 and 145 pounds - wasn't big enough.

So Parsley, always eager for adventure, enrolled in skeleton school in Park City, Utah.

"Right off the bat I got into it and really enjoyed it," she said.

Besides scares her, and by shifting her body weight, and she has to memorize when to make each movement because she's not strong enough to hold her head up.

"A lot of the track comes to me blind," she said. "When your head is on the ice and it's rattling around, you learn the track a bit differently by backing off and watching other people go through."

Parsley knows a serious injury is just one wrong move away, but she isn't too concerned.

"In skeleton, I know what the curve is doing, but with firefighting, it's just full of unknowns," she said.

"You don't know what's burning until you get there," Parsley's family can't help but worry.

"There is a certain amount of apprehension on my part, but I know before she does things she tries to learn everything she can about it," her mother, Ruth Ann, said. "I don't know where she got this adventurous streak. It's not from me."

Parsley's older brothers, Brian and Bob, used to be volunteer firefighters in Granville. Hanging out at the firehouse as a teen-ager, Parsley became interested in doing the job herself. Besides volunteering in Granville, she's on the staff at the Plain Township Fire Department in New Albany.

"I turned 16 and said, 'What the heck I hang out here all the time, anyway, I might as well join,'" Parsley said. "And I've been at it ever since."

Fighting fires has taken her to Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho and Florida as part of the Ohio Interagency Wildfire Crew. Skeleton competitions have been held in Germany and Switzerland, training is in Lake Placid, N.Y., and Park City.

"Tired of living out of hotels and eating out every meal," Parsley is ready to return to central Ohio and finish her doctorate in community health nursing at Ohio State.

"I've got a lot of stuff to finish before I think about any more sliding," she said.

Sampras escapes scare from Escude

Dangerous Russian awaits American in fourth round

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Pete Sampras doesn't have to contend with Andre Agassi, Lleyton Hewitt or several other contenders long gone from the Australian Open.

Still, Sampras' drive for a 14th Grand Slam tournament title is far from easy.

He squandered seven match points and needed nearly 4 hours to get past Nicolas Escude 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-3 in the third round Saturday.

Pistol Pete's reward for that tough victory? A fourth-round meeting with No. 9 Marat Safin, who beat Sampras in the 2000 U.S. Open final. They're the only two men left in the tournament who have won a major title.

Australian Open

Other fourth-round matches in their half of the draw have former No. 1 Marcelo Rios against Nicolas Lapentti, Roger Federer against Tommy Haas, and Albert Costa against Wayne Ferreira.

On the women's side, defending champion Jennifer Capriati overcame some problems with a bothersome hip to advance Saturday. Venus Williams and Martina Hingis are in action today.

Sampras needed all of the patience and experience he's gathered over the years to eliminate Escude, who has a history of success in long matches.

At the 1998 Australian Open, Escude came back three times from two-sets-to-none deficits on his way to the semifinals. He overcame that same hole in his second-round match this year against Alex Calatrava.

Safin beat fellow Russian Mikhail Yuzhny 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Elsewhere, Haas defeated Todd Martin 6-7 (8), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; No. 11 Federer beat Rainer Schuettler 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 6-4; Rios beat Alberto Martin 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 (3); and Costa beat Andre Pavel 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-4.

Lapentti beat Gaston Gaudio 4-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 in 4 hours, 11 minutes, and Ferreira beat Ivan Ljubicic 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 7-5.

Capriati moved on with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Eleni Daniilidou of Greece.

No. 4 Kim Clijsters, last year's French Open runner-up, beat Australian wild-card entry Cindy Watson 6-1, 6-2; No. 7 Amelie Mauresmo, the 1999 runner-up, beat Tamarine Tanasugarn 7-6 (3), 6-1; and Germany's Marlene Weingartner upset No. 10 Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Other winners included No. 12 Elena Dementieva.



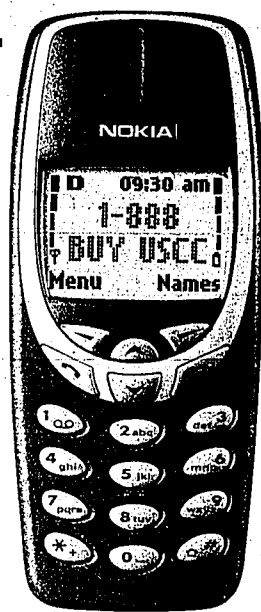
Pete Sampras plays a backhand against Nicolas Escude at the Australian Open Saturday.

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Oakley group pushes for events center

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

OAKLEY - They live in places where the cattle guards are real, rather than painted stripes on the highway.

Folks in Oakley and the surrounding area are serious about their livestock.

And their horses are not just pasture ornaments. They are a lifestyle.

Oakley has a huge 4-H horse club, two high school rodeos a year, a women's riding group called the Oakley Annie's and the Vigilantes, a nonprofit riding organization that has worked for the betterment of Oakley for over 50 years.

The Vigilantes are now working under the umbrella of the Oakley City Council with the Oakley Economic Development Committee to go after foundation grants to build an events center that is projected to cost as much as \$3.5 million.

Although the proposed Oakley Events Center would be used for horse- and livestock-related shows, it could also be used to bring in many other events, boosters say.

The development committee has been working on plans for an event center for more than a year, committee member Robert Bedke said.

A year ago the committee began to ask what could be done in an agriculture-based economy to diversify, improve the economic base, stimulate the Oakley economy and prevent winter shut-down.

After several months of research, including visits to a number of event centers in Utah, Idaho and Oregon, the committee realized an event center might be the answer.

Besides livestock-related shows, an events center in Oakley with seating for 3,500 could bring in everything from wrestling tournaments to food shows, said Georgia Dick, a member of the economic development committee.

"Where you're located is probably the most prime location for this," said Zeb Bell, a member of the committee.

Bell, who lives in Murtaugh, is a rural personality with a daily morning talk show. And he loves to talk up the idea of an event center in Oakley.

"Why not Oakley?" he said. "It can help the southwest part of Idaho to grow."

The equine business is the hottest thing going, Bell said. "It is big money and would bring in the classy events," he said.

Every dollar spent on tourism turns over three or four times within the community, Bell said. The group aims for a 350-by-250-foot metal building with a 50-foot extension lean-to for rodeo stock, said Tim Colette, a member of the economic development committee.

An Oakley stone facade would enhance the building. There would be mezzanines on each end with an elevator, Colette said. The group is considering buying a 40-acre property east of town to locate the facility. Revenues generated by the center would be based on the number and type of events and attendance, Bedke said.

"We've got the population to support the type of events we want to hold," he said.

People would drive from other towns if events are good, Bedke said.

About 100 events a year would be needed, with about 1,800 people per event, to make the center work, he said. Based on the type of events the center could attract, it could generate about \$90,000 in gross revenues, which would net about \$100,000 after expenses.

The center would employ three full-time workers and several part-time, Bedke said. "But the money doesn't stop with revenue generated by the center, boosters say.

New recreational vehicle parks, motels and restaurants could generate at least 100 new jobs in the community, he said.

The committee quoted U.S. Chamber of Commerce numbers that showed 100 new jobs in a community can bring \$3.3 million in total revenues per year.

Cassia County would benefit from property tax revenues, which generate an average of \$245,000 for every 100 new jobs, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce report said.

"We're going to need a couple



Robert Bedke, right, a member of the Oakley Economic Development Committee, visits with two Oakley cowboys who work on the feedlot near Bedke's home. Broden Matthews, left, and Steven Manning said they would ride at the Oakley Events Center once it is the project materializes.

Utah centers boast success, operate with tax help

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

OAKLEY - The Oakley Economic Development Committee has visited several events centers to study the possibilities and gain ideas for a similar center in Oakley.

The one committee members visited that most closely resembles what they want is in Vernal, Utah, said Robert Bedke of the Oakley committee.

Western Park Events Center in Vernal, in operation for 12 years, serves a county with a population of 50,000, said Derk Hatch, the center's general manager.

"It's turned into the best economic tool possible," Hatch said. A Vernal group originally built the center as something that would take care of local needs for a livestock and rodeo facility.

"We didn't even understand what our market was going to be," he said. "We hit the national level in nothing flat."

Soon the center was host to all kinds of conventions.

Instead of agriculture - Oakley's mainstay - Vernal's major industry is oil. Soon con-

ventions related to that industry booked the facility. But now the facility is booked solid with all kinds of events, he said. The center recently hosted a major wrestling tournament and a seven-state Harley-Davidson rally.

The facility is supported partly by the county's restaurant and motel tax, which is reinstated each year by county ordinance.

Knowing that the events center keeps those 1,000 rooms and about 52 eating establishments, full-hotel-and-motel operators insist the tax be reinstated each year, Hatch said.

One-tenth of one percent of sales tax generated in the county also goes to operate Western Park.

Because of the dollars and motel/restaurant tax sales that support the center, the group can keep local user rates low.

"It could be the greatest working tool you could have for your area," Hatch said.

Though the Vernal center has been successful, many were not in favor of it when the idea was young.

"I can't tell you how many peo-

ple were against this," he said. "They have come and told us they were wrong."

One Oakley factor that compares well to Vernal is the rural quality.

"The biggest selling tool is that it is a rural facility," Hatch said, adding that rural people tend to provide a type of hospitality that folks like.

"They never forget the service," he said.

Another facility that impressed the Oakley committee was Legacy Park in Farmington, Utah, which is near the Lagoon amusement park.

The Legacy center, which has been open four years, is part of the Davis County fairgrounds complex, which serves a population of 15 cities and 220,000 residents.

The facility is booked 50 weeks ends out of the year. From Nov. 1 to April, it is booked seven days a week, said Jody Gray, the fair park manager.

For three hours a day and all day Sunday and Monday, it is open for people to come in and ride their horses. There are also open ride times during the week.

The facility sells 66,000 a year in open ride passes, Gray said.

The center holds eight open horse shows a year with 250 entries per show.

"Events bring people in from all over," she said.

The entire fairgrounds, including the center, is operated on tourism tax, which amounts to about \$400,000 per year.

Revenues are about \$325,000 per year.

Although the center has been successful, like its Vernal counterpart, people weren't easily convinced it should be built.

"It took about 10 years of pressure from the horse people wanting this," she said. Those people urged the county to build the center as part of the fairgrounds.

"It definitely is better used than they expected," Gray said. "It's definitely been a success."

Although it is used for many events, one main thing keeps it going.

"It comes back to we fill it up with the horse industry," she said.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 436-1351 or lcavener@eahlconet.net.

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CSI hosts home-buyer education class

TWIN FALLS - The Finally Home! program is offering a home-buyer education class in two parts from 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Course completion may help participants qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance or other special lender programs.

Admission is free; a training manual and speakers are included. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. Call 733-9854, Ext. 2287.

The classes are sponsored by the Community Education Center at CSI and Idaho Partners for Homebuyer Education Inc.

Agri-Action celebrates anniversary at Expo Center

TWIN FALLS - KMYT's Agri-Action 25th Anniversary runs Feb. 28 through March 2 at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center.

The annual farm show promises a diverse showing of agricultural products and services, said Paul Johnson, marketing/promotions manager for KMYT, in a press release.

Featured exhibits will include a variety of tractor and implement displays, livestock products and services, chemical dealers, irrigation and water-treatment system representatives, financing and other products and support services.

"Those attending the show may attend the 2002 Farm Conference presented by the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System and the College of Southern Idaho's adult education department.

The conference includes "Successful Direct Marketing" sessions from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 1 and "Farmers' Forum" sessions from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 2, all at the Heret Center on the CSI campus. The registration at 334-5758. KMYT's Agri-Action began in 1977 with 43 exhibitors. The show has grown throughout the years, and last year an estimated 10,000 people from throughout the Northwest attended the three-day event, Johnson said.

Exhibitor space is still available; call Bambi Ruby at 733-1100, Ext. 3069.

