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Victims of age



Stephen Preckel, 43, and Stephanie Mitchell, 40, were both charged with abandonment of a vulnerable adult after the body of their mother, 66-year-old Phillis Jones, was found in her Jerome home. Preckel was also charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Experts say abuse of elderly is growing problem

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For some, the "golden years" are a happy time - a time to travel, play some golf and spoil the grandkids. But the golden years aren't so golden for others. Without resources and people looking out for them, senior citizens can be vulnerable to illness, injury and even abuse, usually by the people they hold most dear - their own families. The issue of elderly abuse

Help for caregivers - E1

Recently made headlines after two siblings were charged in connection with their mother's death. The body of 66-year-old Phillis Jones was found in her Jerome home in December. A window was open, the heat had been turned off, and her phone had been disconnected, officials say. An autopsy showed Jones had probably died of an overdose of a prescription pain killer. Stephen Preckel, 43, and

Stephanie Mitchell, 40, have been charged with abandonment of a vulnerable adult. Preckel was also charged with involuntary manslaughter. Preliminary hearings are scheduled Wednesday. Could someone have stepped in to help Jones? Was anyone else aware something was wrong? Those questions are yet to be answered. There are a number of services to help senior citizens, but not all seniors are aware of them. And even if they are aware of them,

they might have trouble accessing them. Jones' phone had been disconnected, officials say. There was no way to call for help. And as the senior population grows, so will the need for services. According to the Idaho Commission on Aging, 16 percent of Idaho's residents are age 60 and over, and the number of senior citizens is growing five times faster than other segments of the population. Baby boomers are graying, and by the time 2020

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Victims left behind dizzying array of family ties

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - From among the roughly 3,000 victims of Sept. 11, at least one had two wives, some were married, but had children out of wedlock, while many were divorced and remarried. Others, heterosexual and gay, lived with long-term partners now in legal limbo.

While the varied family structures reflect the remarkable diversity of American society, they also are creating plenty of complications for lawyers sifting through claims for compensation and inheritances.

"These relationships are not trivial, they're not worth less than those of married couples," said attorney Helen MacFarlane. She represents an unmarried woman who fears being excluded from federal compensation, even though she lived with the father of their two sons for a decade.

"The fund should recognize people who had long-term relationships, emotionally and finan-



Marilyn Carver, right, looks at her sons, Julian, center, and Jason. Carver's common-law husband, Pedro Chico, whose photograph is seen in the background, died in the Sept. 11 attacks, and the family may not qualify for the federal victim's fund because common-law marriages are not legal in New York State.

cially, and who suffered massive loss," MacFarlane said. "Our compassion should not be limited

by some of the more narrow views that we have held historically."

Peacekeepers face gunfire - A3

Attorney Bill Mauk of Boise, Idaho, is helping coordinate hundreds of families' requests for legal aid during a four-month, volunteer stay in New York on behalf of the state and national trial lawyers associations.

"The stereotype of a traditional family with a surviving spouse and a couple of kids is probably the exception rather than the rule," he said.

That multiplicity of family forms, including domestic partnerships, is complicating the task of Kenneth Feinberg, who oversees the Federal Victim Compensation Fund and is working on criteria for handling claims.

"I am struck, in meeting with families, by the concept of the extended nuclear family - children by multiple spouses, aunts

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Living with wolves

Legislators may act on state wolf plan

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - From a distance, outfitter George Peter studied a magnificent black wolf as it struggled in a trap set by federal officials.

"In one sense, I was in awe," Peter said. "And in another I was looking at what could put me out of business."

It was June 2000, and Peter was in the backcountry north of Fairfield. The animal had a collar so the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service could track it. Officials had trapped it to relocate it, but Peter later heard that they eventually had to shoot it. The current plan is to control its appetite for domestic livestock.

Ironically, the same agency that reintroduced the animal into Idaho was forced to kill it. In 1995



Wolf hearing

What: Legislative hearing on Idaho wolf plan.
When: Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Fourth floor Gold Room, State Capitol, Boise.
Conducted by: Senate Resources and Environment Committee

Endangered Species Act, 15 wolves were released into the central mountains of the state. The species has reproduced much better than anticipated. At present, 261 are accounted for. Scientists in charge of the wolf recovery project insist that number is fairly accurate, in spite of critics, estimates that the number is more like 400 to 500.

There are lots of critics. In fact, the issue seems to be gaining emotional and political momentum. As the number of wolves reaches the level needed to remove the animal from federal protection, Idaho lawmakers are getting a look at a state plan to guide management of wolves after they're "delisted." It has provided an opportunity for anti-wolf forces to make their case once again.

That surprises Curt Mack, who is in Bush's second year as expert. He works for the Nez Perce Tribe as a recovery coordinator. Because the state originally refused to work with the federal government in wolf recovery, the Nez Perce stepped up.

Mack said he understands why certain groups are stridently against wolves in the state, but he said the animals are here to stay.

It may have been unjust, it may have been unfair to force the issue onto the state of Idaho," he said, "but it's too late to worry about that now. We all have to work together to delist the wolf. It's in all of our best interests."

Though there are those who would challenge the constitution-

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HOLDING STEADY



Norway's Ole Eiler Hovestrand shoots during the men's 12.5-kilometer biathlon pursuit at the Winter Olympics at Soldier Hollow in Midway, Utah. For more Olympic coverage, please visit www.olympic.com.

Bush pushes fight against terror

President heads to Asia

The Associated Press

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska - In a star-spangled sendoff, President Bush told hundreds of fatigue-clad U.S. soldiers Saturday that "America will not blink" from the fight against terrorism and Osama bin Laden. He vowed to bring that message to Asia.

Amid cheers of "USA! USA!," the commander in chief made a quick refueling stop at this snowy Air Force base to rally U.S. troops and raise \$400,000 for the Alaska Republican Party. He was leaving from here for a three-nation Asian trip that ends Friday.

In a cavernous fighter jet hangar, Bush pledged to tell his global counterparts, "Either you stand with us or you're against us. Either you stand for freedom or you stand for tyranny. And the good news is many

nations have heard that message."

An American flag hung behind Bush. A fighter jet was parked nearby, next to a hand-painted sign that read, "God Bless America." Getting in the snowy spirit of things, Bush briefly donned a fur-lined parka.

Japan, South Korea and China - the stops in Bush's seven-day trip - all support his war on terrorism to different extents. But with the battle in Afghanistan yielding successes, Bush is starting to brace the American public and world leaders for a lengthy war against terrorists across the globe.

"This cause is more than just an individual," Bush told the self-dubbed Arctic Warriors. "Oh, I know sometimes the president on the airwaves like to say, 'Well, Osama bin Laden is hiding here and he's hiding there.' But this cause is much bigger than a single person. This is about fighting terror wherever it hides. This is about defending America and our friends and allies."

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Two Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	39/17
Normal high/low	42/24
Record high/low	49/16
Normal year to date	42°
Record year to date (Oct. 1)	51°
Record low (V. H. 1963)	1°

Precipitation

24 hours ending 6 p.m. year	0.00"
Month to date	0.14"
Normal month to date	0.53"
Water year to date (Oct. 1)	3.89"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1)	4.57"

Humidity

Yesterday at noon	96%
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.	30.01 in.

Pollen activity in Twin Falls

Grass	Absent
Weeds	Low
Mold	Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy, a p.m. shower possible	Light shower or flurry	Windy with some sunshine returning	Becoming cloudy with a few showers	Partly sunny and windy	Partly to mostly sunny
▲ 42°	▼ 25°	▲ 40° ▼ 26°	▲ 44° ▼ 30°	▲ 48° ▼ 30°	▲ 52° ▼ 32°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mostly cloudy today with a couple of showers of rain and snow; snow levels generally will be above 4,000 feet. Highs from the 30s in the mountains to the 40s in the valleys of the west.

Boise: Clouds most of today along with the chance for an afternoon shower. High 44. Partly cloudy tonight with the chance for a rain or snow shower. Low 28. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow. High 48.

Northern Nevada: Mostly cloudy with a few rain and snow showers today. Highs from the 30s in the northeast to the 40s elsewhere. Mostly cloudy tonight; there still could be a rain or snow shower, especially early.

Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy and turning windy today; a couple of showers or rain and snow in the valleys and snow in the mountains. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the 40s in the valleys.

Northern Idaho: Clouds and no more than occasional sunshine today. Highs from the 30s in the mountains to near 50 in a few of the lowest valleys. Mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of rain and snow showers.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states): High 85° in Coolidge, AZ Low -25° in West Yellowstone, MT

NATIONAL WEATHER



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

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Calgary	16 L 20 W	16 L 20 W
Edmonton	16 L 20 W	16 L 20 W
Regina	16 L 20 W	16 L 20 W
Saskatoon	16 L 20 W	16 L 20 W
Toronto	23 L 24 W	23 L 24 W
Vancouver	46 L 48 W	46 L 48 W
Victoria	44 L 46 W	44 L 46 W
Winnipeg	24 L 26 W	24 L 26 W

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Athens	58 L 60 W	58 L 60 W
Bangkok	82 L 84 W	82 L 84 W
Beijing	46 L 48 W	46 L 48 W
Berlin	48 L 50 W	48 L 50 W
Buenos Aires	66 L 68 W	66 L 68 W
Chicago	72 L 74 W	72 L 74 W
Hong Kong	72 L 74 W	72 L 74 W
London	50 L 52 W	50 L 52 W
Los Angeles	74 L 76 W	74 L 76 W
Moscow	60 L 62 W	60 L 62 W
Paris	43 L 45 W	43 L 45 W
Rio de Janeiro	78 L 80 W	78 L 80 W
Sydney	47 L 49 W	47 L 49 W
Tokyo	64 L 66 W	64 L 66 W
Warsaw	47 L 49 W	47 L 49 W
Zurich	44 L 46 W	44 L 46 W

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 6:12 p.m.
Moonrise today: 10:13 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 11:33 p.m.

