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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Quarterly review Doing OK: Magic Valley is enjoying better economic stability than the rest of the state and nation, economists say. Recent data back up that assertion and give reason for further optimism.

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Jennie Fullmor from Burley is the first to carry the Olympic flame into Twin Falls across the Perrino Bridge. Fullmor is a vocational rehabilitation counselor and is expecting her first child in the fall.

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Olympic flame gets warm reception in T.F.

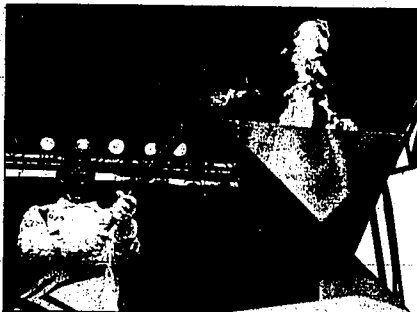
By Denis G. Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Amid flags raised high and music that raised the rafters, Curtis Eaton carried the Olympic flame onto the College of Southern Idaho campus and told the people, "This is the greatest community in the world."

A crowd of 2,000 responded wildly in agreement. On day 52 of a 65-day journey, Eaton hoisted the torch onto a stage outside the CSI library to light the relay cauldron at 11:30 Saturday morning. The flame continued on to Pocatello and Idaho Falls Saturday afternoon and will head through Montana, Wyoming and Colorado before it completes its 13,500-mile journey at the Feb. 8 opening of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Twin Falls is among the smaller cities hosting the relay event. But no one would know it by Saturday's enthusiastic crowds. According to police estimates, up to 10,000 people assembled at the Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road-viewing site, in addition to those at CSI. Hundreds more lined the streets along the relay route.

However, local Chevrolet dealer Randy Hansen said that officials with Chevrolet, a sponsor of the Olympics, conducted their own crowd count. According to



Above, Curtis Eaton, representing the 'heart of the community,' carries the torch into the College of Southern Idaho and lights the ceremonial cauldron.



Left, the crowd cheers on Olympic torchbearer Halley Hodges on the Blue Lakes Boulevard stretch of the route through Twin Falls.

that report, 50,000-60,000 people showed up in Twin Falls for the torch relay. Eaton was excited when he

hooked up with other torchbearers at Albertson's collection site on Saturday morning, said his wife, Mardo, who was videotaping her husband's run. Mardo Eaton also shared some information that few people know: Eaton was carrying both the torch and photographs of his family, including one of Montana nephew Grant Tyler, a 21-year-old junior Olympics skier who was positioned to join the World Tour until he died in a sea kayaking accident on the Puget Sound in western Washington.

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Magic Valley celebration goes off without difficulties

By Sharl Cheney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After more than a year and a half of planning, the Twin Falls Olympic torch celebration went off with-

out a hitch Saturday. "Everything worked perfect, precisely as it was supposed to," said Elaine Steele, chairwoman of the Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Committee. Steele said organizers from

Chevrolet, one of the sponsors of the 2002 Winter Olympics next month, estimated more than 60,000 people attended the torch celebration events in Twin Falls. "Every place you went there were crowds of people," Steele

said. As the torch left Twin Falls for the rest of its journey to Salt Lake City, there were more than 16,000 people just at the Four

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INSIDE AL-QAIDA'S LAIRS

Marines find chilling images of war in Afghan caves

The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - The guns and ammunition were expected. The poster of New York's Twin Towers set against Afghan mountains was not. U.S. Marines who joined elite Navy SEALs in searching al-Qaida caves said Saturday they made some unsettling discoveries: a photo of President Bush with blood running down his face and another of Osama bin Laden holding a Kalashnikov rifle and marked with the words "Leader of Peace."

The Marines' accounts, given during interviews at the U.S. military base here in southern Afghanistan, provided a rare glimpse into the cave-by-cave war being waged by U.S. forces hunting for elusive al-Qaida and Taliban fighters and any tidbits of information about bin Laden's worldwide terrorist network. With the Taliban ousted from power and hiding out in Afghanistan's rugged mountains and valleys, U.S. bombing is winding down. Instead, the battle against terrorism has shifted to the painstaking search of caves and other remote

locations for al-Qaida and Taliban renegades as well as intelligence information to prevent further terrorist attacks.

It's dangerous, daunting work. Marines described the cave complex they searched this month as elaborately constructed. Reinforced with concrete and tall enough to walk freely around, the caves had an irrigation system to water trees and flowers outside.

"It didn't look like a cave. Someone put some time into this

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Rural power?

Some parts of state carry too much clout, leader says

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Term-limits leader Don Morgan proclaimed Friday his intent to dismantle the leadership in the Legislature.

Why? Those lawmakers give too much power to rural Idaho, he says. "The seniority system, which resulted in the current leadership, must go, he said. Term limits is the tool that takes care of that, he explained.

Morgan alluded to comments by Rep. Eulalie Langford, R-Monpelier, during House floor debate Thursday. Langford had said term limits would give urban areas like Boise the ability to dominate leadership and to set the agenda.

"She's being used by leadership. If she really thought this through, she'd get sick," Morgan said. "What she's asking for is so un-American. The seniority system amounts to unequal representation. It's outrageous."

Morgan also said, "It's rural Idaho that hates term limits." Rural Idaho should be wary of term limits, maintains Grant Loeb, who is Twin Falls County's prosecuting attorney.

"Our founding fathers in their infinite wisdom saw seniority in the legislative body as a way to help balance the power between low and high population areas," Loeb said.

Lawmakers from the Magic and Wood River valleys tend to acknowledge themselves as representatives of rural Idaho. And none shy away from admitting they wield serious power in the Legislature. The seniority system

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Education plan opens the eyes of lawmakers

By Bob Fick
Associated Press Writer

BOISE - Legislative budget writers are having second thoughts about the viability of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's austere budget blueprint after assessing the impact on education of over \$50 million in basic spending cuts.

"We cut the very vehicle that's going to help us," Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson of Meridian said.

To cope with an eroding economy and to protect last year's record tax cut, Kempthorne wants to cut over \$20 million in public school aid, \$23 million for colleges, more than \$2 million for community colleges and \$5 million for professional-technical courses. This from the governor who dedicated his administration to the "Generation of the Child."

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Master Sgt. Steve, from Kansas, enters a tunnel in a valley outside Kandahar, Afghanistan, earlier this month. Many U.S. troops are focusing their attention on caves and other remote locations that might harbor al-Qaida and Taliban renegades as well as intelligence information.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High 47°
Normal high 47°-50°
Normal low 32°-35°
Record high 50°
Normal record high 50°
Record low 21°
Normal record low 21°

Precipitation
24-hour ending 6 p.m. yesterday 0.00"
Month to date (to 2/6) 0.56"
Normal month to date (to 2/6) 1.20"
Water year to date (Oct. 1) 3.60"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 4.10"

Humidity
Yesterday at 6:00pm 82%

Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m. 29.80"
Normal at 6 p.m. 29.80"

Pollen severity in Twin Falls
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

| TODAY | TONIGHT | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ☁️ | ☁️ | ☁️ | ☁️ | ☁️ | ☁️ |
| Clouds, some sun; a snow shower. | Some clouds; it might flurry. | Cold with a snow shower. | Partly sunny. | Becoming cloudy. | Mostly cloudy; chance for some snow. |
| ▲ 32° | ▼ 16° | ▲ 26° ▼ 10° | ▲ 28° ▼ 12° | ▲ 30° ▼ 18° | ▲ 32° ▼ 20° |

CANADIAN CITIES

| City | Today | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. |
|-----------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Calgary | 17 | 3 | 20 | 27 | 24 | 14 |
| Edmonton | 17 | 3 | 20 | 27 | 24 | 14 |
| Halifax | 24 | 6 | 13 | 21 | 28 | 35 |
| Manitoba | 24 | 6 | 13 | 21 | 28 | 35 |
| Quebec | 24 | 6 | 13 | 21 | 28 | 35 |
| Vancouver | 18 | 10 | 24 | 31 | 38 | 45 |
| Victoria | 43 | 21 | 32 | 39 | 46 | 53 |
| Winnipeg | 2 | 21 | 32 | 39 | 46 | 53 |

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Cloudy to partly sunny and colder in the west today with a few snow showers; snow at times in the east can accumulate up to 3 inches. Highs in the 30s and the 30s.

Boise: Today will be colder than recent days with clouds, some sunshine and a snow shower or two, High 36. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of flurries possible. Low 18.

Northern Nevada: Clouds and limited sunshine today with a couple of rain and snow showers. Flurries mostly in the 20s and the 30s. Some clouds tonight with a few snow showers.

Northern Utah: A front will move into the region today bringing plenty of clouds and a few rain and snow showers; the precipitation will wail until this afternoon across the south. Highs in the 30s and the 40s.

Northern Idaho: Mostly cloudy and seasonably cold today; snow showers will leave a few inches in the mountains and perhaps a small accumulation in a few spots across the valleys. Highs 20-38.

REGIONAL CITIES

| City | Today | Mon. | City | Today | Mon. |
|--------------|-------|------|--------------------|-------|------|
| Albion | 36 | 18 | McCall | 20 | 14 |
| Blaine | 36 | 18 | Missoula, MT | 28 | 18 |
| Boise | 36 | 18 | Pocatello | 32 | 8 |
| Blackfoot | 36 | 18 | Porter, OR | 40 | 29 |
| Bonanza | 36 | 18 | Richland, WA | 40 | 29 |
| Burley | 36 | 18 | Salt Lake City, UT | 44 | 29 |
| Camden | 36 | 18 | Selmon | 29 | 18 |
| Chambersburg | 36 | 18 | Sellwood, WA | 44 | 29 |
| Chico | 36 | 18 | Spokane, WA | 32 | 16 |
| Colton | 36 | 18 | Stanton | 24 | -3 |
| Donnelly | 36 | 18 | Sun Valley | 39 | 2 |
| Dunsmuir | 36 | 18 | Yellowstone, MT | 21 | -16 |
| Elgin | 36 | 18 | | | |
| Elgin | 36 | 18 | | | |

SUN AND MOON

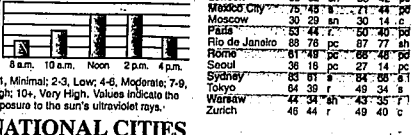
SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES

SUNRISE TODAY: 7:57 a.m.
SUNSET TODAY: 5:45 p.m.
MOONRISE TODAY: 7:10 a.m.
MOONSET TODAY: 7:10 a.m.

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NATIONAL WEATHER

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

| City | Today | Mon. | City | Today | Mon. |
|---------------|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|
| Atlanta | 63 | 47 | Miami | 84 | 68 |
| Baltimore | 63 | 39 | Milwaukee | 62 | 48 |
| Birmingham | 66 | 49 | Minneapolis | 62 | 48 |
| Boise | 68 | 50 | Nashville | 62 | 48 |
| Buffalo | 24 | 8 | New Orleans | 70 | 58 |
| Charlotte, NC | 68 | 50 | New York | 62 | 48 |
| Chicago | 68 | 50 | Philadelphia | 68 | 52 |
| Cleveland | 60 | 40 | Pittsburgh | 68 | 52 |
| Dallas | 68 | 50 | Portland, ME | 41 | 30 |
| Denver | 58 | 28 | Raleigh, NC | 68 | 52 |
| Des Moines | 64 | 32 | San Antonio | 68 | 52 |
| Detroit | 64 | 32 | San Diego | 74 | 60 |
| El Paso | 70 | 38 | San Francisco | 68 | 52 |
| Fort Worth | 68 | 50 | Seattle | 38 | 28 |
| Houston | 78 | 68 | St. Louis | 68 | 52 |
| Indianapolis | 68 | 50 | St. Paul | 48 | 25 |
| Jacksonville | 72 | 58 | Salt Lake City | 44 | 24 |
| Las Vegas | 68 | 50 | San Jose, CA | 68 | 52 |
| Los Angeles | 68 | 50 | San Francisco | 68 | 52 |
| Los Angeles | 68 | 50 | Seattle | 38 | 28 |
| Los Angeles | 68 | 50 | Tucson | 74 | 60 |
| Los Angeles | 68 | 50 | Washington, DC | 68 | 52 |

Weather (W) = sunny, (p) = partly cloudy, (c) = cloudy, (a) = showers, (th) = thunderstorms, (r) = rain, (f) = snow, (s) = snow, (i) = ice.

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One of their most powerful tools for representing their constituency, most say.

Twelve out of the 16 local lawmakers hold either chairmanships or vice chairmanships. Seven have been in the Legislature longer than the eight years dictated by the term limits law. Four more would be in their last term as dictated by the law.

Three are considered to be about as powerful as lawmakers in Idaho without running for governor. As speaker of the House, Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, arguably has as much power as the governor.

Morgan traveled from Hayden Lake Friday morning to take on Newcomb. The day before, Newcomb had led the House to a 50-20 vote to repeal the term limits law.

The law, found constitutional by the Idaho Supreme Court last month, limits state, city and most county officers to eight years in office during any 15-year period. County commissioners and school board members are limited to six years in any 11-year period.

Before microphones and cameras, Morgan defended the funding for term limits. Newcomb had made public that most of the funding to promote term limits in Idaho — for the 2006 campaign — came from out of state. Another \$14,000 came from a Californian who moved to Hayden Lake for a few years but since has moved out

Local lawmakers in leadership

Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, eighth term, speaker of the House of Representatives.
Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, ninth term, chairman of House Agriculture and Conservation Committee.
Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, third term, vice chairman of House Agriculture Committee.
Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, seventh term, co-chairwoman of Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.
Rep. Celia Gould, R-Butte, eighth term, chairwoman of Judiciary, Rules & Administration Committee.
Rep. Tim Rildinger, R-Shoshone, fourth term, vice chairman of Transportation & Defense Committee.
Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, fourth term, minority leader of the House of Representatives.
Sen. John Sandy, fourth term, R-Hagerman, ass't majority leader of the Senate.
Sen. Clint Stennett, fourth term, D-Ketchum, minority leader of the Senate, vice-chairman of Senate

Average turnover in the Legislature

(A term in the Idaho Legislature is two years.)
A 69-percent turnover rate in the Legislature since 1994, with 69 new people in office.
A 73-percent turnover rate in the Legislature since 1987, with 77 new people in office.

In 1991, the average senator served 2.94 terms, and the average representative served 2.77 terms.
In 2001, the average senator served 3.85 terms and the average representative served 2.94 terms.

"I don't take money from anyone who doesn't do business in this state," Newcomb also said.
Morgan said Gould's money was coming from "special interests."
Gould said she didn't know what the term meant, but because she also runs unopposed, she doesn't need campaign money — nor does she solicit it. Gould is chairwoman of the House Judiciary, Rules and

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"I have gotten a lot of money from private citizens in Idaho for that," she said. "All comes from in-state, and the information will soon be made public."

Besides Newcomb, two other legislators exercise the kind of power that sweeps across the state. Both come from the Magic Valley — Joint Finance Appropriations Committee co-chairpersons Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome. They have the most power in the Legislature over the state's purse strings. JFAC takes the governor's budget recommendations under advisement and pretty much has final say over whether the dollars go in the state.

While the House has approved the term limits repeal with enough support to override a promised veto by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, a vote by the full Senate could come before the end of next week.

Even if Kempthorne's veto is overturned, making Idaho the first state to repeal statewide term limits, there is certain to be a fifth public vote on the issue in November. Morgan has guaranteed the movement to get the 43,700 signatures needed to gain put the legislative repeal before voters.

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Education

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"We're beyond muscle," Boise State University President Charles Ruch said. "We're getting into bone."

Wells Fargo Bank economist Kelly Mathews urged lawmakers three weeks ago to maintain their support for education because it is critical to a quality work force, and he predicted that would drive the next economic expansion.

But only days later — immediately after Kempthorne laid out the plan — members of the Legislature agreed that while politically painful, cuts in education and elsewhere were the best resolution of the worst budget crisis in nearly two decades.

The \$100 million tax cut was sacrosanct to them. Some even wanted further tax breaks despite the ever-worsening fiscal picture.

Now House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell is publicly wondering whether Idaho's economic pie might only be broken by cuts in programs with proven records in job production — just what the state needs for economic recovery.

"It seems like everything we're doing in this committee this year is helping the economy go south," she told her colleagues as last week's hearings came to a close.

While refusing to call the approach "cutting" the university and college presidents and vocational-education administrators made it clear there was an economic price to pay. They say years of improving student access to higher and professional-technical education will be wiped out in one vote.

Cuts in faculty, increases in tuition and elimination of cash to replace education equipment will translate into lost economic opportunities, they said.

University of Idaho President Robert Hoover said slashed resources on the campus will mean up to 580 more in lost grants, contracts and other economic opportunities during the coming decade.

Ruch said his urban university will be less responsive to its business and industry constituents because of reduced manpower- and course offerings that will take students longer to graduate, he warned.

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Bush readies Congress address riding high

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush will stand before Congress on Tuesday with his popularity at heroically high levels, his performance as a wartime commander-in-chief softening American concerns about the weak economy.

But his advisers fear the grace period won't last - that voters will eventually grow impatient with Bush - unless he builds on his success in Afghanistan with a State of the Union address that offers a bold blueprint for the next stage of his presidency.

They say Bush will use Tuesday's prime-time address to:

- Outline the post-Afghanistan phase of the war against terrorism. Warning that America's enemies infest every corner of the globe, he will promise to do "whatever it takes" to win the war, according to a summary of the address given to key Republicans.
- Reassure the public that Washington is doing everything



President Bush
State of the Union address Tuesday

possible to prevent a terrorist strike.

- Promise more jobs and a fattened domestic agenda. With the Enron bankruptcy becoming a political problem, Bush intends to promote pension protections and

more financial disclosures by companies. Aides debated whether the Enron scandal also merited a presidential slap at corporate irresponsibility.

• Unveil plans to tap the burst of community spirit inspired by the Sept. 11 attacks. He is expected to propose more money for the national service program started by President Clinton and seek an expansion of neighborhood watch programs.

"We'll work to create jobs and renew the strength of our economy. We'll protect our people in every way necessary, and we will carry on the campaign against global terror until we achieve our goal: The peace that comes from victory," Bush said in his weekly radio address, which previewed Tuesday's speech.

Aides are lining up VIPs to sit in the State of the Union audience as symbols of Bush's desire to make national security the overarching theme of his administration. The guests could include new Afghan leader Hamid Karzai, U.S. soldiers and emer-

gency service workers, aides said.

"We're going to have a rah-rah America-at-war speech, as we should. He's done a brilliant job of handling the war," said Dana Strother, a Democratic strategist in Washington. "But he's going to have to address the economy and other concerns or people are going to start asking the question, 'Am I better off today than I was two years ago?'"

Bush does not want to repeat the mistake of his father, whose popularity as America's 41st president plummeted after he failed to follow the Persian Gulf War with aggressive economic and domestic policies.

On the terrorism war, Bush intends to tell the public that the Afghanistan-based al-Qaida network trained tens of thousands of terrorists for evil duty across the globe - each one a potential enemy of America.

"Our fight against terrorism began in Afghanistan, but it will not end there," Bush said Saturday.

Three die in restaurant shooting

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Two men walked into a sandwich shop and opened fire on a group of people, killing two men and a young girl, police said.

Witnesses said the gunmen appeared to be targeting a man in a wheelchair, Thomas Mitchell, 31, who died in the attack Friday.

Also killed were Parrish Taylor, 35, and his daughter Taylor, 10.

The shooting occurred shortly after 7 p.m. in a neighborhood known for crime. Restaurant

owner Tommy Washington said about 15 shots were fired and that the attack focused on Mitchell, who was a regular customer.

"Four shots were fired before I hit the floor," Washington said. "It took maybe a minute, but do you realize how long a minute can be?"

Mitchell was either a friend or relative of the family and was eating with them at the time of the shooting, police said. Witnesses said he had been paralyzed in another shooting in the mid-1990s.

Immunity may get answers in Enron case

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress wants answers fast about the stunning collapse of Enron Corp. and could offer immunity to get them. Former prosecutors warn, however, that deals made to get people to speak freely at the Capitol could wreck criminal investigations.

Immunity ensures that information witnesses provide to Congress will not later be used against them in a courtroom.

Congress has 11 committees and subcommittees probing elements of the Enron failure. Lawmakers encountered their first unwilling witness last week, and more are expected.

David Duncan, Arthur Andersen's chief auditor on the Enron account until his recent firing, cited the Fifth Amendment and its protections against self-incrimination when called before a House subcommittee. Duncan's lawyer said he would testify later if granted immunity.

In 1987, Lt. Col. Oliver North initially refused to tell Congress about the Iran-Contra affair for fear of incriminating himself. The National Security Council aide talked after being given immunity. North's eventual convictions on three felony counts in the arms-for-hostages scandal were thrown out because of the deal.

Stephen Salzburg, who teaches criminal law at George Washington University, said prosecutors dislike immunity deals. "But if Congress really believed it was more important to let the public know what was going on, they could make the judgment - it was worth it."

"It's an election year," Salzburg said. "If the issue is popular, Congress is going to worry about its interest, not so much about law enforcement."

Andersen said Duncan organized the destruction of Enron documents last fall. "Perhaps we'll see you on another occasion," Rep. Jim Greenwood, R-Pa., told Duncan after he declined to answer questions. Duncan had talked privately to congressional investigators earlier.

Workers respected Enron executive

HOUSTON (AP) - Former Enron vice chairman J. Clifford Baxter, who died in an apparent suicide, was widely respected inside the company's glass tower, even among workers now angry at losing their jobs and seeking remuneration.

"From what I'm hearing he had a very good reputation. I'm hearing a lot of good things," Deborah DeForge, co-chairman of the Severed Enron Employees' Coalition, said Saturday.

Baxter, 43, was found dead Friday in his Mercedes-Benz, a few miles from his home in suburban Sugar Land. A coroner on Saturday confirmed that he died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

An autopsy was scheduled but no announcement of the official cause of death will be made



J. Clifford Baxter

until Monday at the earliest, police spokeswoman said Saturday.

Baxter, an Air Force veteran and Columbia University graduate, resigned from Enron last May, just months after rising to vice chairman, and had since become a consultant to Enron. He had previously headed Enron North America, the corporation's trading arm and one of many wholly owned subsidiaries of the Houston-based energy trading giant.

Baxter was among 29 current and former executives and direc-

tors being sued by shareholders who accuse them of dumping Enron stock before the company's fall. But Baxter was viewed positively, partly because of his mention in a now-celebrated memo.

The memo, sent in August by Enron vice president Sherron Smith Watkins in a warning to then-Enron chairman and chief executive Kenneth L. Lay, warned of possibly fatal accounting problems.

It also noted Baxter's concerns about a hidden venture called LJM that Enron used to conceal debt.

"Cliff Baxter complained mightily to (then-president) Jeff Skilling and all who would listen about the inappropriateness of our transactions with LJM," it said.

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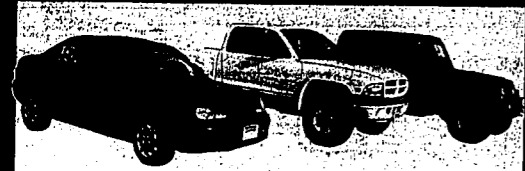
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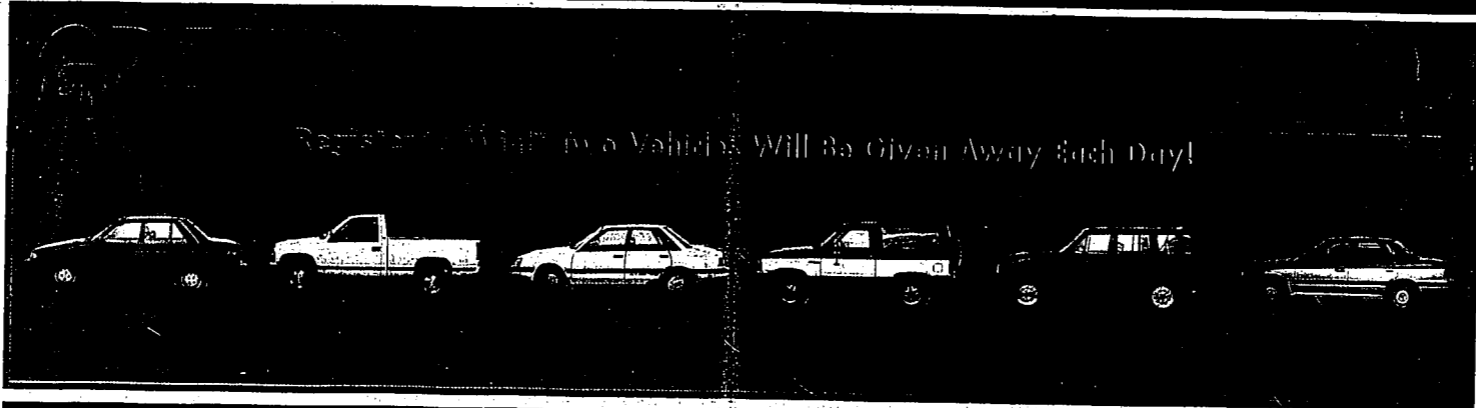
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Canada: Suspects have left country

MONTREAL (AP) — A Canadian man identified as a potential al-Qaida suicide attacker reportedly was allowed to leave Canada last year because authorities did not have enough evidence to hold him, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Al Rauf bin Al Habib Bin Yousef al-Jiddi was not in Canada, and little other information was available about the Tunisian-born man who obtained Canadian citizenship in 1995.

Al-Jiddi, 36, was identified Friday by U.S. Attorney General

John Ashcroft as the fifth man in videotapes found in the rubble of the residence of Mohammad Atef — reportedly Osama bin Laden's military chief who U.S. officials say was killed in a November U.S. air strike.

The other four were identified when Ashcroft first made the videotapes public last week. In the tapes, all five were leaving suicide messages.

The CBC reported a second man named by Ashcroft as a possible accomplice — another Tunisian-born Canadian named Fakher Boussora — left Canada with

al-Jiddi on a flight to Europe in November. Boussora obtained his Canadian passport last October. No other information about him was available.

According to the CBC, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service had al-Jiddi under surveillance before he left the country, but lacked sufficient cause to detain him. Ashcroft credited Canadian authorities Friday for helping identify al-Jiddi.

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Whither al-Qaida?

Some members still in Afghanistan, some return to their homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many of the surviving rank-and-file al-Qaida members in Afghanistan appear to have been left to their own devices, with some going into hiding, others regrouping to fight on, and still others scattering into the four winds.

U.S. intelligence has detected no evidence of a coordinated al-Qaida plan for its fighters in Afghanistan. Many are unable to communicate with their leaders, and seem to be making decisions free from higher authority, said a U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Nor have officials found any signs of the foot soldiers rallying at any particular location, either in Afghanistan or elsewhere.

U.S. military and intelligence officials have not been able to put a figure on how many al-Qaida members were killed in the fighting. Thousands of Taliban and al-Qaida fighters were captured by anti-Taliban resistance fighters, Pakistan and U.S. forces.

Of the rest, "some have fled. Some are within isolated pockets within the country. Some have gone back to their home countries. Some have gone underground, to perhaps fight another day," the U.S. official said.

Lawless Somalia has been the most mentioned candidate as a potential point for al-Qaida to try to reconstitute itself. A few dozen al-Qaida members have arrived in the country — possibly including some native Somalis returning home, officials said. The United States has stepped up reconnaissance flights and sent intelligence teams in response, but there's no evidence of terrorists arriving en masse in the country.

Some al-Qaida members have also gone to Iran. Their status there is unclear, as Iran previously had no love for terrorist leader Osama bin Laden or Taliban.

Many of the native Afghans and Pakistanis in the Taliban and al-Qaida are expected to melt back into the native populations, or join native terrorist and guerrilla organizations.

U.S. intelligence is tracking events in numerous other places where al-Qaida members may try to go, including Yemen, Chechnya, Sudan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Palestinian territories.

The United States is "concerned" some al-Qaida members might try to join Palestinian groups fighting Israel, but has no firsthand evidence this is actually taking place, an official said.

An operational alliance between al-Qaida and a group like Hamas would represent a major shift in the terrorism picture, officials and experts said.

"It's quite feasible," said Stanley Bedington, a former CIA senior terrorism analyst. "Maybe two or three years ago, (bin Laden) started having some of his al-Qaida people making contacts in the radical Palestinian movements."

A few thousand al-Qaida fighters, leaders and trainers are believed to be in Afghanistan on Sept. 11—the day of the terror attacks against the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon outside Washington — with the greatest known concentrations at the training camps and in a few organized military units fighting the northern alliance.

Those concentrations were bombed during the U.S. campaign. The 55th Brigade — the best-known al-Qaida unit fighting against the Taliban — no longer exists as a cohesive fighting force. Since then, al-Qaida has learned not to congregates in large meetings or vehicle convoys to avoid being targeted.

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Creators seek balance for memorial

The Washington Post

NEW YORK - The man charged with rebuilding Lower Manhattan envisions a permanent World Trade Center memorial similar in size and emotional impact to the Lincoln and Jefferson monuments in Washington.

But John Whitehead, who chairs the newly created Lower Manhattan Development Corp., cautioned that the 16-acre site must leave room for economic development, including new office buildings.

"Sixteen acres is a huge area,"

Whitehead said. "The Lincoln Memorial is on a site of 5.6 acres. The Jefferson Memorial is on 3.4 acres."

Whitehead noted that tens of thousands of tourists now wait hours to get a glimpse of workers removing World Trade Center debris. For now, he would like to install benches and fountains.

But he said a permanent memorial must be designed to accommodate the masses of visitors. "I believe it will become as popular as the Statue of Liberty is," he said. "We have to provide far more facilities for those crowds."



Torchbearer Rod Tatsuno from Ketchum does a happy jig as he begins his run with the Olympic flame. Tatsuno was born in an internment camp in Utah during World War II and sees helping carry the flame to Utah as a 'redemption of sorts.'