Organizers promise less boredom at chamber banquet

TWIN FALLS - No boring speeches, they promise. Leaders of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce plan the business organization's 83rd Annual Banquet on Monday at the Turf Club. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., awards and speeches at 8 p.m. The chamber's new president, Dan Olmstead, presides.

Cost is \$40 per person; call 733-3974.

Employer coalition plans workplace drug use seminar

TWIN FALLS - A coalition of Magic Valley employers is taking a new tack in its efforts to promote drug-free job sites. The Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project plans a Jan. 31 seminar on illegal drug use in the workplace.

Registration for the seminar, titled "Reasonable Suspicion: Detecting Drug Use in the Workplace and What To Do," now is open to the public at \$25 per person. The seminar will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Jan. 31 at the College of Southern Idaho's Taylor Administration Building, Room 276; an optional panel discussion runs from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Lunch is not included.

Seminar organizers aim to arm employers with useful information: For example, how long can crank and other drugs be detected in an employee's system? And how can an employer effectively and legally confront a worker if there's reasonable suspicion? Register online at www.mvdrugfree.org, or call 733-1300. Compiled from staff reports.

Burley businesses move or close due to Wal-Mart expansion

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Wal-Mart's expansion has put a number of businesses in North Burley on the move.

To guarantee that businesses located where Wal-Mart plans to expand will move out by Feb. 1, property owners have each been given \$50,000 nonrefundable earnest money, he said. Kirk Gorringer, owner of Gorringer Construction.

Some of the deals were a little different, but for the most part affected property owners each received what he did, he said.

Gorringer, who now works out of his home, had a small office in the expansion area.

Before the nonrefundable sum was given, the deals were up in the air. A local real estate agent had called with offers for all the businesses involved, Gorringer said.

While the initial deals were being made, none of the property owners were told they were being bought out by Wal-Mart, he said. Now that the earnest money has been given, property owners know Wal-Mart is planning expansion.

While some fear Wal-Mart has been the reason for business closures in downtown Burley, there will soon be businesses moving into downtown that are the direct result of Wal-Mart's expansion.

The Polo's restaurant will soon occupy part of the old Roper's building, and The Times-News' bureau office is moving downtown as well.

Polo's is closing at the North Burley location today and will move into the old Roper's location as soon as the building is ready, owner Polo Aguya said.

He expects the restaurant to open at the new location by the end of February or the middle of

March.

While his rent will be about the same, Aguya is not excited about the move. He said he is spending between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to prepare the building, and he does not know whether the move will bring more business to him.

"It's hard to say," Aguya said. It had taken four years, but by the time he moved out his business was well established at the North Burley location.

Another business being uprooted is The Times-News' Mini-Cassia office. A lease for a new site has been signed, but Managing Editor Clark Walworth said the newspaper isn't quite ready to announce the location.

The great site in a prominent building in downtown Burley - a building with a lot of history. We are excited about being there," Walworth said.

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Bonnie Latta, retail clerk, displays the area where craft classes are held at The River Place in Burley. The store, formerly Kitchon Knoods Center and Treasures Galore, is one of several Burley businesses displaced by a planned Wal-Mart expansion.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Local insurance firm earns Trusted Choice distinction

TWIN FALLS - Strolberg Leavitt, an insurance and financial services firm in Twin Falls, became a member of Trusted Choice.

To qualify for the national program, Strolberg Leavitt committed to a pledge that promises its customers quality service, competitive pricing, a broad choice of products and advocacy.

The result of two years of research and development, the Trusted Choice brand highlights customization of insurance coverages, choice of products and companies and help during the claims process.

The research indicates consumers are intimidated by the insurance-buying process and want an agent who will guide, educate and advocate for them. And while consumers use the Internet to service their accounts, more than half - 56 percent - want to buy their insurance in person, a press release said.

For information, call 734-6644.

provide affordable power for boats and recreational vehicles; farmers and ranchers can pump water in remote locations; and construction crews can use alternative energy for portable power, the Reintizes said.

They share their knowledge of clean, renewable energy - from sun and wind - and how it can provide electricity. Educated at Solar Energy International in Colorado, the Reintizes said alternative energy is an ever-growing and growing field, and they continue to receive education.

Solar Works provides alternative energy products and installs and services its systems. The business can be reached at 324-8029 and at solarworks@daho@safe-link.net.

Paul dairy parent enters partnership with UK dairy

PAUL - Colorado-based Horizon Organic Holding Corp. - parent of a Paul dairy - said its U.K. division entered into a strategic partnership with Dairy Crest, the United Kingdom's largest dairy company.

Horizon said the relationship provides the platform to add milk to the line of Rachel's Organic yogurt and butter products sold in the United Kingdom and will introduce Rachel's Organic milk this month.

Dairy Crest processes and delivers milk to all leading supermarkets and to home delivery customers, Horizon said. Home delivery in the United Kingdom represents 30 percent of the milk business.

"Along with supermarket sales, home delivery provides us with a great platform to introduce Rachel's Organic milk," said Dbn Gaidano, managing director of Horizon Organic U.K. "Dairy Crest is converting its own brands of organic milk to the Rachel's Organic brand and will be supplying Rachel's Organic milk to its home deliv-

ery customers this month. Shortly thereafter, Dairy Crest also will be offering Rachel's Organic milk to its supermarket customers."

Dairy Crest also will process Horizon Organic private label and Rachel's Organic-branded milk at new, dedicated organic facilities that are part of the company's plant. Operations at the Horizon-owned processing plant in Houghton, Devon, will be phased down and synergies with Dairy Crest will allow improved packaging, distribution and new marketing opportunities, Horizon said.

Bath & Body Works appoints new chief operating officer

TWIN FALLS - Ohio-based Bath & Body Works, a business of Intimacy Brands Inc. with a store in the Magic Valley Mall, appointed Ken Stevens as chief operating officer.

"I look forward to working with the industry leading specialty retailer of personal care products," Stevens said in a statement.

Stevens was most recently president and chief operating officer of InChord Communications Inc., an integrated marketing communications firm. Prior to that, he was chairman and chief executive of the Bank One Retail Group, where he was responsible for all retail banking.

His career also includes positions as president and chief operating officer of Taco Bell; senior vice president and treasurer of PepsiCo Inc.; and a partner at McKinsey & Co. He has served in management roles at General Mills Inc. and Bullock's.

Salt Lake Realty company will release financial results

TWIN FALLS - Salt Lake City-based JP Realty Inc., which has some Twin Falls commercial real estate, will release financial results for the fourth quarter Jan. 31 before New York Stock Exchange trading begins.

The company will host a conference call and an audio Web cast, both open to the public, at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 31 to discuss the financial results of the fourth

quarter and provide a company update.

To participate in the conference call, dial 800-616-9004 and enter code 647026. A live Web cast will be available - coinciding with the call - at www.jprealty.com on the "Investor Information" portion of the site, and at www.streetevents.com.

Diversified Martial Arts instructor creates Web site

TWIN FALLS - Brian Higgins, senior instructor at Diversified Martial Arts, added a Web site for the school at www.BlackBelMind.com.

The site provides information on classes and benefits offered at Diversified Martial Arts, including several pages on children's classes and the "Kickin' Kids" after-school program.

All three options for adults are covered. The "In the Zone Self-Defense" page outlines benefits that go beyond self-defense. Kick-Start fitness has its own page about this "revolutionary new approach to fitness and personal well-being," Higgins said. Diversified Martial Arts' award-winning adults classes are covered, as well.

T.F. financial service provider makes list of top companies

TWIN FALLS - Financial services provider Countrywide Credit Industries Inc. said it has been included for the second time, in the Forbes Platinum 400 list of the best big companies in America.

Forbes released its annual list in the magazine's Jan. 7 issue.

Forbes reviewed over a thousand publicly traded corporations with at least \$1 billion in revenues, then divided those companies into 23 broad industry sectors.

Each company is scored against its industry peers on profitability (measured by return on capital) and growth (measured by sales and earnings per share) for the most recent year and the past five years. Rankings are based on both the long- and short-term results.

Countrywide Credit Industries' primary subsidiary, Countrywide Home Loans Inc., has a retail office in Twin Falls.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Through its new CARE

(Community Action Recycling Effort) program, U.S. Cellular is asking its customers and associates in Twin Falls and nationwide to donate used wireless phones.

Until March 31, each wireless phone brought to a U.S. Cellular retail store or authorized agent will be used for charity. Proceeds generated from the collected phones will benefit the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund, a program of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America.

The fund provides educational assistance for post-secondary study to financially needy dependents of those killed or permanently disabled in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The company is accepting any portable cellular or digital phone, excluding bag phones or vehicle-installed models; the phones need not be in working order. U.S. Cellular also will take the phone's battery or charger if available. Collection bins will be at all U.S. Cellular retail stores and authorized agents.

Examples:

• In 2001, Regence BlueShield of Idaho employees developed the HUGS (hats, underwear, gloves and socks) program to collect new winter clothing items needed in Idaho's colder climates. The company works with local Community Action Agencies, which distribute the clothing to low-income families. Employees donated more than \$50 pieces of clothing.

• Employees donated almost 2,000 toiletry items to homeless and domestic violence shelters and food banks, which use them in emergency food baskets for the homeless.

• Employees raised over \$6,000 to fight cancer and more than \$4,000 to combat birth defects and find a cure for multiple sclerosis. They contributed over \$45,500 to United Way organizations throughout the state.

• Employees in Twin Falls donated blood at Red Cross blood centers.

• In 2001, employees contributed more than one ton of food to animal shelters and food banks during their first annual People and Pet Food Drive. And for the first time, employees participated in Toys for Tots.

• Donations to the American Red Cross following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks totaled more than \$4,000 and included contributions from employees' children and family members.

Business partners help create alternative energy

JEROME - A new business in the Magic Valley is working to keep the lights on, said owners Bill and Elizabeth Reintize of Solar Works LLC.

The Reintizes relocated to Jerome two years ago. Bill Reintize has been a licensed building contractor for 35 years.

With recent events in the United States - including rolling blackouts, rising energy costs, increasing population with little increase in energy production and the threat of terrorism - they want to help businesses stay open and homeowners provide their families with affordable and independent energy alternatives, the two said in a statement.

Alternative energy can also

Community ed center at CSI offers new legal classes

TWIN FALLS - Two new classes designed to help farmers, ranchers or dairymen with legal issues are being offered through the Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Dennis Voorhees will instruct both classes. Cost is \$25 for each.

"Forms of Legal Organization for Idaho Ranch, Farm and Dairy Owners" will teach participants the basics of each of the forms for doing business.

Students will discover which are best for their operations - sole proprietorship, general partnership, limited liability company, C or S corporation, limited partnership, family limited partnership or trust. Students will have the opportunity to listen to and talk with a lawyer and a certified public accountant on which goals and circumstances work best for each form.

Dialogue and presentation for

Center offers investing class to help sharpen skills

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center is offering a class about investing in stocks and commodities and sharpening investing skills.

In "Getting Started in Technical Analysis," students will learn about Dow theory, charting techniques, trend identification, support, resistance, channels, breakouts and patterns of price movement. Information will cover filters, stops; momentum indicators, risk management, the importance of knowing your investing style and how to blend technical analysis with fundamental analysis to make more profitable investment decisions.

Instructor Ronald Jones is not affiliated with any brokerage and is not selling a product, class organizers said.

The class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 29

Blaine County center offers business computer class

HAILEY - The College of Southern Idaho's Blaine County Center will offer a class titled "Introduction to Access."

Class is from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 22 through Feb. 5, in the Fox building.

Participants will learn how to create spreadsheets to keep track of customers, sales, inventory and other business data. The class is hands-on and assumes basic familiarity in Windows, but not data experience, organizers said.

For more information, call the Blaine County Center at 788-2038.

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Your Business deadline: Noon Wednesday for publication the following Sunday.