UV INDEX TODAY

0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-8, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Atlanta	58 L 60 W	58 L 60 W
Baltimore	52 L 54 W	52 L 54 W
Birmingham	65 L 67 W	65 L 67 W
Boise	39 L 41 W	39 L 41 W
Charlotte, NC	63 L 65 W	63 L 65 W
Chicago	36 L 38 W	36 L 38 W
Cleveland	32 L 34 W	32 L 34 W
Denver	22 L 24 W	22 L 24 W
Des Moines	44 L 46 W	44 L 46 W
El Paso	32 L 34 W	32 L 34 W
Falmouth	10 L 12 W	10 L 12 W
Fort Worth	63 L 65 W	63 L 65 W
Houston	68 L 70 W	68 L 70 W
Indianapolis	37 L 39 W	37 L 39 W
Jacksonville	62 L 64 W	62 L 64 W
Kansas City	54 L 56 W	54 L 56 W
Las Vegas	63 L 65 W	63 L 65 W
Little Rock	60 L 62 W	60 L 62 W
Los Angeles	61 L 63 W	61 L 63 W

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Boise	36 L 38 W	36 L 38 W
Bonnerville	42 L 44 W	42 L 44 W
Coeur d'Alene	36 L 38 W	36 L 38 W
Elko	36 L 38 W	36 L 38 W
Eugene, OR	50 L 52 W	50 L 52 W
Hagerman	41 L 43 W	41 L 43 W
Idaho Falls	36 L 38 W	36 L 38 W
Kalispell, MT	40 L 42 W	40 L 42 W
Lewiston	44 L 46 W	44 L 46 W
Malden	37 L 39 W	37 L 39 W
Malta	43 L 45 W	43 L 45 W

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Abuse

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rolls around, 25 percent of Idahoans, along with the rest of the nation, will be age 60 and over.

A prevalent problem

There are three basic categories of elder abuse — domestic elder abuse, institutional elder abuse and self-neglect, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse in Washington, D.C. Types of abuse include physical, emotional, sexual, neglect, abandonment and financial or material exploitation.

Incidents of abuse are increasing at an alarming rate, according to the Idaho Commission on Aging, with more than 36 million cases reported each year in the United States.

Nancy Killinger, adult protection supervisor for the Region IV Office on Aging, said her office receives about 50 calls a month regarding neglect, abuse or material exploitation of vulnerable adults. Region IV serves Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia, Minidoka, Lincoln, Gooding, Blaine and Camas counties.

Killinger said those calls come from a number of sources, including concerned family members, friends, neighbors, churches and utility companies.

"They can't always provide for themselves," Killinger said. "They're very trusting. The world is changing out there, and I don't think the elderly are aware of the crime. Things aren't the same way they were when they were young."

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said his office

hasn't seen a lot of elderly abuse cases, but it has seen some. He said they're some of the most difficult cases to prosecute.

"They don't want to charge anyone because it's their daughter or their son or their grandson," Loebis said. "They don't want to get them in trouble. Without a witness, I can't even prosecute if I want to. If we have a witness, we'll prosecute every time."

He said elderly people are particularly vulnerable because not only are they often physically frail, but many of them have diminished mental capacity as well.

"Someone raids their bank accounts and steals all their money because they aren't as alert as they used to be," Loebis said.

And even when they do realize what's happening, they often keep quiet.

"They're the perfect victim, because they don't want to get their relatives in trouble," Loebis said. "They have more compassion for the people victimizing them than the people victimizing them have for them. They're emotionally torn."

Killinger said some of the warning signs of abuse include bruising, unexplained marks, frequent crying, insomnia, and inadequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care. She said people who suspect neglect or abuse should immediately call the police or the adult protection hot line at 734-0353.

Not just a family affair

Killinger said it's not always family members who are the abusers. Abusers can also be acquaintances or total strangers.

But when it comes to family members, she said the No. 1 cause of elderly abuse is caregiver burnout.

"When you take care of someone 24 hours a day, seven days a week and you never get out of the house, not even to go to the grocery store alone, there's going to be burnout," Killinger said. "They get tired, and the tension is high. People aren't always aware there are services out there to help relieve the stress."

Killinger and other adult protection workers are trying to do something about that.

"I do a lot of inservices and public speaking, and I find that when I talk about it, people recognize it more," Killinger said. "Because we're becoming more aware, we're getting more reports."

And help is out there.

"The Office on Aging has all kinds of services for people over 60," Killinger said.

In addition to adult protection, the Office on Aging offers a number of services to improve the quality of life of people age 60 and over.

There are volunteers to visit, help with shopping and household repairs and give caregivers a break. There's help with transportation. There are home-delivered meals for homebound seniors and group meals at local senior centers.

There are people to help seniors navigate their way through the complicated maze of Medicare. And if the Office on Aging doesn't have just the right program, it knows of another organization that does. Those interested in programs to help seniors can call the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Help for seniors

The local Office on Aging center is located at 998 N. Washington on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

If you are a victim of abuse, or know of someone who might be abused, call the Adult Protection Hotline at 734-0353. For other services, call the Office on Aging in Twin Falls at 736-2122 or the Bureau Office at 677-6872.

Programs offered through the Office on Aging:

- Adult protection**
 - Workers provide specialized services to help seniors and vulnerable adults 18 and over in protecting themselves from abuse, neglect or exploitation.
- Information and assistance**
 - A clearinghouse for resources for senior citizens and their family members. If you need resources and you don't know where to start looking, these people can help you.
- Legal assistance**
 - Provides older people with access to legal advice and counseling or representation by attorneys.
- Outreach**
 - Identifies older people in the community who are in need of services and benefits.
 - Workers make home visits and assess a potential client's needs and circumstances.
 - Provides information about programs to help seniors and can make referrals to service providers. If you know someone who needs help, call.
- Transportation**
 - Gives seniors rides to and from senior meals program sites, medical appointments and other necessary destinations.
- Case management**
 - Serves frail individuals who have multiple needs and require assistance to access available programs and services.
- Generation Motivation**
 - Pairs up senior volunteer mentors with young people who are at risk of dropping out of school. Seniors share their experiences and guidance with the young people while they learn social and professional skills for future success.
- Other worker programs**
 - The Idaho Senior Community Service Employment Program helps low-income adults 55 and older gain part-time paid work experience and provides opportunities to obtain unsubsidized jobs in private industry or the private sector.
 - The Older Worker Workforce Investment Act Demonstration Project helps older individuals obtain the information and training they need to successfully compete for jobs and help them achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. For more information, call 735-2026 or 735-2037.
- Telephone reassurance**
 - Volunteers regularly call to check on the well-being of seniors participating in the program.
- Shopping assistance**
 - Volunteers accompany and assist frail or disabled older individuals to buy food, clothing or other necessary items.
 - Volunteers shop for homebound seniors.
- Health promotion**
 - Provides regular exercise opportunities for seniors.
 - Conducts health screenings at senior centers and other convenient locations.
- Friendly visiting**
 - Volunteers regularly visit homebound elderly to read to them or just to talk.

Government may OK new cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — From cereal to corn chips, Americans consume a variety of products made from genetically engineered crops. They can soon add cigarettes to the list — new cigarettes are due this spring with tobacco genetically altered to be very low in nicotine.

As the Agriculture Department study confirmed the low levels of nicotine, the chemical that gets smokers hooked, in the blonch tobacco and found that the crop poses little risk to the environment.

Tobacco from crops grown in department-supervised test plots last summer is going into the cigarettes made by Vector Group.

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Daniel Walock, circulation director

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RUBBLE REMAINS



New York firefighters gather in an area where one of the cars from a Path train, top center, remains buried under tons of concrete at the site of the World Trade Center disaster Saturday.

British peacekeepers face gunfire

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Peacekeepers in the Afghan capital came under fire for the first time Saturday, their commander said. Interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, speaking at the grave of a slain government minister, prayed for an end to "the culture of the knife and the gun."

The six British peacekeepers returned first-aid-then-observation post was shot at early Saturday, the commander said. Later, a patrol found one person dead in a nearby house, he said.

Also, a group of Afghan civilians in Kabul reported they were shot at about 1 a.m. Saturday near a peacekeepers' post as they were trying to drive a pregnant woman to the hospital. A 19-year-old man was killed.

It was not immediately clear if the two incidents were linked, or if the two posts were the same.

The shooting was the latest in

Incident is first such attack in Afghan capital

violence this week that has raised security worries in the capital, which has been calm since Karzai's government was inaugurated in December.

On Thursday, a Cabinet minister was killed in an attack at Kabul's airport. Karzai blamed a conspiracy within his own government. On Friday, more than 50 people were hurt in a club-swinging melee outside a soccer match organized by the peacekeepers.

At Saturday's funeral for Abdul Rahman, the slain minister of aviation and tourism, Karzai called for an end to "the culture of the knife and the gun" in Afghanistan.

The investigation was also continuing into the death of Rahman, the Interior Ministry said, but no new arrests were made Saturday. Three men were in custody and three high-ranking government officials who apparently escaped to Saudi Arabia were being sought.

Witnesses and official accounts initially said Muslim pilgrims stormed Rahman's plane, furious he was intending to use Ariana's sole Boeing 727 for an official trip to New Delhi while they waited for flights to Saudi Arabia for the annual hajj pilgrimage to Mecca.

But Karzai said the killing had "nothing to do" with the pilgrims, and that the conspirators killed Rahman because of a years-old factional feud. He did not make clear, however, whether the alleged plotters stirred up the crowd to kill him or used the melee as a cover for their own attack.

Explosion highlights danger for U.S. troops

TABIAWAN, Philippines (AP) - Grenade blasts ripped through a market and a movie theater in the southern Philippines on Saturday, killing at least five people as more U.S. troops arrived under tight security to join a growing American force on a new front in the campaign against terrorism.

The blasts - one a few miles from a base where U.S. military personnel are staying - underscored dangers they could face while advising and training Philippine troops fighting the Abu Sayyaf, a Muslim rebel group U.S. officials say has been linked with al-Qaida.

Two C-130 transport planes with 30 to 40 special forces troops aboard flew in from Okinawa, Japan, the second landing on a darkened runway in Zamboanga city with its lights extinguished. It was unloaded with the engines running and then took off again.

The soldiers are joining 250 Americans already in Zamboanga for a six-month exercise focusing on Basilan, an island about 20 miles south of Zamboanga where the guerrillas have been holding an American missionary couple captive for months.

The U.S. contingent is to grow to 660 in the coming weeks, including about 160 special forces troops who are the only American personnel allowed to travel to Basilan. An advance team flew to the island Saturday to get set up at a Philippine army camp.

Philippine officials said they suspected the Abu Sayyaf but that the blasts would not affect the exercise.

Military officials said the American troops, who are permitted to use their weapons only in self-defense, are prepared to handle threats from the Abu Sayyaf as they boost their presence on Basilan.

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FBI: Jordanian failed polygraph test

NEW YORK (AP) - An FBI agent testified Saturday that a Jordanian student with alleged links to two of the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers was deceptive during a polygraph examination that was given before his arrest.

Osama Awadallah voluntarily took the polygraph test while being questioned by FBI agents over a two-day period in September, agent Frank Teixeira said in federal court.

He stated that he was quite certain that he would pass the polygraph, Teixeira said.