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 - Twin Falls City Hall and Mr. Bryan's eighth- and ninth-grade classes at Robert Stuart Junior High, U.S.A.
 - South Central District Health Department at the CSI campus and Ms. Meyerhoff's and Ms. Ingram's sixth-grade classes at Sawtooth Elementary, Spain.

Torch

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Everything else at CSI went smoothly the first time around. Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Committee Chairwoman Elaine Steele said she was thrilled with the weather - 40 degrees and no precipitation - and Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow proclaimed Saturday Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Day.

Many of the people who arrived at CSI to watch history in action came there with family and friends.

"I want to create memories for our children," said Niki Hawkes of Twin Falls, who came to CSI with her husband and four of their children. "We have one child at BYU-Idaho watching the flame go through

Reburg." As the torch left the CSI stage to continue its journey, the Twin Falls High School Drum Corp gave it a rousing send-off.

The kids performed their own crowd-pleasing composition, and gave it a title on site.

"We think we'll call it 'Caesar's Riot 409,'" said drum corp member Ethan Stone, explaining that the title blends titles of three songs the corp plays - including one about 409 carpet cleaner.

The last time the torch came through Twin Falls was 1984. This year is the last time the Olympics will be held in the United States for at least 10 years.

Success

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Corners viewing area at Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road, said Randy Hansen, a local Chevrolet dealer.

"Incredible. Absolutely incredible," Hansen said of the event. "It was electric."

The entire celebration was exceptional, Steele said: the emotion, the thrill, the crowd, the weather, the food.

Steele said there weren't any problems, at least "not that I've heard."

Hansen also hadn't heard of any, except for a small parking

problem near the Four Corners area, he said.

Officials at the South Idaho Regional Communications Center said there were no reports of incidents during the festivities.

Weather cooperated for the celebration as well. While local forecasts had called for a chance of rain or snow on Saturday, there was none.

There were some tears, though, Steele said. The celebration was very moving, especially watching the torch runners, and the Olympic flame. The College of Southern Idaho also put on a

first-class program, she said.

Organizers from Chevrolet told Hansen the celebration in Twin Falls was one of the finest organized events they had been to, Hansen said. Steele said organizers from Utah told her they felt more welcome in Twin Falls than anywhere else.

"The theme was light the fire within," Steele said, "and that's what the city of Twin Falls did."

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Former Montana ranch wife tells story in 'Breaking Clean'

Writing professor made hard decision to leave isolated life

By Susan Gallagher
Associated Press writer

MISSOULA, Mont. — Reading even a single passage from her memoir, one realizes just how far Judy Blunt has come from her years as a stifled ranch wife.

In her book "Breaking Clean," Blunt tells of writing her thoughts on freezer paper rolled into a Sears and Roebuck typewriter, until her enraged father-in-law smashed it with a sledgehammer.

Her story about life as a Montana ranch girl and as a prairie ranch wife who walked away for a fresh start arrives in stores Feb. 5, but the book began in a college writing class years ago and grew.

"Breaking Clean" netted Blunt a \$35,000 Whiting Writer's Award in October. In 1997, it won a PEN/Jerard Fund Award for a work in progress. Now, as Alfred A. Knopf of New York prepares to release "Breaking Clean," reviewers are showering praise.

National Geographic Adventure likes Blunt for "striking matches on the scuffed soles of her feelings," and Book magazine likened her to Frank McCourt, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his Irish memoir "Angela's Ashes." Wrote

Publishers Weekly, "Blunt's own story is so rich and genuine, readers will clean their plates and ask for more."

These days, Blunt, 47, teaches writing at the University of Montana, where she became a student soon after leaving Phillips County in 1986 with, as she wrote, "a new divorce and an old car, with three scared kids and some clothes piled in back." This winter and spring, there will be book tours.

"Ranch wife had always been my default career," Blunt said during an interview in her campus office. "I knew I could do it. I didn't have a lot of guidance about finding my way in the outside world."

The granddaughter of Montana homesteaders, Blunt grew up on a remote eastern Montana ranch, between the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation and the Missouri River Breaks.

She sold her parents a horse, and used the money to attend Northern Montana College for one academic quarter. Then, at 18, she wed a Vietnam veteran 12 years her senior, and moved to his family's grain and cattle ranch 15 miles from where she grew up.

Some ranch couples function as business partners, but Blunt said that as the daughter-in-law in a family ranch operation, she had virtually no standing.

"My job basically was to take care of men and, when they came along, babies," she said. But she is quick to add that her story is not the story of every ranch wife.



University of Montana professor Judy Blunt wrote a memoir about her life as a Montana ranch wife and how she walked away for a fresh start.

"Breaking Clean" was written over the course of a decade, mostly student years for Blunt as she pursued a bachelor's degree and then a master of fine arts at Montana.

She felt torn about leaving the ranch and "it took her quite a while to resolve that stuff for herself," said author William Kittredge, one of Blunt's professors about 12 years ago.

As a student she paid the bills with college financial aid, child-support checks and money from a job that had her sanding and varnishing wood floors for customers who included actress Andie MacDowell, part of Montana's emerging celebrity element at the time.

"Judy survived on three and four hours of sleep a night, sometimes less, and about three pots of coffee," said Clifford Cain, who owned Custom Wood Floors. "I don't know how she did what she did." He remembers watching her children join her on the

stage at her graduation ceremony.

"Breaking Clean" began with an assignment in the university's creative writing program. Blunt submitted her essay, now the book's first chapter, to Professor William Bevis, who was so moved by her piece that he read it to an auditorium of students.

"I read it out loud and the class was just stunned, silent," said Bevis, who describes her writing as "unpretentious, certain and exact."

Soon afterward, Blunt the journalism student became an English major, as well. Her book of poetry, "Not Quite Stone," was published in 1992.

Kittredge, who has written several books and co-edited the 1988 anthology "The Last Best Place," which brought attention to Montana writing, said it is hard to predict how "Breaking Clean" will be received by a national audience.

"Western books tend not to be big successes nationally," he said. "But once in a while, one is."

Blunt's book has all the Western elements hard winters,

a one-room school, isolation, a desperately feverish child and more.

"I think this is a book that will last, and last and last," Kittredge said. "Decades from now, it will still be in print."

Blunt is cautious about forecasting what might lie ahead. "I don't really have a full set of options yet," she said. "I don't know how far this book will fly me."

She has looked at opportunities in metro areas, places like Miami and Pittsburgh, but is mindful that her writing ethic is grounded in the West. She knows there are good things about "staying where your stories are heard."

"I can't manufacture excitement about learning to live in a large city," she said.

Sometimes she wonders if moving to Missoula was her "last brave thing," she said.

Controversy hounds history writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Times are strange for history writers. Stephen Ambrose is accused of stealing material. Doris Kearns Goodwin admits she copied language from other texts. David McCullough acknowledges he misquoted Thomas Jefferson.



Stephen Ambrose



Doris Kearns Goodwin

Joseph Ellis confesses he lied about his own past.

"I can't remember so many controversies happening at once," says Ashbel Green, a long-time editor at Alfred A. Knopf who has worked with Ellis and other historians.

Ellis' "Founding Brothers" to McCullough's "John Adams" to Ambrose's "The Wild Blue," historians have enjoyed great success over the past year, proving that a large readership exists for lively nonfiction narratives. Even during a weak economy, McCullough has sold more than a million copies of a \$35 book about a president voted out after one term.

But success is also the common theme of the recent negative attention. While the examples range from the isolated carelessness of McCullough to Ellis' personal dishonesty, they all involve best-selling historians.

"This saddens me because I've always been an advocate of historians trying to reach a public audience, and I would hope the next generation of historians will not be dissuaded," said Arnita Jones, executive director of the American Historical Association.

"I think there are a lot of popular writers — Garry Wills, Taylor Branch — you don't hear these complaints about," said Eric Foner, a professor of history at Columbia University and author of the acclaimed "Reconstruction."

"I hope and expect Ellis and Goodwin and the others to continue writing books, but I think they have a responsibility to

make it clear that they realize they've made mistakes."

Ellis' downfall began with an interview he gave in 2000 to the Boston Globe. The historian claimed that he had gone to Vietnam as a platoon leader and paratrooper and served on the staff of Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

In June 2001, after reviewing public records and interviewing some of Ellis' friends and colleagues, the Globe contradicted his assertions. The author, a professor at Mount Holyoke College who had just won a Pulitzer Prize for "Founding Brothers," said he had lied and was suspended for a year without a pay.

A month later, McCullough was criticized in Harper's Magazine for writing in "John Adams" that Thomas Jefferson had called the second president a "colossus of independence."

The only problem: Jefferson never said it. McCullough admitted he had erred.

"It's hard work, you're trying to get the truth about distant times," he told The Associated Press last week. "When you make the mistakes, it's very painful, but you will make mistakes. We're imperfect, in an imperfect world."

Green and others say there's virtually no such thing as a flawless history book. McCullough notes he's seen errors made by

some of the writers he admires most. "I go back to (Francis) Parkman and Samuel Eliot Morrison, and I see mistakes in those books," he said. "But so what? That shouldn't make us throw our hands up in disgust and disapproval. Look at what they did! Look at what they wrote! Where would we be without them?"

The allegations against Ambrose and Goodwin are more serious and more frequent; the American Historical Association has given full review to just 14 plagiarism cases since 1993. "The profession polices itself," Foner says. "We're all interested readers."

Goodwin acknowledged recently that "The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys," released in 1987, contained sentences that closely resembled prose from three other books. She settled privately with one of the authors soon after publication.

At least five books by Ambrose, a retired history professor, have been cited for material lifted from other sources. The historian has both apologized and defended himself, saying he footnoted the passages in question, a policy most of his peers consider inadequate.

Fame at first protected Ambrose. Thomas Childers, a University of Pennsylvania professor who thought Ambrose's "The Wild Blue" lifted passages from Childers' "Wings of Morning," was at first hesitant to take on someone so well known.

But once his suspicions were confirmed earlier this month, Childers spoke up. He said he was "surprised and disappointed" to condemn Ambrose for his "chutzpah" and dropped the historian's "Band of Brothers" from his class syllabus.

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Challenges await U.S. forces in Philippine jungles

By Michael Zelenziger
Knight Ridder News Service

BASILAN ISLAND, Philippines — When U.S. special forces soldiers arrive on this small tropical island next month to conduct anti-terrorism training with Filipino soldiers, they'll confront a tangled terrain of snake-infested forests, fractious clan-based guerilla warfare and a local peasantry deeply distrustful of the Philippine military.

But most residents, it appears, will be friendly. To be sure, protests have arisen in recent days. About 70 members of a women's rights group and a leftist organization gathered Friday outside the U.S. Embassy in Manila to protest the U.S. military presence. They carried placards saying "Fight U.S. Imperialist Intervention" and chanted, "Yankes go home!"

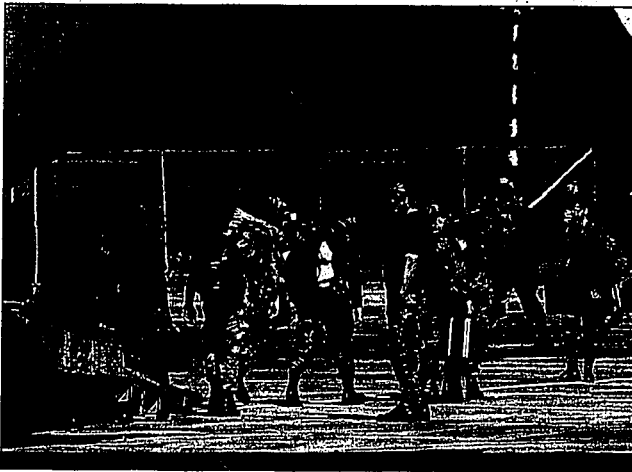
"We believe this is one form of intervention in the problem of our country that should be solved by our own government, not by a foreign government like America," said a spokeswoman, Lana Linaban. "This will lead to the abuse of our children and women as has happened before in the Philippines and other countries."

The Senate has launched an inquiry, and several organizations of Muslims, leftists and nationalists threaten to split with the government on the issue.

But most residents welcome the U.S. forces; they are optimistic the U.S. can repeat their success in Afghanistan, in which a small number of U.S. troops bolstered the capabilities of anti-Taliban forces.

"It's a good thing for our troops to have exposure to foreign forces," said Royal Ebah, 22, as he picked over the last morsels of his luncheon fish at a makeshift stall on the edge of the forest in Capunbata. "If the Filipino troops aren't strong enough to finish off the Abu Sayyaf, then maybe the Americans can."

Conversations with political leaders, military commanders and citizens in the lowlands of Basilan — where Abu Sayyaf loyalists are holding two American missionaries and a Filipino nurse hostage — suggest most are eager to see U.S. troops help end the decades of violence that have kept tourists and investors away.

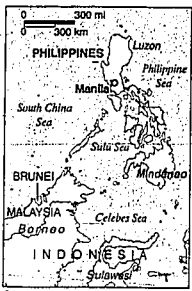


A U.S. ground crew watches as American soldiers disembark from the U.S. Globemaster cargo aircraft Friday at Zamoanga's airport in southern Philippines. The soldiers will be part of the joint military exercise between the Philippines and the United States and will also train local counterparts to fight the Muslim extremist group, the Abu Sayyaf, believed to have links with Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terror network.



Protesters from a Filipino women's group scuffle with a police officer Friday in front of the U.S. Embassy in Manila during a protest against U.S. military involvement in upcoming exercises in the troubled southern Philippines.

Basilan has an abundance of rubber trees, palm oil and coffee but remains one of the poorest provinces in a poor nation. "There may be arguments and controversy in Manila, but 80 percent of the people here are preparing to welcome the Americans," Wahab Akbar, the governor of this predominately Muslim province.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

Martin and Gracia Burnham as hostages and carrying out assaults on villages across the mountainous highlands. Abu Sayyaf is suspected of having links to the al-Qaida terrorist network.

"Frankly, I give the Americans only about a 50 percent chance of succeeding," said Akbar in an interview Wednesday in his mosque-like office complex in Isabela City, the provincial capital. "This will be like trying to chase down a mouse."

On Wednesday, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's national security cabinet formally approved the dispatch of U.S. troops to Philippine soil, but only after the president strictly barred any use of American forces in combat.

"We would like to state categorically that the president's policy decision is that the Americans are not going to be engaged in combat, period," said National Security Adviser Rollo Golez.

Still, officials acknowledge that U.S. forces must be prepared for combat, since they will be accompanying Filipino soldiers on guerilla-fighting operations. "If they can end under fire, naturally they will defend themselves," said Brigadier Gen. Edilberto Atan, a former commanding officer on Basilan island, who now serves as the military's chief spokesman.

Early next month, 160 members of U.S. special forces teams will be ferried by helicopter from a base in nearby Zamboanga and assigned to the nine military battalions operating on Basilan, an island one-third the size of Rhode Island with about 400,000 residents. Roughly 15 American special forces soldiers will assist each Philippine unit of 400 men.

The U.S. force will be training Philippine troops who have been conducting jungle warfare for more than a decade, trying to quell the insurrection of aggrieved Muslims who want autonomy from Roman Catholic-dominated Manila. Poor roads have stymied those assaults. So have bad communications and an inability to conduct night fighting in the jungle. The U.S. troops will help teach their Filipino counterparts the fundamentals of night-fighting, counter-insurgency, psychological operations and community relations to combat the insurgents.

Singapore accuses Indonesian in bomb plot

Indonesian in bomb plot

SINGAPORE (AP) — An Indonesian explosives expert who was arrested recently in the Philippines helped suspected members of an al-Qaida-linked cell plot to blow up buildings in Singapore, the government said Saturday.

Indonesian Fathur Rohman Al-Ghozi came to Singapore in October 2001 and helped suspected militants conduct surveillance of the American and Israeli embassies and other buildings, the Ministry of Home Affairs said in a news release.

Embassies and companies are on high security alert in Singapore, which was shocked earlier this month when the government said it had detained 13 militants with suspected links to the al-Qaida terrorist network who had been plotting to blow up a U.S., Israeli, Australian and U.S. embassies and other buildings in the wealthy Southeast Asian city-state.

Al-Ghozi, known as "Mike," has been identified by the 13 detainees, who have been in custody since December, the statement said. Singapore believes that they are members of Jemaah Islamiyah, a cell with suspected links to al-Qaida.

Singapore has said that Al-Ghozi was one of the group's ringleaders.

Al-Ghozi was arrested after intelligence agents here tipped off their counterparts in the Philippines, the statement said. His arrest is an example of the "close cooperation" between Southeast Asian intelligence agencies in the fight against international terrorism, the statement said.

Philippines officials said more than a ton of TNT was unearthed after authorities arrested Al-Ghozi in Manila on Jan. 15.

"The explosives seized from Al-Ghozi were intended for terrorist activities in Singapore," Philippines army chief Lt. Gen. Jaime de los Santos told a news conference after the arrest.

Police foil raid on Dole plantation

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — A notorious kidnaping gang raided a Dole Food Co. Inc. plantation Saturday in an apparent attempt to seize an American executive, but the gang was ambushed by police acting on a tip.

The raid came as President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo assured the nation that U.S. troops helping to fight another group of kidnapers, the Abu Sayyaf Muslim rebels, would not participate directly in combat.

Police blamed the Dole plantation raid on the Pentagon Gang, which specializes in kidnaping foreigners and is on a U.S. list of international terror groups.

Police Col. Bartolome Balyut said two junior commanders of the Pentagon Gang were killed when they tried to storm the house of Christopher H. Hubbard, Dole's director for agriculture in Asia.

Balyut said other gang members fled and were being hunted by police.

He said police were waiting after receiving reports that the gang, which already holds Italian priest Giuseppe Piaranti, planned to abduct Hubbard from his offices on 25,000-acre Dole pineapple plantation and cannery in Polomolok town, 620 miles southeast of Manila. The gunfight broke out as the Pentagon tried to storm the area.

Balyut said intelligence reports told him to expect at least eight gang members. It was not clear how many showed up.

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Women now hold power over detainees

Female guards help watch Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners

QUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — The Taliban fighters who wouldn't allow women to study in Afghanistan and punished them if a veil slipped or ankle showed now are getting orders from women guards and care from female doctors at this U.S. detention camp.

In their culture they get to tell their females what to do," said Pfc. Courtney Sletter, 21, from Waconia, Minn. "Well, they are now in a new culture, and I get to tell them what to do."

There are 130 women among the 1,300 U.S. military personnel at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, and they perform much the same duties as the men. Unarmed female guards watch over the orange-clad inmates in Camp X-ray, medical workers administer care to the sick or injured; and women escort prisoners to bathrooms and showers. The women are replaced by male guards when the inmates undress.

For the prisoners, it's a world apart from Afghanistan where, until their recent ouster, the Taliban prohibited women from attending school and from work-



U.S. Army Spc. Kristy Martin pauses during an interview at Camp X-Ray at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where al-Qaida and Taliban detainees are being held.

ing, punished them for wearing anything other than the all-encompassing burqa, and relegated them to a life without choices under a strict brand of Islam.

"Generally when you're talking to the detainees their eyes will tend to be in a downward position, possibly because they see you as a woman," said Sonia Kurichh, 29, a podiatrist from Washington, D.C. Kurichh has performed surgery

on at least two inmates and will be among medical personnel manning a new tented field hospital.

"Some of them utter prayers, possibly because they think I'm contaminated, but generally they've been appreciative of the care," she said.

Female military personnel are given a briefing on the culture clash and potential problems. So far, they say, there haven't been

any. They have noticed, however, that even the prisoners who speak English address them only to ask for water or to be escorted to the latrines.

The 158 inmates are all suspected terrorists who fought for al-Qaida or the ousted Afghan Taliban regime that sheltered the network. They are locked in temporary cells of chain-link fence walls set on a cement slab, open to the elements. "I was warned about certain aspects of their culture, like if they see ankles they will cut them off because it's a sin," said Emily Monson, 19, of American Falls. "I'm not concerned they're going to do anything to me," she said as she as she donned black leather combat boots and talked about her duties as an entry guard.

Like many women in the military here, she says she was raised in a U.S. household where men and women shared responsibilities.

"I believe that everything should be 50/50," she said. "If a woman does dishes, a man should too. I'm sure they (the detainees) don't feel that way."

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Afghans accuse U.S. of attacking school

TARIN KOT, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghans accused U.S. forces Saturday of attacking a school and killing people sheltering there in a raid the Pentagon said targeted Taliban fighters.

According to Pentagon accounts, special forces attacked two enemy compounds Wednesday night at Hazar Qadam, about 60 miles north of Kandahar, and killed about 15 people in a firefight. One U.S. soldier was wounded in the ankle. Twenty-seven prisoners were taken.

U.S. officials initially described the target as an al-Qaida "leadership facility," but said Friday that the people there were Taliban fighters. They described the compounds, located a short distance

from one another, as a munitions store holding hundreds of mortar rounds, rockets, rocket-propelled grenades and launchers, and more than 500,000 rounds of small-arms ammunition. They were destroyed by fire from a C-130 gunship.

But villagers in Uruzgan province, where the raid took place, said Saturday that those killed were neither Taliban nor al-Qaida fighters, but local people sent to negotiate the surrender of weapons from Taliban in the area.

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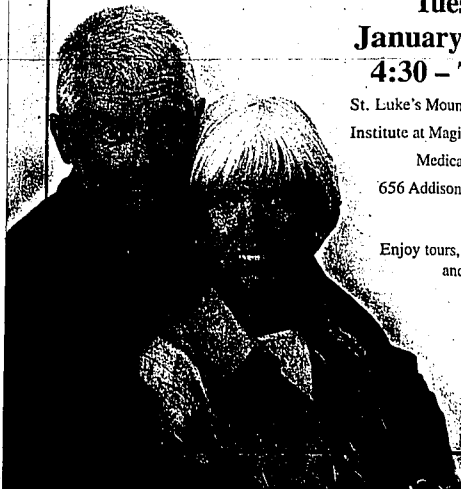


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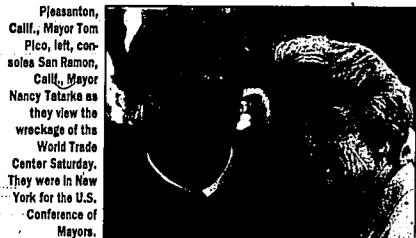
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Pleasanton, Calif., Mayor Tom Pico, left, and Nancy Tatarina, right, view the wreckage of the World Trade Center Saturday. They were in New York for the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Giuliani: U.S. missed warnings signs of attacks

NEW YORK (AP) - Just as it failed to heed the warning signs of Adolf Hitler's aggression in the 1930s, the United States did not do enough to prepare for terrorist attacks in the 1990s, Rudolph Giuliani told his former colleagues Saturday.

"This is going to stand as a reminder to us to never let our guard down again," Giuliani said of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He delivered a morning speech at the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which for the first time split its annual meeting between Washington and New York.

The mayors were taken on a tour to the World Trade Center disaster site. It was the first trip to the disaster site for former New York City police commissioner and current Houston Mayor Lee Brown. "I often reflect on the many people I knew (who died on Sept. 11)," Brown said. "It really is so unbelievable that something like this can happen."

Rodham Clinton told the mayors she has sponsored legislation that would provide \$3 billion in funding to communities called the Homeland Security Block Grant. The legislation would finance additional police, fire and other security protection. "We want to provide our men and women in uniform with every tool necessary to root out and defeat the terrorist network wherever they can be found," she said.

Toddler survives four days alone in apartment after mother dies

ELYRIA, Ohio - A 21-month-old boy survived four days alone by eating potato chips, part of a cookie and probably drinking toilet water after his single mother died.

Police were called Tuesday because Crisp's co-workers had not heard from her since Jan. 16, three days after she fell ill and left work early. Her son, Allen Shackelford, was found standing by the door of their apartment, shaking and clutching a bottle of tile cleaner. His soiled diaper was on the floor.

Cans of food lay on the sofa where his mother lay dead. Relatives said they believe he got water from the toilet, which was dry.

Matusow, who was married 11 times, died Jan. 17 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon of injuries suffered in a car accident Jan. 2. Matusow, who had launched a career as an actor in New York theater, joined the Communist Party in 1948.

He later went to work for McCarthy and provided evidence for the senator's anti-communist blacklisting campaign against fellow actors and others.

Chicago woman gets back purse that was stolen in '60. OAK PARK, Ill. - When her purse was stolen in a restaurant in 1960, Audrey Wheeler thought she had lost her most precious memories - the photograph of her smiling father, pictures of nieces and nephews now grown and a copy of the 23rd Psalm that was handed out at her father's funeral. But thanks to the construction crew that found the purse in a wall and a police officer who wouldn't give up his attempt to find the owner, Wheeler has her purse back.

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EDITORIAL

Commissioners help break dairy stalemate

The fifth moratorium on Twin Falls County dairy construction will end Tuesday, but the debate over confined animal feeding operations is still far from over.

No one realizes this more than the three county commissioners, who adopted three CAFO ordinances just days before the moratorium deadline. Thanks to their tenacity and willingness to compromise, the debate is no longer a stalemate.

The commissioners should be commended for making the best of a bad situation. By dropping three of the most divisive ordinances, Commissioners Bill Brockman, Marvin Hempleman and Gary Grindstaff showed they were listening to the public.

To appease dairy critics, commissioners added setback requirements, and they deleted the unpopular "mile rule" that allowed only people living within a mile to appeal county permits. That doesn't mean appeals should remain unlimited. In our opinion, a line needs to be drawn somewhere. But the issue can be resolved later.

To appease dairymen, commissioners jettisoned an enforcement ordinance that required annual permit renewal. They also dropped other animal care and keeping standards.

And they repositioned themselves to capitalize on the efforts of Ken Edmunds' ad hoc citizens group. The commissioners said they will consider repealing their own new regulations in favor of the group's so-called "matrix" proposal, once it has been formally drafted.

When it comes to compromise, you

can't get any better than that.

Most importantly, the commissioners have worked to end 18 frustrating months of moratoriums. They moved aggressively over the past two months to finish the job handed to them.

They didn't get a lot of help. For more than a year and a half, neither dairymen nor dairy critics have shown much desire to compromise.

The matrix group deserves kudos for working together to put an alternative proposal on the table. But all parties deserve raspberries for not doing it months ago.

The commissioners should continue to refine the county's CAFO ordinances after Tuesday, and both sides of the debate should help them. Here are some suggestions:

- Dairymen, as a sign of good faith, should drop their lawsuit challenging the current moratorium's legality. Litigation and cooperation don't mix.

- Dairy critics should likewise abandon requests for additional moratoriums. The county can't ask the dairy industry to tread water indefinitely.

- The citizens group, led by Edmunds, should sustain the sense of urgency that has propelled this issue for the past month.

The CAFO issue may remain contentious for years to come. It represents the inevitable friction between an economically vibrant dairy industry and a rural populace that worries about its quality of life.

The county commissioners have made an imperfect but honest start on smoothing out neighborhood interactions. They'll need everyone's help to finish the job.

The commissioners said they will consider repealing their own new regulations in favor of the group's so-called "matrix" proposal. When it comes to compromise, you can't get any better than that.



It's time for GOP lawmakers to face failures

I believe there is no one principle which predominates in human nature so much in every stage of life, from the cradle to the grave in males and females, old and young, black and white, rich and poor, high and low, as this passion for superiority."

John Adams made this statement in January 1777 in response to the infighting among American officers in Gen. Washington's Army. I share this quote with all of you to illustrate that much has changed in 225 years.

Our Republican Legislature just introduced a bill to eliminate the Term Limit Law passed by Idaho Voters twice. It points out that John Adams said all those years ago, "passion for superiority" hasn't died in Idaho's Republicans. The audacity of the Republican leadership is amazing for a group who has failed Idaho in so many ways. Let us look at their numbers:

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 - We rank 48th for expenditures for public elementary and secondary schools per student.
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 - We rank 45th overall for teacher's salaries.
 - We only have 50 percent of our children in Idaho who read at grade level.
 - Almost 20 percent of all Idahoans are uninsured.
 - We have double the national average of highway deaths.
 - We rank 50th in spending on economic development.
 - Idaho ranks last among all states for child immunizations.
- These numbers are from an article written by Brian DePhillips in *The Idaho Statesman*. The Republican Party has

blamed Idaho radical environmentalists (according to Republicans, this is a synonym for anyone who calls themselves a Democrat or people who complain about flies and odor in western Twin Falls County) for the failure of Idaho's logging industry. But who was in charge of the state and who should take responsibility for this in Idaho?

What has happened to the family farm in Idaho? Well don't ask the Idaho Republicans; they will tell you that it was somehow the Idaho Democratic Party that destroyed a great way of life in Idaho. It gets pretty old to hear excuses when one party dominates the state. It's time for the Republicans to face their failures. Guess what, Mr. Neycomb, Idaho voters get it. They know who failed and that is why they voted twice to get rid of your sorry team of good old boys. Give it up, you lost. We know that you are not used to losing in Idaho. But you did, and it's time to take your seat and lead a new generation leadership.

John Radford lives in the chairman of the Twin Falls County Democratic Party.

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LETTERS

Truth should temper arguments

In a letter to the editor published Dec. 19, Ms. Bert Redfern referred to an article that I wrote for the "Extension Focus" newspaper in which I thanked an individual who obtained factual information to write a letter to the editor that contained unsubstantiated information. The data used to refute the letter referenced reliable sources and was based on scientific data rather than being based on emotion.

For the benefit of those who did not see the article, it was written to encourage the use of scientific data to address issues. The example I used was related to the dairy industry, since the article was for the dairy audience of our Extension newspaper. The article went on to explain that actions have been taken against dairy operations in violation of state and federal laws. It also pointed out that the bad operators are causing problems for those who do a good job.

Ms. Redfern indicated that her "brain shuts down," especially if I am the one providing the scientific data. That is unfortunate, since science is defined by Webster as "a branch of knowledge or study dealing with a body of facts or truths." It seems this type of information would be of value in making intelligent decisions on issues. In the article, I encouraged people to use factual information issues that are emotionally charged, which include people on both sides of an issue.