Local farm, ranch families can receive federal assistance

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Idaho farm and ranch families who have been affected by diminishing incomes over the past few years are eligible for assistance through a new program called Alternative Careers for Idaho Farmers.

The program is administered locally at the Center for New Directions on the west side of the College of Southern Idaho campus.

ACIF is a two-year program introduced by Sen. Larry Craig and funded by Congress through the U.S. Department of Labor. It provides post-high school training, technical and professional education programs, and on-the-job internships for participants. For farmers who require training to remain competitive and economical in today's market, farm

and ranch management programs and marketing training are available.

Applicants can receive money for training, tuition, fees, books, child care, transportation, car repair, equipment and eyeglasses. The amount of financial support available to each farm family will be based on the training programs needed.

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CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Alejandro L. "Alex" Castaneda began a new career selling real estate with Gem State Realty in Twin Falls. For the past 10 years as a regional manager for the Idaho Migrant Council, he has worked with community organizations and state and local government agencies to form coalitions to better reach out and deliver the services provided by the organizations and agencies. He also worked with service organizations to better serve the community.



Alex Castaneda

He said he has experience working with the Hispanic community and other diverse populations. He speaks, reads and writes Spanish and English fluently.

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Hay Association elected new officers and board members at its annual meeting Jan 7 in Idaho Falls.

Newly elected to the board is Glenn Meyer of Twin Falls, replacing Clark Kauffman of Filer. Meyer, who has been a member since IHA's inception, owns and operates a 1,200-acre diversified row crop farm that consists of alfalfa, malt barley, silage corn, sugar beets and corn and alfalfa chopping.

Current board members include Mike Larson of Buhl. The IHA, in conjunction with the University of Idaho Extension System, will hold a two-day seminar Wednesday at the West Coast Hotel on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Memberships in IHA for 2002 are still being accepted, and members will be included in the 2002-03 Hay Directory. For information on membership or meeting, call IHA Executive Director Brad Hoagland at 998-0988.

GOODING - Jim Henshaw, president and chief executive of Gooding County Memorial Hospital, was elected vice president of the Idaho Hospital Association's Southwest Hospital Conference.

Henshaw is employed by St. Luke's Regional Medical Center and has been in his current position at the Gooding hospital since 1999. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Williamson School of Business at Youngstown School of Business in Ohio. He has held various financial manager positions in hospitals in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He is a member of the Gooding Business Economic Development Group, Wendell Chamber of Commerce and Gooding Lions Club.

Henshaw said one of the biggest problems facing today's rural health-care facilities is "limited reimbursement for capital expenditures" concerning Medicare. He said small, rural hospitals are service communities by cutting travel time for those who need medical attention.

TWIN FALLS - Bob J. Maloney of Pomereille Portrait Design Studios attended a Jan. 9-12 conference in Orlando, Fla., sponsored by Senior Photographers International.

Senior Photographers International honors the leading high school portrait photographers in each community. The members are photographers who strive to meet each client's individual needs through creative and personalized photography, a press release said.

More than 1,000 attendees came from abroad and all 50 states to learn techniques for business and photographing the high school senior. Participants shared ideas on posing, lighting and serving clients and spent time learning the latest digital photography.

Maloney was the 1999 International High School Senior Photographer of the Year. He has studios in Twin Falls, Boise and Elko, Nev.

consumer commercial loan secretary for Key Bank. Drollinger attended high school in Devils Lake, N.D., and graduated from Idaho State University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in corporate training and a minor in business administration. She and her husband, Brad Drollinger, have two children.

While in Pocatello, she was active in the Pocatello Board of Realtors Public Relations Committee and was secretary for the Bannock County Civitan and secretary of the Eastern Idaho Escrow Association.

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Association of Professional Auctioneers selected Twin Falls man as first runner-up in its 2002 Idaho State Champion Auctioneer contest.



Stephen Hutchins

First runner-up in the bid-rolling contest was Stephen P. Hutchins, who has been involved in the auction industry since graduating from Missouri Auction School in fall 1990. He auctions for Twin Falls-based All American Auction, selling real estate, antiques and household estates on location throughout the year, and for the Caldwell Auction every Thursday evening.

Five judges scored contestants on chant, rhythm, bid taking and interview. Bill Downs Auction Service held the contest during an estate and collectible live auction in Boise Jan. 11.

The competition was held during the Idaho Association of Professional Auctioneers Annual Convention in Boise.

Additional auction competitions were held in advertising and photographic categories. The contest during an estate and collectible live auction in Boise Jan. 11. The competition was held during the Idaho Association of Professional Auctioneers Annual Convention in Boise.

ALMO - Former City of Rocks National Reserve Assistant Manager Wallace Keck was named the new park superintendent and manager, according to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, which manages the site in conjunction with the National Park Service.

Keck begins his new assignment Friday. He replaces long-time manager Ned Jackson, who retired in October.

"Wallace brings to us a good deal of experience and an understanding of the park, both the state and national park systems and the local community," said IDPR Director Rick Collignon.

Keck was the assistant manager at City of Rocks from 1995 to 1997. Recently, he has worked for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, where he was a district interpreter and acting assistant district supervisor.

Keck will work with Superintendent Neil King of Hagerman Fossil Beds and Superintendent Jim Morris of Craters of the Moon National Monument as the National Park Service representatives in Idaho on interagency partnerships and resource protection issues.

New market hovers for Northwest wheat

SPOKANE, Wash. - Myanmar, formerly Burma, is expected to join the long list of steady Pacific Northwest wheat buyers after testing the product in its market.

Two Myanmar mills, OK Brother Enterprises and Diamond Star Milling Co., bought 110 metric tons, or five containers, of soft white wheat in their initial purchase recently. The remainder of the sale was for 350 MT of dark northern spring.

"That's a relatively small amount, but most importantly it's a start," said Mark Samson, regional vice president for U.S. Wheat Associates in Singapore and a former administrator of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

"Demand is expected to increase by about 10 percent each year. Also, with the increased number of joint ventures in the noodle and bakery industry in the country, the demand may expand even further."

Samson said he expects more Northwest wheat purchases to follow.

"We think the wheat will do very well in the market," he said.

Over 90 percent of the SWW grown in the nation is grown in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. It is impossible to tell precisely how much of the Myanmar SWW purchase was Idaho wheat because the product is commingled from the three states at ports before being shipped.

Idaho snowpack continues to shrink as winter wanes

TWIN FALLS - With the snow accumulation season officially at the midway point this week, the dearth of snow flakes is becoming a more critical concern for water managers across Idaho.

The concern is especially acute for projects that rely on the Snake River for irrigation water. While watersheds in southwestern Idaho have benefited from large snowstorms early in the season, eastern Idaho hasn't had the same luck.

Mike Beus, an operations manager for the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley, said simply, "It's not a pretty picture of the Upper Snake." Snowpack accumulation has been slow in the two watersheds that supply most of the water for the Snake River.

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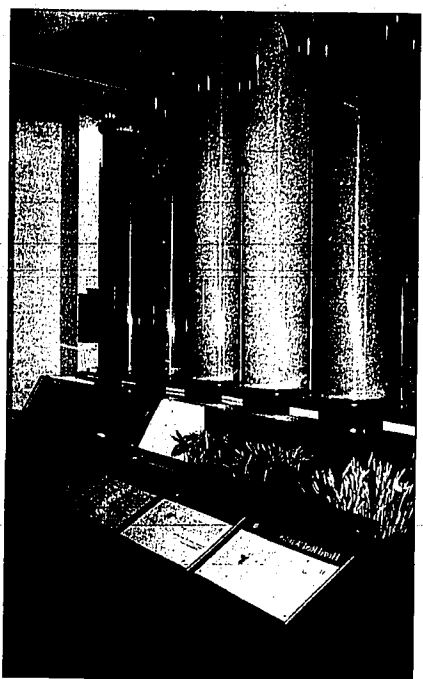
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"The community will like having us there." Though the new site may be easy to guess, "We're trying to keep everyone in suspense," Walworth said.

Other displaced businesses have completed their moves. Kitchen Kneads Centre teamed up with Treasures Galore to form a new business, now next to Stokes Food Center.

The building had been vacant since Radio Shack moved to the Snake River Plaza about two years ago. The combination of the two businesses - under the single name The River Place - enhances each, said Bonnie Latta, retail clerk.

La Donn Goodfellow, co-owner of Cosmetology School of Arts and Sciences, said owners hope the business will open in its new location Friday. They are working to remodel their spot in the same building as The River Place, at 529 Overland. Today the North Burley location will be closed.



A display of Pacific Northwest wheat varieties greases the offices of U.S. Wheat Associates in Portland. Three of the varieties are likely to find a new market in Myanmar, formerly Burma, due to the efforts of the Wheat Associates' Quality Sampling Program.

IWC administrator Dave Sparrow dies at age 51

BOISE - The Idaho wheat industry lost one of its ardent supporters this week. Dave Sparrow, who had served as the Idaho Wheat Commission's administrator for the last five years, died Jan. 17 after an 8-month battle with stomach cancer. He was 51.

Sparrow had been the executive director of the Idaho Wheat Commission since 1996.

Prior to the IWC, he was chief of the Bureau of Warehouse Control at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. He was a decorated veteran of the U.S. Navy and was actively involved with the agricultural industry for the past 24 years.

Most recently he served as the vice chairman of the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute, the Chairman of the U.S. Wheat

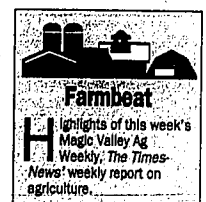
Associates Hard White Wheat Committee and served on the Idaho State Department's Noxious Weed Committee.

Van Dyk meets with ISDA to discuss regulatory action

WENDELL - Richard Van Dyk, owner of Van Dyk 3 dairy, had a meeting with Idaho State Department of Agriculture officials January 16 to discuss regulatory action at the Wendell dairy.

The waste management case began in December when Dairy Bureau inspectors found a full lagoon and land application of liquid waste. ISDA is also currently pursuing other cases concerning dairies in southern Idaho, but will not comment on regulatory action in progress, said Dairy Bureau Chief Marv Patten.

ISDA did not state what was discussed with Van Dyk, or if



any conclusion was reached. Van Dyk was unavailable for comment. Doug Suter, a contractor who works with Van Dyk at the dairy, was present at the meeting with ISDA in Boise and said he expects there won't be a need for more discussions with ISDA.

INEEL studies potato technology to thwart anthrax

IDAHO FALLS - The same technology that helps deliver wholesome Idaho potatoes to family kitchens may be an effective tool against terrorism. Researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory are teaming with a small business located in Aberdeen to experiment with destroying anthrax using ozone.

The O3Co. has developed a patented process to deliver high concentrations of ozone - 300 to 800 parts per million - to freshly harvested potatoes as they travel along conveyor belts.

Ozone destroys harmful bacteria such as Erwinia, responsible for soft rot, silver scurf, and pink rot, allowing farmers to safely store their potato crops for months.

INEEL researchers believe this same process can be used to sterilize mail.

Dry bean production falls for almost all states

BOISE - Of the 18 dry bean states, 14 expect lower production than a year ago, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Nationwide, dry edible bean production is estimated at 19.5 million hundredweight, down 26 percent from last year and 41 percent below 1999. This is the lowest dry bean production since 1988, when production was 19.3 million cwt.

Here in Idaho dry bean production in 2001 totaled an estimated 142 million cwt, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service's December quarterly survey of producers. That total is down 17 percent from last year and 33 percent from 1999.

their current locations. Sabrina's is in the process of moving into the old Classic Cafe building, a few blocks east of the current location, said Goringe, who owns the building where Sabrina's has been.

Magic Valley Recycling is closing its Burley location, but will continue to operate in Twin Falls. Burley Construction is now operating out of owner Jim Graves' home.

The CableONE equipment building has moved east of the current location, but the office stays at Snake River Plaza.