But Awadallah's answers about whether he had any knowledge of people planning to

commit acts against the United States, or whether he had any knowledge about anyone planning the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, led agents to believe there were "inconsistencies and discrepancies" in Awadallah's story, Teixeira said.

Also Saturday, FBI polygrapher J. Antonio Falcon said the results of Awadallah's polygraph examination "appeared to be consistent with deception."

Falcon said he administered the polygraph to Awadallah, who had read and signed a release for the examination and a list of his Miranda rights.

The tone of the FBI's interactions with Awadallah turned

from cooperative to combative after the polygraph examination, Falcon said.

The testimony came on the second day of a hearing on whether evidence against Awadallah should be thrown out.

Awadallah, 21, a student at Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif., is charged with twice lying to a grand jury in New York. If convicted, he could get 10 years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin ordered the evidentiary hearing after suggesting last month that Awadallah "may have been the victim of coercion and intimidation."

Conditions are right for El Nino

BOSTON (AP) - Higher than normal water temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific suggest that an El Nino weather pattern may be forming, meteorologists said Saturday, but its development is far from a sure thing.

"The essential preconditions are the thing that we have," meteorologist Stephen Zebiak said at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. "They're set for an El Nino to unfold, but they are not sufficient."

If El Nino does develop, it probably means wetter weather than usual in southern California, Texas and Florida. Northern states would be more likely to have a warm and relatively snow-free winter, similar to the one now.

El Nino is a natural climate phenomenon that develops in the tropical Pacific Ocean every two to seven years. A pool of warm water that typically sits in the western Pacific near the Philippines shifts eastward, changing circulation patterns in both the ocean and the atmosphere above it.

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Experts wonder how Lay, Skilling can claim to know so little

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Fortune 500 company adds more than \$1 billion in profits through a complex set of deals that are difficult to comprehend. What do those in charge do?

Ask very few questions — if they are Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling from Enron.

That is the message former chairman Lay and ex-chief executive officer Skilling are sending Congress. Few on Capitol Hill believe their stories.

Assertions by the two executives that they did not know very much are difficult to accept, legal and financial experts say. "I don't want to call anybody a liar because I don't know, but it's inconceivable to me that neither of them, particularly Skilling, knew something that profoundly important to the business," said John O. Whitney, professor of management at the

Columbia Business School. Lay was Enron's chief executive officer until about a year ago, when Skilling succeeded him.

While Lay took the Fifth Amendment before the Senate last week, he got out his version of events through company executive Sherron Watkins.

When she talked to Lay in August, "it was my humble opinion that he did not understand the gravity of the situation the company was in," Watkins testified to Congress.

The problem she described to Lay: Enron improperly was using its own stock to bolster its balance sheet.

Eventually, the company would have to face the fact that the price of Enron stock was heading down in the recession. Highly volatile investments that Enron had transferred to its web of outside financial structures

would have to be reported as heavy losses. Enron's own slumping stock was all that was backing up the investments.

Watkins said that "my main point to Mr. Lay was that" Raptor, which was part of the outside financial structure, "owed Enron in excess of \$700 million under certain ... agreements" and "I urged Mr. Lay to find out who lost that money."

In turned out to be Enron. The resulting wave of stock sales by nervous investors abandoning the energy trading company sent it into bankruptcy in December.

Skilling painted himself in the



Kenneth Lay



Jeff Skilling

same light that Watkins painted Lay — as someone who had only a vague idea of what was going on.

"I was assured" by others at the company that the deals "were correct, and so to the best of my knowledge there was not an issue," Skilling told Congress.

Experts question the two men's statements.

"Is it possible that they didn't know. Yes. Is it likely? No," said Andrew Ward, associate professor of organization and management at Emory University's Goizueta Business School.

"If you don't have knowledge of where that much of your

income and your business is coming from, how do you make any plans for the future of the company?" asked New York securities lawyer Marvin Pickholtz, who has defended clients in Wall Street scandals over the past two decades.

University of Chicago accounting professor Roman Weil said "You'd expect the top guy to understand the deal, but as time went by the magnitude of what was going on may have been hidden from him."

The former Enron executives who could corroborate or contradict Lay and Skilling have all taken the Fifth Amendment: chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, who ran the outside partnerships; Michael Kopper, who collected \$10 million from the arrangements chief accounting officer Rick Causey; and chief risk officer Rick Bay. "If there is one thing that

these three individuals — Lay, Skilling and Fastow — would have spent a lot of time on it would have been what was happening with that stock and that would include major movements in the stock from one place to another," said Patricia Barron, a professor at New York University's Stern School of Business who specializes in corporate governance.

Skilling and Barron are both former employees of McKinsey & Co., based in New York, one of the premier management consulting firms in the world.

"You can't imagine Skilling with his background would take things on faith," said Barron. "He would probably be asking three or four levels of what, why and how."

Skilling insists that was not so. "I absolutely, unequivocally thought the company was in good shape," he said.

Enron spent billions overseas, earning nothing

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With operations in 20 countries, Enron Corp. set out in the early 1990s to become an international energy trailblazer, with grandiose projects and huge U.S. government-backed investments in places no other company would go.

Enron launched bold projects in poverty-ravaged countries such as Nigeria and Nicaragua. It set up huge barges — with names like Esperanza, Margarita and El Enron — in parts around the world to generate power for energy-starved cities.

Enron cut through a Brazilian tropical forest — ranked one of the hemisphere's most endangered ecosystems — to lay a gas pipeline. It broke ground on Poland's first privately owned power plant and braved India's turbulent politics to build a \$3 billion plant.

After Enron went into bankruptcy protection, U.S.-backed lenders and disappointed foreign governments are surveying the damage caused by the company's international designs. As facts emerge about the foreign ventures, it appears that Enron did not earn a dime from the projects, but it used some of them in creative accounting schemes that disguised the company's true financial picture, documents and interviews show.

Last week, the Overseas Private Investment Corp., which backed many of the projects, moved to stem its \$1 billion Enron exposure by canceling \$590 million in loans to the company, once one of its largest clients. Enron had missed deadlines for OPIC requirements in financing projects in Brazil, an OPIC spokesman said. OPIC's decision shifted more of the burden for the troubled projects from the U.S. government to Enron's creditors, lenders and partners.

Like other parts of Enron's vast operation, its international division was fueled by intense internal competition and huge financial incentives. Executives pocketed multimillion-dollar bonuses for signing international deals under a structure that based their rewards on the long-term estimated value of projects rather than their actual returns. The system encouraged executives to gamble without regard to risk, said Louis Wells, a Harvard

Business School professor who has studied Enron's overseas investments.

Enron's international investment totaled more than \$7 billion, including more than \$3 billion in Latin America, \$1 billion in India and \$2.9 billion to develop a British water-supply and waste-treatment company. It enlisted U.S. ambassadors and secretaries of state, commerce and energy to buttonhole foreign officials. Enron cultivated international political connections, recruiting former government officials and relatives of heads of state as investors and lobbyists.

In reports to investors, the company played down or obscured what analysts and others saw as inevitable losses. But in an interview with academic researchers nine months ago, Jeffrey Skilling, who then was chief operating officer, conceded that Enron "had not earned compensatory rates of return" on investments in overseas power plants, waterworks and pipelines. Skilling said the projects had fueled an "acrimonious debate" among executives about the wisdom of its heavy foreign investments.

An internal investigation released this month showed that two foreign projects, in Brazil and Poland, were entangled in Enron's off-the-books partnerships, accounting devices controlled by chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, which shielded huge debts from investors.

The report showed that Enron engaged in an unusual transaction to add \$65 million to the revenue of the Brazilian pipeline project before it had even been completed. The Polish project briefly sold to an insider partnership, and sold back to Enron a few months later. Those arrangements allowed Enron to present a more optimistic report to investors.

The U.S. government has been a major backer of Enron's overseas expansion. Since 1992, OPIC provided about \$1.7 billion for Enron's foreign deals and promised \$500 million more for projects that didn't go forward. The Export-Import Bank put about \$700 million into Enron's foreign ventures. Both agencies provide financing and political risk insurance for foreign projects undertaken by U.S. companies.

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Stephen Pearlman, former vice president of Enron Broadband Services, sits Friday with his wife, Marlene Morales, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year. Pearlman was laid off from Enron last August.

Former Enron workers are still looking for work

HOUSTON (AP) — Elisa Hollis can count on one hand those who have found jobs among the 40 people she worked with closely who were laid off when Enron Corp. filed for bankruptcy in December.

She's not among them. "The other 35 of us are still actively looking for something," Hollis said last week as she prepared for a job interview. "This is a very ambitious, hardworking group of people with wonderful attitudes."

"I'm not feeling desperate or depressed. I am feeling dismayed that it's taking this long," Hollis and others in her situation have resorted to odd jobs, less pay or starting their own businesses to stay financially afloat.

"You have to do what you have to do to support your family and to be a good citizen and not be on the dole," she said.

Former Enron information technology department worker Lissa Boatright decided to turn her love of pets into a business after she got her walking papers. Unfortunately, her "Happy Tails Pet & House Sitting" has received nowhere near the response she had hoped. She has two clients who together have her caring for a dog and seven cats.

"I just thought it was something I would enjoy," she said. "At this point, I think I'm going

to have to go back to work to pay the bills and do my pet service on the side."

"I don't like I am competing with all the other laid-off Enron employees at this point for the energy jobs, so I'm concentrating on the medical field," she said.

An unofficial survey conducted at a Web site set up for former Enron employees received 607 responses from 4,500 laid off workers. About 71 percent of them were still searching for jobs. Of the 29 percent who have found new employment, 10 percent accepted lower pay, 12 percent said they were making more, and 7 percent remained at the same rate.

Jon Pope is to start a new job Monday that could be an improvement over his Enron paycheck. For the time being, however, it's not full time.

"If they decide they like me, they will switch me to permanent," he said. However, "It could be three months. It could be a year."

Pope said he borrowed money from his parents and deferred student loan payments to make it through the past few months.

"I was really happy to find something," he said. "I was starting to get a little worried that I would be in financial straits if I didn't find something by the end of March."

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Wolf

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ality of the Endangered Species Act, Peter has chosen the delisting plan as more reasonable. "The wolf is here to stay, so let's get it delisted as soon as possible," he said. Peter belongs to the state organization of outfitters that traveled to Boise last week to encourage the Legislature in getting the gray wolf off the endangered species list right away.