To drive home the point that it is unfortunate there are people spreading false or misleading information, she states that I "designed facilities that have pungent waste management systems." I am not an engineer and, as such, can design nothing in the state of Idaho. I have assisted producers, calculating the amount of storage capacity that they need to contain their waste and cornal runoff. The Idaho Department of Agriculture's licensed professional engineers must approve these values. I also make suggestions on how to plan facilities that incorporate the best technologies and management practices. Producers may use or disregard any of the recommendations given.

In conclusion, unless Ms. Redfern is guilty of providing inaccurate, incomplete or false information, any criticism in the

article would not apply to her at all. If the livestock issue is ever to be resolved, people on both sides must use factual, science-based information and work together to address the problems in the spirit of cooperation.

BOB OHLENSHEIL
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Bob Ohlensheil is an extension educator for the University of Idaho at the Twin Falls County office.)

Behold your miraculous body

A thought to those who may become despondent and depressed on these gray, winter days.

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Granted, these elements will someday return back to earth, but now I ask you to look into your eyes and ponder the light of life that is gazing back at you. Scientists say that this light and the miracle of your heart, which beats an incredible 24 hours a day nonstop for perhaps 70-plus years or so, is caused by minute electric currents.

This bland, unspiritual analysis tends to suggest that you are just an ordinary object and not unusual. Once of the greatest scientists of all time, Albert Einstein, was credited with saying that "science is a limited source of truth." This humble man with great wisdom acknowledged mortal man achieves vanity in his successes but still has little knowledge of greater profound mysteries.

Do not be discouraged by man's limited expressions; remember, you are a miracle creation which is the union of the body, which is of this earth and with a spirit that is eternal.

It is unfortunate when man, in his blind pride, cannot accept the great truth that one which is of supreme intelligence and wisdom is seen above our limited knowledge.

GLEN CAPPS
Jerome

Congress can work together on welfare reform

O f all the issues facing Congress this year, none offers a better opportunity for substantial and bipartisan progress than welfare reform. The landmark measure passed by a Republican Congress and signed into law by President Clinton in 1996 is up for renewal this year. It could be a notable achievement in that it threatens to be a time of bickering and fracturing on other fronts.

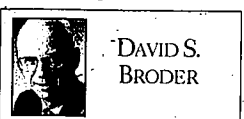
The circumstances are propitious. Although there are serious disputes about how durable the gains of the past five years will be, no one wants to go back to the old welfare system. By linking welfare benefits to work, the new system has introduced the discipline and rewards of the mainstream economy to neighborhoods that for too long were isolated in poverty and hopelessness.

It is now being tested for the first time in a slumping economy, and so far seems to be holding up fairly well. Until the recession hit, progress was remarkable. Welfare rolls were cut by 57 percent. Earnings for single mothers rose, teenage pregnancy declined and so did child poverty.

Not all of this can be attributed to the 1996 law; a strong economy during the 1990s and changes in tax policy, notably the expansion of the earned income tax credit, probably had as much to do with the gains as welfare reform did.

But there is general - if not universal - consensus that lawmakers in 2002 can build off a success, rather than search for a remedy for systemic failure, as many of them felt they were doing with last year's education reform effort.

The second advantage is that key players in both parties are accustomed to working across partisan differences. One major Democratic bill is being drafted by Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware who, as



DAVID S. BRODER

governor of his state, was a leading player in the National Governors' Association effort that produced the 1996 law.

When I saw Carper the other day, the first thing he told me was that he had invited another former governor, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson, to meet informally with a group of senators of both parties who, like them, are ex-governors.

Thompson, during his long run as governor of Wisconsin, became perhaps the boldest welfare innovator in the country, and is now perfectly positioned to help the White House and Congress take the next steps in advancing that agenda.

It will not be easy. A threshold question for governors and legislators, most of whom face difficult budget squeezes, is whether the federal government will renew its financial commitment to welfare reform. As welfare rolls have declined, some in Congress have tried to renege on the \$16.5 billion the feds pledged to pay annually into a block grant to the states to help pay for the changes.

That would be a mistake. The people remaining on welfare have more handicaps in finding jobs than those who left the rolls earlier. The steady federal funding has allowed states to expand the day care, transportation, counseling and job training services that enabled more and more women to find employment.

I am told that the Bush budget will call for no cutbacks - or expansion - in the

federal payment, but it will be a battle to keep that figure from being reduced on Capitol Hill.

Other issues loom: Some liberals will try to soften the work requirement or lift the five-year limit on cash benefits the 1996 law set for most recipients. At a briefing last week, Democratic Leadership Council officials, including former Clinton White House domestic policy aide Bruce Reed, argued strongly that any such retreat would be a mistake.

Instead, they said, policy-makers should look for leverage points to bring a similar regimen to bear on fathers who are not living with or supporting their children. My own reporting in Chicago and other cities tells me that it is fundamentally unfair - and demoralizing - for single mothers to be nudged into the workplace while the fathers of their children hang out on street corners night and day.

Some conservatives want to earmark welfare funds for those who marry. Marriage is a good thing, and two incomes are certainly better than one, but the government has little experience as a marriage-broker. Reed and others point out that teen-age pregnancy is a serious barrier to marriage, so focusing on reducing out-of-wedlock births may be the most useful goal of federal programs.

Everyone knowledgeable on this subject recognizes the challenges in changing a welfare culture into a working culture. Most also realize that trimming welfare rolls is but one step toward the real goal of eliminating poverty and raising incomes.

But if partisan battles can be avoided, there is a chance for something good to happen.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

LETTER

Choose life - your mother did

This is a letter from one of those "noisy anti-choice" people who are only a "small minority" responding to the question that Rosalind Kipping asked in her recent letter to the editor, "When does life begin?" This same question has been posed to doctors and scientists and their conclusion is that they cannot pinpoint a particular time when a fetus becomes a baby. It is always a baby. If it's not a baby, then you are not pregnant.

Rosalind stated that "if every child born was a child that was hoped for, planned for," then so many of the world's problems would go away or be depleted, among them child abuse. Since the Supreme Court case of Roe vs. Wade in 1973, child abuse has increased four fold. From the time of legalizing the killing of babies until now, we have aborted more than 30 million children. That is another state of California. Those children would have been purchasing homes; going to college; buying cars, clothing and shoes. That is quite a hole

we have created in our economy. As for the rest of us "noisy anti-choice" people, I would hope that there are 10 times, if not 100 times, the citizens would choose not to kill their babies. And when they see your challenge to write to the editor in favor of pro-choice, they would respond in great number defending the rights of the unborn. Rosalind, you should choose life. After all, your mother did.

LEON MILLS
Twin Falls



LETTER

Valley loses its innocence

How many Wood River Valley residents remember when "No Trespassing" signs were unheard of in the valley? When the river was open to everyone from Galena to Magic, The Hiawatha Canal was filled with water, Elk and deer wintered freely in Greenhorn, Deer Creek, Croy Creek and Warm Springs. It took only 14 minutes to get from Hailey to Ketchum. Bill Bowman coached a winning football team. Broyles Pharmacy served coke for a nickel. The Library was the only entertainment in town. Wally Young owned the Mint and fought the bad guys every Fourth of July. And finally, a five-minute walk in any direction got you out of town.

There was a time when all this was normal. A time when not only neighbors but everyone in the valley took care of your kids. When it was time to work, everyone showed up to help. If you got stuck up Porcupine, someone would come get you. If someone was hurt, the whole valley hurt and helped.

Now it takes 30 minutes to drive from Hailey to Ketchum. Developers chase elk from traditional wintering grounds. If you mow your grass on Sunday, people complain. If you have a yard

light, they want you to take it down. By so many of you moving there, you have created a traffic nightmare in the towns and on the highway, but you don't want a four-lane because it would destroy the atmosphere of the valley.

It's too late. You have already done it. You have created a plastic world of plastic people incapable of curbing their greed.

I graduated from Wood River High in 1969 and left shortly thereafter. The years of my childhood and teens were spent in Hailey and the Sawtooth Valley crawling around looking for arrowheads, climbing Red Devil, fishing up Quigley and collecting flour sacks full of candy on Halloween. It was a magical time of innocence. I'm sorry that you all missed this golden age, but in searching for it, you have destroyed it.

I miss the Wood River Valley, but sorry, folks, not yours. I miss the one I left behind five years ago. And I wish you could find it again for your children's sakes, but I'm afraid it's all gone. It's the good old days, never knowing the true nature of the peaceful valley with the beautiful river.

P.S.: Dick Jones and Jean Mizer, I miss you.
LAWRENCE BARBER
Twin Falls

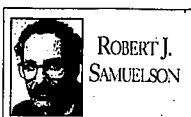
The early bird flies much too soon for college

The college admissions process in America has become an overwrought and frenzied ritual, driven by the anxieties of striving students and middle-class parents who worry that if Stephen and Suzie don't get into the "right" college their lives will be ruined. This is a myth, but one hard to demolish and especially at this time of year, when most applications are being completed. Worse, all the pressures and absurdities of the process are now needlessly magnified by colleges that resort more and more to "early admissions" — a practice rightly characterized as a "racket" by writer James Fallows in a recent Atlantic Monthly.

The most selective colleges and universities snail the most. In the fall of 2000, there were about 1.2 million entering freshmen at four-year schools. Of these, only 163,004 applied for early admissions, according to the College Board. But Harvard routinely fills 55 percent to 60 percent of its freshman class early at the University of Pennsylvania the proportion is 40 percent to 50 percent. The College Board found that 464 four-year schools — a fourth of the total — offered some sort of early admissions. (Early admissions means that students submit their applications before the standard January deadline and are typically admitted in December or January, rather than in the spring.)

Let us now count early admissions' drawbacks:

- It's unfair, because it discriminates against students who apply later. A study of 14 of the country's most selective schools by researchers at Harvard found that applying early gave students a significant advantage, equal to about a 100-point jump in their SAT scores. (The researchers couldn't reveal schools' names.)
- It forces students to make premature choices about where to apply. They haven't visited enough schools, talked to enough friends, thought about it enough. "There's a tremendous growth



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that occurs in the 12th grade," says Dean Strassburger, a college counselor at Lincoln Park High School in Chicago. "Early decision is rushing this along."

It inflicts unnecessary cruelty. Getting rejected once is bad enough. Now students can get rejected twice. The most selective schools still don't accept most early admissions candidates. Harvard takes about one in six (the acceptance rate for "regular" admissions is about one in 18).

It worsens "senioritis" — the academic letdown after college acceptances are received. "A lot of these kids, the second they get their decisions, are in your office saying, 'I want to drop Modern European History,'" says Scott White, a guidance counselor at Montclair High School in New Jersey.

Sure, students accepted under early admissions benefit. Their ordeal is over. But in general, the practice has "adverse effects on high-school students," says Yale President Richard C. Levin. Although Yale now admits about 40 percent of its class through early decision, Levin has become an open (and rare) critic among college and university leaders.

What motivates colleges and universities? Mainly self-interest that, at most, is only partially defensible. The University of Pennsylvania is one of the few schools candid enough to admit that it favors candidates who apply early. "The majority of students on campus at Penn are here because it's their first choice — that changes the tone of the campus," says Lee Stetson, dean of admissions. When he first came to Penn in 1978, only 35 percent to 40 percent of freshmen picked it as their first choice.

But there are other, less commendable reasons for using early

admissions, as Fallows shows. It improves colleges' "yield" (the percentage of students accepted who actually attend). Because yield is one factor in U.S. News & World Report's annual college rankings, that can boost a school's position. Early admissions also improves "enrollment management"; it minimizes the chances that too many or too few students will show up in the fall.

All this expediency comes at a growing moral cost. Many colleges — including Harvard — contend that students who apply later do not reduce their personal odds of admission. This is almost certainly false, and colleges that maintain the fiction are being misleading and even dishonest.

It is true that, compared with most social problems, the sins of early admissions are small potatoes. But it is also true that, unlike

most social problems, this one could actually be fixed. If a dozen or more top schools — Yale, Harvard, Stanford, Williams — denounced and dropped the practice, it would lose respectability. If only one or two colleges do so, as Levin says, little would change.


Colleges and universities have subordinated students' interests to their own. This is hypocritical and indifferent to any larger social good. The message they're sending to students is, "Get used to it; this is the way the world works." Colleges might argue that they're providing something useful: an introductory course in cynicism. But no college has yet offered this defense, which would at least have the virtue of honesty.

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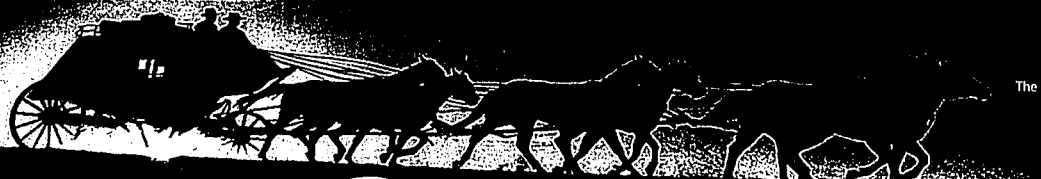


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WORLD



Palestians hold a poster of Yasser Arafat as they march during a rally Saturday to support the embattled Palestinian Authority leader.

Palestinians rally for their embattled leader

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — About 2,000 supporters rallied Saturday outside Yasser Arafat's compound where the Palestinian leader has been confined by the Israelis and come under sharp criticism from President Bush.

At one point, some of the demonstrators were invited inside the large compound to speak to Arafat, who condemned Israel's air strikes Friday against Palestinian security installations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Arafat said the raids were in retaliation for a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv earlier Friday.

The Israelis "believe that the F-16s that hit Tulkarem, Gaza and Khan Yunis yesterday can shake the Palestinian people ... but we are the strongest people," Arafat told the crowd.

On Friday, President Bush declared he was "very disappointed" with the Palestinian

leader over a shipment of weapons that was apparently headed for the Palestinians. Israeli forces intercepted the shipment last month in the Red Sea.

"Ordering up weapons that were intercepted on a boat headed for that part of the world is not part of fighting terror, that's enhancing terror," Bush said. Arafat has denied any involvement in the affair.

Bush was considering sanctions against the Palestinian Authority, including deciding whether to cut diplomatic ties.

Each side blames the other for the latest escalation in the violence. Palestinian officials accuse Israel of inflaming tensions by renewing its policy of targeted killings of militants.

But Israel says it is acting because Arafat has not done enough to round up the militants.

Cuba says it can work with U.S.

HAVANA (AP) — A new climate of cooperation reigns in Cuba-US relations, proving that the two historical enemies are capable of getting along, Defense Minister Raul Castro said Saturday.

Speaking with a small group of journalists after a government rally just outside Havana, Fidel Castro's younger brother characterized the recent wave of visits by U.S. lawmakers and business people as "positive."

The visits "have demonstrated that there can be a mutually beneficial rapprochement, done respectfully and without interfering with anyone's internal affairs," said Raul Castro, the man his brother has designated as his successor.

Nevertheless, the younger Castro said, Cuba-US relations remain "unpredictable."

On a separate issue, the defense minister said authorities are still working to capture those responsible for the mass murder of five people in an apparent highway robbery in central Cuba late last year.

The FBI revealed last week that Cuba had sought its help in solving the mass murders of five people — including two Cuban-born Florida residents — late last year.

Investigators pull another body from sub

MOSCOW (AP) — Investigators progressed in their search through the wreckage of the Kursk nuclear submarine, pulling out another body.

Ninety-four bodies have been recovered from the submarine,

which exploded and sank in the Barents Sea in August 2000, killing all 118 men. Twelve bodies were recovered soon after the accident, while the rest were pulled out since the vessel was towed to a dry dock in October.

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Key Russian space facility loses power for nonpayment of fees

MOSCOW (AP) — Power was cut to a key Russian space tracking station in the Far East on Saturday because its bill had not been paid, according to news reports.

The Russian Space Forces facility monitors satellites and is part of the Russian system controlling the International Space Station. The Kamchatka Peninsula unit switched to an emergency power system to stay online, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

After the power was cut off by the local energy company,

Kamchatkenergo, "the command took urgent measures to use reserve power units and diesel generators to maintain the center in a working condition," the Space Forces press service said.

"Shutting off the facility impacted its operation and could have led to the loss of spacecraft costing hundreds of millions of rubles," it said, according to the Interfax news agency. It said Kamchatkenergo's actions violated government bans on power cuts at facilities of national security.

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Last call for grease at Dodi's

I reported with great sadness a while back the demise of the Chat 'n Chew Cafe in Malad - one of the true icons, in my judgment, of Idaho culture.

Now more bad news: The word "eats," as used as a noun, has to my knowledge disappeared from Idaho nomenclature.

You know, "eats" - as in cafe signs that once proudly proclaimed, "Good Eats; Get Gas."

The last example shone blatantly for years atop Dodi's Truck Stop in eastern Idaho. The place was world famous - well, locally infamous - for the ironically titled Heart of the West Special, which was a chicken-fried steak on a Kaiser roll, covered with gravy, with a side of fried potatoes and a slice of huckleberry pie a la mode. It came with a bottomless cup of coffee, which, because of the condition of the china, was often quite literally true.

My grandmother, who ran a cafe in nearby Soda Springs, was especially dubious of Dodi's - or, she said, any other eatery that bore the name of a woman. She deemed a gal's name on the front door to be a distraction calculated to hide sub-par salmon loaf and unripe tarragon Salisbury steak.

As far as I know, Dodi's never had Board of Health problems, but it was plagued by a series of fires fueled by whatever congealed grease had escaped the Heart of the West Specials.

At one stage, Dodi actually advertised grease gravy on the menu, apparently without irony. That Easter, she changed the spelling to "Greece" gravy and served it over lamb chops.

But Dodi was a handsome woman, even well past her sell-by date, so a lot of truckers stopped by just to flirt, swap dirty jokes and fill up Thermo bottles about the size of Utah with coffee so strong that it melted the Thermo's glass lining.

But few truck drivers complained about the consequences of Dodi's. For starters, it was the only truck stop between Pocatello and Little America - a long, winding stretch of western highway that's a challenge, to even the sturdiest bladder. Then too, truckers as a class believe themselves to be impervious to diarrhea, heartburn and myocardial infarction.

So their numbers dwindled over the years until the day came when all the light bulbs burned out on the "E" and the "S" on the "Eats" sign, leaving only "at" and the flickering neon-limned outline of a leering waitress carrying a tray one-handed over her head.

Dodi had long since retired to a houseboat on Bear Lake by the time her old roadhouse caught fire for the last time. Hard to say if she missed the place. But why should she? Dodi married a cook - and not the one who used to work for her, either.

Speaking of slinging hash... In his new book, "A Cook's Tour," author Anthony Bourdain reports that Ho Chi-Minh - yeah, that Ho Chi-Minh - worked as a waiter at the Parker House, Boston's most famous hotel, in 1915.

He was also a baker and a good one. He may have had a hand in whipping up the original Parker House roll, which is essentially what sits on your table every Thanksgiving.

Ho quit waiting tables after a few months, returned to Vietnam, became a communist and a revolutionary and eventually America's worst nightmare.

It might have turned out otherwise. Jacques Chirac, now president of France, ran away from home and landed in Boston in 1952, where he washed dishes at a Howard Johnson's and went to summer school at Harvard.

The Frenchman briefly was engaged to a girl from South Carolina who, according to Time magazine, called him "honey chile."

Chirac became a fervent capitalist, eventually mayor of Paris, and cut the Ribbon at the grand opening of the first McDonald's in France.

The lesson in all that? America might have avoided a lot of trouble in the years since Ho fetched up on our shores if only Bostonians were better tippers and there were more Harvard coeds named Dodie.

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"It was like I had wings on my feet. I think I could have run from here to Salt Lake City."



Above, Lisa Shenk is overcome by emotion while carrying the Olympic torch along Bito Lakes Boulevard. Shenk, who recently had a leg amputated, was nominated to carry the torch by her husband Troy, who was killed in a car accident in September. Right, Joe Garcia has his picture taken with torch runner Esteban Garcia. The Garcias are not related. Esteban Garcia was nominated to run by his wife.

Celebrities for a day

Torchbearers stand in spotlight

By Charl Chaney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Strangers walked up to them to offer thanks and congratulations. Children asked for autographs.

Olympic torchbearers were celebrities at Saturday's Olympic torch run in Twin Falls. And many of them agreed it was an awesome experience.

"It was like I had wings on my feet," Don Campbell of Buhl said about the relay. "I think I could have run from here to Salt Lake City."

"What a trip!" said Karl Kleinkopf of Twin Falls. "Only God and another torchbearer knows."

Kleinkopf said he wouldn't want to be a torchbearer again - because it would deny someone else the experience.

Many torchbearers agreed the

experience was beyond words. "I don't think you can really describe it. It was absolutely awesome!" said Heyburn's Tory Bailey. "It was absolutely amazing and humbling."

"It's something I can't really explain," said Esteban Garcia of Twin Falls. "It was a great honor."

The torch spent Saturday morning in Twin Falls before being whisked away by truck to Pocatello and Idaho Falls in the afternoon. The torch will travel to Bozeman, Mont., and then today, and then through Wyoming and Colorado before completing the

13,500 cross-country trek on Feb. 8 at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

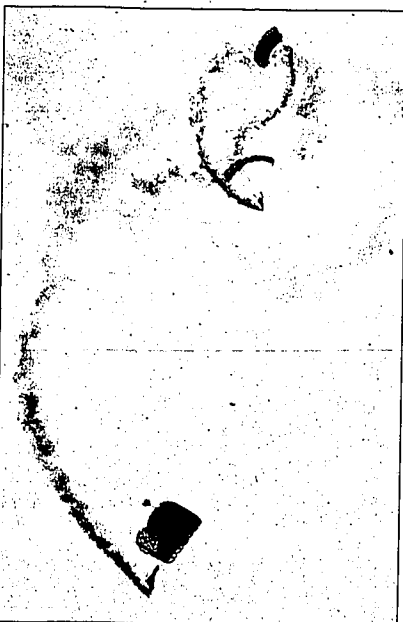
If torchbearers had one complaint Saturday, it was that the honor was too fleeting.

"It was wonderful, but it happened so quickly," said Ketchum's Rod Tatum, one of 45 people to carry the torch two-tenths of a mile on a 10.4-mile route through the city.

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The U.S. Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights," jumps into downtown Twin Falls to officially close the Olympic torchbearing event.



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Above, Bob Hanchey sings "God Bless the USA" while the choir from the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind signs the words in the entertainment tent in front of the Dell Computer Corp. building. Left, spectators of the Olympic torch relay in Twin Falls race along the sidewalk to try to keep up with torchbearer Melinda Borden from Elko, Nev.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Bighorn sheep struggle to survive

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

BURLEY - Despite a rough start, the fittest of the bighorn sheep reintroduced in the South Hills are hanging on.

Two years after the first California bighorn sheep were released in southeast Cassia County, the number of new lambs is just below the number of sheep that have died.

The sheep range in four different groups through the Jim Sage Mountains south of Malta, said Ken Jafek, a Malta resident and hunting guide.

Though the sheep suffered significant losses when they were first released, their survival rates have risen, Jafek said. "I'd imagine they're pretty close to maintaining themselves."

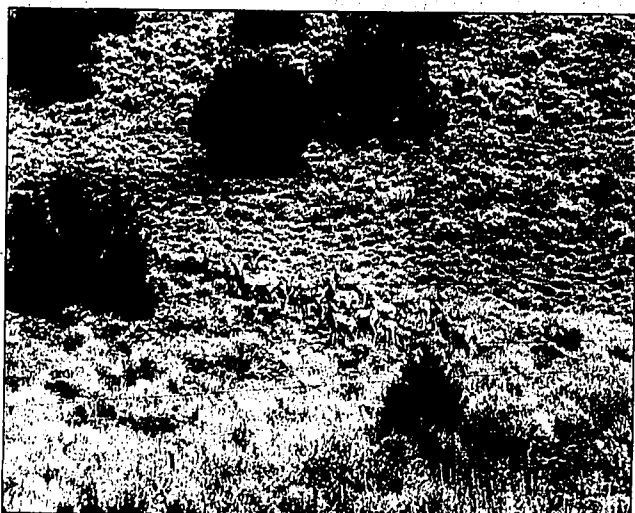
Thirty sheep were introduced in February 2000. A few months later, 10 of the sheep had died. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game released 15 more sheep in January 2001 to bolster the numbers. The population further increased with the birth of lambs. The sheep had nine lambs in the spring of 2000, and 14 in 2001, bringing the current number of bighorns to about 42, said Gretchen Fowles, a graduate student at Idaho State University in Pocatello. Fowles, who is seeking a master's degree in wildlife ecology, has been studying the sheep since May 2000.

The stress of relocation and the adjustment to a new area contributed to the high number of deaths, Fowles said. The majority of the fatalities happened during the first four months after the release in 2000, Fowles said. The process of capture, handling, transport and release is quite stressful for the sheep, though Fish and Game workers make every effort to ease the disruption of the move.

"When the sheep are released they're a bit worn out. Also, they're released into an entirely new area and it takes them a while to figure out which areas are safest. Thus they're fairly easy prey initially for hungry lions," Fowles said.

Strength in numbers

After those first months, the mortality rate decreased. Mountain lions have killed several more sheep, but these kills are easier to explain. Mountain lions



A group of bighorn sheep graze in the Jim Sage mountains, south of Malta. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game reintroduced the sheep to the area two years ago.

killed one ewe during the birthing period, and two others which were alone, Fowles said. Lone sheep are easier targeted for predators. Bighorns tend to stay in groups, with several keeping a lookout at all times.

Bighorns depend largely on their acute vision, which is far better than human sight, to detect danger. For this reason they favor open landscapes where they can see predators approaching from far away. In Cassia County, the sheep stay on the northern end of the Jim Sage Mountains, possibly because the southern end is more densely forested, Fowles said. They have tended to occupy areas of higher elevation and steeper slopes. The sheep are very sure-footed and can outrun mountain lions and coyotes on broken ground and talus slopes.

"Their ability to maneuver across really steep, loose terrain continually amazes me. Their hooves are almost like suction cups," Fowles said. The bighorns have also regularly occupied Sheep Mountain, a

small hill disconnected from the main range. This winter, people have regularly reported seeing a group on the northern end of the Jim Sage Mountains, near the Connor Creek Store, Fowles said.

An ideal location

The reintroduction site is a former federal grazing allotment where Roscoe and Joyce Ward worked the area's last major sheep ranch. When they sold their sheep outfit they began thinking about trying to bring bighorns back to the area. The steep land, now without domestic sheep, seemed an ideal location for reintroduction.

"Bighorns cannot live alongside domestic sheep because domestic sheep carry strains of pasteurella, which, when transmitted to wild sheep, becomes a pneumonia often causing many deaths, Fowles said.

The Wards enjoy taking their grandchildren out to see the sheep. "We've got a lot of joy out of it," said Joyce Ward.

The strength of the sheep population will be tested this winter. Because the last two winters have been fairly mild, the bighorns may face new challenges this year, Fowles said. The number of sheep this summer, after the birthing season in May and June, will better show how well the bighorns have adapted to their new home.

The sheep are California bighorns, as opposed to Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, which live farther north in Idaho. California bighorns grazed the South Hills when the first white men arrived in the area, Jafek said.

"I don't know if they died out from disease or from the pressure of hunting," he said.

Bighorn sheep are popular game for hunters. People enjoy traveling through the wild country to pursue the charismatic trophy animals, Jafek said.

Organizers of the reintroduction hope the population will be high enough in a few years to allow hunting, Fish and Game spokesman Mike Todd said.

Ethanol backers see benefits to farmers

BOISE (AP) - State leaders say the fledgling ethanol industry will help both farmers and pollution-plagued communities choked by car fumes.

Yet, critics charge production of the alcohol is so costly Idaho farmers need taxpayer subsidies to make it profitable.

Idaho's congressional delegation is backing efforts to build several new ethanol plants in the state.

"Ag-based, value-added commodities such as ethanol hold tremendous potential for our future because they can expand grower income, increase jobs in rural America, reduce our nation's reliance on foreign oil, and improve the environment," U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson said.

Ethanol plants are envisioned in Twin Falls, Payette and Idaho Falls.

Supporters of a proposed \$27 Payette mill plant could soon release a feasibility study that praises ethanol.

An executive summary said the plant could net more than \$25 million in sales its first year.

It pointed out ethanol is becoming the preferred additive for gasoline to meet federal clean-air standards.

That market is expected to intensify in California, given the controversy over MTBE, a petro-

leum-based clean-air additive that has been found to contaminate water there.

But critics say the only way new ethanol plants can hope to make a profit is if national farm subsidies continue and state subsidies increase.

Cornell University Professor David Pimentel said ethanol produced from corn costs about \$1.74 a gallon to produce, compared with 95 cents for gasoline. Corn and grain would be the main sources for the Payette plant.

Pimentel said the only thing that keeps ethanol a profitable venture is subsidies of about \$1 billion a year.

Payette County Commissioner Dennis Coad replies the petroleum industry also was subsidized when it was first developing, and farmers are facing tough times.

Some states give significant per-gallon subsidies to producers to offset the cost of production and make ethanol fuels competitive with their petroleum competitors.

Montana and Wyoming give 30- and 40-cent-per-gallon subsidies.

Idaho does give a 2.1 cent-per-gallon break on taxes for ethanol-blended gasoline at the pump, but that only benefits the retailer, not the farmers.

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DEATH NOTICES

Glenn W. Young TWIN FALLS - Glenn W. Young, 87, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Harold C. Reno RUPERT - Harold C. 'Swede' Reno, 71, of Rupert, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with LeRoy Beckwith officiating. Friends may call from 7-8 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service on Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

Phil W. Crane BURLEY - Phil William Crane, 83, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at the Boswell Memorial Hospital in Sun City, Ariz. The funeral is pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Emma Mayer Schaeffer of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service on Monday at the funeral chapel; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

Alene Pratt Kesterson-of-Twin Falls and formerly of Baker City, Ore., service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Coles Funeral Home, 1950 Pine St., Baker City; burial will follow at Mr. Hope Cemetery in Baker City (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Pat R. Jeffries GOODING - Pat R. Jeffries, 79, of Gooding, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Robert A. French of Caldwell, graveside service at 11 a.m., Tuesday at the Hagerman Cemetery (Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell).