Le Huynh, who rented space to A Taste of Thai, said his former tenants are opening a new restaurant today next to Costco Wholesale in Twin Falls. Huynh operated Le's Chopsticks before A Taste of Thai

occupied the building. He took his Wal-Mart money and opened a new Le's Chopsticks at 2116 Overland, which was the old Kentucky Fried Chicken building.

"We love Wal-Mart," he said. "It gave me an opportunity." Huynh's fans, who loved his ginger chicken, will find the dish on the menu at his new restaurant.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cawson can be reached at 436-1351 or lcawson@cableone.net.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Notice of Realty Action, Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act Classification

The following public lands in Cassia County, Idaho have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease to the State of Idaho, Department of Parks and Recreation under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 969 et seq.). The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to use the land as a public campground for the City of Rocks National Reserve.

T15 S., R. 24 E., Boise Meridian
Section 37: E1/2SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 120 acres, more or less, in Cassia County.

The proposed campground would include 89 camping units with 76 of them having water and electrical hookups for recreational vehicles (RVs), two shower and restroom facilities, picnic tables and associated drain fields, a 100 acre amphitheater, and an access road.

The above described lands are not needed for Federal purposes. The lease of those lands is consistent with the Cassia Resource Management Plan and would be in the public interest.

The bases, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act and to all applicable regulations of the Bureau of the Interior.
2. Those rights for access road and buried pipeline purposes granted to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation by right-of-way ID-31531.
3. Those rights for road use purposes reserved to the United States by right-of-way reservation ID-30770.
4. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the United States.
5. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
6. The lease would be issued subject to the proposed conceptual design submitted with the application as well as with its attached Schematic Site Plan. Prior to any construction activity, the detailed construction and design plan must be reviewed and approved by the BLM Authorized Officer.
7. Sixty days prior to an abandonment of the campground the lessee shall contact the BLM authorized officer to arrange a joint inspection of the lease area. This inspection will be held to agree to an acceptable termination (and rehabilitation) plan. This plan shall include, but is not limited to, removal of facilities, drainage structures, or surface material, recontouring, topsoiling, or seeding. The BLM authorized officer must approve the plan in writing prior to the holder's commencement of any termination activities.

Additional information concerning this action is available for review at the Burley Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 16 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho.

Publication of this notice in the Federal Register; the lands will be segregated from all other forms or appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for leases under the Recreation and Public Purpose Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification or lease of the lands to the Field Office Manager, Burley Field Office, 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83401.

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a public campground facility for the City of Rocks National Reserve. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs. Interested parties may also submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factors directly related to the suitability of the land for a public campground facility.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Dated: December 27, 2001
Theresa Harlow, Burley Field Manager

50 LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT has received a petition to vacate a roadway easement along the section line common to sections 29 and 30 of township 11 south, range 18 east, Boise meridian, Twin Falls County Idaho more particularly described as follows:

A 50.0 foot wide strip of land that is centered on the section line common to said sections 29 and 30 of township 11 south, range 18 east, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Twin Falls Highway District located at 1234 Highland Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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4. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the United States.
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7. Sixty days prior to an abandonment of the campground the lessee shall contact the BLM authorized officer to arrange a joint inspection of the lease area. This inspection will be held to agree to an acceptable termination (and rehabilitation) plan. This plan shall include, but is not limited to, removal of facilities, drainage structures, or surface material, recontouring, topsoiling, or seeding. The BLM authorized officer must approve the plan in writing prior to the holder's commencement of any termination activities.

Additional information concerning this action is available for review at the Burley Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 16 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho.

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Dated: December 27, 2001
Theresa Harlow, Burley Field Manager

50 LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT has received a petition to vacate a roadway easement along the section line common to sections 29 and 30 of township 11 south, range 18 east, Boise meridian, Twin Falls County Idaho more particularly described as follows:

A 50.0 foot wide strip of land that is centered on the section line common to said sections 29 and 30 of township 11 south, range 18 east, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Twin Falls Highway District located at 1234 Highland Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The above described lands are not needed for Federal purposes. The lease of those lands is consistent with the Cassia Resource Management Plan and would be in the public interest.

The bases, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

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HOUD POUND TWIN FALLS ANIMAL SHELTER

FOUND:

1. Small Hooler X, black speckled, older female "wilder" collar.
2. Yellow male on Blue Lakes.
3. Lab X, male pup found on Ship X.

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LOST sm. white cat, long hair, with black Y on forehead. Blue eyes, green/leat on inside leg out. Lost in Targhee vicinity, Miss Lynn in Buhl Reward Call 543-4067

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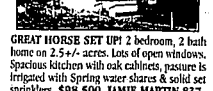


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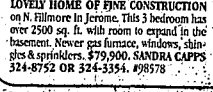
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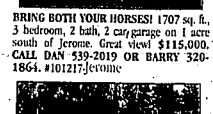
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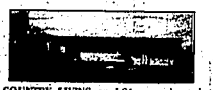
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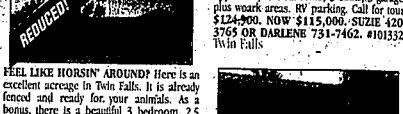


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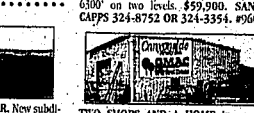
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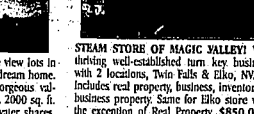
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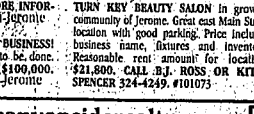
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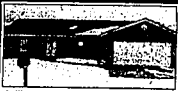
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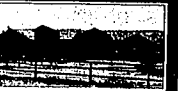
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Outgoing SWF, 19, 5'10", blonde hair, likes to read, hike, and enjoy life. ISO W/M, 21-35, NS, who is fun, and is a push over. Ad# 1574

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Bubbly SWF, 43, 130lbs, blonde hair, likes fishing, camping, horse races, dancing, and movies. Seeking LTR, DW, 30-40, who is fun, and is a push over. Ad# 1416

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Adventurous SWF, 23, 5'2", 140lbs, looking for a SW/M, who is fun, and is a push over. Ad# 1574

DO YOU LIKE TO KISS?
SWF, 37, 5'10", 160lbs, blonde hair, likes to read, hike, and enjoy life. ISO W/M, 30-35, who is fun, and is a push over. Ad# 1574

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SWF, 30, 5'4", full-figured, outgoing, likes to have fun, love to read, and enjoy life. ISO W/M, 28-35, who is fun, and is a push over. Ad# 1480

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Over-matched, understanding SWF, 50, 5'11", 140lbs, with brown hair, likes to read, and enjoy life. ISO W/M, 28-35, who is fun, and is a push over. Ad# 1476

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Dear Mr. Wolff:
 At duplicate, partner opened one spade, and I responded two diamonds with A-K, K-Q-8-7, 10-9-8-4, 10-7-4. When he rebid two spades, what was my better invitational bid, three spades or two no-trump?

Dear Mr. Wolff:
 At duplicate, LHO opens one spade, followed by two passes. Obviously, I should reopen the bidding, but what's preferable? Should I double, or should I reopen one no-trump? I held ♠K-10-7, ♥A-J-8-4, ♦J-7, ♣K-9-6-5.

ANSWER: Without a club stopper and with a nebulous stopper in diamonds, I prefer a raise to three spades. It's rarely a good idea to hide the ace and king of trumps after partner rebids the suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
 I open with a strong two-diamond bid, holding ♠A-K-10, ♥A-K-Q-J-7-6-5, ♣A-7-3. If partner responds three clubs (part-time), what's my next move?

Dear Mr. Wolff:
 At duplicate, partner opens one club, and next hand overcalls one heart. With neither side vulnerable, is my hand worth a one-spade bid? I held ♠K-J-9-8-7-6, ♥7-4-3-2, ♦10, ♣J-3.

ANSWER: Some might require a little more for a response. The question I ask myself is, "Would I have bid one spade had RHO passed?" Since the answer is yes, I favor a one-spade bid.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
 Partner opens one club and my RHO overcalls one no-trump. What is my best action with ♠A, ♥Q-9-5-3, ♦K-Q-J-5-3, ♣Q-J-2?

ANSWER: There is a simple and direct solution to this problem. Since partner promises a club suit, use the Grand Slam Force immediately. A direct jump to five no-trump asks partner to bid seven in the last-bid suit if he holds two of the top three honors. With fewer, he bids six. If he has the K-Q of clubs, play in seven diamonds. If he does not, play in six diamonds.

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Don't look now, but port-siders are taking over

Valuable information for left-handers," the press release announced. And it contained information about a Left-Hander's Newsletter, with articles on everything from causes to biases to products to left-brain/right-brain dominance. Some newsletter entries are about handwriting; others are about playing musical instruments left-handed. One is titled, "How Did the Left-Handed Vote Affect the Election?"

Sixteen years ago, I probably wouldn't have noticed. Then I gave birth to a left-handed child — the first in our immediate family — and became more interested in the plight of left-handed people living in a right-handed world. I might even order the newsletter (1-800-511-5338).



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Years ago, I remember my grandmother warning a friend against letting her boy favor his left hand. He would never be able to function properly in society, she said.

In school, I remember left-handed kids forced to shift pencils to their right hands. You could never read anything they wrote, so we figured they would all grow up to be doctors, or find some other profession where it's a plus to have handwriting no one can read.

Not long ago, I read about some teachers who developed a new system for teaching rapid, legible handwriting. Teacher Barbara Getty, one of the authors of "Write Now," said that, even in 1940, left-handed children were classified as "special needs" in some schools. And long after that, many were taught to slant their papers as if they were right-handed.

I'm not surprised. I recall my own mother fretting over my lefty friends because "it could cause stuttering." But my mother also said, "If you cross your eyes, then it's a special need." So we kids were never sure exactly which old wives' tales to believe.

Eventually, everyone seemed to decide it was bad to make left-handed kids use their right hands. And now we've come full circle, with a newsletter — and even a national convention, I'm told — for the left-handed.

In our house, it's never been a big deal. But my left-handed son has caused the rest of us to become aware of some stuff we never considered before. For instance, until my lefty started preschool, I never contemplated the existence of left-handed scissors. And I never thought much about left-handedness and social adjustment.

So far, my son hasn't shown any tendencies toward becoming antisocial. "Serial killer" hasn't turned up on his list of career options even once. Probably the most frustrating part of raising a lefty was finding out that left-handed golf clubs cost a lot of money — and seating a left-handed person in a restaurant beside right-handed people can be pretty complicated, too.

The news release said there are more than 30 million left-handed people in the United States, and about one of every eight people in Idaho is left-handed. A related Web site said no one knows for sure what causes people to be left-handed, and most of the old prejudices against lefties are gone. Except for polo. It's still illegal to play polo left-handed, but I think that has something to do with spooking the horses, so those horses must be harboring the prejudices there.

In some areas of life, it's become downright fashionable to be left-handed. Take baseball, for example. The list of lefties there could fill a record book, and would include legends like Lou Gehrig, Ty Cobb, Ted Williams and Babe Ruth.

In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if we right-handers sort ended up on a "disadvantaged" list somewhere someday. Where's the newsletter for us?

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

IDAHO WINTERS

AND OTHER

TALL TALES

In the Magic Valley, they never made Januaries like they used to

"No winter is fit to be compared with 1949."
— Times-News, 1950

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

JEROME — A three-foot snowdrift in your neighbor's yard is a curiosity.

But a three-foot snowdrift in your yard is a blizzard, Virginia Ricketts muses.

This is her 74th Magic Valley winter, which puts her in a unique position to validate a rite of January in these parts: Invoking the memory of bitter winters past to justify the conclusion that the stony heart of south-central Idaho is made of solid ice.