Life among wolves

Peter, 39, grew up south of Hansen. Soon he will be moving his family from Blackfoot to Fairfield in order to operate the outfitting business he bought a few years ago. The wolf has entered into the area where he takes people to hunt, and he's worried the creature will threaten his small family business that runs with a slim profit margin. The nature of Peter's business is that he can't move into another area because the Idaho Outfitter and Guides Licensing Board assigns licensed big game outfitters specific operating areas.

He said he's concerned about the elk population because wolves are preying upon for food. Wolves will take elk before other prey.

"There aren't that many calves," he said. "What happens when there aren't enough calves to reproduce? The herds right now are mostly older."

Mack said Peter's worries are valid.

"First, the elk numbers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho are at an all-time historic high," he said, "and if you're an outfitter, you would like to keep that."

Mack acknowledged, too, that the herds in the state are aging, but he explained a variety of factors that have caused that to occur. Change in habitat, weather and other predators besides wolves have likely contributed more to the phenomenon, he said.

"The population was poised for decline before the wolf came along," he said.

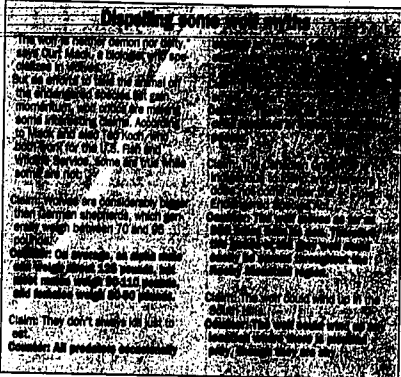
In addition, Mack said recent studies indicate that hunters take about tenfold in elk what wolves do.

Will the wolf hasten or increase the drop in young elk?

"I don't think anyone knows," Mack said. "But there are a number of reasons for a state-wide perspective to think several years down the road the wolf and elk populations will find a balance."

It won't happen within the next year or two, however, he said. Mack said recent studies are also indicating that wolves can help balance the cougar population.

Peter has another concern. "I operate on public land," he



Wolf in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game photo gallery.

said explaining that under current wolf management, he has no way to protect his livestock - horses and mules - from wolves. Mack said there are different criteria for managing wolves on public and private lands. A producer can legally kill a wolf that is caught in the act of killing livestock on private land. But public land - that's different.

"Whether you're grazing or bringing your livestock in on a pack trip, on public lands there are different rules," Mack said.

He explained that participants in the wolf recovery plan are working on a number of methods to first scare wolves off. Radio-activated guards - or RAG boxes - which are like boom boxes that make a variety of noises to scare off wild animals, rubber bullets and "harrassing and hazing" are some of the tools, he said.

Hagerman sheepman Bill Braliford said he has tried plenty of methods in the Galena Summit area where he summers his 2,000 sheep. He figures he has lost around 20 sheep. The wolves also killed one of his large guard dogs. He cooperates with federal workers' experiments to keep the wolves away from his flocks, but he knows one method that he won't be using again.

"The Forest Service told me to corral my sheep," he said. "That meant making them do just the opposite of what it's their nature to do."

Normally, his sheep tend to climb toward the top of the mountains as they graze through the day, and then at night they sleep on the mountaintops.

"That's where they feel safe," he said. In order to corral them, however,

ed, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will take over management. When numbers are down, measures will be directed more toward keeping them alive, and when numbers are up, euthanasia will be a more frequent form of control.

A delisting plan that has been 10 years in the making is scheduled for a Feb. 25 hearing at the State Capitol. Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, who chairs the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, is hoping to push the plan through the Legislature this session. But it does hinge on federal dollars. In general, Idaho legislators expect the federal government to come up with the money to manage the creature it forced into the state.

Wolf recovery in Idaho has caught the attention of ABC News with Peter Jennings. Crews will be in town to tape the hearing. They plan to incorporate the footage into a six-part program that examines the ongoing tension between federal and state government.

Meanwhile, Mack hopes that on Dec. 31, 2002, he can verify 30 breeding pairs in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. That will be the last day of the required three-year period of time that 30 pairs have been verified in the northern Rocky Mountain region where the gray wolf was reintroduced.

The final step will be getting Montana and Wyoming to complete their delisting plans so that Idaho can begin the management and conservation phase of its wolf population.

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er, he would have to herd them down every night, and they lost weight.

"I did that for a few days, and I decided it just wasn't worth it," he said.

He has had many run-ins with wolves that settled where his family had traditionally kept sheep during the summer for a century. Federal officials have had to kill a few.

Ted Koch, a U.S. Wildlife Services wolf specialist who was in on the initial phase of wolf recovery, said unfortunately that has to be part of living with wolves. It's called the "final rule." That part of federal management outlines, some broad guidelines that officials use on a case-by-case basis.

Koch said killing a wolf or two that habitually attack livestock can often scare off the rest of the pack.

"They're like people - very family oriented," he said. "If they see something really bad happens to their family members, they will disperse."

He also said the wolves that develop a habit of killing livestock even after being scared off tend to be on the perimeter of the pack.

Idaho's plan

Experts always knew that having to kill some of the animals would be part of the uneasy alliance between wolves and man.

Mack said once they are delisted,

Activist pitched \$380K lobbying deal to Enron

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Just before the last presidential election, Bush campaign adviser Ralph Reed offered to help Enron Corp. deregulate the electricity industry by working his "good friends" in Washington and by mobilizing religious leaders and pro-family groups for the cause.

For a \$380,000 fee, the conservative political strategist proposed a broad lobbying strategy that included using major campaign contributors, conservative talk shows and nonprofit organizations

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to press Congress for favorable legislation.

Reed said he could place letters from community leaders in the opinion pages of major newspapers, producing clips that Reed would "blast fax" to Capitol Hill.

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Victims

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and uncles who were pivotal to the victims' lives," Feinberg said in a telephone interview.

"The days are over when we could assume that only the next of kin - the spouse or the spouse's children - are going to get the money."

But while signaling open-mindedness, Feinberg also sounded a note of caution.

"With the rarest of exceptions, the extent to which these extended families can collect will depend on state law," he said. "I'm not going to be like Solomon - don't look to me to be making independent determinations that would trump state law. I don't have the time or resources to handle that."

Yet, as Mauk observed, "The law, to a significant degree, has not kept pace with the changing

family."

MacFarlane hopes Feinberg will override state statute in the case of her client, Marilyn Carbrera, who had lived with World Trade Center victim Pedro Checo since 1990.

They had two sons, Jason, 6, and Julian, 1, and considered themselves husband and wife, even though New York - unlike a dozen other states - does not recognize common-law marriages.

Checo worked for Fiduciary Trust at the trade center; Carbrera, 33, works at a bank near their home in Queens. Until Checo's death, lack of a marriage license had not been a problem.

"It was the way we lived, the way we loved each other," Carbrera said. "We didn't need a paper to bind us when there were so many other things.

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Police find dozens of bodies near crematorium

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — Dozens of decomposing corpses were found stacked in storage sheds and scattered in woods behind a crematorium, and authorities said Saturday they expected to find more.

Some of the bodies had likely been left there as long as three years, officials said.

"The worst horror movie you've ever seen — imagine that 10 times worse," said Walker County Coroner Dewayne Wilson.

Investigators found at least 50 bodies on the property behind Tri-State Crematory, and all appeared to have been sent there for cremation, John Bankhead, a spokesman for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, said Saturday.

No charges had been filed as of Saturday morning.

Wilson said he expected the body count to rise as officials scoured the woods.

The crematory owners, Ray and Clara Marsh, turned over their records to authorities and were cooperating, Walker County chief deputy Hill Morrison said. The family has owned the crematory for about 30 years, officials said.

A call to the crematory Saturday was not immediately returned. A recording directed callers to the Walker County sheriff's office.

Officials planned to set up a morgue at the site to try to identify the bodies.

The discoveries began Friday when a woman walking her dog



Roo Thomas arrives at the Tri-State Crematory Saturday in Noble, Ga., to ask about his mother, Frances Alexander, who was supposed to have been cremated here six weeks ago. Dozens of decomposing corpses were found stacked in storage sheds and scattered in the woods behind the crematorium, and authorities said Saturday they expected to find more.

found a skull. Within hours, investigators had found three dozen corpses, some of them stacked next to tools in storage sheds.

Some of the bodies in the sheds may have been put there as recently as this past week, and

some of the corpses in the woods may have been there three years or longer, said Sheriff Steve Wilson, who is not related to the coroner.

He said the owners told authorities the crematory had been in operation but there was no

word on how long.

In November, a resident reported finding a body part in woods nearby, the sheriff said. Deputies searched the area but found nothing suspicious.

Noble is about 85 miles northwest of Atlanta.

Governor candidate tries to push GOP to center

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Richard Riordan, the front-runner for the Republican nomination for governor, is trying to push the California GOP toward the political center, warning that the party otherwise risks becoming "an extinct species."

That push has alienated some Republican loyalists, who accuse Riordan of betraying the GOP and sacrificing its principles to get elected. But others see the move as a recognition of the political reality in California, where the Hispanic population is burgeoning and where only 35 percent of the voters are Republicans.

"As the late Jess Unruh said, winning isn't everything, but losing isn't anything," said University of Southern California political analyst Sherry Belbitz Jaffe, quoting the legendary state Assembly speaker of the 1960s. "That's basically the debate, and that's what's driving the GOP to

consider the direction in which it wants to go."

Riordan, a 71-year-old millionaire businessman and former mayor of Los Angeles, supports abortion rights, gay rights, gun control, and health care and education for all children, even illegal immigrants.

He does not even identify himself as a Republican in his campaign literature. (He has also caught flak from GOP loyalists because he has donated tens of thousands of dollars over the years to Democratic candidates and because his wife has been raising money for Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, a Democrat.)

At the first GOP debate, Riordan announced the need for a "new Republican Party... of inclusiveness" and said the anti-abortion positions of his two Republican rivals would turn the party "from an endangered species into an extinct species."



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Book, film show prankish side of president Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush mugs for the camera. He mimics a reporter's bald head and, mimicking a pitcher, intones, "Heal!" He sticks his fingers in the ears of another. "The coolest thing of all was to light up a butt," he confides, fondly recalling the days before he quit smoking.

Hardly the kind of images the White House would consider presidential.

Bush's aides are bracing for the release of two behind-the-scenes accounts of the president's 2000 presidential campaign — one a book, the other a documentary film — that reveal a wisecracking, prankish side seldom seen in public.

The book is "A Mbling Into History: The Unlikely Odyssey of George W. Bush," by New York Times reporter Frank Bruni. The film is "Journeys with George," by former NBC news producer Alexandra Pelosi. Both are due out in early March.

Both Bruni and Pelosi covered Bush's presidential campaign, and both portray the candidate as a relaxed, but often culturally challenged, cutup.