Elsie P. Allen of Burley, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 27th and Almo; burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Stellan R. Branch MALTA - Stellan Ryan Branch, 2-day-old infant son of Nick and Alicia Branch of Malta, died

SERVICES

Louise C. Nuttle of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at the patients' request.

Released Dylan McClain and Patricia Glenn, both of Twin Falls, and Homer Lehmons of Buhl.

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Scott David Malberg Scott David Malberg, 19, of Filer, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Lovelock, Nevada. He was born May 29, 1982, at Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Leo Anthony and Marilyn Eileen Slaley of Filer, a daughter, Kayla Thier of Kimberly, his maternal grandparents, Lloyd and Eleanor Slaley of Buhl, a sister, Tamara Malberg of Salt Lake, and three brothers, Gregory of San Diego, Benjamin and Christopher, both of Filer. He

was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents. Funeral services for Scott David Malberg will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, in the Filer First Ward LDS Chapel with Bishop Ray Moore officiating. Cremation will follow the services in Filer. Friends may visit with the family at the church from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Monday. Hove Robertson Funeral-Chapel in Jerome is in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Vehicle kills pedestrian in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — The identity of a man killed Friday night in Twin Falls when he was struck by a vehicle had not been released Saturday.

Around 8:15 p.m. Friday, a male pedestrian was struck by an automobile on the 700 block of Falls Avenue, a Twin Falls Police Department news release said.

Police say the pedestrian was in the roadway when he was struck by an eastbound vehicle. The pedestrian was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center where he died as a result of his injuries, police say.

The accident is still under investigation.

The victim's identity is not being released until the next of kin can be notified, police say. Police have not released the name of the driver.

The driver did stop the vehicle after the accident and the driver's identity is known, said Twin Falls Det. Scott Smith.

Charges have not been filed in connection with the accident, Smith said.

Valley in brief

Two boys standing in the yard reportedly displayed a knife and a toy pistol and demanded the pizza and the delivery driver's money, Fustos said.

The delivery driver gave the boys her pizza, but said "no" when they asked for her money, Fustos said. The boys took off running and so did she.

Police had both boys in custody by 4 a.m. Saturday, each charged with robbery, Fustos said.

No one was injured, Fustos said.

Ski patroller survives being buried in an avalanche

SUN VALLEY — A Sun Valley ski patroller was buried in an avalanche that slid 75 feet Saturday. It was one of several avalanches triggered by a snowstorm that dumped more than a foot of snow on Bald Mountain.

Dave Bell, who has been a ski patrolman at Sun Valley for more than 20 years, was buried for at

least a few minutes under a slide behind the cooling tower at Lower River Run late Saturday morning.

The slide was not in a groomed ski area.

Ski patroller Dave Swenke, who was skiing with Bell, was able to locate his partner with the help of an avalanche transceiver, which emits beeps.

Swenke then uncovered Bell's head. Other patrollers, who had arrived by that time, helped dig the rest of Bell's body out of the snow.

The patrolmen, some of whom were visibly shaken, took Bell to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center since he was complaining of neck soreness. Bell was evaluated and released.

The high avalanche danger prompted Sun Valley officials to close the Bowls, a popular mogul area, early in the day after explosions triggered a slide near Broadway Run.

It also prompted officials to post "High Avalanche Danger" signs at lifts to caution skiers who might be venturing off groomed runs.

— compiled from staff reports



Will Rafi, of Halley, collected almost as much snow on himself as the ground did as he toted his 2-year-old son Henry during Saturday's Ski the Rails celebration.

Cross-country skiers learn area's history

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — A half-century ago, skiers headed north to Sun Valley on sleek trains that chugged along a railroad track running through the Wood River Valley.

On Saturday some headed the opposite way along tracks of a different sort: cross-country ski tracks set into that early railroad bed.

It was the annual Ski the Rails celebration, which celebrates the building of the Wood River bike path and cross-country ski trail. The path stretches 20 miles from Ketchum to Bellevue.

The weather, normally bright and sunny for the annual event, was anything but that on Saturday.

A snowstorm that had dumped knee-deep powder on nearby Baldy by the time the ski lifts cranked up, showed no sign of abating. And the wind was blowing from the southwest — right into the skiers' faces.

Snow groomer Jim Mayne waited until an hour before the event to groom the tracks. But the snow was ankle-deep in some places before the last skiers had completed their trek from Ketchum to Halley.

It didn't bother Ketchum skier Jeanie Kearney at all. "It's fun to be out here in all kinds of weather," she said. "Clearly, if it hadn't been for all this snow, Sun Valley could have had a very dismal winter."

"We're thinking, 'brewery, brewery,'" said first-time Ski the Rail participants Cherry Thornton and Kathleen Eder, referring to the Isaguna lunch and beer at Sun Valley Brewery that awaited skiers at the finish.

Volunteers from The Community School, KECH Radio, Idaho Mountain Express

and Power Engineers manned booths along the way, stocking skiers' inner furnaces with snacks of muffins, cocoa, Gatorade, fruit, granola bars and homemade almond rock candy contributed by Eric Anderson.

Though the weather called for an igloo, Susie Wrenmore and Sally Schiavone declined to build one — they had a Porta-potty they could duck into if the snow started stacking up too high on their ski parkas.

As always, the Blaine County Recreation District set out 15 interpretive signs telling of the history along the Wood River trails.

One, for instance, told of a tram line that ran across Idaho Highway 75 from the Triumph Mine in East Fork Canyon to a rail terminal near what is now Mountain View Grocery. A net above the highway prevented rock from falling on automobiles below.

Another told how the town of Gimlet was a relay station to bring doctors in and take the injured out when an avalanche buried a bunkhouse at the North Star Mine in 1917, killing 11 men and injuring others.

Susan Chant, a doctor's receptionist, does the event nearly every year.

"I enjoy it because it's downhill. I did the Boulder Mountain Tour one year — and I know I will never do that again. This I know I can accomplish and it's fun to eat the snacks along the way."


Ski the Rails is also something Denise deLisser and her husband Greg Cordovano mark on their calendars each year.

"Not only is it a free event but it's a little bit of a challenge without being a huge one, like the Boulder Mountain Tour," deLisser said. "And I like the lunch because they use it to benefit good causes like Blaine

Manor nursing home."

So, is deLisser glad this is what became of the railroad track that once plied its way through the Wood River Valley?

"Well, not exactly," she said. "If it was still the railroad maybe we would have a better way to commute to Ketchum. But who could have foreseen that years ago?"



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Monday: Baked potato, corn, fruit, brownie
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Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, applesauce
Friday: Pizza day, fruit, dessert

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Breakfast burritos
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Bean and cheese roll-ups, French fries, fruit, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, crackers, fruit
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Turkey and potatoes, salad, ranch dressing, crackers, fruit snack
Friday: Spaghetti, green salad, crackers, French fries, cherry tomatoes

CASTLEMEAD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Turkey
Friday: Muffins
Lunch menu
Monday: Fish burgers
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Taco salad
Thursday: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes
Friday: Chicken nuggets

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Tuna salad, tater tots, pineapple
Tuesday: Sweet and sour french fries, carrots, bread, peas
Wednesday: Turkey gravy, noodles, peas, bread, mixed fruit
Thursday: Spaghetti, corn, apples
Friday: Chef salad, carrot sticks, bread sticks, cookie

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Ham and cheese sandwiches
Tuesday: Turkey gravy
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Cheeseburgers
Friday: Menu not available

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, meat, fruit, juice
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: Bagels, fruit, juice
Thursday: Quasillitas, fruit, juice
Friday: Menu not available
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Sloppy joes, corn, fruit
Tuesday: Nachos, Jell-O, apple crisp
Wednesday: Baked potatoes, salad, fruit, cookies
Thursday: Chicken burger, tater tots, fruit
Friday: Menu not available

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, soup, peaches, chocolate chip cookies
Tuesday: Turkey meat, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, rolls, fruit, cherry whip topping
Wednesday: Italian dumplings, salad, fruit cocktail, peanut butter bars
Thursday: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, peas
Friday: Hot dog, chili, potato wedges, apple slices, myal brownies

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Enchiladas, rolls, celery sticks, spiced apples
Tuesday: Turkey sub, tomato soup, crackers, orange half
Wednesday: Spaghetti, French rolls, green beans, Teddy Grams
Thursday: Nachos, salsa, bread stick, pineapple
Friday: Hot dog, French fries, peaches, Rice Krispie treat

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Spaghetti and meat balls, green beans, peaches, French bread
Tuesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, banana, pudding cup
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato soup, orange slices, Sara Lee snack cake
Thursday: French bread pizza, tater tots, green salad, pineapple chunks, fruit snacks
Friday: Chili, baby carrots, applesauce, cinnamon roll

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Spaghetti and meat balls, green beans, peaches, French bread
Tuesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, banana, pudding cup
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato soup, orange slices, Sara Lee snack cake
Thursday: French bread pizza, tater tots, green salad, pineapple chunks, fruit snacks
Friday: Chili, baby carrots, applesauce, cinnamon roll

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Nachos, salad, fruit cocktail, muffins
Tuesday: Open menu
Wednesday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, celery, peaches
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, french fries
Friday: Menu not available

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, cereal bar
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, ham, banana, toast, jelly
Wednesday: Cereal, pears, biscuits, honey
Thursday: Rice, cheese and sauce sandwich, apricots
Friday: Cereal, diced peaches, toast
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets, salad bar or finger sticks, baked potatoes, mixed fruit cup, dinner roll
Tuesday: Deli turkey sandwich, soup and sandwich bar or hamburger deli case
Wednesday: French fries, spiced apple slices, frozen

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Beef stroganoff
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese
Thursday: Deli sandwich
Friday: Menu not available

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, cereal bar
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, ham, banana, toast, jelly
Wednesday: Cereal, pears, biscuit, honey
Thursday: Rice, cheese and sauce sandwich, apricots
Friday: Cereal, diced peaches, toast
Lunch menu
Monday: French bread pizza, green salad, banana, birthday cake
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken basket, diced pears, biscuits, honey
Wednesday: Turkey and noodles, green beans, Jell-O, whipped topping, bread stick
Thursday: Beef tater, potato wedges, sliced peaches, cinnamon twist
Friday: Deli turkey sandwich, mini pretzels, orange smiles, nutcracker cookie

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday: Corn dog, tater tots, carrot sticks, pears, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: Hamburger, French fries, spice cake, peaches
Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll, butter, pumpkin pie
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, French fries, carrot sticks, hot roll, pineapple
Friday: Baked cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, celery sticks, applesauce

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day
Lunch: (The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Thursdays. Main line menu varies every day)
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or grilled chicken and bacon wrap, mini pretzels, mixed fruit cup, cherry cutie pie
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or open face ham and cheese sandwich, corn, pineapple ribbits, chocolate chip cookie
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger, French fries, orange quarters, fruit snacks
Thursday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, seasoned potato wedges, strawberries, dinner roll
Friday: Potato bar, deli sandwich or Little Caesar's pizza, salad, banana, bread sticks, pizza sauce

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McLure Elementary has no self-serve bar
McIntyre/Thursday: Menu not available
Friday: Beef taco, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, green salad, cinnamon roll, banana loaf, Self-serve bar Spaghetti

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Lunch menu
Monday: Cheeseburger, fries, dessert
Tuesday: Pocket sandwich, soup
Wednesday: Sloppy joes, French fries
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: Menu not available

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

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

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Turkey, stuffing, gravy, green beans, fruit
Wednesday: Chili, crackers, crisp apple, cinnamon roll
Thursday: Hamburger, French fries, fruit, cookie
Friday: Menu not available

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: French dip, fries; salad bar or cheese sticks, fries
Tuesday: Pizza, deli bar or chicken basket
Wednesday: Spaghetti, roll; potato bar or hamburger, fries
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, fries; salad

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

bar or oriental basket
Friday: Menu not available

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Turkey gravy over potatoes, salad bar, fruit, hot roll
Tuesday: Pizza choice, vegetable choice, fruit, fruit turnover
Wednesday: Chicken patty, oven fries, fruit, apple crisp
Thursday: Nachos, salad, fruit, pudding
Friday: Cheeseburger, oven fries, fruit, brownie

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, breakfast burrito
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, ham, toast
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon apples, choice of cereal, scones, honey
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken a la king over rice or rib-cue on a hoagie bun, California blend vegetables, chilled peaches, peanut butter bars
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti, green beans, sliced pears, French bread
Wednesday: Cheese or sausage pizza, celery and carrot sticks, banana, rainbow Jell-O
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Rib-eyes, coleslaw, peaches, royal brownie
Tuesday: Hot dog, baby carrots, baked beans, orange halves
Wednesday: Chili, salad, dressing, pears, cinnamon roll
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, baby carrots, apple slices, trail mix
Friday: Turkey stir fry, rice, pineapple, sugar cookie

RICHMOND SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal, muffins
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage
Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon
Thursday: Pancakes, hash browns
Friday: Cereal, pie
Lunch menu
Monday: Corn chips with chili and cheese, corn, Jell-O, applesauce
Tuesday: Tuna sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, M&M's, pears
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, corn, brownies, peaches
Thursday: Chili, cheese, crackers, carrot sticks, cinnamon roll, applesauce
Friday: Soft-shell tacos, corn, brownies, peaches

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Burrito, corn, salsa, fruit cocktail, brownies
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, Italian bread, peaches
Wednesday: Roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, apricots, tossed salad, ranch dressing, rolls
Thursday: Sloppy Joes, French fries, ketchup, potato chips
Friday: Menu not available

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Milk served with meals
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, toast, apple
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, banana
Wednesday: Oatmeal, raisin toast, fruit mix
Thursday: Maple bar, sausage, peaches
Friday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice
Lunch menu
Monday: Pig in a blanket, French fries, celery sticks, peaches
Tuesday: Taco salad, orange, gingerbread cake
Wednesday: Chili, crackers, carrot sticks, maple bar
Thursday: Spaghetti, bread stick, tossed salad, mixed fruit
Friday: Cheese squares, green beans, pears

MINDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Milk served with meals
Breakfast menu
Monday: Scrambled eggs, toast, fruit mix
Tuesday: Cereal, muffin, peaches
Wednesday: Toast, peanut butter, jelly, raisins, pineapple

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Milk served with meals
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day
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Chocolate milk served every day
Monday: Pig in a blanket or sausage, fries, orange half, peanut butter cookie
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Tuesday: Baked potato special, roll, fruit cup, Salad bar: Finger steak, roll
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, peaches, rolls, tater tots, brownie, Salad bar: Hot Pockets
Thursday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger, potato wedges, apple half, Salad bar: Deli turkey
Friday: Chicken mullin or tuna, French fries, pears, no-bake cookie, Pizza or salad bar: Chicken fried steak, roll

CASTLEMEAD SCHOOL

Monday: Soft-shell taco, corn, pink applesauce
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, green beans, pears, dinner roll
Wednesday: Chili, crackers, peach, carrot sticks, sweet roll
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, vegetable sticks, fruit mix, dinner roll
Friday: Cheeseburger, tater tots, carrot sticks, fruit

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Sheriffs want skiers to pay for manhunts

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) - The extensive search for two Montana men near Silver Mountain Resort underlines county sheriffs' call for billing wayward recreationists for the manhunts.

The Idaho Sheriff's Association is lobbying for a bill to require adults who go beyond the limits to pay up to \$2,000 in search-and-rescue costs.

"People who deliberately ski through signs and knowingly out of bounds frankly put my deputies at great risk when we go in and try to find them," Bonner County Sheriff Phil Jarvis said.

Gabriel Nybo, 30, and Michael Ormandy, 27, of Missoula were found Friday afternoon after a two-day search in harsh weather. They took their skis and snowboard outside the resort boundaries for deeper, steeper powder.

High winds and unstable snow made the search difficult. Rescue workers had to detonate explosives to trigger avalanches for safety and one searcher was nearly swept away by one.

Now Shoshone County Sheriff Chuck Reynolds and Silver Mountain want the men to reimburse costs.

"Right now the mountain or myself could send them a bill, but

they have no obligation to pay," Reynolds said.

Idaho has a small fund to reimburse search-and-rescue units for gas, food, lodging and the like. But many costs, such as deputies' pay, snowmobiles and aircraft time, come out of the pockets of local taxpayers.

Silver Mountain Assistant General Manager Pat Nowak said searches like the one for the two Montana men cost the resort about \$100 per hour. Nearly 60 people hunted for them.

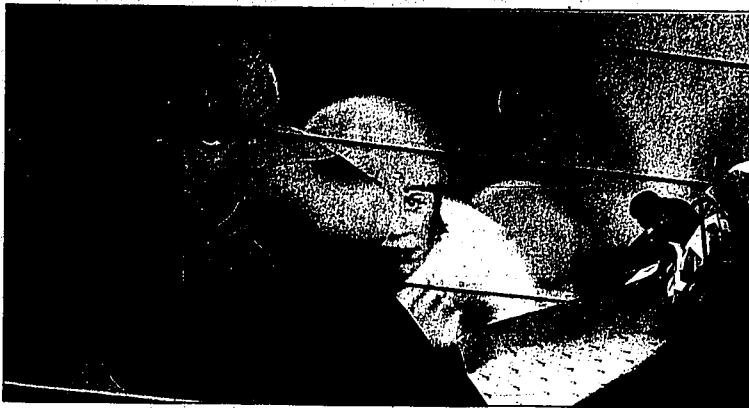
The House bill would require adults who enter restricted areas to pay up to \$2,000 in emergency response costs. The law would not apply to children, or people who did not purposely enter a closed area.

The Idaho Sheriff's Association asked the Legislature to pass a similar bill in 1994, but it never got out of committee.

Former Shoshone County Sheriff Dan Schierman said lawmakers feared sheriffs would abuse the power, sending people huge bills.

The new proposal caps the cost and only applies to negligent adults. Families of people who die before being found would not have to reimburse the sheriff's department.

OLYMPIC IMAGE



A worker applies a section of a giant Olympic poster on the side of the Delta Center in Salt Lake City Saturday. The Winter Olympic Games run from Feb. 8-24 in Salt Lake City. For more coverage, please see pages C1, C5.

AP photo

Talks get under way on building new hospital in northern Idaho

POST FALLS (AP) - A deal to build a for-profit hospital may be just weeks away.

Chicago-based National Surgical Hospitals Inc. is considering opening a surgical hospital in Post Falls in partnership with up to 15 other-area physicians.

"We see a potential need based on population demographics," said Dr. Jeff McDonald, a neurosurgeon who practices at Kootenai Medical Center and is a partner in North Idaho Bay Surgery and Laser Surgery Center, Inc.

McDonald said he wanted to block some negative publicity the

group has received recently.

Kootenai Medical Center officials and former staff, he said, are making hurtful and divisive statements to the media.

"We're a little handicapped in our ability to respond" because of ongoing negotiations, he said. "Opposition is organized and aggressive."

Kootenai Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Joe Morris recently said opening a for-profit surgical center 10 miles away could have a "negative financial impact on the community-owned hospital."

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BLOWING SNOW



Sparks, Nev., resident Miguel Angel Machuca wrestles with his tire chains in the wind and snow on the Mt. Rose Highway in Reno, Nev., Saturday. A storm moving through the area brought snow and winds in excess of 70 mph over the passes.

Passenger counts sink at airport

BOISE (AP) - Close to 90,000 fewer passengers have flown out of the Boise Airport since October, which translates to about \$360,000 drop in revenue.

The news comes at a time when the airport has to shell out at least \$2 million extra to upgrade security in the new terminal now under construction.

But that should not keep the \$47 million terminal building from opening on Valentine's Day next year, nor should it derail completion of the entire \$100 million expansion project by spring 2004.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the airport has operated on a tight budget, and it has had to spend more on security to meet federal requirements.

The airport has operated on a tight budget, and it has had to spend more on security to meet federal requirements. It has hired four additional police officers, each costing about \$40,000 annually, and another 12 officers are expected to be hired.

Additionally, the airport has had to redesign some elements of

the new terminal to reflect higher or security standards.

The floors will be beefed up to support heavy bomb-detecting equipment, X-ray and CAT-scan machines. Floors behind the scenes also will be strengthened to support five of the larger machines. The machines weigh about 16,000 pounds each.

The redesign also includes more space for the security checkpoint area. About 9,000 square feet will give non-passengers a place to wait for incoming flights. It will also provide more space for food and retail.

Walls and roofs are also being redesigned to meet more stringent federal ant-bomb blast guidelines. The stronger structure also will allow parking closer to the terminal.

Kemphorne announces board appointments

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kemphorne recently announced several appointments to state boards and commissions. Two of the appointees hail from Magic Valley.

Roger Jones of Rupert will serve again on the Idaho Lottery Commission.

Jeanne Hendrix Helseley of Hagerman, Mary Ellen Denton of Coeur d'Alene, Cheryl Duncan of Pocatello, Krista Kramer of Moscow and William F. Larsen of Idaho Falls were all reappointed to the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Kathleen Miller, of McCall, and Rodger Lee Sorenson, of Soda Springs are new appointees to the Aeronautics Advisory Board.

R. Alan Glasgow of Boise has been reappointed to the Board of Architectural Examiners.

Nancy Welch, of St. Maries, was also reappointed to the Board of Juvenile Corrections.

Dr. Leah Lamb, of Boise, Benita Miller and Wanda Newton, both of Caldwell and Sheriff Raymond Van Vleet, of Soda Springs, are new additions to the Children at Risk Task Force.

Frank Casabonne of Boise was reappointed to the Board of Pharmacy.

Tore Beal Gwartney will return to the Council on Domestic Violence.

The Certified Shorthand Reporters Board gained Dianne Cromwell of Boise.

Mayor Brent Coles of Boise was reappointed to the Fourth District Magistrates Commission.

Daniel Symms of Caldwell is new to the Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission.

The Idaho Bond Bank Authority gained new members Rep. William Deal of Nampa and Ken Howard of Boise.

Dr. Stephen Maloff of Pocatello and Estella Zamora of Caldwell

have been reappointed to the Idaho Commission of Human Rights.

Newcomer Ruthie Johnson of Hayden lake will join them on the commission.

Tom Addis and Jerry Jaegar, both of Coeur d'Alene are new to the Lewis and Clark Trail Committee.

Margaret Soulen Hinson of Weiser was reappointed to the Rangeland Resources Commission.

Mayor C. Bruce Ard of Ammon, Mayor Linda Milam of Idaho Falls and Mayor R. Scott Reese of Blackfoot have all been reappointed to the Seventh District Magistrates Commission.

Thomas J. Hearn of Coeur d'Alene will serve again on the Sexual Offender Classification Board.

DuWayne Skaar of Lewisville has been reappointed to the State Brand Board.

Simplot Inc. names CEO

BOISE (AP) - J.R. Simplot Co. has named Lawrence Hoblik, 57, as its new chief executive after Steve Beebe announced he would retire this summer.

Hoblik is a past president of the Boise-based company's Agribusiness Group. Company officials said that he was one of three internal candidates considered.

Hoblik joined Simplot in 1998 and has 27 years experience in the fertilizer, chemical and agribusiness industry.

"The board expressed confidence in Mr. Hoblik's ability to lead the company in the years ahead," said company chairman Scott Simplot.

"He is an effective and resourceful leader."

Beebe has been with the company for 32 years, including the past eight as chief executive. He joined the company in 1970 as a staff attorney.

"This is an important step in the succession process I had charted with the board," Beebe said, adding that he will help with the transition until he officially retires on Aug. 31.

Hoblik will take the helm of a company that has grown dramatically under Beebe's leadership. During Beebe's tenure, the company has increased its annual revenues from \$2 billion to more than \$3 billion.

It also acquired major food processing operations in Australia and the United States, according to a company spokesman.

Hoblik, who will be the company's fifth chief executive since company founder J.R. Simplot retired in 1973, said he appreciates the confidence the board has placed in him.

"The agribusiness industry will continue to be challenged by change, but I'm confident this company is positioned to meet those challenges and compete effectively," he said.

Before joining Simplot, Hoblik served as chief executive of Terra Nitrogen and senior vice president of Terra Industries in Tulsa, Okla.

He currently serves on the boards of the Fertilizer Institute and the Phosphate and Potash Institute.

Snowpack levels

| Watershed | % of Average |
|---------------------|--------------|
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| Salmon Falls Creek | 122% |
| Oakley Basin | 128% |
| Big and Little Wood | 98% |
| Harris Forks | 93% |

Man dies in mobile home fire

MERIDIAN (AP) - A 35-year-old custodian at Meridian High School did not survive an early morning fire after trying to rescue a pet or housemate.

Officials said firefighters were called to Dave Tobianski's mobile home on Cherry Lane at about 4:30 a.m. Friday.

Tobianski's housemate told firefighters she had woke him up before leaving the home, but he did not come out.

Tobianski was found in a different room than where he had been sleeping. Meridian Deputy Fire Chief Joe Silva said.

Officials said Tobianski rented a room from the woman. The fire likely started when oxygen, which the woman was using for medical reasons, ignited while she was smoking, Silva said.

Tobianski had worked at Meridian High for about a year and a half.

"He was a very good worker," Principal Mike Carney said. "If you asked him to do something, he'd get it done quickly without a complaint. He always had a smile on his face."

Analysts: Students might bear cost of budget woes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Under a tight budget, state financial analysts say the way to fund higher education is to charge students higher tuition.

But the 16 percent increase envisioned by the analysts is too steep for some.

"I don't see a 16 percent tuition increase and put it on the backs of students," said Cecelia Foxley, commissioner of higher education, noting students can't handle that kind of increase.

In addition to the 16 percent hike, the analysts suggest increasing the charges on nonresident and graduate students, as well as on students who take too long to graduate or start their college careers in remedial classes.

Foxley urged lawmakers at the higher education appropriations subcommittee not to pursue the other measures. Foxley said regents want to decide which surcharges to implement.

The measures would raise \$54.7 million, which would more than cover the \$49 million the Board of Regents said Friday it needs. The regents govern the state's nine colleges and universities.

The regents have pledged to raise tuition by only 3 percent next year.

Fiscal analyst Boyd Garriott said the state must find money to cover the \$44 million cost of educating 9,000 new students on cam-

pus. A 3 percent tuition increase would raise only \$17 million.

While the Utah Student Association supports measures that move students more quickly through the system - including charging those who take too many credits - it says a steep tuition increase would deter people from going to college.

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After finishing his leg, Tatsuno, like many other torchbearers, spent time posing for pictures and signing autographs. He wanted everyone to hold the torch and ask as many questions as possible.

The moments before running were emotionally intense, Campbell said. Torchbearers watched a video of the flame in Greece and saw images such as boxing legend Muhammad Ali passing the torch to former world champion figure skater Peggy Fleming.

Torchbearer Tom Courtney of Twin Falls said it is amazing to think of that for the two or three minutes he ran with the torch, he was the only one at that moment who had possession of the Olympic flame that had started in Greece.

"It was great. I had a really great time," said Mike Lister of Spring Creek, Nev. "I've become some sporting events in the past, but nothing like this."

Wendell's Clayton Pope had one word for it: "Awesome."

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- FEBRUARY:**
- GROUND HOG DAY
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 - Chamber Lunch, Speaker Todd Ames & Les Preecher, 12 NOON Grandstands
 - Cake decorating the Willton Way, 8th St. Center 12:30 - 2:30 PM
 - Kwanza, 12 NOON Grandstands
 - Library... Story Hour 10 AM
 - Business After Five, Judy's Etc.
 - West End Men's Association 6:30 AM Grandstands
 - Labyrinths for Peace, 8th St. Center 5 - 7 PM
 - Idaho Writer in Residence: Jim Irons • Pottery 8th St. Center 7 PM
 - American Association of University Women • Speaker: Celia Gould Obercham Building 10 AM
 - City Council 7 PM City Hall
 - West End Head Start: Parent meeting, Poduck at 6 PM • meeting at 7 PM, Child care provided.
 - Kwanza, 12 NOON Grandstands
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 - Rotary, 12 NOON Grandstands
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 - West End Men's Association 6:30 AM Grandstands
 - Chamber Lunch, Speaker: Diana Rolig 12 NOON Grandstands
 - Kwanza, 12 NOON Grandstands
 - Library... Story Hour 10 AM
 - West End Men's Association 6:30 Grandstands
 - Chamber Board Meeting Grandstands 12 NOON
 - Information Fair 5:30 - 8 PM Popplewell Elementary
 - Kwanza, 12 NOON Grandstands
 - Library... Story Hour 10 AM
 - Rotary, 12 NOON Grandstands

- FUTURE DATES**
- MARCH:**
- TBA: Business After Five at Acapulco
 - 17: SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
 - 25: through 27: No School
 - 17: SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
- APRIL:**
- 1: APRIL FOOB'S DAY
 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
 - 9-11-12: Parent - teachers conferences
 - 12: No school
 - 26: ARBOR DAY
- MAY:**
- 12: MOTHERS DAY
 - 16: ARBOR DAY
 - 27: MEMORIAL DAY
 - 12: No school
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Denise Loxton of the Scotchgard Service Center advises that many common spills—wine, coffee, juice or chocolate—can be removed with a solution of 1/2 teaspoon clear dishwashing detergent and 1 cup warm water. Taking a clean white cloth or unprinted paper towel, slowly blot the stain from the outside edges inward. For stubborn stains, you may need to follow the detergent solution with white vinegar. Rinse the vinegar away by blotting again with warm water.

For greasy stains, apply a dry cleaning solvent made for clothes, using a damp towel. Blot, then repeat the application. Then apply a towel dampened with water. After stains have been removed, finish by applying a weighted pad of paper towels or another clean cloth to the area until it has dried.