"Sure, I remember bad winters," said Ricketts, 77, the Magic Valley's most respected amateur historian. "But the truth is most of them were pretty much like this one."

This one reads thusly, since the winter solstice: Average daily high: 23 degrees. Average low: 23 degrees. Average amount of snow on the ground: Less than an inch.

"We don't usually have very hard winters around here," Ricketts said. "But it depends where you live and how the wind blows there."

"Actually there's some evidence to suggest that winters may be getting milder (on the Snake River Plain)," said Russell Qualls, a faculty member at the University of Idaho and the state climatologist.

"There's not enough data to really make a determination why, but it may be related to natural weather cycles."

The central fact of life on the northern rim of the Great Basin is that most of the moisture — and there isn't much — falls in the winter. But desert climates are notoriously variable, which is why January extremes can be breathtaking in these parts.

In 1949, the average minimum daily temperature during January in Twin Falls was minus-5, and 18 1/2 inches of snow fell during the month. In snow 1992, the average minimum was over 19 degrees and Twin Falls got 0.1 inches of snow.

"A lot of weather in this part of the world is affected by the El Niño-La Niña cycle," Qualls said, referring to the phenomena of year-to-year water temperature differences in the Pacific Ocean and the dramatic effects they can have on weather worldwide. "And we're in between them right now."

Weather data do suggest a noticeable warming trend on the Snake River Plain, and Qualls says that may have something to do with global warming. But he's not convinced of it.

"It too complex a phenomenon to draw conclusions about yet," he said. "There's too much we still don't know."

So climatologists are left to consider the long swing in weather behavior they've detected in the Pacific Northwest, both from historical observations and from studying tree-ring data, and to speculate where it's headed.

"There are patterns, but a lot



Craig Carson prunes red twig dogwood shrubs at Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls during the largely snowless January 1998.



The aftermath of an avalanche in the Wood River Valley during the 1890s.

Average (since 1963)		Average (since 1992)	
• Maximum temperature: 35.9 degrees	• Number of years with loss snowfall than average: 7	• Average maximum temperature: 38.1 degrees	• Number of years with highs warmer than average: 5
• Minimum temperature: 19.7 degrees	• Number of years with more snowfall than average: 3	• Average minimum temperature: 21.7 degrees	• Number of years with highs colder than average: 2
• Snowfall: 6.9 inches		• Average snowfall: 6.7 inches	• Number of years with lows warmer than average: 7
		• Number of years with highs warmer than average: 5	• Number of years with lows colder than average: 3
		• Number of years with lows warmer than average: 2	
		• Number of years with lows colder than average: 7	
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January extremes

1949
• Average maximum temperature: 19.7 degrees
• Average minimum temperature: Minus-5.2 degrees
• Snowfall: 18.4 inches

1992
• Average maximum temperature: 40.7 degrees
• Average minimum temperature: 19.2 degrees
• Snowfall: 0.1 inch

— Source: National Weather Service

of variations too," Qualls said. "That's one reason why it's so hard to predict how much snow will fall in the mountains of western Wyoming, which is so critical

for irrigated agriculture." Ricketts suggests that winters may seem to be getting easier in the Magic Valley because the roads are better and there are

better snow-removal technologies.

"I grew up south of Filer, and I remember a winter in the '30s when we were snowed in for a long time," she said. "But there weren't many snowplows around here then, and those that were here were pretty primitive."

And as climatologists have observed, the irrigated areas of south-central Idaho are full of "microclimates."

"We live up on the butte," Ricketts said. "The Jerome (Country Club) is just a few miles away, but we can have three feet of snow and they have none at all last winter."

Ricketts has heard her share of Winter of '49 stories, but she knows how to bet on Magic Valley weather.

"It will change," she said. "That's about all you can count on."

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Fun ways to connect with kids Etc...

Some ways for parents to make quick connections with children or squeeze family time from their schedules:

- Combine errands with exercise by riding bikes or walking together to the video store or library.
- Set aside Sundays or a particular night of the week as family-time. Make brunch or dinner that day a mandatory sit-down meal for the entire family.
- Do something special to jazz up an ordinary meal. Some ideas: Have a winter picnic with a tablecloth or blanket in front of the fireplace. Or play music, pour milk into wine glasses and eat off your nice plates. For a spiffy morning routine, serve breakfast in bed.
- Set up a message area where all important notices go. Put together a bulletin board or dryer-erase board; manila envelopes labeled with each child's name; calendar; and supply basket with

pens, paper and Post-it notes. Ask each child to leave all important papers, such as permission slips, in their envelope. Older children can write activities on the calendar. Remind family members to check the message center every day.

- Bundle up and take a night walk. Besides the fresh air and exercise, another bonus is that children may speak more openly because you don't make eye contact in the dark.
- Volunteer at your children's school, but only for activities that involve your offspring, such as field trips or classroom help.
- Try doing one of your major chores during the week to give you more free time on the weekend with your kids. For instance,

do the laundry a load at a time each night after dinner or go grocery shopping after the kids are in bed (if there's an adult at home).

- Memorize simple books or poems for younger children and recite them in the car. Or sing songs together.
- Take turns reading to each other while cleaning. For example, a parent could read to a child while he cleans his room.
- Set aside time, even if it's just a few minutes a day, to focus solely on each child. Do whatever the child wants during that time and give them all your attention.

— Sources: "The Working Parents Handbook," by June Solnit Sale and Kit Kollenberg; "The Working Parents Help Book," by Susan Orlow Price and Tom Price; "Survival Tips for Working Moms," by Linda Goodman Pillsbury; and "Working Parents, Happy Kids," by Pati Crofut and Joanna Knapp; Seattle Times

Enter the Times-News Valentine poem contest

The Times-News

The second installment in The Times-News' reader-participation writing contests is coming up in February.

Love is the theme and verse the medium; write a Valentine's Day love poem about someone you love.

One-hundred twenty-five words is the limit; no exceptions. We'll publish the winning poem and some of the best of the rest in the Family Life section on the Sunday before Valentine's Day, Feb. 10.

And remember that it's a family newspaper, please. Praise your beloved in printable terms. And, no, it doesn't have to rhyme.

Entry deadline is Feb. 4, and youngsters are welcome to participate. Send your entries Love Letters, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, fax them

to (208) 734-5538, or e-mail them to crump@magicvalley.com.

The winner will receive a copy of Shakespeare's Sonnets.

By the way, if you want your poem to take the form of the sonnet, here's the format: A sonnet is a lyric poem of 14 lines with a formal rhyme scheme, expressing different aspects of a single thought, mood, or feeling, resolved or summed up in the last lines of the poem. Shakespearean, or English, sonnets are divided into three quatrains, each rhymed differently, with a final, independently rhymed couplet that makes a unifying climax to the whole. The rhyme scheme is a b a b, c d c d, e f e f, g g.

But your poem doesn't have to be so highfalutin to win. Just tender, funny, rueful or touching. For further information, call Features Editor Steve Crump at 735-3223.

The generation of caregivers

Knightrider News Service

Beth Liebhich can't pinpoint the day she officially became a caregiver.

Maybe it began in 1995 with her mother's intestinal inflammation. There were the twice-monthly doctor visits and extra trips to the pharmacy and the nearly hour commute across town - from her home in Clifton Park, N.Y., to Saratoga Springs and back - to check on Mom during the week. Things heated up when her father and father-in-law each had cardiac valve replacement surgery within two weeks of each other.

By 1998 she thought nothing of dropping off her mother at the cardiologist's office, then swinging by to pick up her father-in-law for his ophthalmology or cardiology appointment, making it her in-time to hear what Mom's heart doctor had to say.

In 2000, both her mother and father died. So did her husband's father. Now her mother-in-law is in the late stages of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

There is no job description for caregivers, but the 25 million Americans who provide care for elderly or critically ill family members do everything from shopping for groceries and medicines to bathing, dressing, feeding, cleaning house, and taking care of the family finances.

As the population of older citizens grows dramatically - by the year 2030 there will be 5.3 million baby boomers who need long-term care - many caregivers put their own lives on hold to meet the needs of ill loved ones. Like Liebhich, three-quarters of family caregivers are women. According to the National Alliance of Caregivers and the American Association of Retired Persons, the average caregiver is a married woman in her mid-40s, a high school graduate who works full time and earns about \$35,000 a year. But caregivers can be young, old, male, female, employed or not working, members of large families or small, of every race, faith and denomination. They're caring for ailing parents, husbands or wives, and even children.

And, according to Carol Levine, an advocate for family caregivers, most "go it alone." Nearly 83 percent have no paid professional therapists or social workers, and nearly 85 percent have no other paid assistance, such as home health aides.

Shirley Loflin, 66, knows what it means to go it alone. When her 83-year-old mother died in 1993 after a long illness, Loflin was left to care for both her ailing father and her husband, Geddie, who suffered a debilitating stroke. "Geddie was close to retire-



Photo courtesy: Knightrider.com

According to the National Alliance of Caregivers and the American Association of Retired Persons, the average caregiver is a married woman in her mid-40s, a high school graduate who works full time and earns about \$35,000 a year.

"Loflin said, "We were within touching distance from our dreams of traveling, playing with grandchildren, and finally having time just for one another. Life was full and beautiful until the week before Christmas, when it literally exploded. "First, Mother died, leaving Daddy alone and bewildered. He couldn't stay by himself, so of course we brought him to live with us. We'd barely settled down to the routine of life together when Geddie, my sweet husband, had a massive stroke, which left him speechless and totally paralyzed on the right side. Within minutes he was reduced to a complete invalid and all our lives changed forever."

Aside from her frantic caregiving duties, Loflin had to deal with daily life and natural disasters in her home in Americus, Ga. "One week, our old furnace died, the plumbing backed up, the city was in the midst of a huge flood, a small tornado whirled through our neighborhood and ripped off shingles and tree limbs. Debris was everywhere. Geddie had his first seizure and, on top of it all, Daddy was upset because Geddie needed so much of my time."

She got through it all, including the death of her father last October, but the experience shook her. "What scares me most is that you never know what will happen next. Life is from minute to minute. It's living on the

edges."

Loflin and Liebhich are among the 25 percent of caregivers in the United States who tend to more than one relative at a time. Even more common is the "sandwich generation," the baby boomers who are tending to their parents while still raising their children.

Liebhich, 46, falls into that category, too. A one-time manager at a major national insurance company, she embraced the role of full-time wife and mother in 1993. She always assumed that when her son left for college, she would re-enter the work force. The day her mother and father-in-law both ended up in different emergency departments, she realized her career would stay on the shelf a bit longer.

But her management skills were put to good use in her new role. In the car between stops, she'd call the pharmacy to check on the latest prescription and check in with her son as he returned home from high school. She started carrying a Palm Pilot to organize her parents' appointments and medications.

"It was a lifesaver," she said. "I have a bad back and I had literally been carrying around many pounds of records." It also was necessary, she adds, because "otherwise the doctors have no idea what each is prescribing."

Despite her savvy, Liebhich's family got caught in a bewildering health-care maze, discovering that insurance or Medicare regu-

lations frequently seemed to be at cross-purposes with quality of care.

One day, while her father was being cared for at home, a "private aide" took her father to the mall so he could go for a "walk." He could only shuffle a few feet without stopping to catch his breath. A nurse happened by the house while they were gone. The brief walk meant he was not strictly homebound and now ineligible for Medicare home health aides. The twice-weekly, half-hour home visits by the nurse became twice-weekly, two-hour trips to the doctor for Beth and her father.

Caregiving at this level can take a physical toll. While hurrying to get her father situated in his new assisted-living apartment, Liebhich broke her back carrying a heavy carton. After a week in bed, she underwent six months of physical therapy and still maintains a stringent strength-training program. Another time, Liebhich had an attack of chest pains and it took a week of rest and several tests to assure everyone that it was strained muscles and frayed nerves.