Some administration aides

were apprehensive, fearing the Bruni book and Pelosi film might provide new fodder for late-night comedians and revive old questions about Bush's intellect, syntax and competency — criticism that has faded as Bush's war-driven approval ratings have soared.

White House communications director Dan Bartlett says there's "more curiosity than anything else." He said both accounts might help give the public a fuller sense of Bush's personality.

Bruni's book, which goes on sale March 5, reports that Bush considered Chuck Norris his favorite actor, had never heard of "Titanic" movie star Leonardo DiCaprio, didn't know "Friends" was a TV show, and favored a campaign-trail diet of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Fritos and Cheese Doodles.

The pre-presidential Bush was "part scamp, part bumbler, a timeless fraternity boy and heedless cutup, a weekday gym rat and weekend napper," Bruni writes.



President Bush

Bush would playfully pinch, poke and put headlocks on male reporters, pat bald ones on the head, and once put his index fingers in Bruni's ears "to illustrate that a comment he was about to make would be off the record," he writes.

But Bruni also suggests that Bush matured along the way, and has gone on to project clarity of purpose and presidential power in leading the nation in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Pelosi, the daughter of House Democratic Whip Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., carried her own personal camcorder and used it to capture Bush's antics and horsplay on the nearly two-year-long campaign trail.

Bush often wandered into the press section in the back of his campaign plane to banter with reporters, photographers and network crew members. He mugged frequently for Pelosi's handheld camera, making faces, joking, even dispensing mock romantic advice.

In the footage, Bush gulps a

nonalcoholic beer with relish at one point. "It takes an animal to know an animal," he tells revelers on his plane.

Pelosi, who now has her own production company, distilled hundreds of hours of raw video footage into an 85-minute documentary, which opens on March 8 at a film festival in Austin, Texas.

Some White House officials said that going public with the film violated ground rules that Bush's back-of-the-plane comments and antics were off the record. But Pelosi openly filmed the then-Texas governor and he even juggled — on camera — the documentary's title.

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Group raises rebel flag near road



A Confederate heritage group raise a rebel flag near a busy Florida Interstate in White Springs, Fla., Friday.

WHITE SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) - Members of a Confederate heritage group raised a huge rebel battle flag Friday along a busy north-Florida interstate, reopening the debate over the state's Southern heritage.

More than 500 people sang "Amazing Grace" as 11 people clad in gray military uniforms hoisted the 20-by-38-foot Confederate banner.

Set on donated property, the flag flapped 100 feet above a granite Sons of Confederate Veterans memorial on Interstate 75.

"There's no hate or hurt intended toward anyone. This is an act of honor," said John Adams, the group's commander.

Adams said the group organized the project last year after Gov. Jeb Bush took down the Confederate flag that had flown at the Capitol for more than 20 years.

Bush has said he hoped to avert battles over the rebel banner like those in South Carolina and Georgia, where some said the Confederate flag is a symbol of slavery and racism.

"While it may offend some folks and I don't like it, I would defend anybody's right to display a Confederate flag on their personal property," said Glen Bowden, president of the Columbia County (Fla.) chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Other black leaders said the prominent display expressed hatred toward minorities. "It may be his private property but it's in the public," said state Rep. Frederica Wilson. "That's advertising hatred."

Gay mother loses custody battle in Alabama

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - In awarding custody of three teen-agers to their father over their gay mother, the chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court on Friday wrote that homosexuality is "an inherent evil" and shouldn't be tolerated.

The nine-judge panel ruled unanimously in favor of a Birmingham man and against his ex-wife, who now lives with her

gay partner in southern California. The parents weren't named in court documents to protect the identity of the children, ages 15, 17 and 18.

Chief Justice Roy Moore wrote that the mother's relationship made her an unfit parent and that homosexuality is "abhorrent, immoral, detestable, a crime against nature, and a violation of the laws of nature."

Moore also quoted scripture,

historical documents and previous state court rulings that he said backed his view.

Moore is known for his decision to place washing machine-sized monuments of the Ten Commandments in the state judicial building after he became chief justice last year. He also fought to keep a Ten Commandments plaque in his courtroom when he was a district judge.

Black performers see banner year at Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) - It had never happened before, three black performers nominated in the lead-acting categories for the Academy Awards. Surely, it was a sign that Hollywood's top honors finally were catching up with the nation's cultural diversity.

That was for 1972, though. It took 29 years for it to happen again - with Halle Berry in "Monster's Ball," Will Smith in "Ali" and Denzel Washington in "Training Day" getting nominations for 2001.

Rarely a standard-bearer for racial inclusion, the Oscars offer possibly their highest profile ever for black performers next month. Besides the three acting nominations, Whoopi Goldberg, one of only two black women to win an acting Oscar, returns as host. Sidney Poitier, the only black to earn a lead-acting Oscar, receives an honorary award for lifetime achievement.

Black advocates like the lineup for the Oscars on March 24 but hesitate to say it marks a turning point for an awards ceremony traditionally dominated by white performers. Some say it could be an anomaly, a rare year such as 1972 that produced three Oscar-worthy performances by blacks, or last year when two Hispanic actors earned nominations, with Benicio Del Toro winning the supporting-role honor for "Traffic."

"It's progress, but no net gain. In a sense, we're where we were in 1972. It's taken us 30 years to get to that point again," said Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "It's too early to say this represents a trend. I'd be curious to see what happens next year or the year after."

"Let's see some kind of track record before I start jumping up and down," said Frank Smith Jr., acting board president of the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame.

Of 278 acting Oscars awarded since 1929, only six - 2.2 percent - were won by blacks, among them Hattie McDaniel (supporting actress for "Gone With the Wind"); Goldberg (supporting actress for "Ghost"); Washington (a five-time Oscar nominee who won supporting actor for "Glory"); Poitier (best actor for

"Lilies of the Field"); Cuba Gooding Jr. (best supporting actor for "Jerry Maguire") and Louis Gossett Jr. (best supporting actor for "An Officer and a Gentleman").

In three of the last four years, no blacks were nominated in the four acting categories. Three years ago, when no black actors were nominated, awards presenter Chris Rock joked that the ceremony looked like the "million white man march" that same year, amid furor over Elija Kazan's honorary Oscar because the director named names during the blacklist era, host Goldberg kidded that she thought the "blacklist was Hattie McDaniel and me."

Blacks make up 13 percent of the population but have earned just 2.8 percent of Oscar acting nominations, among them the three 1972 contenders, Cicely Tyson and Paul Winfield for "Sounder" and Diana Ross for "Lady Sings the Blues." All three lost.

Many blacks in Hollywood say there has been incremental progress toward choicer roles. In the early years of film, blacks generally were relegated to caricatured comic parts. Exploitation films of the 1970s, while continuing to play off racial stereotypes, at least put more black actors to work.

In the 1980s and 1990s, black actors such as Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence, Samuel L. Jackson and Rock developed box-office clout in mainstream films. Some, such as Washington and Smith, have traded on their commercial success to get more serious roles.

Smith said "Ali," a film about a "black Muslim, probably the most controversial figure in black American history," probably would not have been made if he had not signed on with Sony for "Men in Black 2," this summer's sequel to Smith's alien-comedy smash.

"I think the roles are opening up slightly," said Smith, a first-time Oscar nominee known mainly for comedy and action romps. "I believe a lot of it has to do with box office. For black actors and all minority actors, I think box office success is going to drive the ability and willingness of Hollywood to make, not necessarily the smaller, but the more intellectually based pictures with better roles for minorities."



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Coworkers sign anti-harassment deals if relationships sour

PITTSBURGH (AP) - First came the prenuptial agreement for engaged couples. Now coworkers who date can sign a pre-emptive contract of their own designed to prevent sexual harassment suits.

The legal documents are drafted for people involved in workplace romances who agree to keep their professional and private lives separate should their relationship ever go south.

"It's an acknowledgment by both parties that they're entering into a consensual relationship," said Greg Miller, a Pittsburgh employment lawyer who's drafted a few agreements. "Obviously, this can't work if one or the other is in a marriage."

In a time when unwelcome sexual advances and hostile work environments have generated thousands of complaints, legal experts say this new breed of

legal documents can help protect employers from sexual harassment claims.

The concept was first suggested to Miller by a few business clients, who knew some of their workers were dating superiors. Miller, a shareholder at the Pittsburgh law firm Buchanan Ingersoll, said he had heard of the contracts and it made sense to him to document a couple's relationship to protect both parties

from unforeseen dating disasters.

"The reality is that everybody works so much and people are getting married later in life. It's not surprising more and more people are meeting in the work force," he said.

Still, the documents are relatively new and haven't been subjected to much debate.

"I've never heard of anything like this, but it doesn't surprise me that it's out there," said Janis

E. Eggleston, a senior staff attorney for the National Employment Lawyers Association. The San Francisco-based group represents clients in employment disputes.

Eggleston said workers considering the agreements shouldn't be so quick to sign on the dotted line.

"I actually think it's a way for an employer not to fulfill their obligations to create an environment free of sexual harassment,"

Eggleston said.

The number of sexual harassment claims, many stemming from bad breakups, has skyrocketed over the past decade, said Jennifer Kaplan, a spokeswoman for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington.

There were 15,836 sexual harassment complaints filed with the EEOC in 2000, compared with 6,124 in 1990.

Obesity spreads all over globe

BOSTON (AP) - Obesity is joining and even surpassing malnutrition as a dietary concern in some of the farthest reaches of the planet, experts warned Saturday.

Weight problems have long been recognized as a health hazard in the United States, Europe and other industrialized places, but in recent years the same worries have begun to emerge in many less well-off places.

At the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Saturday, biological anthropologists documented this trend, both in people who migrate to wealthy countries and in those who stay put.

"Obesity has penetrated the remotest places on Earth," Stanley Ulijaszek of the University of Oxford said, adding that too little food, however, is still a more important concern than too much.

A recent Vatican conference concluded that about 800 million people worldwide are underfed, while the International Obesity Taskforce estimates that 300 million are obese.

Nevertheless, experts say obesity is becoming an issue in hard-to-reach areas where it was unknown just a few years ago. In many parts of the world, malnutrition and obesity now exist together, one a problem of the very poor, the other of a growing middle class.

"The recognition that this is a worldwide problem is very recent," said Marquise Lavelle of the University of Rhode Island.

Ulijaszek said obesity has begun to appear in the Purari delta of rural Papua New Guinea, where there was none at all in 1980. In the latest survey, conducted five years ago, 1 percent of men and 5 percent of women were found to be obese. This is defined as a body-mass index - a widely used measure of fatness - of over 30. People with a BMI of over 25 are considered overweight, while those with a BMI over 30 are obese.