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Section C

Pyromania catches hold of Twin Falls

It's amazing how a small orange flame creates such a big ruckus. But the Olympic torch does just that.

Locally, it makes friends out of strangers and unites communities. Globally, it brings nations together — if only for two weeks during the games.

As part of its 46-state, 13,500-mile Olympic Torch Relay across America, the flame finally lit through Twin Falls, brightening what was a gray Saturday morning.

Yep, it's a pretty special little guy — a flicker of hope that sparks the spirit within.

Spectator Mary Gagne said the flame's magic is in its power to inspire.

"It's awesome," she said. "It makes you feel just incredible and proud... so patriotic."

And it makes you smile. A lot. Thousands wore pins, waved flags, clapped hands, and cheered like never before when the flame passed in front of them.

Millions will have done the same once the torch reaches its inexorable journey to Salt Lake City and the 2002 Winter Olympics Feb. 8, but for that brief moment when the torch passed by, you couldn't help but be overcome with joy.

Kimberly teacher and cross country coach David Emerson was one of several torch bearers who carried the flame in town on Saturday. His approximately 3-minute run brought the fire from just past the Perrine Bridge to near the corner of Pole Line Road and Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Of course he wore that same smile that we all did upon seeing the flame for the first time.

After passing the light to another relay runner and watching it disappear, Emerson was overcome by well-wishers.

"It was beyond belief," he said of the experience. "It was wonderful. I had looked forward to it but just all the people from Kimberly who showed up made it extra special."

Shouts of "USA, USA" rang out amid the clatter of cowbells, whistles and applause, while red-white-and-blue lights flashed from a sea of police cars escorting the flame around town.

Many along the relay route chased after the flame's glow, not wanting to let its feel-good warmth subside.

And of course there were those looking to profit from the torch's two-hour tour through town. People hawked T-shirts, U.S. and Olympic flags, pins and food.

But none could out-hype, out-sell or outdo the flame.

Not even close.

To offer Olympic story ideas or comments, send them to Times-News Sports Editor Kevin Hall at kevin@magicalvalley.com or 735-3239.



Minico's Josh Anderson, left, locks horns with Meridian's Brock Steele en route to a 6-1 victory in the 152-pound championship match of the Red Halverson Memorial Tournament on Saturday at Minico High School. The Spartans won the team title as well.

Tough tournament

Spartans sneak by Blackfoot to keep Halverson title at home

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It was as tight as any Spartan headlock but the Minico wrestling team took home the championship trophy of the Red Halverson Memorial Tournament Saturday for the first time since 1998, edging Blackfoot by just two points in the prestigious two-day, 18-team tournament.

The Spartans entered the final round of the day leading 175-169 but picked up just

enough points in the championship and third-place matches to hold off the Broncos, 188-186, thanks in large part to title-match victories by seniors Josh Anderson (152) and Jeff Anderson (160) and a second-place finish by Dayne Hansen (185).

"I knew I couldn't lose with Blackfoot on our tail," Jeff Anderson said. "All of us who wrestled in the last round wrestled as hard as we could and that's all you can do."

His performance was a dominating one that kept Anderson undefeated on the season as he vanquished Eagle's Andrew Robinson 12-2 to garner a major decision and earn five crucial team points for the Spartans, who are 4-0 in tournaments on the year.

"Everybody is saying that we're having a roller-coaster season but I think we're on our way," Jeff Anderson said.

Brother Josh, who also remained perfect this year after defeating Meridian's Brock Steele 6-1 in the championship, echoed those thoughts.

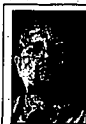
"We showed everyone that we're a pretty good wrestling team," he said.

Josh placed third at state last year despite having an arm heavily taped after dislocating his elbow. He's looking to go even farther this year.

"I just want to stay healthy," he said.

The entire Minico team has been building

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SIDELINE VIEW
Kevin Hall

Punch parade



Jossey 'Wild Man' Davis takes on Nat 'The Snake' Mulkey in the College of Southern Idaho Rocky Mountain Regional Boxing Smoker Saturday night at the CSI Expo Center in Twin Falls.

CSI boxing smoker a hit

By Job Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gassed. That's the way Wheeler Ericsson felt after fighting in the 26th annual College of Southern Idaho Rocky Mountain Regional Boxing Smoker Saturday night in Twin Falls.

Approximately 3,000 fight fans showed up at the CSI Expo Center for the punching and pageantry of the smoker and 32 participants didn't disappoint. There were no knockouts, or

believe how hard it was to keep throwing punches for three 1-minute rounds with 16 oz. gloves. "Basketball got me ready for this but I could have done a little more training," Williams said. "The gloves got a little heavy. And I was a little surprised when my legs weren't there anymore. I didn't think legs had anything to do with boxing."

Williams got in one good shot in the first 20 seconds of the first round before wobbly legs hit both fighters. Ericsson and Williams circled for most of the fight, just trying to catch their breath after a few short flurries.

"I thought he was going down with that punch," Williams said.

"But he came back. It was a good fight."

Perhaps the best fight of the night belonged to Barrett Godfrey and Jesus Juarez. The two 155-pounders stood toe-to-toe slugging it out when they weren't throwing each other to the mat.

"There wasn't much different between this and a fight," Godfrey said. "I wished I'd trained just a little bit."

Godfrey swung wildly at each other during the fight but sat together in the training room after their bout with ice on their faces talking about the fight.

CSI returns home next week-end hosting Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College.

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Picabo bids World Cup farewell

The Times-News and The Associated Press

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Picabo Street raced her final World Cup event Saturday, finishing 19th, second among U.S. skiers at the women's downhill at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. Street's first World Cup top-10 came in Cortina in 1993.

The race came a day after Street's 33rd-place finish in the super-G left her off the U.S. Olympic team in an event she won at the 1998 Nagano Games. The 30-year-old Street has qualified for the Olympic downhill.

Kirsten Clark of Raymond, Maine, finished 13th Saturday, the best showing among four U.S. women skiers, scoring World Cup points behind Austrian Renate Goetsch, who won a downhill over World Cup downhill leader Isolde Kostner of Italy in 1 minute, 33.66 seconds.

On a day when six top-30 skiers came from outside the first 30 racers, Goetsch tightened the World Cup points race as she moved into third place, less than 85 points behind teammate



Idaho's Picabo Street smiles at the finish line Saturday after the women's ski World Cup downhill race in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

Michaela Dorfmeister. Goetsch will be 21 ahead of Kostner while Dorfmeister was seventh. In the final speed race before the announcement of the U.S.

Alpine Olympic Team, scheduled for Monday, Clark was timed in 1:24.74 with Street, who has won twice in Cortina and been second twice — finishing in 1:35.09. Jonna Mendes, of Heavenly, Calif., was 20th with Katie Monahan (Aspen, Colo.) 26th.

"It wasn't for lack of effort," said coach Marjan Vermig. "But they just made mistakes which hurt them. 'Clarky' definitely had an excellent run, top to bottom and Picabo said it was OK, but just an OK run... 'Liner,' who is Caroline Lalive, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., was fast up top but then she went out before the second intermediate. Jonna was heading into the top 15 and she had mistake just before the flats."

Cortina is a special place for Street, so saying good-bye to the World Cup here has a little extra special meaning for her. In her second full season on the World Cup, she cracked into the top-10 in January, 1993 when weather postponements deposited the women racers in Cortina for two weeks.

Coach Ernst Hager worked with Street to help her get ready for the announcement of the U.S.

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Steelers say they won't be snowed under by Brady

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — This won't be any snow job — sorry, Tom Brady, but the weather forecast for today's AFC championship game in Pittsburgh is partly cloudy with temperatures in the mid 50s.

That means no snow piled up to the shoulders, no shivering defenders sliding in coverage, no repeat of the winter wonderland conditions that existed for the New England Patriots' frozen-field victory over the Oakland Raiders.

Still, despite the hospitable conditions predicted for the first AFC title game between the two teams, the Pittsburgh Steelers' defense had this advice for Brady: don't get comfortable.

The Steelers watched as Brady passed for 312 yards against the Raiders in last Saturday's 16-13 playoff victory — 238 in the second half — by never letting the

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conditions, the opponent or the pressure of the situation get to him.

But while they saw it, they don't think he can do it again, not against the NFL's No. 1 defense on its home field, in a far-less-friendly environment than Foxboro and in a game far more important than the one he just played.

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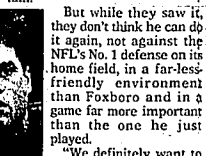
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The Torch Tour: The torch travels through Montana and Wyoming today. After a trip around Yellowstone National Park, the flame ends the day in Bozeman, Mont.



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Dietrich shocks Shoshone at Northside Tournament

The Times-News

CAREY - Once-beaten and top-seeded Shoshone lost just its second game of the season Saturday...

Local sports
Critchfield and Katie Bedke each added 11.
Lacey Perkins led all scorers with 17 points for the Red Devils (10-9).

Glenns Ferry 71, Valley 49
GLENN'S FERRY - Dustin Johnson scored 18 points for Glenns Ferry as the Pilots defeated Canyon Conference rival Valley 71-49 Saturday night...

Gooding all crowned four champions, with Declo's John Clark (103 pounds), Jeremy Osterhout (135), Ian Webb (171) and Beau-Channon (275) winning individual titles...

Monica Uhrig led all scorers with 19 points for Shoshone (20-2). Stephanie Dalmayle had 13 points and Jazz Harris added seven points for the Indians...

Oakley 50, Murtaugh 47
OAKLEY (12) - Murtaugh (14) led the way in the first quarter...

Jerome 78, Wood River 26
JEROME - In non-conference boys basketball Saturday night, Jerome defeated Wood River 78-26 in Jerome.

Gooding girls crowned four champions. The host Senators four champions were Lance Gillette at 112 pounds, Lance Nebeker at 119, Kevin Rogers at 145 and Ryan Pereira at 189 pounds...



Yemon Forrest of Atlanta, Ga., celebrates his 12-round unanimous decision victory over Shane Mosley of Lynwood, Calif., for the WBC World Lightweight Championship at Madison Square Garden in New York, Saturday.

Boys Basketball

Kimberly 46, Gooding 42
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Wrestling

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Forrest beats Mosley in unanimous decision

NEW YORK (AP) - Whether it be amateur or pro, Yemon Forrest is just too much for Shane Mosley.

Forrest, a 7-1 underdog, knocked down Mosley twice in the second round and had him in deep trouble in the 10th when a unanimous decision and became the WBC welterweight champion Saturday night.

The last time Mosley lost to Forrest in a three-round bout in the semifinals of the 1992 Olympic trials.

Forrest said before the fight that the result would be the same as it was 10 years ago. Not too many people believed him.

Forrest backed up his boast with a big right hand. The fight actually was a two-round match, the second and the 10th when Forrest picked up most of his winning margin.

Early in the second round, the fighters clashed heads and both staggered backward as referee Steve Smoger called time. Mosley sustained a cut on the hairline.

When action resumed, Forrest brought a roar from the sell-out crowd of 5,323 fans in the Theater at Madison when he landed a tremendous right that sent Mosley backward.

Mosley got up at four and tried desperately to stay out of further trouble as Forrest pursued him around the ring. About 10 seconds before the bell, he landed a right hand. As Mosley tried to grab him, he fell and it was ruled a knockdown.

"I have a radar on my right hand," Forrest said. "It was a heat-seeking missile, and I was on target with it all night."

Tom Kaczmarek scored the fight 115-100, Melina Lathan said it 117-108, and Julie Lederman had it as 118-108 for Forrest.

The defeat capped a rough fourth month in New York for fighters considered the best pound-for-pound fighters in the world. On Sept. 29, Felix Trinidad Jr., who laid claim to that honor, was knocked out by Bernard Hopkins in the 12th round for the undisputed middleweight championship in the main Garden arena.

Forrest certainly boosted his stock with the upset that made his record 34-0 with 27 knockouts. He's also been in one no contest.

Forrest, 146 pounds, had won the IBF welterweight championship strip May 15 but that title was stripped from him when he signed to fight Mosley rather than IBF No. 1 contender Michele Piccirilli.

The loss left Mosley, a former IBF lightweight champion who was defending the WBC welterweight title for the fourth time, 38-1 with 35 knockouts.

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UTEPE bounces Boise State men 72-51

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Roy Smallwood and Brian Stewart scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds apiece to lead Texas-El Paso to a 72-51 win over Boise State on Saturday night.

The Miners never let the Broncos get closer than 12 the rest of the way. Smallwood scored 7 points during the decisive run.

by Abe Jackson, who scored 25 points. Jackson struggled from the field though, hitting only nine of his 23 field goal attempts, including just 2 for 11 from beyond the 3-point arc.

other Boise State player to finish in double figures with 11 points. UTEP shot 44-percent from the field, while Boise State shot 40-percent.

U.S. women's hockey team blasts China 13-0

BOISE (AP) - Katie King scored three goals in the third period and Krissy Wendell and Angela Ruggiero added two goals each as the U.S. women's hockey team won its 30th straight game with a 13-0 rout of China Saturday night.

China 59-9. The game was played in front of 5,265 spectators at the Bank of America Center.

in the second period to break the game open. With the U.S. leading 8-0 in the final period, King scored her three goals in a four-minute span for an 11-0 lead.

contest before heading to the Salt Lake City Olympic Games. The women will conclude their 31-game exhibition season on Thursday in Denver against China.

Shelley Looney, Cammi Grinato, Andrea Kilbourne, Natalie Darwitz, Laurie Baker and Julie Chu also scored for the U.S. team, which outright

and hit his head on the ring floor after a fall. After being down for several minutes, Smith sat up on a stool but then was put on a stretcher and an oxygen mask was applied. His neck was stabilized before he was taken to the hospital.

Smith was taken to the hospital as a precaution. "I think he'll be OK," Jordan said. "It took him a little longer than normal to come around, and he legs were a little wobbly when he got up."

The U.S. won the gold medal at the 1998 games in Nagano, Japan, and begins defense of the gold medal Feb. 12 against Germany.

Boxer heads to hospital after being knocked out

NEW YORK (AP) - Marvin Smith, a junior middleweight from the Bahamas, was treated and released from a hospital after being knocked out in the second round Saturday night in the Theater at Madison Square Garden.

Smith was knocked out by a right to the side of the head and a left hook to the jaw by Tokunbo Olajide of New York,

Smith was taken to the hospital as a precaution. "I think he'll be OK," Jordan said. "It took him a little longer than normal to come around, and he legs were a little wobbly when he got up."

He was the first boxer to die in New York since 1989.

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momentum after what head coach Brad Cooper called a slow start.

"But I think the team has been building confidence every week and this certainly won't hurt," Cooper said. "Our kids have come a long way."

The 189-pound match between Hansen and Blackfoot's Dallin Carter looked as though it might be the key as it played out between the two top team bar-barians from the two top teams battling down the wire for the title.

"It isn't as good as first," he said. "But it's still OK."

Hansen was also pleased with his performance.

And Darby heavyweight Jason Jones allowed the match to take center stage when he pinned Nampa's Scott Holbrook in 20 seconds, making the Wisdom-Rupp match the only one going.

Wisdom won 9-3 but couldn't get the pin, touching off a celebration from the overwhelmingly pro-Spartans crowd.

Jones' pin was the only one in the championship round and capped a brilliant and dominating tournament in which he won all four of his matches via pin to earn

Cowboys sign ex-Stanford quarterback Hutchinson

IRVING, Texas - The Cowboys agreed Saturday to pay Chad Hutchinson, former Stanford quarterback and St. Louis

Cardinals pitching prospect, \$4.1 million in guaranteed money, including a \$3.1 million signing bonus.

Hutchinson, who hasn't thrown a competitive pass since the 1997 Stanford-California game, to sign with Dallas.

Valley Ranch to address his latest career decision, and how he chose the Cowboys over the Chicago Bears and the expansion Houston Texans.

CSI

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Godfrey, a student at CSI, got involved with the smoker when his friend and rodeo team member Steffen Stoddard signed him up to fight.

Davis scored a decision over Nat Mulkey and Josh Lively scored a unanimous decision and a bloody face in his fight with Tanner Bussen. Lively lost at the smoker's last year, but went in with a different strategy this time.

Lively said the bloody lip and nose he received was worth the effort. "It's not about the medal," Lively said. "It's the whole package. It's a lot of fun and it helps the rodeo team, and it feels a lot better to win than to lose."

try-western singer Amy Clawson performed entertainment for the crowd. The national anthem was sung by 8-year-old Jenna Juliano. The event, the CSI rodeo team's main fund-raiser, earned close to \$35,000 last year.

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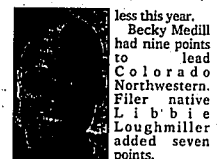
Lady Eagles cruise over Colorado Northwestern

Balanced attack helps CSI climb past 500 mark

By Kevin Hill Times-News writer

RANGELY, Colo. - The College of Southern Idaho women crept over the 500 mark in the scenic West Athletic Conference for the first time this season...

season, dispatching Colorado Northwestern Community College 75-40 Saturday night. Tara Chennault and Belinda Stubbs tallied 11 points each to lead four Southern Idaho players in double figures...



Tara Chennault just a 12-point lead (34-22) at halftime, CSI opened the second half on a 17-2 run to take a com-

manding 51-24 lead as the Spartans went 5 minutes without scoring. Golden Eagles scored during the decisive run. CSI also outscored their opponents 22-14 in the final 15 minutes as 11 CSI players scored in the game.

The second half was a complete opposite of the first, which saw both teams struggle from the field before a pair of Jayli Jackson free throws put CSI up 2-0 with 17:27 left. CSI opened up a 6-1 lead on a jumper from

Jackson and a Chennault putback, but back-to-back 3-pointers by Medill and Tonya Miller gave the Spartans their only lead of the night at 7-6 with just under 14 minutes in the half.

CSI answered with a 6-0 run with points from Amy Kuchner, Kristi Hill and Williams to take back the lead for good at 12-7. The Golden Eagles have to keep winning to stay with front-runners No. 1 Salt Lake Community College and 16th-

ranked Utah Valley State College, both of which come to Twin Falls next weekend. Salt Lake closed out a perfect 9-0 first half in the league, leaving the Wolverines 72-65 Saturday night in Salt Lake City.

CSI 75, CNCC 40. CSI's Tara Chennault, Kristi Hill, and Tonya Miller were key players in the victory.

SCORES AND STATS

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SPORTS

Randle El shines, but South rolls

Lower profile QBs lead way in Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Rohan Davey of LSU and Patrick Ramsey of Tulane outshined the Senior Bowl's more high-profile passers to lead the South to a 41-26 victory over the North on Saturday.

Davey threw a pair of touchdown passes and Ramsey led three second-half scoring drives for the South's fourth win in five years. The South didn't need a big day from Fresno State's David Carr, widely considered the best quarterback prospect in the upcoming NFL draft.

The game is a showcase for top senior NFL prospects. Among those taking advantage was former Indiana quarterback Antwan Randle El, who made a seamless transition to receiver and return man.

Randle El, voted the game's Most Valuable Player, caught a pair of 3-yard touchdown passes from Kurt Kittner of Illinois and had a 40-yard punt return. The North hurt itself with five turnovers, leading to 24 points.

Denny and Michigan receiver Marquiss Walker were the North's MVPs. Denny sacked Carr on consecutive plays. The South turned four first-half turnovers into 17 points and a 24-13 halftime lead.

Randle El and Davey starred in the first half. Davey, MVP of the Sugar Bowl, was only 3-of-6 but threw a pair of touchdown passes. Davey split two defenders for a 32-yard scoring toss to Kelly



The North squad's Antwan Randle El, of Indiana, races for a first down in the first half of the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., Saturday. Randle El was named the game's Most Valuable Player in a 41-26 loss to the South.

Syracuse defensive end Dwight Freenezy, who set an NCAA record with 17.5 sacks as a senior, sat out after injuring an ankle in practice.

Team Florida 42, Team USA 13 ORLANDO, Fla. — Maine tight end Chad Hayes caught three

Campbell of Georgia Tech on his first play. The score was set up by Joseph Jefferson's interception and long return from the goal line. Hayes' second touchdown, an 8-yarder from Godsey, is 1:16 before halftime, put Florida ahead for good. Hayes caught the ball at the 2, then pinballed off several USA defenders before falling across the goal line for a 14-10 lead.

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touchdown passes and Western Kentucky safety Mel Mitchell III intercepted two passes as Team Florida beat Team USA 42-13 in the Gridiron Classic on Saturday. Mitchell, the game's defensive and overall MVP, also forced a fumble that set up a third-quarter touchdown. Mitchell, from nearby Rockledge, set a record for interceptions in a Gridiron Classic.

Hayes, one of nine Team Florida players with no college or high school ties to the state, was offensive MVP for setting a Gridiron Classic record for touchdown receptions. He finished with four catches for 46 yards.

Team Florida beat Team USA for the third time in four tries. Florida put the game away in the third quarter by scoring two touchdowns in less than 2 minutes.

Florida took the opening kickoff and put together a 70-yard touchdown drive that took 7:17 off the clock. Georgia Tech's George Godsey capped the march with his second scoring pass of the game, a 7-yarder to Florida State fullback William McCraw.

On the ensuing kickoff, Mitchell stripped USA return man Pete Restoback, and Florida recovered at the USA 1. Four plays later, Alabama quarterback Andrew Zoy passed to Florida State tight end Carver Donaldson in the corner of the end zone for a 28-13 advantage.

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Eagles have no fear of high-octane Rams

Underrated Philadelphia defense is ready

ST. LOUIS — Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb said being a 11-point underdog in today's NFC championship game doesn't bother him.

McNabb said he doesn't care what the experts think because the game was scheduled at 2:15 p.m. MST on the field at the Edward Jones Dome. Defensive end Hugh Douglas said he wouldn't even know about the point spread, if television and newspaper reporters didn't ask him about it every day.

They are not alone. From coach Andy Reid to veteran cornerback Troy Vincent to the 53rd man on the roster, the Eagles insist they could not care less about being underdogs.

"We don't feed off of stuff like the point spread getting higher and higher," Douglas said. "The lights are on. The TV cameras are rolling — it's time to play ball."

"I'm not worried about the point spread or what people are saying about us. We've come too far to worry about stuff like that. We've come too far to lose."

Douglas said he and his teammates understand the hype surrounding the Rams' offense. After all, St. Louis has the NFL's best quarterback: Kurt Warner. The best running back: Marshall Faulk. The best corps of receivers: Isaac Bruce, Torry Holt and As-Zahir Hakim.

And the best offensive coordinator: coach Mike Martz. "The Rams have an offense that has scored more than 30 points in 12 games this season and has accumulated more than 500 points in each of the past three seasons." "We feel like we can score every time we touch the ball," Warner said.

Philadelphia doesn't fear the Rams' attack. The motion and shifting that confounds other defenses, the Eagles say, won't bother their defense. That's because the Eagles dictate the tempo. They attack every play. Defensive coordinator Jim Johnson has a playbook full of unorthodox blitzes that are

designed to confuse offensive linemen and leave them thinking instead of reacting. Besides, Philadelphia shut down the Rams' high-powered attack in Week 1. The Rams won — 20-17 in overtime — but Philadelphia turnovers set up two of their touchdowns.

Faulk totaled 120 yards rushing and receiving and Warner passed for 308 yards, but neither player dominated the game. Philadelphia sees no reason why this game should play out any differently.

The Eagles ranked seventh in the NFL in defense, including second in pass defense, have not allowed an opponent to score

more than 21 points in any game this season. St. Louis has two weaknesses: propensity for committing turnovers, and Warner's sore ribs that prevented him from practicing earlier this week. The Eagles rank among the league's best at forcing turnovers, and their blitzing could leave Warner battered.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Register for 2002 Singles Tennis tourney

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Tennis Association is accepting registration for the 2002 Singles Tennis Tournament Feb. 4-10 at the Magic Valley YCCA indoor courts.

Minico High hosts basketball tripleheader RUPERT — Minico High School will host to a basketball tripleheader on Tuesday. The Spartan girls open the Region III District 4 5 Tournament with a first-round game with Twin Falls at approximately 7:30 p.m. That game follows boys play with Idaho Falls.

Sign up for Cal Ripken baseball TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cal Ripken Spring Baseball League is holding registration for boys aged 9-12 this week for the upcoming season.

ISDB hoops teams hold tourney in Gooding GOODING — Eight high school basketball teams from six states will meet at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding for the annual Western States Basketball Classic starting Thursday, Jan. 31.

Roberto Duran quits boxing after car crash PANAMA CITY, Panama — Roberto Duran is finally saying "No mas" to boxing. The 50-year-old Duran told the newspaper El Panama America that he'll retire because he's recuperating slowly from a car crash.

Football player dies, others injured in shooting SALISBURY, N.C. — A football player for Catawba College was shot to death after an argument between students from Catawba and Livingstone College, Salisbury police said Saturday.

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to get the Steelers' defenders going against the flow of the play, and they expect exactly that from New England. "They're a running team that likes to pass, and they throw lot of screens to keep you off balance, screens to slow us down on defense," Porter said.

"For a game plan like that to work, you have to have 15- or 16-play drives, and we have too many playmakers on our defense to let some team drive the ball on us for 15 or 16 plays," he said.

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Daly delights fans



John Daly is greeted by fans on the 18th fairway during the third round of the Phoenix Open Saturday in Scottsdale, Ariz. Daly finished at 14 under par.

Mercurial star birdies 18 to close in on lead

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — On a day of swift changes in the lead and more wild cheers for John Daly, Duffy Waldorf made birdie on two of the last four holes Saturday for a 4-under 67 that gave him a one-stroke lead in the Phoenix Open.

Getting up-and-down for birdie from about 140 feet on No. 17 gave Waldorf some breathing room, but not much.

He was at 16-under 197, one stroke ahead of Kenny Perry and Chris DiMarco, with Daly another stroke back and a slew of others still in the hunt.

Without the PGA Tour since his victory in the British Open at St. Andrews in 1995, Daly hit his drive 379 yards on the final hole and spun a sand wedge into 4 feet to finish only two strokes out of the lead.

Everyone will be chasing Waldorf, who took the lead with an approach on the 470-yard eighth hole that grazed the cup and stopped within tap-in distance for a birdie. He made no mistakes the rest of the way.

Goosen blows out to big lead at Johnnie Walker

PERTH, Australia — U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen shot a record-tying 9-under 63 to take a 13-shot lead into the final round of the Johnnie Walker Classic.

After shooting a 4-under 68 in treacherous conditions at Lake Karriyup on Friday, Goosen's 63 equaled Gary Elvers' record set in 1974 before the course was extended by about 300 yards.

Canada, Costa Rica advance

MIAMI (AP) — Jason Bent's goal in the seventh round of penalty kicks gave defending champion Canada a victory over Martinique in the quarterfinals of the Gold Cup on Saturday night.

In an earlier game, Ronald Gomez scored in the eighth minute of the first overtime to give Costa Rica a 2-1 victory over Haiti.

Canada advanced to Wednesday night's semifinals in Pasadena, Calif., against the winner of Sunday's United States-El Salvador match. Costa Rica plays the Mexico-South Korea winner in the other semifinal.

No. 1 Lady Huskies roll to 22nd win

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Sue Bird had 23 points and Asjha Jones matched her career high with 21 points Saturday night to lead top-ranked Connecticut to a 79-56 victory over Boston College.

The pair helped UConn (22-0, 8-0 Big East) recover from one of its worst shooting halves of the season. The Huskies shot 38 percent from the floor on 12-of-31 shooting and held an eight-point lead at the break.

Jones scored nine points in the Huskies' 18-6 run to open the second half and UConn cruised the rest of the way. Bird had four points in the spurt, including a layup off her own steal. UConn led by as much as 26 down the stretch.

The Huskies dominated inside with a 43-37 rebounding edge

Avalanche extend win streak to six

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In this six-game winning streak, not much is going wrong for the Colorado Avalanche.

Milan Hejduk and Chris Drury each scored twice as the NHL Avalanche beat the Los Angeles Kings 4-2 Saturday.

The Avalanche, on their longest winning streak of the season, connected three times against the NHL's top penalty-killing unit.

"Everything they are touching is going in," Colorado coach Bob Hartley said. "They are working well, they are working smart. And as a five-man unit, we also are working smart. Our transition game is very good, and that is giving us some good scoring chances."

Drury also had an assist for the defending Stanley Cup champs, whose winning streak is their longest since a seven-game stretch last January.

Joe Sakic and former Kings captain Rob Blake each had two assists.

Jaroslav Modry and Ian Lapierre scored for the Kings and Mathieu Schneider had two assists.

Islanders 6, Lightning 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Mariusz Czerkawski and Claude Lapointe each had a pair of goals as the New York Islanders snapped a four-game home losing streak with a 6-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Saturday night.

Mats Lindgren and Michael Peck also scored for the Islanders.

Coyotes 3, Blue Jackets 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Daniel Briere had a goal and an assist and Andrei Nazarov scored a goal in his first game in a Phoenix uniform as the Coyotes beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 3-2 Saturday night.

The Coyotes traded a fifth-round pick in this summer's draft to Boston for Nazarov on Friday.

Nazarov's goal was his first of the season after he failed to score in 47 games with the Bruins.

Shane Doan scored his 11th goal off an assist from Brian Savage, also acquired in a trade Friday.

Robert Esche, making his seventh straight start with Sean Burke out with a groin injury, stopped 31 shots.

Flyers 4, Hurricanes 2

PHILADELPHIA — Jeremy



Los Angeles' Jaroslav Modry, top, and Colorado's Brad Larson tangle Saturday in Los Angeles.

Roenick and Justin Williams scored 38 seconds apart in the first period as the Philadelphia Flyers defeated the Carolina Hurricanes, 4-2 on Saturday night to snap a three-game winless streak.

Mark Recchi and Simon Gagne also scored for the Flyers, who are unbeaten in 16 games (15-0-1) against Southeast Division teams. Philadelphia had been 0-2-1 in its previous three games after winning eight straight before that.