The cost to the health-care system of illness and injury among caregivers is significant. A 1997 study by the National Alliance for Caregiving and the American Association of Retired Persons found that 15 percent of all caregivers and 31 percent of those providing the highest levels of care experienced significant physical and emotional stress. In another study, over a four-year period, caregivers who reported the highest levels of stress had a 63 percent higher risk of dying than non-caregivers.

The financial picture isn't any brighter. Many Americans simply die poor, with the health care system having absorbed all the money they and their families have.

According to public opinion researchers Lake Snell Perry, caring for an elderly relative ranks as one of the top financial worries for the 21st century, and with good reason. With nursing home costs rising more than \$3,000 a month, it doesn't take long for most Americans to "spend down" to meet Medicaid criteria for being officially indigent. In a 1999 study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of patients with advanced, incurable chronic illness, 29 percent of families reported losing most or all of their livelihood. Thirty-one percent lost most or all of the family's life savings. Social Security and pension benefits overall, and out-of-pocket expenses for the care of a single ill relative averaged more than \$19,000.

"Many requests normally would be in by now for out-of-country travel, but only one - a Miami Beach High School trip to Japan - has been submitted since Sept. 11," Rodgers says. It was approved.

Still, his gut feeling is that as time passes, parents are becoming more comfortable with their kids' travels. The trip was canceled. Instead, the school substituted a tour to Orlando and Tampa.

Since last fall, requests for future travel have virtually vanished.

"I think you will see a lot of bands traveling - they're invited to attend events at about this time - and then there's the National Science Fair," says spokesman Joe Donzell.

Student trips have been growing at the rate of 20 percent to 25 percent a year for the past decade, according to tour operators.

But in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, the numbers have taken a significant downturn.

Mom's feelings for son's friend get out of hand

DEAR ABBY: I have had an unusually close bond with my son's best friend, "Chad." We talk several times a week and enjoy each other's company. Chad is 17. I am 45. He has always made me feel special.

Recently I chaperoned a school dance, and he was there. While checking the back hallway, I saw him kissing a girl. I was stunned by my reaction. I broke down in front of them. I sobbed like a teenager whose boyfriend was cheating on her. Other students and adults also witnessed my unfortunate display of emotions. Now I am afraid to talk with Chad - and he's made no effort to call me.

Abby, I honestly don't know how to explain myself. I am afraid this will affect Chad's friendship with my son, as well. I do not want to lose my relationship with this wonderful young man, whom I dearly love. What do I do now?

-EMOTIONAL MOM IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

DEAR EMOTIONAL MOM: I think you have done enough. It's time to put some distance between you and this lad. You didn't mention whether or not you have a husband. If you are single, it's time to concentrate your energies on someone closer to your own age.

DEAR ABBY: The "Are You an Alcoholic?" test you printed listing 12 questions was good as far as it went - but it didn't go far enough. I'm sure that anyone who was raised by, or married to, or best friend who is an alcoholic cringed when they read it.

Where were these questions: When you take one or two drinks, can you stop and walk away? Have you ever embarrassed yourself or someone else when drinking? Do you drink every day? How many times in the last month have you awakened with a hangover? Do you spend money you don't have on alcohol? Has this affected your sleeping



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VarBuren

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BEEN THERE
IN SAN DIEGO
DEAR BEEN THERE: I'm glad that. And thank you for the valuable input.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to add a thought to David Broome's words of encouragement to "Scared About the New Job." I said, "Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic."

While I appreciate his sentiment and completely agree with his contrasting the success of the ark to that of the Titanic, I must point out that the success of the ark was not due to its contractor, but to its architect.

-GARY SHIRLEY, OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS.

DEAR GARY: I'm pleased to "float" your theory.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne.

Don't leave teens out of family fun

The Washington Post

Last summer on book tour, psychiatrist Alvin Rosenfeld said on television that parents should make time to play games with their teen-agers. The producer could not find an idiom.

"Come on, you think my daughter is going to play Monopoly with me?" she asked.

The next day she telephoned Rosenfeld to apologize. Turns out she retrieved a dusty old Parker Brothers game from a closet the night of the taping and her 14-year-old daughter, an enthusiastic player, joined in. "We're finishing it up tonight," she confessed.

"Think your kids don't want to play with you once they are adolescents?" It's a tall lie," says Rosenfeld, co-author of "The Overlooked Child" (Griffin, \$13.95). Combine the right activity with the right time and they're there, he says.

Social scientists say playing with parents erases some of the stress that youngsters feel as they get older, softening the corners of their everyday hassles.

"The world is tough for teenagers," says William I. Doherty, author of "Take Back Your Kids" (Soren, \$12.95). "They're oriented toward peers but feel they have to perform for their peers. One drawback statement can get them fidgety. Coasting off with their family allows teens 'to let go of that tension.'"

Pursued in the right spirit, play is "the great leveler in parent-child relationships," continues Doherty, professor of family social science at the University of Minnesota. "Whether you're playing a board game or swimming in a lake, for a little period of time you're suspending the parent-child hierarchy." Kids get a glimpse of what a parent was like as a kid, and Mom or Dad can take note of the increasing agility of their growing child.

Hasbro Games is pushing Monopoly, Scrabble and Clue as part of a Family Game Night campaign. Endless Games, maker of Trivial Pursuit and Pictionary, is having success with a category it calls "family fun," featuring games such as Concentration and What's My Line. Don't like board games? Learning a new skill together can be another satisfying form of play with risk-seeking adolescents, says Rosenfeld.

Teen slumber parties have started to go coed

The Stamford Advocate

If your teen-ager plans on sleeping at a friend's, it's possible the opposite sex might be part of the guest list.

Coed slumber parties are not only deemed appropriate in many teen circles, they're gaining popularity as a growing number of parents rethink their position about adolescents in the grip of toy-games' ever-changing mores.

"If you asked me a year or two ago if I would have permitted this, I would say, 'Absolutely not,'" says one Stamford, Conn., mom whose 14- and 18-year-old daughters take part in weekend overnights.

"The woman who wishes to remain anonymous, says she changed her mind when she realized her kids had already been involved in coed sleepovers.

"It is somewhat hypocritical for me to say, 'You can sleep in a tent with these kids (at summer camp) or travel around Europe with these kids, but you can't sleep in our house with these kids.'"

"I don't want to set up my kids in a situation where they end up lying to me," she says.

Another younger daughter says she never felt her parents would disapprove.

"I had no problem at all asking," she says, adding, "I think they trust me."

Besides, she notes, "it's a fun party to hang out with everybody. Otherwise we would all be staying at each other's houses until 11 or 2 o'clock. This way we don't

have to worry about staying up late or getting home on time."

The teen, who's been to two or three coed slumber parties, says they're like a combination of boy-girl parties and girl sleepovers.

"The last one I went to, we freaked the guys out by painting each other's toenails, got giggly, drank a lot of soda and stayed up watching sappy movies. Then, we laughed and talked about the guys who were there."

On the boys' side, they burped a lot, she says, laughing. "Basically, we all pretended that the other gender wasn't there."

As for things getting out of hand, it's unlikely to happen, she says. The parties are more like kids hanging out than couples pairing off. Also, the parents laid down the law before the party began.

"The parents had said, 'No kissing, don't leave the house, don't make a mess and stay in your own sleeping bag,'" she says.

The Stamford mother says her older daughter has been hosting coed sleepovers for the last two years. While the mom used to visit the basement to check things out, she feels comfortable enough not to do it now.

"I either know the kids or I have spent some time with them before they go to sleep," she says. "There is this part of me that feels uncomfortable that I am permitting this, and there's this part that says it's absurd for me not to permit this."

Attacks cause schools to cut back on trips

Knightrider News Service

Miramonte High teacher Ira Kaminsky had just picked up the airline tickets for his kids' trip to New York. Then the terrorists attacked - and the December trip was canceled.

Now, Kaminsky is in a quandary. The Broward County, Fla., school system lifted the restrictions on students flying on school trips earlier this month, and he has to decide whether to rebook.

"I don't know if we can go," he says. "I don't know if parents are comfortable - the war is still going on."

Throughout the nation, other schools are facing the same tough question after Sept. 11. Many already have canceled trips or changed plans to venture closer to home.

While recreational travel is somewhat returning to normal throughout the United States, many schools and parents are still hesitating.

For example, Howard Drive Elementary in Miami usually takes its fifth-graders to Washington. After Sept. 11, administrators decided the kids will go in May on a three-day trip up the eastern Florida coast, including stops in Cape Canaveral and St. Augustine.

"We're just going to stay with the Florida trip," says Principal Florine Curtis. "It's a beautiful trip. The kids will love it."

And parents will likely feel more comfortable with the in-state trip - especially after the recent air tragedy involving a 15-year-old who stole a small plane and crashed it into a downtown Tampa skyscraper.

"Just when you think we're getting back to normal, then this hap-

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No one wants a cold sore a week before his or her wedding; believe me, I know.

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The laser is now being used to destroy the virus when it exposes itself in the form of a cold sore. Anyone who has had one is familiar with the feeling that is experienced the moment a blister begins to form. When this happens, come into the office quickly and we will kill the virus with the laser.

Studies show that once this procedure is performed, the cold sore will never again reappear in that spot on your lip. It 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 sunny day in May. After this treatment on my own lip, I have purposely left off sunscreen (not recommended) and I didn't receive my cold sore.

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GOOD MANNERS

Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls recognized students for their good manners.

Students in grades one through three are, from left, row one: Tyler Wolters, Brianna Johansen, Annie Patterson, Jordan Taylor, Shawn Dye, Cade Summers, Kayla Ash and Brad Wood; row two: Amy Wilson, Channing Metell, Tyler Ingram Michael Wood, Caine Coonce, Matea Pendic, Alex Lent, Katrina Millers and Chelsea Stevens; row three: James Leon, Jordan Gentry, Shannon Jackson, Alex Hali, Kayden Holt, Enrique Ramirez, McKayBeard, Steven White, Alec Ingram and Trisha McCandless. Below, Good manners students in grades four to six are, from left, row one: Eric Nowland, Jessica Potts, Medina Jaserovic, Gracie Gonzales, Barbara Lindsay, Dani Bates, Amanda Coggins and Amber Denton; row two: Chace Orton, Kelsey Peterson, Marissa Merrill and Skyler Blingham; row three: Brooke Roblnette, Stevie Marcano, Courtney Taut, Kolly Vileman, Chase Bragg, Edgar Cervantes, Dario Mandura, Vincent Gonzales and Edgar Bagranyan.

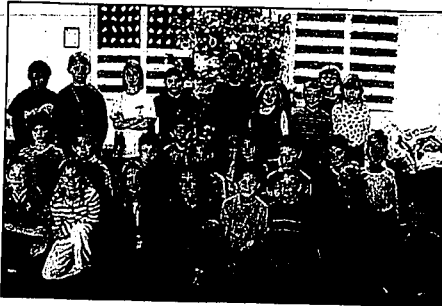


Photo courtesy of Bickel Elementary



Wynne Gensey holds a picture she painted and Gloria Hann wears a wool wrap she made. The items will be raffled at the Magic Valley Symphony League's upcoming ninth annual card party benefit.

Photo courtesy of Magic Valley Symphony

League tunes up for card event

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Symphony League will host its ninth annual card party benefit starting at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

Bridge and pinocle will be played. Before the games, homemade desserts will be served and

a raffle will be held. The raffle items include a picture entitled, "So Fleeting" which was painted and donated by Twin Falls artist Wynne Gensey, and a hand-woven wrap made and donated by Twin Falls weaver Gloria Hann.

Cash prizes for bridge and

pinocle winners will be awarded.

Admission is \$5 per person. All proceeds from the event support the Magic Valley Symphony. Because seating is limited, reservations are requested by Tuesday.

For more information or to make reservations, call Dottie at 733-7789.

Local students win DAR contest

TWIN FALLS - Two Magic Valley students have been selected by the Twin Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as local winners in an essay contest.