In parts of the Pacific islands, obesity has been known for at least 50 years, but it has substantially increased in recent times to levels that Ulijaszek calls "astoundingly high," and there is no hint that weights there have leveled off.

For instance, in Rarotonga, capital of the Cook Islands, 14 percent of men and 44 percent of women were obese in 1966. Now, 52 percent of men and 57 percent of women there are obese.

Lavelle surveyed weight in South Africa and rural Australia three years ago and found more signs of an emerging weight problem.

Artificial heart recipient dies

HOUSTON (AP) - The third man to receive a fully self-contained artificial heart died Friday of complications from a stroke.

Bobby Harrison, who received the implant in a six-hour procedure on Sept. 26, suffered the stroke on Feb. 1.

"Mr. Harrison was a very brave man," O.H. Frazer, chief of cardiopulmonary transplantation at the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, said in a written statement.

"Complications in such a patient are frequently unavoidable, despite our best efforts," Frazer said. "Because of his willingness to be part of a new frontier of research, he provided us with new information that will potentially contribute to the saving of lives in the future."

Harrison, 65, was the third recipient of the artificial heart pump, known as AbioCor. He received the device in Houston. "We are sorry that he has died," Frazer said.

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NATION

Was suspicious death linked to Sept. 11?

By Allen G. Breed and Bill Poovey
Associated Press writers

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Shortly before 1 a.m. last Sunday, witnesses saw flames erupt from the back seat of a 1992 Acura Legend as it crawled along a two-lane road skirting farm fields in the little Tennessee town of Pipterton.



The burned car of Katherine Smith sits in a garage at the FBI office Thursday in Memphis, Tenn. Smith, 49, a Tennessee state employee, charged in a scheme with five Middle Eastern men to sell fraudulent Tennessee driver's licenses, died last Sunday in a fiery car crash the day before her first court appearance.

The driver, breathing in the flames, her lungs searing, as the car veered off the road and came to rest against a utility pole near the Mississippi state line. There were no skid marks or furrows in the grass to indicate the driver had hit the brakes.

A witness rushed up and pulled open the car door, but the driver was not moving. She appeared to be already dead. When the first volunteer firefighters arrived, the car was engulfed in flames.

From the very beginning, it didn't look right, said Steve Kellett, chief of the Pipterton Volunteer Fire Department.

The car had been moving too slowly for the accident to cause much damage. The wooden pole was barely dented. The radiator was pushed in a few inches, but the engine block was undamaged. Most important, the gas tank had not ruptured. The cardboard packaging for a replacement headlamp in the trunk was barely scorched.

What could have caused a fire so severe that it cooked the passenger compartment of the sedan down to the frame, burned the driver's arms and legs off, and left her charred beyond recognition? If someone had been trying to make this death look like an accident, they had done a lousy job.

Police began investigating the death as a homicide, though they have not ruled out suicide. The mystery deepened the next day when dental records identified the victim as Katherine Smith, 49, a state driver's license examiner.

Smith had been scheduled to be arraigned last Monday on federal charges of helping five Middle Eastern men from New York obtain fraudulent Tennessee driver's licenses.

One of the men, authorities say, drove from New York to Memphis on Sept. 11—the day of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. And one of them, at the time of his arrest, was carrying in his wallet a pass to the trade center dated Sept. 3.

"The possibility of a really interesting story exists here," FBI Agent George W. Bolds said last week, brushing soot from his hands as he walked away from the charred vehicle impounded in the garage. Then again, he said, "it could turn out to be a whole lot less than people expect."

On the morning of Feb. 5, authorities say, a gray Dodge Durango and a white Toyota Avalon arrived in Memphis from New York and parked outside the motor vehicles office. Inside the cars sat six Middle Eastern men.

Tennessee is one of four states not requiring a Social Security number to get a license, and many people carry utility bills as proof of residence.

Shortly after Smith showed up for work, a man from the Toyota, Khaleel Oudilah, a native of Jerusalem, joined the morning rush into the building. According to an FBI affidavit, he was clutching four signed driver's license applications.

Katherine Smith was a woman of modest means. She had a couple hundred dollars in a credit union account, a couple hundred more than that in checking, according to court records. She had a 1999 Ford Escort with a \$10,000 lien and the Acura.

She and her daughter shared a one-story home in a rough-and-tumble neighborhood in the shadow

of Memphis' Liberty Bowl stadium—a place where police warn outsiders not to be after dark. The neat little house is worth \$65,000; Smith owed \$55,000 on it. She was earning just over \$23,000.

"She worked day and night," says Peola Wright, who lives two doors down. She called Smith a nice lady who sang in the church choir and tried to get neighbors to attend services.

Smith told officials she met Oudilah at his gas station. He sold her the Acura, which was still in Oudilah's name when Smith died.

As an examiner in an office processing 300 to 400 driver's license applicants each day, Smith screened applicants at a front counter and gave written and road tests.

At motor vehicles, the applications were approved and entered into the computer system. When Oudilah walked outside, the FBI was waiting for him.

Agents in New York had received a tip that the men would be traveling to Memphis that day, and the bureau's agents in Tennessee had staked out Smith's home and the motor vehicle office. When Oudilah and the others pulled out of the parking lot, agents pulled them over.

With Oudilah, police found Mostafa Said Abou-Shahi, Mohammed Fares, Sakher Hammad and his cousin Abdelmuhsen Mahmud-Hammad. An unnamed juvenile was also

taken into custody.

A few months ago, the contents of Sakher Hammad's wallet would have seemed innocuous: Two video rental cards; two major credit cards; a card designating him a "charter member" of Team Ford Racing; a New York plumber's business card.

And a pass, dated 09/05/01 that gave him access to the lower basement of One World Trade Center. Shown a photocopy, New York City Port Authority officials said the pass looked authentic.

Authorities say Sakher Hammad told them he is plumber, and that he and his cousin were in the tower to work on the sprinkler system. New York authorities have no record of a plumber's license for either cousin.

A business card in Sakher Hammad's wallet was for a Magic Plumbing & Heating Inc. in Brooklyn. It advertises "custom kitchens, bathrooms, water heaters, boilers, repiping"—generally residential in nature.

A call to the business produced only a full voice-mailbox for someone named "Rocky." Using a reverse telephone directory, the AP found a list of phone numbers at the company's street address, all of them for individuals, among them Sakher Hammad.

When Smith was arrested, authorities say she admitted helping Oudilah obtain licenses for "cousins" on a half-dozen occasions in the past year. An FBI agent later testified that Oudilah was charging up to \$1,200 each to help people get their new identities.

Authorities say the men arrested with Oudilah admitted being in the country illegally.

The day Smith was to appear in court, her car sat in an FBI garage in Memphis, the champagne finish bubbled and streaked with trails of melted rubber window stripping. The upholstery was burned away.

Experts found a residue of gasoline on her body. The fire, the FBI determined, was intentionally set. Bolds, the FBI agent, wondered how someone who was conscious could have stayed in the burning car. "If the car is on fire, you're going to stop in the middle of the highway if you have to, to get out," he said.

An autopsy is not yet finished.

Guards acquitted of charges of beating prison inmate to death

STARKE, Fla. (AP)—Former prison guards facing life sentences on charges they stomped a death row inmate to death were acquitted of all counts in a Florida courtroom.

When the verdicts were announced Friday, tears welled up in the eyes of the three former corrections officers and their attorneys. Jumping to their feet, they began hugging.

Capt. Timothy Thornton and Sgt. J. D. Griffin and Charles Brown had been charged with second-degree murder, conspira-

cy to commit aggravated battery, battery on an inmate and official misconduct in the July 17, 1999, slaying of Frank Valdes at Florida State Prison.

Judge Nicholas Steffan, 43, a machine maintenance worker, would not discuss the evidence.

"It was a hard decision—a real hard toll on the jury," he said. "It's been a hard case."

Prosecutor Greg McMahon had been concerned about trying the case in Bradford County, where the Department of Corrections is the largest employer.

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NATION

Customs crew clears small planes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Pilots might not be accustomed to having scientists inspect their planes before takeoff, but during the Winter Games, they're getting used to it.

Before any private aircraft leaves the runway at Salt Lake City's general aviation terminal, the U.S. Customs Service checks it for bombs and radiation, looks through all the luggage, and makes sure the people on board are who they say they are.

Charles Clay McCombs, a Customs Service scientist, walks through the cabin of a Falcon 900, swabbing the richly polished wood fixtures, leather seats and bar with a paper strip.

The strip goes into a machine that checks for the scent of high explosives.

"Most bomb builders are sort of sloppy," McCombs said.

Customs scientists are also looking for radiation. They all carry pager-sized devices that will sound an alarm at the slightest whiff of radioactivity.

In the process of screening several hundred planes since the games began, the Customs crew got one big scare.

A woman walked into their screening area and set off every radiation detector in the place.

One of the devices even said the woman was so radioactive that the inspectors should get away from her.

She was no terrorist — just someone who had undergone a medical radiation treatment.

Their metal detectors have found plenty of titanium knees, hips and other body parts, but no terrorists.

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Perhaps it was a good omen: The first gold medal of the Salt Lake City Olympics was won by Stefania Belmondo, a cross-country skier who grew up in these parts.

Four years from now, it will be Turin's turn to play host to the flood of athletes, fans and journalists streaming into this mountainous corner of northwest Italy for the 2006 Winter Games.

"It's a huge effort," said engineer Nicola Bianchi, a supervisor of the local Olympic organizing committee. Pre-Olympic events begin in 2005 and much of the work must be done by then.

New stadiums will be built, old ones renewed. Ski-jump platforms will be erected, bobsled tracks carved into ice.

Altogether, the Turin organizers estimate the cost at more than \$1.3 billion.

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Staff Sgt. Rafael Cruz Oyola guides a fuel boom from a KC-135 Stratotanker plane to a waiting F-16 fighter over the mountains of Utah near Salt Lake City, Friday. Oyola is part of a three-member crew from the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita, Kan., providing air support for the fighter planes guarding restricted air space over the Olympic areas.

Some Mormons temporarily abandon Sabbath restrictions

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — As an active Mormon, Edward Sommers usually tries to spend Sundays in church. This week, however, the mining engineer will be driving a bus between Salt Lake City and the Olympic venues.

Sommers is just one of many Mormons who is setting aside his traditional observance of the Sabbath to take part in the 2002 Winter Games.

"They want us to spend time with work or family," said Sommers, who is volunteering for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee. But he explains that he doesn't have family around, and, as for missing church: "I think the thrill of the Olympics offsets that."