Brian Boucher made 16 saves for Philadelphia.

Sami Kapanen and Jeff O'Neill scored for the Hurricanes, who are winless in their last six (0-2-4).

Wild 2, Devils 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. — While neither the Minnesota Wild nor the New Jersey Devils got a win, they at least broke losing streaks.

Martin Brodeur made 34 saves, including two in overtime, as the Devils and the Wild skated to a 2-2 tie in a physical game Saturday.

Oilers 4, Maple Leafs 1

EDMONTON, Alberta — Mike Comrie scored twice, including the go-ahead goal midway through the third period, as the Edmonton Oilers ended a three-game losing streak with a 4-1 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Saturday night.

Ethan Moreau and Todd Marchant also scored for the Oilers.

Bryan McCabe scored for

Toronto, which has lost two in a row and is 1-4-1 in its last six.

Red Wings 5, Blues 2

ST. LOUIS — Brett Hull scored three goals and added two assists, leading the Detroit Red Wings to a 5-2 victory Saturday night over the St. Louis Blues.

Favel Datsyuk and Boyd Devereaux each scored a goal and two assists for the Red Wings, who are 4-0-1 in their last five games. Detroit outshot St. Louis 32-31.

It was the second consecutive loss for the Blues, who had won their previous 10 games in a row. The loss also snapped a seven-game winning streak at home and a nine-game winning streak on Saturday home games.

Mighty Ducks 3, Predators 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Matt Cullen scored the go-ahead goal late in the second period as the Anaheim Mighty Ducks beat Nashville 3-1 Saturday night for their third straight victory.

Mike Leclerc sealed the victory with a goal at 13:57 of the third.

Cullen pushed a rebound past the left leg of Predators goaltender Mike Dunham at 17:53 of the second for a 2-1 lead.

Penguins 3, Thrashers 2

PITTSBURGH — Randy Robitaille set up Pittsburgh's second goal, then scored the game-winner with 58 seconds left in

overtime as the Penguins beat Atlanta 3-2 Saturday for their sixth straight victory.

The Thrashers got a tying goal from Tony Hrkac late in the third period, but still remained winless - 0-11 - against Pittsburgh since joining the NHL.

Pittsburgh, six games under .500 only 10 days ago, also got goals from Mario Lemieux and Aleksey Morozov to even its record (22-22-5-2) for the first time since mid-December.

Senators 1, Canadiens 1

MONTREAL — Daniel Alfredsson scored with 2:59 left to lift Ottawa into the tie.

Alfredsson jumped on a rebound of Wade Redden's shot off goalie Jose Theodore's pads and sent the puck into an open right side for his team-leading 20th goal.

Richard Zednik gave the Canadiens a 1-0 lead with his 14th goal early in the period.

Rangers 6, Capitals 3

NEW YORK — Radek Dvorak had two goals, and Eric Lindros and Theo Fleury both scored their 20th as New York won its third straight game after an eight-game winless slide.

Sandy McCarthy and Bryan Berard also scored for the Rangers. Dainius Zubrus, back in the lineup after missing one game with a bruised foot, netted two goals, and Brendan Witt had the other for Washington.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Associates First Realty LLC said Gordon B. Greaves, associate broker, has joined its staff.



Greaves has 28 years in the real estate business. He began his career in 1973 in Twin Falls and, most recently, has been broker-owner of Canyon Rim Realty and Development, focusing on real estate sales, subdivision development and new residential construction. From 1977 to 1984, he operated, as president/broker, an agency headquartered in Twin Falls with branches in Mountain Home, Pocatello, Nampa and Boise.

He and his wife have 10 children. Greaves can be reached at 735-0300, 734-2228 or 539-1807.

TWIN FALLS - Transformation announced the addition of two new employees: • Azira Tartic brings 23 years of experience from Europe combined with more than five years in America. Her specialties are perm, color, hair-cutting and European-style hair styling.



• Cyndee Black joins the Transformation team as a nail specialist. She has a bachelor's degree in home economics and 25 years of experience in working with people and specialized projects dealing with art and precision.

Transformation is at 537 Main Ave. E. Tartic and Black can be reached at 734-8380.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Washington Mutual Bank recently contributed \$1,000 to the South Central Parkers Community Action Agency to help its housing program for homeless families. SCAA is a private, nonprofit organization created in 1967 with sites in Twin Falls, Burley and Jerome. It is dedicated to reducing the effects of hunger, poverty and homelessness in Magic Valley's eight counties. SCAA has a long-term plan to increase affordable housing for homeless and other low-income individuals. Currently focusing on homeless families with children, SCAA has several transitional housing units scattered through

Dr. Deepak Chopra, a leader in the field of mind-body medicine, opened the seminar speaking about "The Soul of Healing." Nathaniel Branden, a psychologist, spoke on self-esteem principles as they apply to problems of modern business. Morris Goodman told his true story of surviving an airplane accident and spinal fractures after his family had been told he had no chance of recovering. Mark Victor Hansen, co-author of the book series, "Chicken Soup for the Soul," spoke on goal setting and the "Power of Focus." Dr. Wayne Dyer closed out the event speaking about "A Spiritual Solution to Every Problem," which also is the title of his latest book.

TWIN FALLS - Dean Seibel and Bob Seibel of the financial services firm E. D. W. & J. O. N. E. S. achieved the professional designation of accredited asset management specialist.



Both completed the A A M S Professional Education Program from the College for Financial Planning. Those who complete the program, pass a final exam, and sign a code of ethics and disclosure form earn the designation. The training offers investment professionals hands-on information needed to provide planning-oriented asset management advice.



TWIN FALLS - Eight van operators were honored by United Van Lines as "Van Operators of the Month" for November.

The recognition acknowledges performance in operational proficiency, cargo claims prevention, customer service and safety. The Safe-Guard business segment consists of electronics; trade shows, exhibits and displays; high-value items; required special handling; and the FastPath express services. Winners in the Safe-Guard segment included Arthur R. Taylor of Twin Falls, a contract operator with United Van Lines in Fenton, Mo. Contract operators are independent owner-operators who lease their ser-

vices and equipment exclusively to United Van Lines.

BUHL - Louise Fish, concessions and bar manager at Clear Lake Country Club, received the Buhl Chamber of Commerce's Extra Mile Award recently.



Fish was surprised by chamber members, bridge players and golfers as Merrily Huether, executive director of the chamber, and Steve Kaatz, the chamber's president-elect, presented Fish with a plaque courtesy of Middlekauff Ford, flowers from Arden and Princess Lane, a sweat shirt, \$10 of gas from Phillips 66, an oil change from Middlekauff and an overnight stay at Cactus Petes in Jackpot, Nev.

Fish was nominated for her service and support to the community in events such as the Hewlett-Packard women's bicycle race, community golf tournaments, banquets and weddings receptions. In addition to the donated labor, Fish is always ready with supplies when needed and does go the extra mile for community functions, chamber leaders said.

BUHL - Buhl Chamber of Commerce President Chuck Kline recently presented Terry Huddleston of Clear Springs Foods with a special award for financial and moral support of the chamber.

Bob Bailey Sr. and Bob Bailey Jr. were recognized for their volunteer work with the chamber. The chamber presented certificates of recognition to Buhl Herald and The Times-News for their support.

Barbara Phillips, executive director of the chamber from 1991 to 2001, received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Henceforth, the award will be named the Barbara Phillips Community Leadership Award. Bailey Jr. presented Kline with a past president's award, noting Kline had joined an exclusive club by serving as president twice as did Bailey, Leonard Sheets and Claude Hayes.

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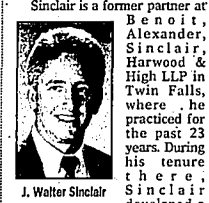
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Huether and administrative assistant Linda Winn.

TWIN FALLS - Renee Barkman joined the teaching staff of the Magic Valley Academy of Music, teaching woodwinds and group piano.

Barkman is a 1989 graduate of Twin Falls High School and holds a master's degree in clarinet performance from Michigan State University. In Twin Falls, Barkman studied clarinet with Lawrence Curis and piano with Laura Vizzuti and performed as a 1988 youth soloist with the Magic Valley Symphony.

TWIN FALLS - Law firm Stoel Rives LLP said attorney J. Walter Sinclair joined its Boise office as a new partner. Sinclair joined Stoel Rives' business litigation practice group.



Sinclair is a former partner at the firm of Alexander, Sinclair, Sinclair, Harwood & Hill LLP in Twin Falls, where he practiced for the past 23 years. During his tenure there, Sinclair developed a business litigation practice associated with corporate, contract, real estate and estate planning issues. He also was corporate counsel for corporations such as Independent Meat Co. and local office for Amalgated Sugar Co.

Sinclair has been a master with the American Inns of Court since 1995, a fellow with the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1996 and a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel since 1989.

A recipient of the American Heart Association Meritorious Achievement Award in 1995, Sinclair served the American Heart Association in several capacities since 1987.

TWIN FALLS - A retirement open house for Dave Secrist will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 44 Seaton St.

The Salmon River Cattlemen's Association is hosting the event to honor Secrist on his retirement from the San Jacinto Ranch in Jackpot, Nev. Secrist has managed the ranch for the past 16 years. Light refreshments will be served and a short program will be presented at 3 p.m. For information, call Bob or Chris Molyneux at 734-2786 or the Salmon River Cattlemen's office at 734-4499.

MILESTONES

NEW WIRELESS STORE



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce holds a ribbon cutting for Mountain States Wireless on Nov. 14 at its new store, 635 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. In Twin Falls, Mountain States Wireless - with stores in Twin Falls, Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, Preston and Jackson Hole, Wyo. - is an authorized agent for Edge Wireless. Senior sales manager Cindy Wymore can be reached by cell phone at 308-2700.

Intermountain Health Care earns high marks in study

BURLEY - A recent study ranked Intermountain Health Care as the nation's top integrated health-care network. Locally, Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley is an IHC facility. The study was conducted by SMG Group, a Chicago-based health information company, and examined 578 health systems around the nation. The annual list ranks local and regional health-care systems. The ranking analyzed each system based on factors such as hospital utilization, financial stability, services and access, physicians, technology integration and outpatient utilization.

IHC said its hospital charges are 72 percent below the national average, and integration has led to measurable improvement in health outcomes. With IHC's health insurance plans, the rate of members getting prenatal care in the first trimester was 94 percent compared with the national average of 83 percent. IHC's childhood immunization rate was 15 percent higher than the national average.

IHC is a charitable, community-owned, nonprofit health-care organization based in Salt Lake City that serves Utah and Idaho residents. The IHC system includes health insurance plans, hospitals, clinics and affiliated physicians.

Dairy association honors Si-Ellen Farms of Jerome

JEROME - Si-Ellen Farms was honored as the 2002 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year by the International Dairy Foods Association. The award recognizes U.S. dairy producers who employ creativity, excellence and forward thinking to increase farm productivity and improve milk marketing, a United Dairyman of Idaho press release said. Si-Ellen Farms was nominated by processor, Glanbia Foods of Twin Falls. Judges for the award included agricultural economists and dairy trade editors.

Thirty-five members of the Roth family attended the award presentation in Phoenix to watch Mike Roth accept the award on behalf of his family and the farm.

Roth's grandparents, who immigrated to America from Switzerland, began dairying in the 1920s. In 1941, Roth's parents, Simon and Mary Ellen, started Si-Ellen Farms. Today the dairy includes more than 3,300 acres, with nearly 5,000 milking and dry cows plus 4,400 heifers. The operation has 70 full-time employees. Eight members of the Roth family are involved in managing the farm.

Caring for the environment was part of the criteria used to judge the nominees, UDI said. Si-Ellen planted a fast-growing variety of poplar trees on 15 acres that were recently purchased. The trees take up some of the liquid manure, as well as provide a natural windbreak and animal habitat. In as little as eight years, the trees can be harvested for pulpwood.

In 2000, the farm constructed a lake to catch excess canal water to store for future use. Fish and natural plants now inhabit the lake. Si-Ellen has plans for possible improvements that would provide more wildlife habitat and prevent soil erosion.

Fair, Isaac and Co. sells software to insurance firm

TWIN FALLS - Fair, Isaac and Co. Inc., a provider of customer analytics and decision technology, said Mutual of Enumclaw Insurance Co., a Seattle-area based insurer with a claims office in Twin Falls, has purchased Fair, Isaac Decision System software and custom scorecards to help it achieve more consistency in personal lines underwriting decisions, faster decision making and better control over loss ratios.

The tool provides insurers power and flexibility to define and execute business rules and analytically driven strategies across the enterprise, Fair, Isaac said.

LOANS FIRM OPENS



Continental Loans celebrates its opening at 1711 Overland Ave. In Burley. The business is a branch of Security Finance/Continental Loans of Spartanburg, S.C., which has more than 800 offices nationwide and has been in business since 1955. The local office opened Dec. 3 and is managed by Amanda Lewis. It loans money from \$100 to \$900, and it offers credit starter loans and credited re-builder loans. A portion is donated to the Children's Miracle Network. At last week's ribbon cutting, from left, Lex Kunau, a Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce ambassador; Amanda Lewis, manager of Continental Loans; Shanna Walsh and Dale Whipple of the chamber; Paul Hale, regional supervisor of Continental Loans; Bob Hamblin of the chamber; Lot Ramloz, assistant manager of Continental Loans; and the chamber's Jayne Runyon, Ward Maxfield and June Pottor.

CSI offers series of classes on supervising employees

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The second of a four-part series of supervision instruction will begin at the College of Southern Idaho in February.

"Supervision II: Managing Individual Performance" will be taught by longtime series instructor and CSI professor Colin Randolph. The four-part course is designed to build practical basic skills as well as confidence and understanding. Each participant will develop an individual action plan and the appropriate skills needed most in leading employees to greater individual, team and organizational performance, organizers said.

Sessions 1 and 2 will focus on managing individual performance. The third session addresses the supervisor as problem solver. The final session will handle time management and delegation.

Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 12, in Room 276 of the CSI Taylor building. The program is offered through CSI in partnership with Boise State University. The fee for each participant is \$365, which includes all program materials. If three or more from one company sign up, each will receive a 10 percent discount.

To preregister or for a syllabus of all four sessions, call the Idaho Small Business Development Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2450.

Lengthy resume can overwhelm employers

By Carol Nielman
Chicago Tribune

Q. I have been in marketing for 10 years and have worked on some very important accounts, introduced major campaigns and have met some very important people. When I apply for a job, I list all my experience and the VIPs who were impressed with my work. But so far, I haven't even gotten a call back for an interview. What am I doing wrong?

A. You may be eminently qualified for the jobs you apply for, but it's obvious you're overwhelming your potential employers. Self-promotion is important, but save it for the interview. Tone down your resume and cover letter.

Q. If I gave two weeks' notice and was asked to leave before that time, am I entitled to compensation up until the time I stated was my last day?

A. No, you're not. You can't control when you leave after you give notice. Many companies want you

to exit immediately because they fear the morale of your colleagues will be affected by your presence, and you might try to sabotage the flow of work. I know you wouldn't do anything like that, but most employers operate on the worst-case scenario.

Q. I'm in the process of adopting a baby. Consequently, I need to make more money and I've begun looking for a new position. The difficulty is I have no idea what it will be chosen by my birth mother to adopt her child. It could be a few months or a few years. Do I tell a prospective or new employer that I plan to adopt at some unknown time in the future and will need to take maternity leave?

A. It's nobody's business at all, and I wouldn't mention it. As you know, an adoption can take quite a while. If it does occur after you've been in your new job for a year, you will be protected under the Family and Medical Leave Act, which also applies to adoptions.

Community

A page for you and your neighbors.



Dwaine Thomson, a building inspector with the city of Twin Falls, calculates the square footage of a window in a house he is inspecting while Steve Langan, the foreman, looks on. In all of 2001, Twin Falls County and its major city issued permits for 333 new single-family homes, compared with the 298 issued during 2000.

The housing boom

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Don't give mortgage rates all the credit for robust sales of houses late last year.

"I hesitate to say that it's all because of mortgage rates, but obviously that helped a great deal," said Olivia Rowe, executive officer of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Mortgage lenders' average interest rates offered in the Magic Valley bottomed out at 6.25 percent for 30-year, fixed-rate loans and 5.875 percent for 15-year, fixed-rate loans in about the second week of November, said Kevin C. Dane, a Magic Valley Bank vice president specializing in real estate.

"Our economy remains strong - at least the attitude of the buyers seems to be a positive one, and they continue to move up and move in," she said. "It just continues to look strong in our area."

Rowe talks with local real estate agents and brokers. "All through the last quarter and during the holidays, I continued to hear that business was good," she said.

The numbers agree. Local real estate agents' sales of houses - including both new and previously occupied homes - were on the climb from year-earlier levels during October through December. And the average price of those transactions took a little step forward. Both factors were up from the comparable period of 1999, as well.

Home sales in all of Twin Falls County - including residential acreages but excluding mobile homes - climbed a nice 23.9 percent from 180 a year earlier to 223 in the fourth quarter. That also compares favorably with 178

Twin Falls builds, buys homes at rapid rate

such sales in fourth quarter 1999. The 2000-01 rise in price is particularly welcome after the slipping between 1999 and 2000 fourth-quarter prices.

The average price paid in the most recent quarter - \$101,484 - was 2.9 percent above both fourth quarter 2000's average of \$98,583 and 1.2 percent above fourth quarter 1999's \$100,241 average.

Some of those data from the Greater Twin Falls Multiple Listing Service have been revised. That activity in the final three months of 2001 boosted the full-year countywide sales total - which rang in at 891 houses - to 13.2 percent above full-year 2000's 787 sales.

Hammer and nails

The local home-building industry, meanwhile, pressed ahead with vigor in the valley's central market.

Here's an optimistic indicator which economists have been citing this month: Last year set a new record for single-family home construction in the city of Twin Falls.

The year's 241 building permits issued for single-family homes citywide (excluding mobile homes) barely bested the previous record of 238 in 1994, City Hall officials said earlier this month.

Low mortgage interest rates get much of the credit.

"But I think that's a reasonable testament to folks' confidence in the area. You're not going to go out and make that kind of purchase if you don't think things are going to go well," the city's Economic Development Director

Dave McAlindin said earlier this month.

What follows is a slightly broader picture of recent activity - taking in both the city of Twin Falls and the Twin Falls County jurisdiction, and adding mobiles to the mix.

'You're not going to go out and make that kind of purchase if you don't think things are going to go well.'

- Dave McAlindin, economic development director for Twin Falls

Builders and owners in the October-to-December quarter buoyed new single-family home values by a respectable 13.6 percent compared with a year earlier.

The average value on new-home permits issued by Twin Falls city and county building departments combined climbed to an estimated \$98,028 - up from

the \$86,298 average of fourth quarter 2000 and nearly identical to the \$97,352 of a year before that. Homes permitted in the rural areas of the county jumped far higher in value than their city counterparts since a year ago.

Those results exclude duplexes and apartment units but do include mobile homes, and the few mobiles valued in department reports at less than \$20,000 were rounded up to \$20,000. The Times-News revised prior-year values to comply with its current data methods.

By the end of December, department records showed a 12.9 percent rise in the quarterly combined number of home permits the two departments issued. The fourth-quarter total of 79 bested the 70 of fourth quarter 2000 and the 62 of fourth quarter 1999.

But the activity again shifted to the city. The rural areas of the county - where average values are higher - posted 11 fewer new-home permits than a year ago;

the city's growth more than made up the difference.

Here's the larger trend, and it's on the way back up: In all of 2001, Twin Falls County and its major city issued permits for 333 new single-family homes, compared with the 298 issued during 2000.

That jump follows two straight years of declines. The comparable annual totals were 364 in 1998, and 347 in 1999.

In the showroom

Another big-ticket market, meanwhile, celebrated an end to 2 1/2 years of decline.

For 10 consecutive quarters, new-automobile sales in Twin Falls County had fallen from year-earlier levels. Helped by major automakers' interest-free financing, the final quarter of 2001 broke that trend.

The county's dealers in October through December sold just eight more new automobiles than they did a year earlier, but even a slight improvement was welcome.

The total of 811 new cars and trucks sold in the fourth quarter was 1 percent above the 803 sold in the corresponding months of 2000, but 1.6 percent below the 824 of 1999's fourth quarter.

Of course, that wasn't enough to pull the 2001 annual sales total (3,237) above 2000's (3,694).

Those sales figures for all years have been revised up to include fleet sales. For a while, the Idaho Automobile Dealers Association stopped reporting business fleet sales separately.

The association's full-year statistics for the eight counties of Magic Valley suggested a buying shift from new to used vehicles. Used car and truck sales by dealers in the Magic Valley rose 5 percent from 2000 to 2001, while sales of new automobiles valleywide dropped 8.8 percent.

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Crop prices rise, help insulate Magic Valley

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Agriculture is one of the factors insulating Magic Valley's economy from the national recession and Idaho's troubles, said Greg Rogers, the state's labor economist for Magic Valley.

Agriculture is faring better than timber and mining, the state's other two resource industries, Rogers said. That's because of higher commodity prices; a strong dairy industry offering full-time, year-round work; and dairies' demands for feed grains, hay and other crops that have shorter growing seasons, are less labor intensive and cost less to irrigate than the crops they replaced.

Wells Fargo economist Kelly K. Matthews said recent snowfall has eased farmers' water-related worries - irrigation supply, summer-pasture availability and electricity cost, for example. And that's a positive for the many Magic Valley businesses that depend on ag-related activity.

"The last few months have brought some relief in the agricultural sector," Matthews said. He said it will be interesting to see whether potato farmers - who cut statewide production 15 percent in 2001 and helped bring on huge price improvement - will return to larger crop sizes this year. If they do, Matthews predicts prices will respond by heading back down.

For now, spuds are the valley's turnaround story. Prices for the beans, wheat,

Quarterly review sugar and potato categories used for the Times-News farm-price index all were above 2000's fourth-quarter prices, while cattle and butter showed declines.

The overall index climbed by 20 percent from a year ago. But it was down from the July-September quarter.

Here's how fourth-quarter index prices compared with year-earlier ones:

- Potatoes, up a stunning 111.6 percent (in local prices).
- The significant price swing is reflective of the smaller crop and a more balanced supply/demand relationship," Matthews said.
- Wheat, up a substantial 48.8 percent (in local prices).
- Idaho wheat production in 2001 decreased 21 percent, Matthews said.
- Beans, up 23.5 percent (in local prices).
- Sugar, up 1.8 percent.
- Cattle, down 4.1 percent (in local prices).
- Beef production in 2001 did not decline significantly, hence, the price weakness," Matthews said.
- This year, if production can be noticeably curtailed, an average price near \$68/\$70 (per hundredweight) may be most likely.
- Butter, down 5.5 percent.

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More young adults return to live with their parents

By Lisa de Bourbon
AP writer

The number of young adults who move in with their parents after long absences has doubled since the 1950s, according to WorldLife Benefits, a consultation and referral firm based in Lakewood, Calif.

Although some people move back because of failed relationships and other personal problems, many others seek refuge with parents because of credit card and education debt.

WorldLife suggests parents who welcome their kids home avoid a lot of tension and financial headaches by asking their children to pay something for room and board.

Online banking

Many U.S. banks have reported

an increase in online account enrollment following the recent anthrax scare as consumers became concerned about the safety of their mail.

Consumer Reports magazine says some online banking programs are better than others, and suggests consumers comparison shop before signing up.

First, see if the banks you're interested in offer online bill payment, an integral part of banking over the Internet. If they do, determine whether there are extra fees for bill payments and the number of days it takes the banks to pay bills. It's also important to know whether the banks will cover any fees if a payment is late.

Consumer Reports noted that some online banks are more convenient than others. Some, even though they operate online, require paper applications.

Phones

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Murtagh, Buhl, Filer and Rogerson/Hollister exchanges fell well. Only tiny Casperford showed an increase (of 11 lines) between the end of September and the end of December.

In the simplest terms, a city's number of phone lines - which include fax, Internet, second-phone, new-building and digital-services lines - is a clue to growth in business activity, disposable income or population.

Rather, it used to be. These days, some cellular phone users go all-portable - eliminating their standard telephone lines.

And, presumably, Qwest is losing some of its Twin Falls local-ser-

vice customers to McLeodUSA. But McLeodUSA won't say how many.

The Cedar Rapids, Iowa-based company started selling local service to businesses in the Magic Valley's major city in December 1999, and to residential customers in May 2001, said Bruce Tiemann, senior manager of external relations. McLeodUSA also offers dial-up Internet access in Twin Falls.

Tiemann said the number of access lines in Twin Falls isn't available.

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Kmart out of sync with today's business climate

NEW YORK - One of the most bewildering aspects of Kmart Corp.'s fall into bankruptcy is that the nation's third-largest retailer could plod itself into the ground even as incredible change swept over American business during the past decade.

This was not an Enron-type situation. Kmart wasn't built on a questionable financial structure that suddenly collapsed. It made its way into Chapter 11 gradually, over a number of years. Kmart's predicament can be blamed on a variety of factors - incredibly tough competition from discounters Wal-Mart and Target, stores that looked tired and on an image that seems outdated.

But the real problem is a corporate culture completely out of sync with the way successful businesses are now run in the United States. Kmart did not react fast, out-think its rivals or make its

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customers WANT to shop in its stores.

That's as far to the opposite as you can get from the mindset that allowed the high-tech business to soar in the 1990s and that kept Wal-Mart and Target barreling along.

Interesting factoid: The first Kmart, Wal-Mart and Target stores all opened in 1962. Wal-Mart got its start in the South and Midwest, focusing for many years of smaller towns and rural areas rather than big cities already saturated with stores. The company infiltrated America, working its way bit by bit to other parts of the country. It wasn't until the mid-1990s that it opened stores in the Northeast - and letting the Wal-Mart repu-

ration for low prices and friendly service precede it. That service, by the way, comes from a work force kept happy with stock options and profit-sharing.

Meanwhile, Target, also growing at a moderate pace, found a way to market itself as trendy - not exactly the kind of image associated with a discounter. But Target is being embraced not only by the middle class, but upper-middle class people who drive expensive cars and give the store a French wannabe pronunciation, tar-ZHAY.

And then there's Kmart. The company, perhaps misreading the threat posed by its growing competition, was focusing a decade ago on expanding into specialty retailing through chains including Borders and Waldenbooks, OfficeMax and Sports Authority. That had to distract top management from keeping Kmart's competitive.

Then, in the mid-'90s, the company was selling off those chains (another distraction) and directing the proceeds toward Kmart stores that were shabby and uninteresting and badly needed a turnaround.

But Kmart's focus was wrong again - it was trying to beat Wal-Mart at pricing, rather than coming up with an idea or image that would compel consumers to shop there. It got names like Martha Stewart, Kathy Ireland and Jaclyn Smith to market its merchandise, but that hasn't been anywhere near enough of a solution. Kmart still seems downscale, tired, cheap to many consumers.

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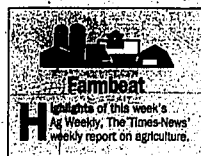
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MONEY

Expert says packers bill will harm cattle industry

JEROME — This time it's not what the meaning of the word "is" is, but what the meaning of the word "control" is. Webster's dictionary defines control as having the power to direct or regulate...



before summer.

Hanley is the major permittee on Trout Springs, a 29,690-acre allotment in Owyhee County. A second permit concerns a single pasture, and that permit is held by Payne Ranch...

Hanley said he will appeal the final decision if the proposal is not changed. He has had the permit — for 555 head of cattle — for decades.

Asla offers opportunities for Idaho barley despite BSE

FILER — Despite concerns of what BSE could do to barley imports, a local barley grower has returned from a trade mission to Japan and Taiwan convinced that the potential exists to expand the market for Idaho barley.

Clark Kauffman, a member of the Idaho Barley Commission, was part of a U.S. Grains Council-sponsored trade mission last month.

The six-member team spent 10 days visiting with barley processors, feed manufacturers, malters and food companies in the two countries.

Japan is heavily dependent on barley imports. Domestic farmers produce only 10 percent of the barley consumed in the country. Eighty percent of Japan's barley imports, and all of its barley imports from the United States, are ground into beef and dairy feed.

Dry beans remain steady, living up to predictions

TWIN FALLS — As analysts predicted in early December, dry bean prices have remained steady on a much higher level than last year. The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service reports that dry edible bean supplies will be much smaller this year than a year ago.

Nonetheless, nationwide trading on dry edible beans has been slow to moderate this week. Demand on most varieties has been light. Pintos have seen the most action this week with demand moderating to fairly good.

Some industry proponents of the packer ownership ban believe proposed legislation is an important step in restoring competition to the live cattle market.

Brothers buy Bliss feedlot, now Magic Valley Cattle Co.

BLISS — Two brothers have bought the former Bliss Feeders facility and have given day-to-day management of the custom feedlot to Paul Madison and Vern France.

Both men will employ their former experience in the Magic Valley livestock industry as they build up business at the feedlot that was briefly shut down in the fall.

"Our goal is to get this thing up and running and make it work," Madison said. "This is a tough time of year to start. We have missed the fall run," France said.

Owyhee rancher protests BLM decision on grazing

BOISE — A proposed decision by the Bureau of Land Management Jan. 2 has turned the spotlight of the debate over public lands grazing onto a rancher based in Jordan Valley, Ore.

The Times-News

BOISE — Following is the list of businesses filed during December with the Idaho secretary of state's office — including both new ones and existing ones that had been filed with counties and had to be renewed with the state.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business. 278D LLP, 1235 Oakley Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

A & B Crafts, Brian S. Hansen, 460 Wisconsin St., Hansen, ID 83334, wholesale.

A & L Tool Co., Larry K. Admire, P.O. Box 350, Hansen, ID 83334, retail trade.

Airport Vented Developments LLC, Robert A. Kantor, P.O. Box 475, Sun Valley, ID 83318.

Alf's Family Partnership No. 2 LP, William L. Alf, 731 Third Ave. N., Ketchum, ID 83240.