Megan Harr, a 12th grader at Castleford High School, and Kacie Bitzenburg, a home-schooled sixth-grader in Twin Falls, are the winners.

Harr, the daughter of Tracy and Debbie Harr of Buhl, won local honors in the Christopher Columbus essay contest for students in grades nine to 12. This year's topic was "If you were to interview Christopher Columbus and John Glenn, what differences and similarities would you expect



Megan Harr

to be between them?"

Bitzenburg was selected as the sixth-grade winner in the American History-essay contest, with the topic, "As editor of the Philadelphia Gazette, inter-view at least two signers of the Declaration of Independence and write an article for the July 5, 1776, edition." She is the daughter of Jim and Cindy Bitzenburg of Twin Falls.



Kacie Bitzenburg

The contest is sponsored each year by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, an organization promoting patriotism, education and historic preservation. Essays were judged on historical accuracy, originality and writing skills. The winning essays have been forwarded to the Idaho State DAR to compete for state-level awards.

CSI offers 'Seniors on the Internet,' other courses

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering a series of enrichment courses starting next week ranging from investing to skiing.

The classes take place on the CSI campus unless otherwise noted.

Seniors on the Internet shows seniors with prior computer experience how to informally "surf" the Internet with the help of a tour guide/instructor and enhance general skills, such as how to browse more effectively, use more advanced e-mail features, experience user groups and chat rooms, download software and more. The course will be held from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 22 through Feb. 19 in Evergreen room A23. The cost is \$55.

Specialty Cakes for Children shows students to go beyond the basics. This workshop takes place from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 23 through Feb. 20 in Desert room 116. Cost is \$40 plus a \$25 materials fee paid to the instructor.

Smart Women Finish Rich shows students how to analyze their financial situations and help them set goals to obtain future financial security. The class will be held from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 24 in

Want more info?
Call 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

Shields room 103. Cost is \$10.
Conversational Spanish covers communication skills using basic oral and written Spanish. It will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 through March 14 in Shields room 110. Cost is \$75.

Intermediate Spanish will strengthen students' communication skills through speaking the language and education about the culture. The class will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. on Jan. 24 through March 14 in Shields 110. Cost is \$75.

Adult Skiing for One and All students will travel to Pomerelle Ski Resort for low intensity, take-it-easy instruction, with each student progressing at their own pace. Cost is \$120, which includes transportation, instructor fees and lift tickets. Ski rentals are available at the resort for an additional cost. The class will take place from noon to 7 p.m. (including transportation time), Jan. 24 through March 14.

Using Chat and Messenger students will learn the free programs. Some Internet experience is preferred. The class will be held from

6:30-9:30 p.m. on Fridays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1 in Aspen room 144. Cost is \$35.

Beginning German will be held from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 28 through May 13 in Shields 107. The class is a continued study of the German language without the pressure of a grade. The cost is \$60.

Intermediate German will be held from 8-10 p.m. Jan. 28 through May 13 in Shields 107. The class is a continued study of the German language with stress on verb tenses and higher-level conversations and language uses. The cost is \$60.

Developing Capable People will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 29 through April 9 in Shields 110. The workshop is for those parents, teachers or grandparents interested in helping children become more capable in today's world. Students will learn strategies to build closeness with and trust in children, and develop tools for healthy communication with their children. Instructor Karen Kolochech-Kotich has six years experience facilitating the workshop for Twin Falls public schools. The cost is \$100 plus \$35 paid to the instructor for texts used.

Twin Falls DeMolay chapter sells advertisements

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Chapter Order of DeMolay members are selling concave advertisements.

In February, the advertisements will be compiled into book form and handed out to all the attendees of the annual convective, set for March in Idaho Falls. The event will be attended by young men throughout Idaho.

The advertisements range in cost from \$10 for a DeMolay Booster to \$150 for a full-page ad.

The money the chapter makes from the sales will help to send the local members to the four-day leadership event.

To purchase a concave ad, call Emily Borchetta at 324-0164 or Dane Johns at 423-9091.

Winter 4-H camp kicks off in late March

BURLEY - Winter 4-H camp will be held March 22-24 this year.

Cost will be \$35 and the camp is strictly for teens.

For more information, call Marla at the Cassia County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office, 878-9461.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

worth of automotive accessories donated to the program from Gary's Westland Motors.

The sale will include factory accessories such as bug shields, running boards, bed caps, wheel covers and radio/cassette decks, vehicle, boating accessories, recreational vehicle parts and accessories.

The items will be sold yard-sale fashion in room 130 in the CSI-Canyon Building, which is located on the north side of the campus near North College Road. The club will sell as much as possible from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. If necessary, a later sale will be scheduled. All proceeds will be used to fund activities and learning experiences for the ASEP club.

For more information on the sale items, call at 733-9554, instructor David Rodriguez, Ext. 2334.

Castleford Men's Club holds community auction

CASTLEFORD - The Castleford Men's Club will hold its 29th annual community auction at 10 a.m. Jan. 26 in the Castleford High School cafeteria.

Donated items will be auctioned by Master's Auction Service to support local Men's Club scholarships, the Quick Response Unit, Joan Kinyon Memorial Park, Little League Summer Programs, Castleford School Activities and Men's Club community projects.

Free coffee will be available

all day and lunch will be sold.

For more information, call Reagan Hatch at 537-6828 or John Hurley at 537-6836.

Castleford HS Civic club sells community calendars

CASTLEFORD - The Castleford community calendars are available for purchase at a cost of \$6.50 each for a calendar.

The Castleford High School Civic Club took over the project this year from the Parent, Teacher Youth Organization. The club will use the calendar as a fundraiser.

All birthdays and anniversaries listed last year will appear in this year's calendar.

For more information call the Castleford school office at 537-6511.

Red Cross Bloodmobile stops at the War Memorial

GOODING - The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding.

For more information or an appointment, call 934-5409.

'Coping with Widowhood' series starts this week

TWIN FALLS - Widowed Information and Consultation Services will begin a series of meetings on "Coping with Widowhood" from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho.

Bliss FFA earns honors

BLISS - The Bliss FFA chapter not only received top honors in a forestry contest.

Divisions of the contest involved scaling, cruising, azimuth and identifying of trees and tools, reported Lindsey Miketa, Bliss FFA chapter reporter. Scaling is describing how many board feet are in a tree lying on the ground. Cruising is determining how many board feet are in a standing tree. Azimuth is using a compass to determine distance of an object.

Bliss took first in this competition. Four out of five plaques were earned by Terrance Hanson with first high individual, Josh Meyers received second high individual,

Josh Patton placed third high individual, and fourth was earned by Chase Erkins.

The forestry class also participated in a forest pride project, Miketa said. The class traveled to Virginia Gulch Kelley Creek trail. The students have helped maintain the trail by removing logs and debris off the trail for two years.

The students who participated in these activities are Terrance Hanson, Whitney Park, Sam Bray, Malorie Kast, Rhett Wood, Josh Patton, Dusty Patton, Barney Bowler, Marlene Diaz, Julie Darling, Trevor Drake, John Parry, Dustin Henington, Chase Erkins and Justin Hill.

St. Luke's Center talk focuses on dermatology

KETCHUM - St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center will hold a "Loving the Skin You're In" brown bag talk from 12:15-1:15 p.m. Thursday in the Baldy Conference Room.

Dermatologist Lindie Borton will teach participants how to protect their skin from the high altitude and sun during the dry winter months. She will also present information how to reverse damage as well as the latest on skin cancer awareness.

The event is free. For more information, call 788-5733.

PAINTING PUMPKINS



The Awana Clubs of the Congregational Bible Church in Burley had a pumpkin painting night this fall. Winners were, back left, Blana Hedges, Kaitlyn Hedges, Dalton Malor, Lyndy Woodman and Garrison Woodman; front left, Jocelyn Young, Joelynn Bill, Kristin Hedges, Dakota Madrigal and Carissa Toner.

Photo courtesy of the Congregational Bible Church

HEALTH SHORTS

The Quest for Lasting Weight Loss

Loosing weight is always difficult; keeping it off is doubly hard. The National Weight Control Registry, compiled from physician records, lists individuals who have lost at least 30 pounds of weight and kept it off for longer than a year.

A recent search of this registry found that only 25 of these individuals (0.9 percent) had lost weight using a low-

carbohydrate method similar to the Atkins diet. Even though the Atkins diet has been used for more than 30 years, subjects following this method had a mean weight loss' duration of 19 months' compared to 36 months for individuals getting more than 24 percent of their calories from carbohydrates.

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WEDDINGS

Knotted up: Wedding gaffes call for laughs

ENGAGEMENTS

STRAND-WYKE

KETCHUM - Nicole L. Strand and Evan A. Wyke were married July 21, 2001, at the Strand family cabin in Ketchum. Officiating was Pastor Randy Nurmi. Jim Gohm was the guitarist, and Laurie Strand and Jordan Williams sang. Other music was performed by the Standards.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Nancy Strand of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Gary and Janet Wyke of Boise.

Laurie Strand, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Christy Long, Tabitha Thompson and Jennifer Eliopoulos, friends of the bride.

Joel Weaver, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Andrew Wyke, brother of the groom, and Nathan McLean and Ceyrn Recla, friends of the groom.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Louis and Dorothy Hayward of Ketchum and Alvin and Alta Strand of Twin Falls, and grandparent of the bridegroom, Bertie Evans of Boise.



Evan and Nicole Wyke

A reception was held following the ceremony.

Jessica Hopkins, cousin of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the University of Idaho. She is attending graduate school at Idaho State University - Boise program, studying speech pathology.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Capital High School and the University of Idaho. He is employed at Jabir Circuit in Meridian.

The newlyweds reside in Meridian.

CLOW-KING

TWIN FALLS - Kelly Clow and James King were married Oct. 6, 2001, at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Officiating was Pastor Ron Wilson. Jeannie Cross was the soloist. Eddie Ditlefsen was the pianist and Frieda Vandenberg was the flutist.

The bride is the daughter of Lance and Dee Dee Clow of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Calvin and Diane King of Camarillo, Calif.

Tami Clow, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Frieda Vandenberg and Kelly Hughes, college friends of the bride.

Steve Walters, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Scott Garner and Joe Grossman, friends of the groom.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Bob and Audrey Kinsman.

A reception was held following the ceremony.



James and Kelly King

Melissa Kinsman, cousin of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Moorpark College in Moorpark, Calif. He is employed by the U.S. Secret Service.

The newlyweds reside in Alexandria, Va.

Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBIA, S.C. - "When asked whether he would perform the service at an all-nude wedding, Harold L. Swafford of Columbia, S.C., replied, "It won't be a problem for me." He waited a beat before adding: "because I won't be there."

Swafford, a lawyer and notary public who has officiated at marriages since 1976, does not do nude weddings. He also avoids weddings that involve swimming or hot air balloons, although he has been asked to perform those types of ceremonies, too. He prefers ceremonies where everyone stays dry, dressed and with both feet on the ground.

Those caveats aside, two things Swafford always makes time for are weddings and adoptions.

"I'll stop whatever I'm doing," he said.

Whether weddings are deliberately offbeat or meticulously planned, things sometimes go awry.

With no pun intended, owner Minnie Young said of weddings performed at The Magnolias of Columbia, "Seventy-five percent go without a hitch."

But those mistakes tend to be memorable.

"When there's a little boo-boo, people relax more and have more fun. You can laugh instead of cry," Young said.

Of course, what constitutes a little boo-boo or a big blunder may be in the eye of the beholder. Or the bride. Or the groom.

"There should be a Plan B for everything," said Linda Ingle of Jo-Lin's Bridal & Formal Wear.

Aside from fainting grooms, some wedding planners most often cited children and animals as culprits for deviations from the script.

An outdoor wedding on a hot July day caused one groom to faint, Swafford said. But such was not the case from a groom who fainted twice during a wedding at Corley Mill House & Garden, a popular wedding spot in Lexington, S.C.