Although Mormons don't observe the Sabbath as strictly as Orthodox Jews or Seventh-day Adventists (who take Saturday off), members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are discouraged from working, shopping, exchanging money or being idle on Sunday. Instead, they are supposed to attend church, pray, visit the sick, spend time with family and write letters to missionaries.

"The Sabbath is not a day for indolent lounging around the house or puttering around in the garden, but is a day for consistent attendance at meetings for the worship of the Lord," church president Spencer W. Kimball told the faithful in 1978.

Indeed, believers usually spend at least three hours in church on Sunday, plus evenings in special prayer sessions and family meals and meetings.

And many are strict about their Sabbath observance — especially when it comes to sports.

In 1999, church-owned Brigham Young University protested the NCAA's decision to schedule its women's championship soccer game on a Sunday, saying Mormon athletes wouldn't play.

Former BYU star Eli Herring turned down the Oakland Raiders because he would not play on Sunday, saying God is a bigger priority than football.

"Our activities on the Sabbath will be appropriate when we honestly consider them to be our personal sign of our commitment to the Lord," Herring said.

Even Utah Jazz owner Larry H. Miller refuses to attend NBA games on Sundays, choosing instead to watch them at home on TV.

Because about 70 percent of Utah's population is Mormon like Miller, many businesses shut down on Sundays — including downtown Salt Lake City's ZCMI Mall, which is owned by the church and is remaining shut on Sundays during the 2002 Winter Games.

But even the city of Provo, which is 90 percent Mormon and usually a ghost town on Sundays, had activities planned for this week, including an ice carving display.

And while many shops and restaurants are still closed, much of the crowd from the Mormon Tabernacle showed up at the downtown festival after morning prayers on the first Sunday of the games.

Lack of food choices angers Olympic fans

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Vegetarians watching Olympic events don't have many food choices. There's beef hot dogs, beef chili and vegetable soup made from beef stock.

The slim pickings have led to audible griping from the growling stomach crowd.

One man yelled "I'm starving!" from the middle of a line waiting for the shuttle after a three-hour luge competition Friday.

"Up-scaling" was definitely not part of the Olympic food plan, said Don Pritchard, director of food services. Hauling food, water and cooking equipment up a steep ski hill proved to be logistically difficult and too costly.

"If people say this is basic, they are right on," he said.

That's not settling well with some.

"This is a world-class event; you'd think they could have some fish or some garlic chicken or something," said John Gould, 41, as he walked to his car after the luge. "Ten or 15 years ago you expected crummy food, but now lots of sports have up-scaled it."

Deer Valley, a resort known by foodies for its soy-glazed sea scallops, was so displeased with the low standards that they set up their own food tent — offering Caesar salad, turkey chili and cookies.

"We have a reputation for good food," said Colleen Reardon, director of marketing for Deer Valley Ski Resort. "We are fearful of the word getting out that Deer Valley had done a poor job serving food to the clientele."

Along with the complaints about the quality of the food, there was also grumbling that there wasn't enough. Organizers expected to gross \$5 million in the first six days and they've made about \$6.5 million, Pritchard said. All venues offer nachos, soup, muffins, glazed nuts, and beef products. Some of the indoor venues offer more choices, including popcorn and pizza.

At Snowbasin, site of downhill skiing and slalom, a public announcement Thursday informed spectators that 400,000 Wieners were consumed in five days. The amount was meant to last the entire 17-day games. By evening, organizers had an emergency order of 48,000 rushed from Milwaukee.

The food selection revolves around sponsor companies, such as Certified Angus Beef.

Kevin Strohl, from Ohio, doesn't eat beef, but he tried to be understanding. "This is cattle country here," he said. "If we were in Lake Placid, I guarantee we'd have different things to eat."

More Olympic coverage — C4, C5

Miller refuses to attend NBA games on Sundays, choosing instead to watch them at home on TV.

Because about 70 percent of Utah's population is Mormon like Miller, many businesses shut down on Sundays — including downtown Salt Lake City's ZCMI Mall, which is owned by the church and is remaining shut on Sundays during the 2002 Winter Games.

But even the city of Provo, which is 90 percent Mormon and usually a ghost town on Sundays, had activities planned for this week, including an ice carving display.

And while many shops and restaurants are still closed, much of the crowd from the Mormon Tabernacle showed up at the downtown festival after morning prayers on the first Sunday of the games.

Deer Valley, a resort known by foodies for its soy-glazed sea scallops, was so displeased with the low standards that they set up their own food tent — offering Caesar salad, turkey chili and cookies.

"We have a reputation for good food," said Colleen Reardon, director of marketing for Deer Valley Ski Resort. "We are fearful of the word getting out that Deer Valley had done a poor job serving food to the clientele."

Along with the complaints about the quality of the food, there was also grumbling that there wasn't enough. Organizers expected to gross \$5 million in the first six days and they've made about \$6.5 million, Pritchard said. All venues offer nachos, soup, muffins, glazed nuts, and beef products. Some of the indoor venues offer more choices, including popcorn and pizza.

At Snowbasin, site of downhill skiing and slalom, a public announcement Thursday informed spectators that 400,000 Wieners were consumed in five days. The amount was meant to last the entire 17-day games. By evening, organizers had an emergency order of 48,000 rushed from Milwaukee.

The food selection revolves around sponsor companies, such as Certified Angus Beef.

Kevin Strohl, from Ohio, doesn't eat beef, but he tried to be understanding. "This is cattle country here," he said. "If we were in Lake Placid, I guarantee we'd have different things to eat."

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WELLS FARGO

Search for 50 missing women turns pig farm into crime lab

PORT COQUITLAM, British Columbia (AP) - Every day, outside the pig farm's gate, relatives weep for lost sisters and daughters as police perform their own grisly ritual, picking through the farm's muck to unearth clues about the fate of 50 missing women.

"It's a basket case, wondering what's going on," said Ada Wilson, peering over the fence. Her sister, Mona Lee Wilson, 27, vanished from the streets of Vancouver in November, and police suspect she may have ended up here.

"I'd like to find her," Wilson said, "but not like this." Since 1983, women have been vanishing from the seedy east side of downtown Vancouver, many of them drug-addicted prostitutes. For years, investigators were stymied by the case. In fact, they long maintained that there might not even be a case. With no bodies or other physical evidence of homicide, it was possible that the women had simply left, detectives said.

But as the number of disappearances increased, police and the public took more interest. A joint task force of Vancouver police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police formed last spring. In October, authorities announced they suspected homicide.

Last month, five more women were added to the missing roster, bringing it to 50 and surpassing a better-known series of killings south of the border: the Seattle area's Green River slayings of 49 women.

The Vancouver task force's first big break came Feb. 5, as police executed a search warrant on a 10-acre farm in Port Coquitlam, 22 miles east of downtown Vancouver. They charged one of the farm's owners, Robert "Wilby" Pickton, 52, with unlawful possession of a rifle and pistol. They also found enough evidence to prompt another search.

Since then, up to 85 investigators have swarmed over the 10-acre farm, a muddy jumble of rundown buildings, junk cars and huge mounds of dirt bordered on two sides by new housing developments. Dozens of animals were



A RCMP forensic team member retrieves a shoe found in a water-filled ditch at a farm in Port Coquitlam, B.C., Canada, recently. Police are investigating the house and surrounding 28 acres as part of their investigation into the disappearance of up to 50 women.

taken from the farm by animal-welfare agents.

Officials blocked off the property with metal security fences and brought in search dogs and trucks, including a refrigerated unit. Workers in rubber boots and white "moon suits" walked slowly across the muck, mapping, taking photos and taping black plastic over the windows of a shabby trailer.

Police-assured investigators will examine every nook and cranny, every square foot of ground and every inch of material if necessary," Vancouver Police Detective Scott Driemel said. He said the search could take months.

What they've found so far is a closely held secret.

Driemel said "specific items of interest ... that contain certain DNA samples" were found in the trailer. But he refused to comment on news reports that cited unnamed police sources as saying identification and personal items

of at least one of the missing women had been found.

Neither Robert Pickton nor his younger brother Dave Pickton, who also lived at the farm, has

been charged in connection with the disappearances.

Robert Pickton was charged in 1997 with attempted murder, for allegedly stabbing a drug-addict



Wendy Lachance holds back tears as she talks about her missing cousin, Marnie Frey, near the farm property.

ed prostitute in his home, but those charges were later dropped.

The farm was familiar to some prostitutes who work the streets of Vancouver. They talk about a guy known as "Farmer Willy" who would invite women to parties at the farm and at a nearby house that the brothers turned into a private drinking club known as "Piggy's Palace."

The dearth of information from authorities has not kept neighbors from speculating what may have happened - especially after news reports that investigators

had asked a rendering plant to examine its records about animal carcasses it had accepted from the Pickton farm.

"Everybody's talking about it," said Bill Wells, 77. "There's been a lot of grisly jokes - you know, don't buy the pork chops."

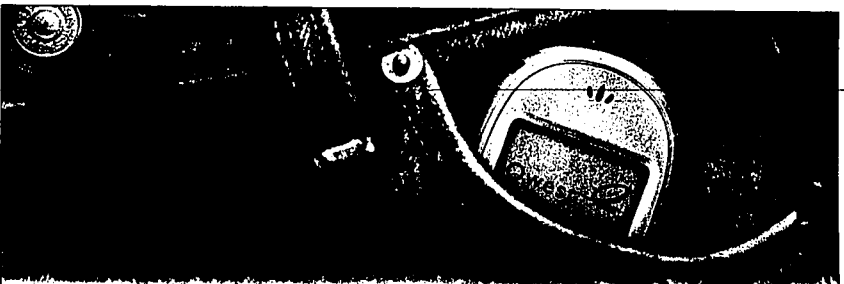
On one point even the authorities agree: The investigation could have been more effective had more time and money been invested early on.

"Why did they wait so long to dig up this land?" Ada Wilson asked. "If they had done something before, my sister might still be here," she said.

"It is the stigma of prostitution that has permitted the disappearances to remain unsolved for so long," said Suzanne Jay, spokeswoman for the Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter.

Author Trevor Greene, who wrote "Bad Date," a book chronicling the hard lives of the missing women, said he had heard the women he interviewed mention "Farmer Willy," but he never followed up on it.

"There are literally hundreds of these guys who could have done this," Greene said. "A lot of guys go downtown not for sex but to perpetrate violence. Every day there are six to 10 bad dates. These guys will take cricker bats, baseball bats, bricks to these women's faces."