Allen J. Sinclair MD, PA, Allen J. Sinclair, 3059 Boehm Estates, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Alwood Exterior Design, William Alwood, 186 Rose St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

Artistic Decorative Finishing Co., Robert DeJong, 141 Airport Way, Suite D, Hailey, ID 83333.

Astoria & Astoria LP, Frank Astoria, 1750 E. 1800 S., Gooding, ID 83302.

Bach Photography, Gale J. Glenn, P.O. Box 761, Shoshone, ID 83352, retail trade.

Balance Productions, The Inside Story LLC, P.O. Box 956, Bellevue, ID 83313, retail trade.

Belle Lila, Connie Bell, 3034 E. 3200 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Benchmark MHI Inc., David Earl Christensen, 70 S. 650 E., Burley, ID 83318.

Bergin Properties LLC, Teresa M. Bergin, 120 Oak St., Bellevue, ID 83313.

Circle G Trucking, Circle G. Ag LLC, 1018 Atlantic Drive, Burley, ID 83318, transportation, public utilities.

Coats Resource Corp., Mark Roby, P.O. Box 95, Rupert, ID 83350.

Conservative Inc., Guy Bonniwell, 1122 E. 1520 N., Richfield, ID 83349.

Coats Resource Corp., Mark Roby, 923 S. Buchanan, Jerome, ID 83338.

County Cabin Creations, Lane Godfrey, 190 S. 700 W., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

CV Services, Vesta J. Twitchell, 240 W. 300 N., Jerome, ID 83338, services.

David A. Johnson, MD, PA, David A. Johnson, 666 Sheehon St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

David Hurd Design Inc., David Hurd, Unit B9, 1016 Street Center, Ketchum, ID 83240.

DC & L LLC, Carlena A. Larsen, 503 N. Main, Hailey, ID 83333.

Delcino Inc., Tom Delcino, 349-B E. 200 S., Jerome, ID 83338.

Doubltree Farms LLC, Newel A. Nelson, 1827 Burton Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

East Fork Investments Inc., John A. Kanelunas, 131 E. Fourth St., Ketchum, ID 83240.

Edith's Snow Country Classics, Edith Penell, P.O. Box 6046, Sun Valley, ID 83352, retail trade.

Fanstrom, Sprinklers, Sean Fanstrom, 3759 N. 2374 E., Filer, ID 83328, services.

Fastway, Randy Filer, 52 W. 800 N., Rupert, ID 83350.

Friendlytourism.com, Monie Smith, 559 S. 300 S., Jerome, ID 83338.

Frontier Printing Co., Larry H. Hausher, 818 Idaho St., Gooding, ID 83301.

Gallego Holdings LLC, Jack Gough, 811 E. 2000 S., Bliss, ID 83314.

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L.W. Construction, Leon J. Whisenunt, P.O. Box 235, Shoshone, ID 83352, construction.

Len Whiting Construction Inc., David A. Gale, 277 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Liberty Care Services, Independent Care Services Inc., P.O. Box 1831, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Little Buckaroo's Childcare & Preschool, Judy Ann Hughes, 2151-A E. 3500 N., Filer, ID 83328, services.

M & D Appraisal, Michael Dewitt, 369 Addison Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Marguerite D. Sowersby Insurance Agency Inc., Marguerite B. Sowersby, 407 Leadville Ave. N., Ketchum, ID 83340.

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Enron spent profusely to protect interests

The Associated Press

The money trail would find its way from Enron's hometown of Houston to the Texas capital of Austin to Washington, D.C. Along the way, politicians who could help the energy giant got money for their campaign chests. But the largesse of the company and its employees extended well beyond George W. Bush, Texas' top elected officials and nearly half of Congress. Enron's charitable donations went to cat shelters and art museums, Christian missionaries and Planned Parenthood. Former Enron chief executive Kenneth Lay, who resigned this

week, was known in Houston as the man to woo for favors and contributions to charitable causes and civic improvement projects. "Enron operated in a way that was reminiscent of the way tobacco companies historically operated before they came under so much fire," said Bill Miller, a political consultant in Austin who has worked for both Democrats and Republicans. "If you asked for \$5,000, they might say, 'Well wouldn't \$10,000 be better?'"

"The ways they did it weren't unique, but they did it more aggressively than anyone else."

— Andrew Wheat, research director for Texans for Public Justice, on Enron's contributions to state and national politicians

Some Enron observers insist the company was simply doing an effective job protecting its interests at various political levels while being a good corporate citizen in Houston and beyond. But critics say the strategy was carefully planned to buy influ-

ence and improve the company's bottom line.

"The ways they did it weren't unique, but they did it more aggressively than anyone else," said Andrew Wheat, research director for Texans for Public Justice, a group critical of Enron's contributions to state politicians in Texas and national politicians around the country.

The donations are facing more scrutiny after the company's rapid collapse into bankruptcy late last year, following disclo-

tures that it hid billions of dollars of debt in a series of partnerships that benefited some company executives.

"Maybe they trimmed the edges off of policies that would have been quite objectionable," said Daron Shaw, a government professor at the University of Texas in Austin. "Since they were working both sides of the aisle, they wanted to minimize the chances of maximum regret."

An Enron spokesman said the company, once listed No. 7 on the Fortune 500 list, and its top executives acted no differently than any other top businesses, and their leaders.

Energy industry fears effect of fiasco

WASHINGTON (AP) — Business coalitions and the nation's accounting and energy industries are moving quickly to try to head off new federal restrictions they fear will emerge from the Enron investigations. One example: tighter rules on 401(k) retirement plans.

Thousands of Enron employees — heavily invested in Enron stock — the company encouraged them to buy but barred them from selling as the value plummeted — have lost their retirement savings.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers and other business groups, contending they should not be punished because of one bad actor, have formed a coalition to urge lawmakers not to impose new 401(k) rules on employers.

The bottom line in their message: Employers don't have to offer retirement plans, and if government imposes too many restrictions, some companies may scale back.

"You have to be a storyteller on this," said Chamber lobbyist Bruce Josten, and persuade lawmakers "that what this Enron people did is despicable and that you guys need to do something about it but don't throw the baby out with the bathwater here and penalize millions of other people."

The accounting industry, under scrutiny as lawmakers probe Arthur Andersen's failure to alert the Securities and Exchange Commission that Enron was in trouble, is opposing any attempt to bar accountants from serving as both consultants and auditors for a company. Enron paid Andersen at least \$27 million for consulting and \$25 million for auditing.

Energy interests are lobbying against any move to re-regulate portions of their industry or to regulate what had been Enron's core business, energy trading, for the first time, something Enron successfully fought.

White House orders review of contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embattled Enron Corp. and the Arthur Andersen accounting firm, already being investigated by Congress and law enforcement agencies, now will have their \$70 million in U.S. government contracts put under scrutiny.

The White House on Friday ordered a government-wide review to determine whether the bankrupt energy trading company and its longtime auditors, both accused of massive destruction of documents in the face of federal subpoenas, are worthy of government business.

The order came a day after senior officials of Andersen appeared under subpoena at a congressional hearing where lawmakers denounced the destruction of Enron-related documents at the Big Five accounting firm. Andersen officials blamed the fired chief auditor of the Enron account, who invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refused to answer questions.

In a letter to the General Services Administration, which oversees government contracts, White House budget director Mitchell Daniels said charges of document shredding, manipulative accounting practices and other activities "could reflect poorly" on the companies and their ability to meet government ethics standards.

Those agencies should ensure that existing contracts with Arthur Andersen and Enron are being performed in accordance with contract terms and proper business practices," Daniels wrote.

Both companies have large contracts with the Justice Department, which is investigating their activities for potential criminal wrongdoing. The Securities and Exchange Commission has been pursuing a

civil investigation since Oct. 31. Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton said, "We have a demonstrated track record of excellent performance for government clients. We will certainly address any questions and would welcome the opportunity to discuss our strong history in government consulting."

Enron spokesmen had no immediate comment.

Enron, a Houston-based company with deep ties to President Bush, slid into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Dec. 2 after thousands of employees and big and small investors around the country lost fortunes in the company's plunging stock.

Bush, a friend of Lay, ordered a review of the nation's pension laws and approved the Justice Department investigation into the company's actions. In other developments, the head of the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, said he will decide next week whether to sue the administration in the months-old dispute with Vice President Dick Cheney's task force that formulated a pro-industry national energy policy last May. The administration has refused to fully disclose its contacts with the energy industry.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said the White House apparently added a last-minute provision to the administration's energy policy last spring that was helpful to Enron. Waxman produced what he said was the final draft of the energy plan, which lacked a provision for Cabinet secretaries to push energy development in India, where Enron had a money-losing power plant. Such language was in the final energy policy.

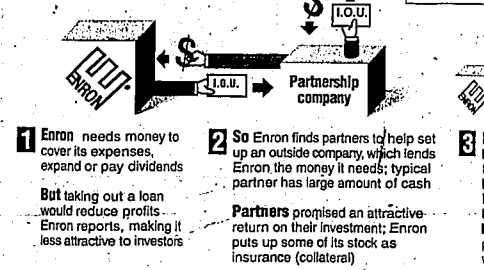
Bush aides have said Enron representatives met six times on energy issues last year with Cheney or his aides.

Understanding Enron's partnerships

To reduce the amount of debt it reported publicly, Enron created three partnership companies during the 1990s and borrowed from them without having to report the transaction.

Normal way Enron would have used a partnership

Since Enron doesn't own partnership completely, its borrowing from the partnership is not revealed publicly



1 Enron needs money to cover its expenses, expand or pay dividends

But taking out a loan would reduce profits — Enron reports, making it less attractive to investors

2 So Enron finds partners to help set up an outside company, which lends Enron the money it needs; typical partner has large amount of cash

Partners promised an attractive return on their investment; Enron puts up some of its stock as insurance (collateral)

3 If all goes well

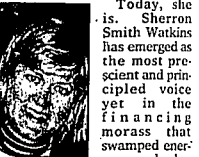
- Enron uses loan to make a profit
- Investors are not scared by Enron's debts and keep buying its stock
- Enron repays partnership company, which then repays partners

Why some Enron partnerships are focus of federal investigation

- 1** With a California retirement fund as partner, created company called Jedi in 1993, described it as an outside "entity" in public statements
 - 2** Created more partnerships in 1997; lent money to Jedi to pay partner's profit
 - 3** Enron did not include the debt in its annual reports
 - 4** When Enron revised its earlier reports to show the debt, its stock crashed and it declared bankruptcy
- Law requires Enron to report debt if partners own less than 3% of partnership**
Enron auditor says partner's ownership of Jedi dropped below 3%

Enron objector tried to challenge from inside

HOUSTON (AP) — She was Texas' best homegrown, church-schooled smart, the next hope of an influential family in a small town outside Houston. But she wanted to be somebody beyond the oil wells and scrubby plains.



Sherron Smith Watkins is Sherron Smith Watkins, who has emerged as the most prominent and principled voice yet in the financing morass that swamped energy dealer Enron Corp.

If a rebel, though, Watkins is no Eastern-style whistle-blower or protester. By the accounts so far, she did not threaten to go public. She did not quit. Call her the public face of Enron's loyal opposition, which tried to save it from the biggest business bankruptcy in U.S. history.

"She just felt duty-bound to do it, for the company's sake," said her mother, Shirley Klein Harrington.

Of course, doing your duty isn't always easy — and it wasn't for Watkins. She wasn't just worried about Enron when she told former chairman Ken Lay that good ethics could be good business. She fretted about losing her job in retaliation for her blunt words.

"It was not easy for her to come forward because the environment was such and the culture was such that ... everything seemed to be accepted," said her Houston lawyer, Philip Hilder, who specializes in white-collar crime cases. "It took a person with a lot of moxie and fortitude."

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— Philip Hilder, Houston lawyer, on Enron executive Sherron Smith Watkins

superintendent and now mayor of Tomball. Her mother taught accounting in high schools. One uncle owns a local supermarket and another, a funeral parlor. A nonconformist, cousin Lyle Lovett took up country singing.

With English and German blood, she went to Lutheran parochial school. By eighth grade, Watkins was challenging authority. It was enough to make her mother pity her teacher. By high school, she was showing her mother's ease with numbers.

She snared both bachelor's and master's degrees in a five-year accelerated accounting program, finishing in 1982 at the University of Texas, one of the country's best schools for the field.

Degrees in hand, she landed work near home in Houston at Arthur Andersen, one of the profession's elite companies — well before its Enron embarrassments.

She later transferred to New York City where she lived for several years. Eight years ago, she came back to Houston to work for Enron. Like her, it was young, fast, and self-confident. It swelled in those years, at least by its calculations, into the seventh biggest American corporation.

Her discomfort began to surface several years ago. Uneasy with accounting methods in one Enron partnership, she was allowed to transfer to another branch of the company in 1995.

At midyear, Watkins began working for chief financial officer Andrew Fastow. Increasingly, she fretted about partnerships she set up. To her understanding, they were backed by shaky financing, open to conflicts of interest, and endorsed by accounting sleights of hand. She quietly asked for advice from colleagues she trusted. Some were, asking similar

questions in private.

The abrupt departure of chief executive Jeff Skilling in August made Watkins even more nervous. She feared the burst of public attention would force the hidden deals into the light and make the company "implode in a wave of accounting scandals," according to the seven-page memo she wrote to Lay, then chairman.

At first submitting the memo anonymously, she later expanded it and added her name. Lay met with her, ordered an internal inquiry, and in a move designed to get her out of Fastow's supervision, made her vice president for corporate development.

Meanwhile, Watkins' lawyer said she is overwhelmed by hundreds of requests for interviews.

Neighbor Chris Cagley, also an accountant who contracted with Enron, has watched from close up.

"It's a lot of stress ... in terms of the legal risk and just the attention I don't think she's the sort of person to seek attention."

Given that, she appears to be holding up well. "I would be falling apart," said friend and next-door neighbor, Charlotte Ten Brink. "She maintains her sense of humor. We joked about who will be in the movie: She usually laughs and takes it all in stride."

Kenneth Lay could create or crush political careers

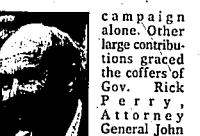
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — For all his clout in Washington, Kenneth Lay's greatest influence was back home in Texas where the mirror-shedded Enron headquarter glimmers above the Houston skyline.

Operating here in his home base, Lay — who resigned Wednesday as chairman of the once high-flying energy trading company he founded — was a kingmaker who could create or crush political careers, spearhead professional sports stadium drives, finance youth clubs and endow theater troupes.

"This was a man on top of the world. It was well known that if you needed something done you went to Ken Lay," recalled Felix Fraga, a former Houston city councilman who has known Lay for more than 30 years. "He could have run for mayor, governor or done anything he wanted."

As part of President Bush's celebrated "pioneers" club, Lay and his wife, Linda, donate more than \$145,000 to the national Republican Party and Bush campaign. The Lays also contributed \$100,000 to the Bush inaugural gala and \$10,000 to the election recount fund.



Kenneth Lay sponsored a \$50,000 fund-raiser on Oct. 8.

However, in a sign that Enron fortunes were already on a slide, Brown campaign finance director Sue Walden said Lay failed to show up for the fund-raiser and never sent a check.

Over the years, Texas officials ranging from Houston city council members to state railroad commissioners benefited from Lay's political largesse.

"Ken Lay was a guy with swagger and loot who bought his way into whatever needed buying," said Texas populist politician and commentator Jim Hightower. "He had this aura of being bullet-proof, a corporate superstar who was real connected to the Bushes."

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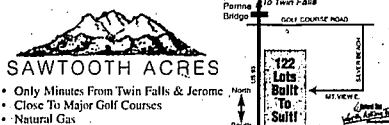
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff. Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, our side vulnerable, I deal and open one club with ♠ Q, ♣ K-9-7, ♢ A-K, ♠ 10-9-8-7-4. My LHO jumps to three diamonds (pre-emptive), and partner bids three spades. What are my options after RHO passes? Answer: To begin with, to pass is not an option. Partner has made a forcing bid, and you must choose the best of a bad lot. A spade raise with the singleton queen is unappealing, and a rebid of four clubs with no top honors is misleading. Four hearts would imply honor concentration in clubs and hearts, leaving three no-trump as the remaining logical choice. At least this informs partner about your high cards: diamonds.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, I opened one diamond with ♠ K-10-7-2, ♥ 8, ♠ A-10-8-7-6-5, ♣ K-Q. Only we were vulnerable, and LHO jumped to two no-trump, promising length in both minors. Partner jumped to four hearts and RHO bid five clubs. Was my double a clear-cut choice, or should I have passed and let partner clarify? Answer: I rate the double 100 percent and a pass 10 percent. Having opened the bidding with a minimum, and with most high cards in the opponents' minor suits, there is little reason to accept partner to make a five-level decision. The double warns him not to expect much, but he can overrule and bid if he has the right tickets. If partner passes your double, don't forget to lead the king of clubs.

Dear Mr. Wolff: My LHO opens one heart, and RHO offers an artificial forcing heart raise of two no-trump. LHO jumps to four hearts, promising minimum values and no singleton. When RHO jumps to six hearts, should I double-with ♣ K-10-2, ♥ 7-4, ♠ A-9-8-7, ♣ A-8-5-3? Answer: I would not recommend it. There must be some reason why RHO didn't check an ace, and the most probable reason is that he has a void suit. Beating it undoubtedly should provide you with enough satisfaction.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, partner opens one club and my RHO overcalls one spade. I pass, and LHO raises to two spades. If two passes follow, should I bid three hearts? What if partner rebids three clubs and RHO passes? I hold ♠ 7-2, ♥ A-10-9-8-7-5-3, ♠ 8, ♣ 7-5-2. Answer: Yes, to both questions. Three hearts is a clear choice if partner passes. When partner rebids at the three-level at this vulnerability, your ace, singleton, and club fit make a game in clubs (four hearts) a good bet.

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The search for my exotic outpost begins.

Everyone has pet peeves. Like my friend Janet, who thinks there are too many straight pins in packaged shirts. Or my friend Debbie, who hates mail-order catalogs because she fears that everything in life is on back order. My own pet peeves include supermarket carts that wobble and coupons packed inside bags of flour and lipstick that evaporate before you can back the car out of the garage and price tags that won't come off with a blowtorch.

I also dislike giving my personal information to people I don't know. I once heard a commentator say she doesn't understand why banks need to know your mother's maiden name—because you are the one giving them your money, so you should want to know the bank president's mother's maiden name.

I don't enjoy receiving misleading mail either. Like the red envelope I got last week marked "EXPRESS PRIORITY" and offering me \$5,000—probably the same day, if I called by noon. The only way I could find out that I would have to pay nearly \$8,000 for my \$5,000 was to remove my glasses and squint at the fine print.

Then there was the sweepstakes mailer that I found in my mailbox the next day. "You have a chance to win a big surprise!" was marked out with a huge X and covered with a bright yellow official-looking sticker marked "OFFICIAL DIRECTIVE" and telling me that my "owner's papers" were enclosed. My 80-something mom would spend days flustered by that one, complete with its confirmation seals, promises of a "major prize winner" in my area and "large zeroes following every \$10. This time, the real story was tucked away on the back of the letterhead: "You have not yet won. All entries have the same chance of winning."

My pet peeves are a continuing source of frustration. I suspect I am not alone. I just read in the 2002 edition of "Consumer Tastes and Trends" that the mood of people today could be classified as "all stressed out." And since 1995, the number of people calling in sick due to stress has tripled.

We seem to be responding to our crazy, fast-paced world in lots of ways, some of which are technological. For example, the book lists some new, "incredible-but-true" inventions designed to make our lives better. The "vacuum-cleaner-leg-exercise device" is a tank connected by tubes to shoes with springs and bellows and a wandlike cleaner. As you walk, air rushes into the bellows, creating suction in the wand so that you burn calories and clean the carpet with the same effort. And the "waterproof stair-step" to use while showering" blends aerobics with aquatics.

Hopefully, we're also looking beyond technology and spending some energy on what's always mattered most—people and relationships, kindness and love—but I sometimes wonder, I read about a convenience store chain chalking up record numbers of hot dog sales during a recent holiday season because people would stop by just to have someone nice to talk with, and they would eat hot dogs while they visited.

"Consumer Tastes and Trends" says some people are turning to hands-on activities to relieve stress, with 4 million people taking up knitting or crocheting in the year 2000. Extreme telecommuting—defined as "working from an exotic outpost"—is a new trend, too. Working from an exotic outpost? OK. They have my interest now. Excuse me while I go check out the fine print.

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Raise SCIENCE-LITERATE kids

If you're interested, your children will be, too.

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—There are two kinds of good science students, teacher Jacque Salisbury observes:

One kind has a head for abstract reasoning and figures—the career A students. The others don't always get A's, but something, somewhere along the line has captured their imaginations about science.

"That's what teaching science is all about," said Salisbury, who teaches science to eighth- and ninth-graders at O'Leary Junior High School. "Find something that fascinates them and will pull them in."

Therein lies the secret of raising science-literate kids, teachers and students agree: Make it fun, and don't wait until the kid's in school to start.

"We never went on trip when I was a kid that wasn't a learning experience," Salisbury said. "That's how I got interested in science."

The stakes in cultivating that interest are high: Studies have consistently shown that kids who do well in science get better grades in subjects other than science, and when they get out of school, they earn more money.

"I think being good at science just helps you organize your thinking better," said Heather Jones, a ninth-grader at O'Leary Junior High School science teacher Don Pringle agrees. The academic stars who go through his classes tend to come to school better prepared, able to ask better questions and equipped to tackle abstract problems.

So much of it starts in the home, where the child is exposed to books and learns to ask questions," he said. "That's the best foundation for doing well in science in school."

Many, but not all, of Salisbury's students got hooked on science from television—the PBS program, "Nature," for example, and the public television's "Bill Nye, the Science Guy."

"Bill Nye started out as a stand-up comedian," Salisbury said. "He learned to be funny and interesting and capture people's attention, and he did the same thing for kids with science."

But books are nearly universal in the lives of successful science students, and they're not all science books. "The Lord of the Rings"—the books, not just the new movie—is popular with many of Salisbury's eighth- and ninth-graders.

"Parents are important," Pringle said. "If they're readers at home and show an interest in science, and are curious about things, kids pick that up."

Most good science students are also good math students—math skills are indispensable for most careers in science—but it's not impossible to hook a student on a scientific subject even if he or she can't tell calculus from a calculator, teachers say.

"Look around you," Salisbury said. "So many interesting things that are going on in the world are directly related to science: Volcanoes. Space travel. Computers. Even kids who aren't going into science as a



Students in Jacque Salisbury's eighth-grade science class at O'Leary Junior High School got to know Normar, the iguana. Spencer uses reptiles as one tool to make scientific concepts more real—and more interesting.

What works

The Times-News sat down with a group of O'Leary Junior High science students, including Hannah Evans, Benjamin Spencer and Nate Moody, eighth graders, and Emily Jackson, Heather Jones and Kempton Cox, ninth graders. They offered these ideas on raising science-smart kids:

- Encourage exploration. Kids who are curious about the world tend to make good science students.
- Share your interests. Many kids who are good in science picked up an interest from their parents.
- Let your child find his or her own study style. That may mean away from a TV or a computer or studying right next to them. Go with what works.

- If you limit the amount of TV, don't necessarily limit the scope of TV. Within reason, let your child's curiosity take a kid where he or she needs to go.
- Don't negotiate the power of videos and movies in plaining a kid's interest in science.
- Read, read, read. Make books a major part of your child's life, whatever his or her age, and encourage your child to read about subjects he or she hasn't explored yet.
- Homework doesn't necessarily equal learning. If your child isn't bringing home a science or math book, it's not necessarily a sign he or she isn't learning. Talk to the teacher.

- Turn a vacation into an adventure. Science is everywhere; make it part of the trip.
- Send the kid to science camp. At the very least, it will encourage his or her interest in new things.
- Recruit the siblings. Kids whose brothers or sisters have a strong interest in science tend to like science, too.
- Math matters. Encourage your kids to take math, but do what it takes to keep it from becoming drudgery for them.
- Talk science. For almost every kid, there's an everyday science-related subject that fascinates him or her. Explore it.

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The National Assessment Government Board, which oversees national science testing, suggests that computer and Internet use are associated with improved science scores, while more than a couple of hours of television and video games per day is linked with a drop in science scores. Students who did science projects in school were likely to do better on standardized science tests.

"Science projects are good because they teach you to figure things out," Heather said. "You start with an idea and you have to make it work."

That's deductive reasoning, and one reason why math skills are so important.

"If there's one area I wish my students were better prepared, it's in algebra," Pringle said. "Knowing how to use algebra is such an important part of science."

Although students in the

United States consistently rank low in comparison with science students elsewhere, Pringle doesn't buy the premise that American public-school science education is deficient.

"The best of our science students are doing very well," he said. "But it's important that we get more kids interested."

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Test your oriented science skills

Knight Ridder News Service

The National Assessment of Educational Progress science tests include multiple-choice and open-ended questions and some hands-on tasks related to physical, life and earth sciences. To give you an idea of what the test is like, we've pulled an assortment of questions from the three different levels.

How well would you do? (Answers are at bottom.)

Fourth-grade test

1. Which of the following living things in the pond system uses the energy from sunlight to make its own food?

- A. Insect
- B. Frog
- C. Water lily
- D. Small fish

2. There is a thunderstorm close to your house. The windows rattle at the same time that you hear the thunder. What causes the windows to rattle?

- A. Sound waves from the thunder
- B. Light from the lightning
- C. Rain from the clouds
- D. The high humidity during the storm

3. If you wanted to be able to look at the stars, the planets, and the moon more closely, what should you use?

- A. Telescope
- B. Periscope
- C. Microscope
- D. Magnifying glass

4. How hot is it on the surface of the sun?

- A. Not quite as hot as boiling water
- B. About as hot as fire
- C. About 100 degrees F.
- D. Much hotter than almost anything on earth

Eighth-grade test

1. Which of the following best explains why the pressure inside a high-flying airplane must be controlled?

- A. At high altitudes there is greater atmospheric pressure than on the surface of the Earth.
- B. At high altitudes there is lower atmospheric pressure than on the surface of the Earth.
- C. If the cabin is not pressurized, some of the upper atmospheric gases will enter the airplane.
- D. If the cabin is not pressurized, carbon dioxide will escape from the airplane.
- E. If you measured your shadow at noon during the summer and at noon during the winter, would the measurements be the same or would they be different?

2. All of the following would be helpful in separating a mixture of sand and salt except

- A. a magnet
- B. a glass cup
- C. a filter paper and funnel
- D. a water

3. The earth's moon is

- A. always much closer to the sun than it is to the earth
- B. always much closer to the earth than it is to the sun
- C. about the same distance from the sun as it is from the earth
- D. sometimes closer to the sun than it is to the earth and sometimes closer to the earth than it is to the sun

4. In the human body the digestion of proteins takes place primarily in which two organs?

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20-something and lost? Remember these tips

• Realize that you aren't the first person to not know what you want to do, or to make a mistake at a young age.

• Don't feel inferior if you can't get a job in the exact career you planned for in college, or if you get laid off because of the economy. Career ups and downs are part of the "real world."

• In today's uncertain economy, focus on what is good about

Etc...

the job you already have, and be thankful for it. Even if your job just helps you pay the bills and do things you like, that's a plus.

• Don't try to use your career, your financial status or relationship status to define yourself. Think about who you really are, what makes you happy and what makes you special.

—Source: Abby Wilner and "Quarterlife Crisis: The Unique Challenge of Life in Your Twenties," by Abby Wilner and Alexandra Robbins. (J.P. Tarcher, \$14.95); The State of Columbia, S.C.

Department takes registration

Upcoming

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for ArtSmart for children ages 4 to 5. The program will be held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 5-28 at the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls.

Participants will work with painting, printmaking and sculpture. The cost is \$40 per child. For more information, call the

To do for families

Parks and Recreation office at 736-2265.

Every Sunday, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

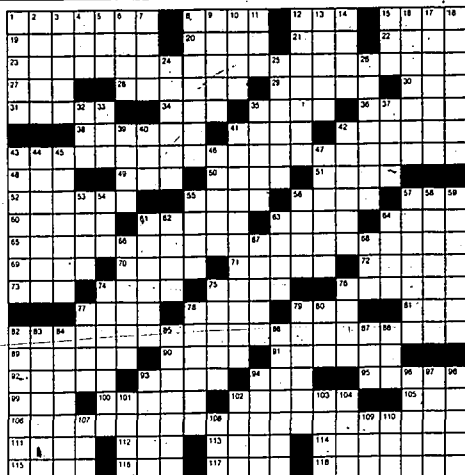
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THE Sunday Crossword

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Taurus: Give full play to curiosity

IF JANUARY 27TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you possess secret of "universal appeal." When people are in trouble, they are drawn to you. You are romantic, creative and better at aiding others than promoting your own cause. Aries, Libra persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: I, R. During February you go through period of introspection. In March a relationship will "sizzle."

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Attention revolves around home, marital status and income potential. Important domestic adjustment featured; you could change residence. Taurus, Libra play roles.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 21): Give full play to intellectual curiosity. Avoid scattering efforts. Keep plans flexible; entertain and be entertained. Avoid self-deception. Pisces represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on organizing efforts, recognizing priorities. Pressure is on due to added responsibility, promotion. Relationship serious - don't play games with emotions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

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Dare to dream! Lunar cycle high; you will be at right place at crucial moment almost effortlessly. Powers of persuasion heightened. Aries, Libra play astonishing roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Shake off emotional lethargy. Take initiative in making fresh start in new direction; Imprint style, do not wait for others. Much takes place behind scenes. Aquarian figures prominently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emphasis on where you live, marital status and making major decision relating to "the direction of your life." Answers come from within if you so permit by meditating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Artistic tendencies surge forth. You will provide optimism for one you care about who is "down in the dumps." Gemini, Sagittarius persons will become staunch allies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Block to progress will be removed. Advertise, promote and publish. Obtain workable tools; revise, review and rebuild. Taurus, another Scorpio play major roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): People take note of your efforts, past and present. Scenario features the adventure of change, travel and variety of experiences. Relationship provides spice and controversy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Beauty surroundings; hang picnics in your home. You are due to have very important visitors. Keep resolutions concerning diet; you can have too much of a good thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Define terms, see relationships as they exist and not merely as you wish they could be. Someone wants to deceive you. Be alert; insist on answers, not evasions. Virgo represented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Lunar position highlights creativity and sex appeal. Added pressure relates to "power play." You are in driver's seat; know it and act accordingly. Capricorn plays role.