He would have gone down a third time too, Corley Mill owner Sheila Hall said, but someone brought out chairs to seat the couple for the rest of the ceremony.

Hall also remembered a flower girl who thought she was supposed to throw her petals in people's faces. As the guests caught on, they covered up when the petal-pelting flower girl advanced down the aisle.

Thyllis James of Mitchell-Homes & Gardens in Columbia recalled a flower girl who had been trained to dutifully pick up after herself. The first trip down the aisle, she tossed her petals. For the trip on the way out, she began picking them up, one by one.

James also had an animal incident at a wedding. As the bride and groom stood in front of the minister, her cat Stormin' Norman strolled in and plopped down on the bride's train for a cat nap.

A gobbling turkey might top a snoozing kitty. Chris Harris was a guest at an outdoor cowboy wedding in South Carolina. The guests sat on logs lined up like church pews, and a big turkey casually strutted among the assembled multitude.

When the preacher got to "speak now or forever hold your peace," the turkey loudly gobbled, gobbled, gobbled, Harris said.

Then there was the bride and groom who wanted to ride off on horseback at the end of their wedding at Magnolia in Columbia. The groom climbed aboard his horse with no trouble, but the bride's gown slowed her down. Her horse got nervous, and the bride's long white train was not white anymore.

Even if party poopers, animals and children were banished from weddings, an element of unpredictability always is afoot.

TYBO-MOORE

PAUL - Aaron Tybo of Gooding and Ann Tybo of Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Rachel Tybo, to Jarred Kent Moore, son of Kent and Peggy Moore of Paul.

Tybo is a graduate of Wendell High School. She is employed at Costco in Twin Falls.

Moore is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and University of Idaho. He farms in Paul.

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave., Burley. A reception to honor the couple will follow at 7 p.m. that evening at the church.



Jarred Moore and Sara Tybo

WAGGONER-IHLER

Jerome - Donald and Susan Baird of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Lea Waggoner, to Carl Albert Ihler, son of Lowell and Carol Ihler of Kimberly.

Waggoner is a graduate of Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston. She is employed at Land Services Inc. in Twin Falls.

Ihler is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Patrick Farms in Kimberly.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 23.



Carl Ihler and Connie Waggoner

WALDAPFEL-MCKEE

TWIN FALLS - Edwin P. and Patricia Waldapfel of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Loralee Ann Waldapfel, to Brian McKee, son of Lucinda Moffet of Albion, Wash., and Chris Plum of Visalia, Calif.

Waldapfel is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and University of Phoenix at the Bakersfield, Calif., campus. She is employed at State Farm Insurance in Visalia.

McKee is a graduate of Exeter High School in Exeter, Calif. He is employed at the Visalia Hospital in Visalia.

The wedding is planned for April 27.



Loralee Waldapfel and Brian McKee

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SENIOR CALENDAR

The Times-News

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$250 for children under 12.
Monday: Beef goulash, peas, corn salad, bread, carrot cake
Tuesday: Soup, chef's salad
Wednesday: Corn beef with cabbage, stewed vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, rolls, cake
Thursday: Fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, fruited salad, dessert
Friday: Seafood quiche, beefs, corn bread, dessert
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foot clinic, make appointment
Tuesday
Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure check
Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Birthday dinner
Elks Card Club at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure
Quitting
Saturday
Super Bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1000 Main St., Buhl.
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Monday: Roast beef
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
All-you-can-eat roast beef dinner, \$3.50
Monday
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Smorg at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Sunday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Bingo at 11:45 a.m.
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo from 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Salisbury steak
Thursday: Roast beef sandwich
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Friday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Birthday dinner
Blood pressure check

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Beef stew, tossed salad, corn bread, peas, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, peaches, cookie, coffee, milk
Friday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, peas, tossed salad, bread, butter, cherry pie, coffee, milk
Activities
Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Dominos at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Lunch not served
Tuesday: Swedish meat balls, noodles, broccoli, cole slaw, french bread, peas
Wednesday: Pepper steak, rice pilaf, spring vegetables, cottage cheese, bread, pudding
Thursday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, spinach, orange Jell-O with mandarin oranges and pineapple roll, cake
Activities
Sunday
Jackpot brunch; bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Closed for meal
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m.
SCCA at 9:30 a.m.
Pool at 1 p.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure check at 11 a.m.
Installation of new board members at 12 p.m.
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Jermoe Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Chicken a la king, potatoes, peas, carrots, tossed salad, peaches, cookies
Tuesday: Ham with raisin sauce, potatoes, scalloped corn, green pea salad, cheesecake
Wednesday: Hamburger pie, corn bread, tossed salad, cherry squares
Thursday: French dip sandwich, baked potato, mixed vegetables, broccoli salad, carrot cake
Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, peas, fruit salad, cake, ice cream
Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce cookies, orange juice, milk, coffee
Thursday: Bean soup, bread, carrot and raisin salad, coconut cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Shoshone Senior Center
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Beef and noodles, green beans, waldorf salad, cream puffs, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Broccoli cheese soup, grilled cheese sandwich, banana cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Lasagna, tossed salad, green peas, garlic bread, peach cobbler, orange juice, milk, coffee
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Friday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Birthday dinner
Blood pressure check

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Beef stew, peas, cottage cheese, pudding, corn bread
Wednesday: Bake day

Thursday: Chicken pot pie, cheese sticks, broccoli, cole slaw, pineapple cookies
Activities
Wednesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.75. Milk, juice, coffee, tea, rolls, sourdough or corn bread served with all meals
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals
Tuesday: Pork roast, corn bread dressing, turnip greens, carrots, cinnamon apples
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles, rolls, stewed tomatoes, steamed broccoli, cauliflower, red peppers, peach cobbler
Friday: Crispy fish or chicken, rolls, hot potato salad, peas, cole slaw, green salad, carrot cake with frosting
Activities
Tuesday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Wednesday
Choir at 11 a.m.
Diabetic support group meeting at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Smoking cessation meeting at 7 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, peas, rolls, ice cream, juice, beverages
Tuesday: Cole slaw, beef stew, fruit bowl, biscuits, juice, beverage
Wednesday: Pork chops, apple salad, potato casserole, green beans, cake with applesauce, biscuits, beverage
Thursday: Cheesburgers, fries, broccoli salad, cobbler, beverage, juice
Friday: Smorgasbord
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Ridelays at 436-1200
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bridge
Tuesday
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pinocle 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, buttered biscuits, fruit cup, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Italian meat balls, pasta, hard roll, vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, raspberry cheese cake
Thursday: Barbecue on a bun, fries, corn medley, mixed fruit, roasty road fudge
Friday: Oven fried chicken, cheddar potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, fruited Jell-O, peanut butter crunch cake
Activities
Monday
Center closed
Tuesday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Ladies pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Friday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

MR. GRANDMOM

Taking care of grandkids falls to grandfathers more often

The Orange County Register

Bob Serynek knew he'd retire early.

He planned to quit his job with Hughes Aircraft after 20 years, leaving with full benefits at 55.

So he set up a file in a desk drawer, squirreling away clippings on hobbies, recreation and part-time work to pursue in his leisure.

That file did not include anything remotely resembling the scene unfolding in the kitchen of his daughter's home in Fountain Valley, Calif., on a Wednesday afternoon.

Serynek, now 61, sits' cross-legged on the floor, a paper plate filled with biscuits peanut-butter sandwiches in front of him, one twin granddaughter on his lap, the other beside him.

"Can Papa have a sandwich?" he asks Megan and Hannah, 21 months old. "Mmmm."

The yogurt comes next. Megan giggles and Hannah smiles as Serynek turns a spoon into an airplane and circles.

Megan's head with a yogurt payload, complete with sound effects.

Megan, cranky since waking from a nap, isn't biting. Hannah finishes it. Serynek wipes up some spilled juice, then settles in for his family fun time to read them "Goodnight Moon."

This, with the exception of having taken the girls out of their high chairs for lunch, is pretty typical of the two days a week that Serynek spends as Mr. Grandmom.

He arrives at 8 a.m. Wednesday and Friday, a short drive from his Fountain Valley home. His physical therapist, for her job as a physical therapist, and his son-in-law is already gone to teach at a nearby school.

That leaves Serynek alone all day with the girls - feeding them, changing them, putting them down for a nap and catching one himself, reading to them, taking them out in their stroller.

Serynek is among the growing ranks of older men playing more



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changes in society, Kornhaber says.

For one, grandfathers are in better health than they have ever been. They are living longer and have the means to retire earlier. In short, they're available.

For another, their sons and daughters need their help.

They may be single moms or couples who both work, and, because of finances or safety concerns, turn to their parents for childcare.

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"The parent generation is either so overworked or so stressed out, and these older men now have the time and the awareness to want to pitch in," Kornhaber says.

Survivor annuity calls for planning

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. At 62, I am being "offered" an opportunity to leave my employment with a large company where I have worked for the past 34 years. As part of the package, I have the option of choosing a pension option so that, should I die first, my wife will receive 60 percent of the amount I was receiving for her life. We have talked to a financial planner and an accountant, each of whom gave us different advice. My wife has never worked outside the home. What is your suggestion?

A. The death of a spouse has significant effects upon the survivor, both emotionally and economically. In addition to deep sadness, the survivor almost always suffers a loss of income.

For example, a surviving spouse will receive the survivor benefit award based upon his or her work record or 100 percent of the deceased spouse's record, but not both. And similarly, those who receive distributions from private pension plans may suffer a loss of income depending on the type of annuity plan and the benefits chosen. For example, those who chose two-life annuities (which are calculated to pay a reduced amount to the employee-spouse during his or her life and then a percentage of that amount until the death of the second spouse) will not lose as much income upon the death of a spouse, but

there will be less money available during the life of the employee-spouse.

And, without planning, the death of a spouse can reduce assets because of the expense of the final illness. For example, even with Medicare, the surviving spouse will have to pay some out-of-pocket expenses, not to mention the cost of the funeral. If the deceased spouse was a victim of chronic illness, the cost of uninsured long-term care may seriously deplete the couple's financial resources.

And if the couple relied on Medicaid to help pay the expenses of the deceased spouse, many times most of the couple's assets were used to pay the medical expenses and long-term care costs of the deceased spouse before they became financially eligible for Medicaid.

As a result, surviving spouses often have substantially fewer assets and less income for their support than the couple had planned for. Faced with diminished financial resources, many surviving spouses must reevaluate their housing and other economic needs in order to live more frugally.

The decision of whether to opt for a survivor annuity depends on your overall plan. Some who do not choose the survivor annuity take a portion of the difference in benefits to purchase a life insurance policy so that, should the employee-spouse die first, a pool of tax-free money will be available for the survivor. The problem here, however, is that if the family gets into financial difficulties or faces uninsured long-term care, there is not enough money to fund the life insurance which, in some instances, is allowed to lapse.

That's why planning should begin for later life long before retirement - preferably while we are still in our fifties. The planning should include long-term care insurance and, where appropriate, purchases of life insurance while the premiums are less expensive.

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ANNIVERSARY

THE ROBERTSES

Jerome - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. "Dick" Roberts will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a private dinner with their daughters and sons-in-law. An extended family gathering and dinner will be hosted by their daughters at a later date when the weather is better. The couple took a two-day bus tour in October to Branson, Mo., and followed the Oregon Trail home. Roberts and Faye Bush were married Jan. 25, 1952, at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church. They farmed north of Jerome until 1994, when they retired, and sold their farm, except for the buildings and their home, where they still reside. She worked for the hot lunch program while their girls were in



Dick and Faye Roberts



daughters, Kristin (Brian) Jacobs and Kaylene Stevens, both of Twin Falls, and Karla (Mark) Sluss, Eagle. The couple has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

school and then worked for Jerome Eye Center for several years. They enjoy their family square dancing, camping and traveling. They are the parents of three-