Day names come from sky-watching

Ask the average American why we have seven days a week, and you'll probably hear something about the biblical creation story in Genesis. But if you ask a historian, you're in for a surprise.

Many things mathematical, including time-keeping methods, can be traced back to ancient Babylonia. The "sexagesimal" division of the hour into 60 minutes, and the minute into 60 seconds, stem from the Babylonians' affection for numbers that divide evenly into smaller numbers to ease calculations. (Sixty divides evenly by no fewer than 10 smaller integers).

The Babylonian week is thought to have originated as an approximate quartering of the 29 1/2-day lunar month. The seven days were then named after the celestial wanderers visible to the naked eye: the sun, moon and five known planets. This was all established, say the historians, centuries before the Mosaic tradition of the Old Testament.

Culture after culture adopted the Babylonian day names, starting with the Greeks and spread-



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- Planets: One hour before sunrise. No planets visible. One hour after sunset. Mars: SW. Saturn: SE, high. Jupiter: E.
- Moon: Full moon, Monday, 3:50 p.m.

ing steadily through Western civilization.

Our current day names come from the northern Europeans, primarily the Norse. Sunday is, obviously, the day of the sun. Monday, only slightly harder to guess, is "moon-day." Tuesday is the day of Tiw, the Old Norse name for Mars. Wednesday is Woden's day, Woden equating to Mercury. Thursday is the day of Thor, the Norse king of the gods akin to the Roman Jupiter. (Coincidentally, the ancients picked the largest planet as the king of the gods, probably having noted its brightness - second only to Venus - combined with its notably 12-year orbit.) Friday is Freya's day, Freya being the Norse love goddess, aka Venus.

And Saturday is Saturn's day, which you've probably guessed by now.

Why did our Babylonian ancestors order the days in such a seemingly illogical fashion? That's the topic of another column.

Next week: The pros and cons of public star parties.

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Ask IRS about tax matters

Knight Rider News Service

Q. How do I pay taxes for a household employee?
A. The Internal Revenue Service is the authority on all tax matters. The IRS has a publication that may be of assistance in determining the status of household employees and how to pay their Social Security tax. See

Social Security Q&A

http://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/pu113926oc.htm

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Science

Continued from E1

- Mouth and stomach
- Stomach and small intestine
- Liver and gall bladder
- Pancreas and large intestine

12th-grade test

- As observed with special instruments from earth, the sun appears in the sky to shift its larger in January than in July. Which of the following accounts for this observation?
A. The earth moves in an orbit that is not circular but is closer to the sun in January than in July.
B. The diameter of the earth is not constant, but bulges slightly at the equator and contracts slightly during the winter.
C. The Earth's orbit is not in the same plane as the orbits of the other planets.
D. The axis of rotation of the Earth is not perpendicular to the plane of its orbit but instead is tilted at an angle.
- Animals that reproduce sexually differ from animals that reproduce asexually in that sexually reproducing animals have:
A. a larger number of offspring.
B. more genetic variation among their offspring.
C. offspring that are nearly identical to their parents.
D. offspring that are perfectly adapted to their parents' habitat.
- Carbon-14 has a half-life of approximately 5,700 years. Analysis of the carbon in a piece of charred wood found in an excavation revealed that the carbon has 25 percent of the amount of carbon-14 that is found in the carbon of living trees. Which of the following is most nearly the age of the excavated wood?
A. 160 years
B. 5,700 years

- 11,400 years
- 23,000 years

4. Which of the following is not a part of Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection?
A. Individuals in a population vary in many ways.
B. Some individuals possess features that enable them to survive better than individuals lacking those features.
C. More offspring are produced than can generally survive.
D. Changes in an individual's genetic material are usually harmful.
5. During the time in the earth's history when the first amphibians appeared, which of the following was one of the major groups of plants that dominated the land habitats?
A. Cone-bearing trees (gymnosperms)
B. Flowering plants (angiosperms)
C. Ferns
D. Algae

Answers

Fourth-grade test

- A
- A
- A
- D

Eighth-grade test

- B
- A
- B
- B

12th-grade test

- A
- B
- C
- D
- C

New dog food combats signs of brain aging

My 11-year-old wirehaired fox terrier, Scooter, is definitely in the senior phase of life. With increasingly gray hair, she was starting to slow down, wasn't quite as affectionate, and didn't like playing with her favorite toy as much.

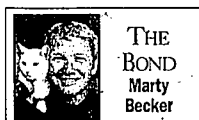
But were these normal behaviors or the early signs of brain aging? More important, was this something Scooter and our family would have to live with, or could something be done to help her live a happy, healthy, full life?

There are 18 million dogs in this country over the age of 7 years, an age considered by most experts to be the threshold to the golden years. It's inevitable that we will age, but what we want for all members of our family - dogs included - is to grow old gracefully and with dignity.

Just like people, dogs in the 21st century are living longer and prone to many of the same age-related health problems as their human companions.

One of the most devastating is canine brain aging, a condition that affects millions of dogs and leads to reduced brain function and often results in behavioral changes. There's a condition with similar signs in humans, Alzheimer's or dementia, a devastating condition that has repercussions for the entire family.

Like the human Alzheimer's patient, the dog often seems to forget its surroundings and does not recognize loved ones. Or, it may act confused or disoriented, may sleep more during the day and less at night, or even have frequent housetraining accidents.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

ment in learning ability compared to dogs on a control food.

The changes in behavior associated with brain aging, a condition worsened by oxidative damage from toxic free radicals, are devastating for dogs and their two-legged family members.

Professor Nicholas Dodman, head of animal behavior in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, explains, "This is a very exciting development that has positive implications for pets and their owners. As many as 1.5 million dogs per year are put to sleep, removed from the home or sent to an animal shelter because of behavior problems such as house soiling, personality problems and compulsive behaviors like circling or obsessive grooming. In older dogs, these behavior problems may be associated with brain aging. We are hopeful that Canine b/d may help keep dogs in the family home for longer as it's been proven to help alleviate behavior problems in older dogs."

Pet owners who participated in an in-home study using Prescription Diet Canine b/d noticed dramatic results, reporting that 74 percent of older dogs with a history of house soiling accidents experienced a reduction in accidents after only 30 days of feeding - b/d. Furthermore, 61 percent of dogs with diminished enthusiasm in greeting family members showed improvement after feeding the food for 30 days.

In doing research for an upcoming book, my coauthor and I found scientific evidence for what most pet lovers have believed for 100 years: that having a loving, independent relationship with a pet was life enhancing for both pets and the human family.

because of canine brain aging, the pet not only ages prematurely or suffers unnecessarily, there almost certainly will be negative health consequences for the human family, as well.

Within two weeks of putting Scooter on this food, it was like someone had slipped new batteries into her. She's more active, playful and affectionate. And, as pet parents, we mirror

these same changes.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and the author of the upcoming book, "The Healing Power of Pets" (Hyperion, February 2002). Write to him in care of Knight Rider/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, DC 20045.

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Fifth District Commander Don Danner from Albion presides over the 2001 Fifth District American Legion and Auxiliary Fall Convention hosted by Albion Post 124 and its auxiliary. At the head table, from left, are District Legion Chaplain Keith Amende from Albion, Albion Mayor Jim Kelley, Albion Post Commander Don Bowden, National Executive Committee member Dee Collins from Wendell, Department Commander Cleve Rice from St. Anthony, Department President Dixie Bush from Malad, Alternate National Executive Committee member Janis Woodriffs from Wendell, Fifth District Auxiliary President Arlene Olson from Paul and District Auxiliary Chaplain Maxine Becker from Paul.

Legion, Auxiliary take care of business at district convention

ABLION - The 2001 Fifth District American Legion and Auxiliary Fall Convention was hosted by Albion Post 124 and its auxiliary. More than 80 Legion and Auxiliary members attended the event held in the Marsh Creek Event Centre.

Fifth District Commander Donald Danner from Albion welcomed everyone, and the prayer was led by District Auxiliary Chaplain Maxine Becker from Paul.

Danner presided over the Joint Opening. The flag salute was followed by a prayer given by District Legion Chaplain Keith Amende from Albion, Albion Mayor Jim Kelley, who is also a member of the Albion Post, also welcomed the group.

In other activities, Neta McClain from Eden presented Edon Post Commander James Schutte with a Legion pin dated 1919, and Alan Baumgardner gave a reading.

Albion Post Commander Don Bowden, Albion Unit President Pat Gunderson, Legion Department Commander Cleve Rice from St. Anthony, Auxiliary Department President Dixie Bush from Malad and Fifth District President Arlene Olson from Paul introduced officers and members. Also recognized was Norma Brown from Filer, a past national president.

Participants were reminded of the Mid-Winter Conference this month, which included fund-raising to help obtain card tables for the Boise Veterans Home.

Terry Niles, Idaho American Legion Department adjutant, said that tickets were being sold on a flag set worth \$185 as a fund-raiser for the Flag Education Fund. The list included videos about military funeral honors. The opening session concluded with singing of patriotic songs led by Neta McClain with Priscilla Richins from Albion accompanying at the piano. During the separate meetings, reports were given by unit



Terry Niles, standing right, Idaho American Legion Department adjutant, presents a gift to Albion Post Adjutant Don Gunderson who was named Legionnaire of the Year during the Department Convention in July.



Arlene Olson from Paul, center, Fifth District Legion Auxiliary President, presides over the Auxiliary session of the convention. At the head table are Neta McClain from Eden, left, secretary, and Dixie Bush from Malad, right, Department President.

presidents, post commanders and district officers and chairmen. Nominating Committee members were elected.

Refreshments served included a birthday cake in honor of the Marine Corps' 225th birthday. As a retired Marine, Danner expressed appreciation for the

Marine flag being displayed in honor of the event. Albion Auxiliary Unit President Pat Gunderson was in charge of convention registration. A potato bar lunch was prepared by the Albion Auxiliary members, under the direction of Marcela Mahoney.



Photos courtesy of Twin Falls Senior Center.

Santa Claus, also known as Twin Falls Senior Center Board member Walter Mildon, distributes a gift bag to Alton Black, a kiss to Dee Egan and holiday wishes to I.R. Pearl.

TF seniors celebrate the holidays

TWIN FALLS - A little on-the-job training never hurts.

Santa Claus practiced for his annual visit to children throughout the world by visiting local senior citizens on Dec. 20 to leave gift bags made up of fruit and candy.

Through the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center's home-delivered meals program, almost 120

seniors received the gift bags. Santa, also known as Walter Mildon, a member of the center's Board of Directors, handed the gift bags several seniors, center representatives said. He made the rounds with Irvin Ehlers, a long-time home-meal delivery volunteer.

Meanwhile, back at the center at Elizabeth Boulevard and

Eastland Avenue, another Santa (Robert Humphries, chairman of the center's Board) greeted, provided gifts and entertained at least 140 area seniors who turned out for the center's Christmas dinner. Next year, Humphries said he hopes that the Christmas celebration will be held in a brand new center in Twin Falls Old Towne district.



MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

These Poppewell Elementary School students in Buhl showed their math smarts by completing 50 math problems in a minute. They received certificates.

Poppewell recognizes math wizards

BUHL - The Fibonacci math students at Poppewell Elementary School in Buhl earned certificates by accomplishing 50 math problems in a minute.

The problems are geared to the appropriate grade levels. Honored were:

Tony Owen, Rhett Leavitt, Italia Jumez, Ashley Kersey, Bruno Loza, Nick Hamilton, Kristina Gelever, Aleigh Strickler and Ellie Spencer.

Fourth grade
Kelli Gabardi, Jessica Garcia, Brianda Sanchez, Mollie Bourmer, Emily Hosman, Cader Owen, George Thornborrow, Jim

Martinez, J.D. Leckenby, Levi Golden, Eddie Gonzalez, Jacob Juker and Riley Cooper.

Third grade
Evan Wray, Scott Harris, Sandra Garabaldi, Trevor Zebarth

Second grade
Kendyl Hamilton
First grade

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lincoln County Fair takes grand marshal nominations

SHOSHONE - The Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Board is taking nominations for grand marshal for the year 2002 fair and rodeo.

The nominations must come from the Richfield area.

Please submit nominations to Box 608, Shoshone, ID 83352 or they can be left at the Lincoln County Extension Office, 115 W. A. St., Shoshone no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Duplicate Bridge club announces weekly winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the winners for Jan. 18.

Winners for north/south were: first place, Riley Burton and Marilyn Nesbitt; second place, Lisa Hylton and Bud Povey; and third place, Doris Watts and Bev Clark.

Winners for east/west were: first place, Don and Lorna Bard; second place, Ray Grimes and Jeanne McCombs; and third place, Marge Pierson and Mary

Jean Simis. Refreshments were served.

Max Thompson is holding free bridge lessons at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

For more information, call 788-5493.

Cassia Regional offers breast-feeding classes

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering breast-feeding classes from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the board room.

The class will discuss the advantages, physiology of breast-feeding and common problems and solutions of breast-feeding. Classes will be taught by a certified lactation educator. Bring a doll or stuffed animal.

For registration information, call 677-6500. The class, including several other childbirth classes is \$20.

DeMary Memorial Library will open with volunteers

RUFERT - DeMary Memorial Library will open from 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays if enough volunteers

are found to help. Anyone interested in helping should call 436-3874.

Burley Public Library Board of Trustees meets

BURLEY - The Burley Public Library board of trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the library, 1300 Miller Ave., Burley. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday. The public is welcome.

Twin Falls High School class of 1957 plans reunion

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School class of 1957 will hold a reunion meeting to plan their 45th class reunion at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Lewis Sanborn, 632 Ridgeway Drive, Twin Falls.

For more information, call Sanborn at 734-2612, Bill Durbin at 734-2836 or Joan Leir at 733-5024.

Twin Falls Parks schedules Cabin Fever events

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation

Department will present its second annual Cabin Fever Day Saturday.

A variety of activities will be available for all ages. A complete listing of participating businesses and the activities offered will be listed in the Cabin Fever Day guide.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation office at 735-2265 or stop by the main office at 136 Maxwell Ave., Twin Falls.

WR Medical Center talk focuses on technology

KETCHUM - St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center will offer a brown bag talk on the "state of the art technology at St. Luke's" from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday in the Baldy Conference room.

Participants are encouraged to bring dinner to the talk. The talk is free.

Martial arts business offers free open house classes

TWIN FALLS - Diversified Martial Arts will offer a series of

open house classes free to the public Saturday as part of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation District Cabin Fever Day.

Children's classes will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. with adult

classes at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Diversified Martial Arts is located at 1300 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

For more information, call 733-8910.

HEALTH SHORTS

Obesity Growing Worldwide

Obesity has become an epidemic, not only in the United States but in every continent of the world. China, with the lowest rate of obesity in the world (2% of men and 6% of women) has witnessed a dramatic increase in the number of overweight persons in the past decade.

In developing countries, obesity is often associated with affluence and Western influences; in developed countries it is more likely to occur among poor people who have

less opportunity to exercise and choose high-quality foods. **Low-Fat Diet Requires Commitment**

Following a reduced-fat diet reduced the risk of having a heart attack or stroke by as much as 16%, according to a meta-analysis of 27 randomized, controlled studies. But the benefits generally surfaced only for those following the reduced-fat regimen for two years or more.

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Who gets the dog in a divorce?

The Gazette

Mom and dad are splitville. Their D.I.V.O.R.C.E. is in the works and they have agreed on everything but who will care for the "children," Fluffy and Fido.

Given the trend in recent years, it's a good bet that this custody battle will end up being resolved by the courts.

Although pets are generally considered "property" under most state laws — like furniture, cars and houses — they seldom are viewed that way by their owners.

People who develop deep emotional attachments to their pets aren't willing to let them go without a fight. Just a few examples:

In November, a judge awarded a Memphis, Tenn., couple joint custody of a pair of golden retrievers after a lengthy and contentious hearing over their fate.

The judge set up a visitation schedule with a weekly exchange made through a neutral third party — in this case, a kennel. One "parent" drops the two canines off and they are picked up by the other custodian.

A few years ago in Colorado Springs, a local judge ruled on a request for \$40 a month in pet support. The judge granted the request on the basis that the children were attached to the dog, upset over the divorce and needed the pet's continuous companionship for security and comfort.

The National Enquirer picked up the story and dubbed it "dogimony."

A Kentucky woman was

jailed after trying to petnap and hide the cats, dogs and rabbit that were the subjects of a bitter divorce court battle between her and her husband.

The tug of war over pets in divorce cases has become so commonplace that a Virginia woman, Jennifer Kidwell, launched the PetCustody.com Web site last May to provide legal forms covering guardianship, separation/divorce, visitation, and pre-nuptial agreements involving pets.

And in Switzerland, referendums have been proposed to give pets similar legal rights to those of children; custody would be awarded based on their best interests.

Although these cases might seem slightly humorous and trivial to some people, it underscores the strength of the human-animal bond. "Pets are, for many, really viewed as members of the family and at times, the easiest one to get along with," says Alan Beck, director of the Center for the Human-Animal Bond at Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine.

"If possessions or children can be a source of dispute in divorces, it stands to reason that pets can be also."

Kidwell's idea for a Web site arose from her own three-year legal battle with her ex-husband over custody of their dog, Sabie. "I went through five different attorneys because they all wanted to argue that a pet was property. I just didn't feel that way," Kidwell says.

She ended up granting her former husband visitation rights under a strict agreement that

outlined specifics, from veterinary care and medications to daily feeding.

"He simply would not grant a divorce without visitation," she says.

In the end, Kidwell spent nearly \$20,000 in legal fees, and decided it was time to help other people in her situation. She started her Web site to help other divorcing pet owners by providing generic legal forms that can ease the tension.

"There are really no resources out there for people who do not view pets as property," she said.

Kidwell also is revamping the site to include more case studies and address specific issues that have come up in the calls and e-mails she receives.

It's not always the humans who suffer emotional trauma during a divorce. Pets can feel the stress as well.

"Thus, Fido may not have the cognitive development to think painful thoughts about his warring owners. And... even the messiest divorce will not cripple a dog's ability to establish healthy romantic relationships later in life," says Jorie Green Mark, managing editor of VetCentric, an online pet care service.

However, Mark says, animal behaviorists warn that pets may be highly stressed by the discord between owners and in extreme cases, stress can affect their health and behavior. Pets can suffer from a loss of appetite, have more "accidents" on the rug, become nervous and irritable, and start chewing on the furniture or knickknacks.

WEDDINGS

RIETKERK-ROE

WENDELL — Erin Rietkerk and Skeeter Roe were married Oct. 13, 2001, at the New Life Community Church in Wendell. Officiating was Pastor Vic Folkert. Carole Koopman was the organist, and Shari and Amanda Bar were the pianists. Tery Mode and Sharon Bokma were the soloists.

The bride is the daughter of John and Rhonda Rietkerk of Wendell.

Parents of the bridegroom are Jay T. Roe of Wendell and Laura Stutzman of Twin Falls. Lisa Bates, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Bridesmaids included Casey Egbert and Kathy Rex, friends of the bride, and Johanna Bokma, cousin of the bride. Hunter, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.



Erin and Skeeter Roe

Chip Craig, cousin of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Jeremy Craig and Kasie Roe, cousins of the groom, and Chad Muir, friend of the groom. Ushers were Ryan and Nolan

Rietkerk, brothers of the bride, Cody Craig, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer. Special guests were Louis and Carolyn Koopman of Hagerman and Henry and Cleo Rietkerk of Wendell, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Helen Bray of Kuna and Donna Roe of Wendell.

A reception was held at the Turf Club following the ceremony.

Sandi Craig, cousin of the groom, attended the guest book. The bride graduated from Wendell High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University. She is employed at New Life Preschool in Wendell.

The bridegroom graduated from Wendell High School and attended CSI. He is employed at Longview Fibre in Twin Falls. The newlyweds reside in Wendell.

KLAAS-MCCOLLUM

JEROME — Sue Klaas and Ernest McCollum were married Nov. 4, 2001, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Jerome. Pastor Gene Kissinger officiated the ceremony.

Sarah Bartlett, granddaughter of the bride, was maid of honor and pianist. John McCollum, brother of the groom, was best man. Sandy Kissinger, soloist, sang "Grow Old With Me." Immediate family attended the ceremony.

The couple resides in Jerome.



Sue and Ernest McCollum

Enter the T-N Valentine's Day love 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 anyone is welcome to participate. Send your entries Love Lines, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, fax them to (208) 734-5538, or e-mail them to crump@magicalvalley.com.

The winner will receive a copy of Shakespeare's Sonnets. The runner-up will receive a copy of 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

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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 a tight ball to win. Just render, funny, rueful or touching. For further information, call Features Editor Steve Crump at 735-3223.

-ENGAGEMENT-



Jessica Pope and Lorin Robbins

TWIN FALLS — Dan and Diana Pope of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Rae Pope, to Lorin Curtis Robbins, son of Randy and Linda Robbins of Kimberly.

Pope is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Smith's Food and Drug Center in Twin Falls.

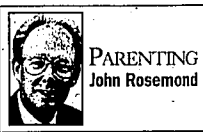
Robbins is a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School. He is employed at a furniture store at the College of Southern Idaho and is majoring in computer graphic design. The wedding is planned for Aug. 10.

Toddler probably won't remember event

Q. At 23 months (four months ago), our daughter had an experience that was, by adult standards, "traumatic." Without going into detail, it was a one-time experience that has little chance of recurring. She seemed to rebound rather quickly, and there is no indication she was adversely affected. She acts like a normal toddler. She's loving and cuddly, curious, throws an occasional tantrum, and has recently started testing us in clever ways. Nonetheless, we wonder whether she's likely to remember the experience later and if so, when. If so, are there things we can or should be doing to prevent that, or minimize its impact?

A. The issue of the age at which the brain begins storing permanent memories has been one of the most hotly debated topics in psychology in recent years. On one side of this now-waning debate are professionals who believe it's possible for people to recover memories of events that occurred as early as infancy. On the other are those who are convinced that long-term memory does not typically "activate" until around age 3.

In the final analysis, the dispute is in the case with strong contradictory evidence in the field of psychology — is one of speculation vs. good science. Evidence that long-term memories form before age 3 (or thereabouts) comes primarily from people who claim to have remembered such early events. In most cases, however, corroboration of these memories has been conspicuously lacking. The best that can be said for such a theory is that while a small minority of people might have retained memory of an isolated event that



PARENTING
John Rosemond

occurred during infancy/toddlerhood, there is no compelling objective evidence that such ability is widespread.

Nor is there compelling scientific evidence that ostensibly traumatic experiences during infancy or toddlerhood are more likely than everyday events to result in long-term memories. More likely is that an individual might later remember some dramatic event that was common during his or her early years (for example, daily fistfights between his parents). But again, while a significant number of professionals believe this, objective evidence is lacking.

Among the most respected researchers in this field are psychologists Elizabeth Loftus and Ulrich Neisser, both of whom epitomize the scientific point of view. In this book, *Fast Remembrances*, Neisser discusses a landmark study that found that permanent memory of an especially dramatic/traumatic event before age 3 was extremely unlikely. The researchers concluded that language ability determines memory storage. In other words, until a child can adequately describe an event, memory of the event will be unstable at best.

In experimental studies, Loftus has shown that human memory is both fallible and mutable. Concerning human "memories," she states, "What we think we

know, what we believe with all of our hearts, is not necessarily the truth." In other words, an event that someone "remembers" happening during his/her childhood might have never actually happened.

Given the best scientific evidence, it is reasonable to conclude that since the event in your daughter's life occurred well before her third birthday and was isolated, there is little if any possibility that she will be able to reconstruct a memory of it later. If, however, the event comes up fairly often in family discussion, it will take on increasing vividness in your daughter's mind. In that case, she may eventually become convinced that she does, indeed, "remember" it.

In short, if the experience seems to have come and gone without a trace, then it's probably best for all concerned to let this apparently sleeping dog lie. If, however, it later becomes obvious that some aspect of your daughter's behavior reflects the event in question, it would be definitely appropriate for you to seek professional advice. Cross that bridge when you come to it.

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BROWN-MCNEILL

BURLEY — Julia Brown and Newt McNeill were married Jan. 26 in the Logan LDS Temple.

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Begin planning now for long-term care later

Q. I am 57 years of age, my wife is 54, and our children are grown. Our parents are in their early-80s. Although we are all in good health, due to terrible problems encountered by some people with whom we attend church, we have begun talking with our parents about the need to plan for their future health and long-term care. Are we too late?

A. You are not too late to begin the planning process for either your parents or yourselves, but are none too early either.

Assuming you subscribe to the view that planning should begin while folks have the greatest number of options available, then the health care and long-term care planning process should start as early as possible - especially if: 1) you are over age 40; 2) you have parents who are age 62 or older; 3) you live in one of the 29 states that makes children responsible



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for their parents' medical care; 4) you have a disabled child; 5) you are divorcing; 6) you are divorced and are paying long-term support to a former spouse; 7) you are over age 45 and are remarrying; or 8) you have a history of Alzheimer's Disease, stroke, or other chronic illness in your family.

What should you do? Understand that the only ways to

pay for long-term care are 1) from your own income and assets, 2) long-term care insurance, or 3) Medicaid after you have become impoverished. Understand that if you remarry and have a premarital agreement that says you are not responsible for your spouse's obligations, this agreement is not binding on third persons - meaning that if your spouse enters a nursing home, your assets can be tapped for this care.

You and your family members should seek the advice of a qualified attorney in your state who can explain to you the rules in your state.

At a minimum, you, your wife, and your parents should sign appropriate durable powers of attorney, durable health care powers of attorney, and wills that are designed for your specific circumstances. We do not suggest that you rely on forms, books, kits, or

computer programs when preparing documents that are this important. And, lastly, we suggest that you look into long-term care insurance as a way to either fully or partially fund long-term care. While it may be too expensive or unavailable for your parents, you and your wife should definitely examine this option.

A word about family responsibility for paying for long-term care: Federal Medicaid law does not allow states to consider income or assets of non-spouses in making a determination of an adult's eligibility for Medicaid. Federal Medicaid law does not allow states to seek reimbursement from any relative of the Medicaid recipient for the sums paid by Medicaid for services provided to that person. This means that the adult children of an elderly person have no obligation to either provide financial support

for a parent who is eligible for Medicaid, or to reimburse the state for its Medicaid payments on behalf of that parent.

However, Medicaid law has nothing to do with the laws of 29 states that impose on all adult children the obligation to support indigent parents who do not qualify for Medicaid. More on this at the "resources" section of

<http://www.nextsteps.net/> Use "family responsibility" when searching.

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The disease is called the "sneak thief of sight" because it strikes without obvious symptoms. Therefore, the person with glaucoma is usually unaware of it until serious loss of vision has occurred. In fact, half of those suffering damage from glaucoma do not know it. Currently, damage from glaucoma cannot be reversed. Research funded by The Glaucoma Foundation seeks to find a cure.

Who is at risk for glaucoma?

Everyone should be concerned about glaucoma and its effects. It is important for each of us, from infants to senior citizens, to have our eyes checked regularly, because early detection and treatment of glaucoma are the only ways to prevent vision impairment and blindness. There are a few conditions related to this disease which tend to put some people at greater risk. This may apply to you if:

- you are over 45 and have not had your eyes examined regularly
- someone in your family has a history of glaucoma
- you have abnormally high intraocular pressure
- you are of African descent
- you have diabetes
- myopia (nearsighted)
- regular, long-term steroid/cortisone use
- previous eye injury

In angle-closure glaucoma, intraocular pressure (IOP) can increase suddenly, causing an angle-closure (acute glaucoma) attack. This attack can occur within a matter of hours and become very painful. Possible indications include:

- intense pain, which may result in nausea and vomiting
- red eye(s)
- swollen or cloudy cornea(s)
- halos around lights (rainbow-colored rings around lights)
- recurrent blurry vision
- morning headaches
- pain around your eyes after watching TV or leaving a dark theater

Please consult the chart below to determine how often you should visit your eye doctor for a comprehensive glaucoma examination. This chart is based upon age and whether or not you have any characteristics (as listed above) that place you at greater risk of developing glaucoma.

| | If you have no risk factors for glaucoma | If you have risk factors for glaucoma |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Under 45 yrs. old | Every 4 years | Every 2 years |
| 45 yrs & older | Every 2 years | Every year |

How do I find out if I have glaucoma?

Your eye doctor can perform a series of simple tests which will help to determine whether or not you have glaucoma or are especially likely to develop the disease - even before you have any symptoms.

How do I minimize the risk of getting glaucoma?

The most important thing you can do to protect your vision from glaucoma is to have regular eye exams. If your eye doctor finds that you have the disease or that you are at risk for the disease, he or she can recommend treatment to minimize the risks or the effects of the disease.

Source: **The Glaucoma Foundation**
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- 2 tbs Italian-style bread crumbs
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- 1/2 tsp dried oregano leaves
- 1 tbs lemon juice
- 1 small garlic, minced
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breast halves

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Line cookie sheet with foil and spray foil with nonstick cooking spray.

In shallow dish, combine bread crumbs, cheese and oregano; mix well. In small cup, combine lemon juice and garlic. Brush both sides of chicken with lemon juice mixture and coat with bread crumb mixture. Place on sprayed, foil-lined cookie sheet. Lightly spray chicken with cooking spray. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes until juices run clear.

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