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WORLD

Explosion kills three in Israeli mall; four Palestinians die in clashes

KARNEI SHOMRON, West Bank (AP) — A suicide bomber blew himself up in a pizzeria in a shopping center crowded with Israeli teenagers Saturday, killing himself and two others and wounding 27 people, six of them seriously.

The blast occurred in an open-air mall in a Jewish settlement in the West Bank, marking the first time a settlement was targeted in such a bombing.

The restaurant was gutted, with pieces of concrete and wires dangling from the ceiling. Blood, glass and debris covered the sidewalk. A children's coin-operated ride, a purple horse, stood unharmed amid the destruction.

In the northern Gaza Strip, a Palestinian rocket hit an Israeli army base, causing some damage but no injuries. In response, Israeli tanks advanced on the nearby Palestinian town of Beit

Lahia, and Palestinian witnesses said they heard intense shooting in the area.

The day's violence began earlier Saturday when four Palestinians were killed, three in a gunbattle with Israeli troops and one in a car explosion that Palestinians blamed on Israel. The Islamic militant group Hamas said it would retaliate for the blast, which killed a Hamas leader.

A radical PLO faction, the

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, claimed responsibility for Saturday's mall explosion. The claim came in a phone call to the Arab satellite TV station Al Jazeera.

The Israeli government held Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat ultimately responsible, saying he had done nothing to prevent attacks on Israelis.

Since September 2000, Palestinian militants have carried

out two deadly shooting attacks in the Jewish settlements that dot the West Bank and Gaza, areas Palestinians claim for their would-be state.

Israel has killed dozens of Palestinian militants accused of involvement in killings of Israelis — and a number of bystanders — in targeted attacks in the past 16 months.

On Saturday, a leader of the Hamas military wing, Nazih Abu

Sabaas, was killed in the West Bank town of Jenin. Palestinian security officials said Abu Sabaas had left a school where he teaches and was walking near a parked car when the vehicle exploded. A 2-year-old Palestinian boy was slightly injured.

The car had been wired with explosives that were planted by Israel, the Palestinian officials said. The Israeli army refused to comment on the explosion.

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EDITORIAL

Ag industry's growth should be embraced

While city and business leaders in the Magic Valley drive toward expansion of job opportunities, they should look in the rear-view mirror and remember the industries that put us on the road to growth in the first place.

The on-again, off-again nature of an expansion at Glanbia Foods in Gooding County, combined with the possibility of Independent Meat Co.'s expansion in another state, hints at the hazards of neglecting our agricultural roots.

Last week, Glanbia decided a \$5.6 million expansion should be put on hold due to a potential tightening of milk supply. This marks the second time in the past four months that the dairy processor has called off expansions in this area. Tighter dairy regulations and extended moratoriums on dairy construction have cast doubt on future milk production.

That delay was followed by news that Independent Meat of Twin Falls may take its expansion - worth 120 or 130 jobs - north to Montana. The company wants to build a new plant to double its processing capacity. Even though the company has land in the Twin Falls area, executives worry about increasing regulation and dwindling support for livestock feeding operations.

Who can blame them for their doubts? Independent Meat has expanded its market into Asia and Mexico, and it needs more capacity. If Twin Falls can't accommodate the company, it may have no choice but to go elsewhere.

The decision by Dell Computer Corp. to build an information center

in Twin Falls was rightly hailed as a major industrial benefit for the Magic Valley. A Fortune 500 company will enhance our economic diversity and may open the door to further growth in the technology field. To gain a Dell operation in the middle of a national recession is especially noteworthy.

But the Dell jobs are service-industry positions, not manufacturing. Further, the company won't pay property taxes, since it leases its building from the nonprofit Urban Renewal Agency.

As a manufacturer of goods, Independent Meat adds value to farm products and generates wealth for the local economy. It's part of an ag industry that has insulated the Magic Valley from the most brutal elements of the current recession.

Also, the major food processors that support so many local salaries also pay the taxes that build the community's infrastructure.

Magic Valley leaders need to work as hard on retaining existing industries as they do on recruiting new ones. And they need to be realistic about what kinds of industries will fuel job growth in the 21st century.

Technology and communication industries do present some opportunities for industrial growth. But farming, livestock and food processing have given this area growth and prosperity over the past 100 years. Common sense says they'll continue to be key employers for the foreseeable future.

Recruiting a new industry is exciting, but it's a crap shoot. Retaining and nurturing companies that already are committed to the area is a safer bet.

Magic Valley leaders need to work as hard on retaining existing industries as they do on recruiting new ones. And they need to be realistic about what kinds of industries will fuel job growth in the 21st century.



Debunking campaign finance myths

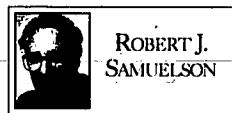
Washington think" is less about logic than political hustle. If you favor something, you attach it to a popular cause - say, homeland security. If you oppose something, you attach it to an unpopular cause - say, Enron. Bear this in mind after the House's passage of the Shroveton "Campaign Finance Reform Apples" bill, named after sponsors Christopher Shays, Republican of Connecticut, and Martin Meehan, Democrat of Massachusetts. The Enron scandal (it's said) demonstrates the corruptness of big political contributions and the need for an overhaul. The argument, though highly seductive, is complete make-believe.

Only by the lax standards of "Washington think" would anyone treat seriously the fact that contributions collapsed because some executives behaved unethically. Enron executives also made political contributions; therefore, the contributions are tainted and the system is rotten. In reality, Enron would have collapsed even if its executives hadn't contributed a penny. The connection between the bankruptcy and political giving is fictitious.

The real lesson is that when Enron desperately needed help, contributions bought no influence at all. In the 1999-2000 election, Enron and its employees made about \$2.4 million in contributions, says the Center for Responsive Politics. Republicans got 72 percent, Democrats 28 percent. That's a lot of money - but not compared with total contributions. In the 2000 election, all congressional candidates raised more than \$1 billion. Bush and Gore raised \$193.1 million and \$132.8 million.

What the Enron episode actually shows is that the breadth of contributions insulates politicians against "undue" influence by large donors. Despite many changes in campaign finance, the debate's basic tenets have stayed the same and can be distilled into a few questions:

• Is campaign spending too high? No. In



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

2000, all campaigns - including state and local elections and ballot referendums - cost about \$3.9 billion, according to the forthcoming book "Financing the 2000 Election" from the Brookings Institution. This is less than Americans spend annually on flowers (\$6.6 billion in 1997).

• Do contributions favor one party over another? No. Since the early 1980s, politics has become more - not less - competitive. The closeness of the Bush-Gore election and the present congressional split (Republican House, Democratic Senate) attest to that. Candidates need to raise a threshold of contributions to campaign effectively. But more money doesn't guarantee victory. The Brookings book cites many cases where poorer candidates won.

• Do rich contributors control Washington? No. Sure, the wealthy sometimes get undesired tax and regulatory breaks. But generally, they're fighting a rear-guard defense against higher taxes and more regulations. Even after Bush's tax cut, the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans pay roughly half of federal taxes. Most government benefits (for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid) go to large middle-class or poor constituencies.

• Are big campaign contributors a large source of public discontent? No. In polls, Americans repeatedly rate campaign finance reform as a low government priority.

• Do restrictions on campaign contributions curb free speech? Yes. Because modern communication - TV, mailings, phone banks - requires money, limits on contributions restrict communication. If communication isn't speech, what is it? The Supreme Court mistakenly blessed some contribution limits in Buckley v. Valeo

(1976) but also equated free speech with free spending. As long as the court maintains that free speech involves free spending, putting more restrictions on contributions to political candidates and parties is self-defeating. It simply encourages outside groups (unions, industry associations, environmental groups) with their own agendas to increase campaign spending to influence elections.

The true parallel between Enron and campaign finance is one that "reformers" avoid. Enron's cardinal sin was deception. The company evaded clear financial reporting. Similarly, "campaign finance reform" fosters continuous deceptions. Because politics requires money and is fiercely competitive, every new restriction on contributions inspires ways around the limits - evasions that, though legal, are denounced as "abuses." Why should writing laws that predictably invite evasion be considered a good or moral act? If Shays-Meehan becomes law, the cycle will continue. It bars most "soft money" political contributions and restricts some "issue ads" before elections. The Supreme Court might test out some or all of the new limits as unconstitutional. If it doesn't, political operatives will skirt the restrictions. The only way to have true "reform" without this legislated hypocrisy is to amend the Constitution and place limits on the First Amendment. Somehow a distinction would have to be created between "spending to communicate" and "communicating."

To make this case would be difficult. In this reporter's opinion, it would also be undesirable. But if reformers think campaign money is fundamentally corrupting democracy, honesty compels them to take the amendment route. Until they acknowledge that, they will be guilty of the same sin as Enron's executives. They will be describing the world as they wish it to be, seen, not as it actually is. Here lies the genuine Enron analogy.

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Rondeo brings back memories

I very much enjoyed the article on the Radio Rondevo in a recent Times-News issue. However, it raised two questions. Am I the only one who remembers the "Salt Lake Wrestlers" appearing there during the early 1950's?

I still recall my dear, old, widowed mother taking me to see those same characters live, that we watched Friday nights on KLLX.

I will never forget one time when a little old lady screamed out, "Kill him, kill him, gouge his eyes out!" To which I replied, "Mother stop. You are embarrassing me." Just kidding about that last part. Mother always told us how phony it all was. She said that Chief Kit Fox, Sonny, War Cloud, The Bat and all the rest rode up from Salt Lake City together in one car and had dinner together after show. Am I the only one who remembers this, or were these matches held someplace else?

My second question concerns The Times-News' recurring practice of ending a story in the middle of a sentence or sometimes even in the middle of a word. Is this a mistake or merely a clever writing style the rest of us should

JERRY CRAWFORD
Wendell

Community can prevent accidents

I am a friend of Katie Jaker, she was hit in the crosswalk of Filer and Main Street. This was a horrible accident where one girl almost did not survive. I am not passing judgment on whose fault it is, but you think it's time to start protecting the pedestrians of Twin Falls instead of the drivers? They have a big

ger vehicle. I recently have read the letters to the editor that make this out to be the pedestrian's fault, but when do the drivers need to take responsibility for their driving?

Witnesses watched Katie Jaker look both ways before crossing that street. The driver was believed to be speeding by witnessed accounts and had no lights on. I am not condemning anyone about what happened, but this situation and the other cases that have also happened could have been prevented. On that note, there have been eight other cases before Katie and there was not much action taken.

The speed limit was lowered to 15 mph, and orange cones were put up in the crosswalks. If there is no cop to issue tickets and cones are run over by cars, what do we have left to protect ourselves from crossing the crosswalk?

You know this community raised about \$70,000 to put a bubble over a swimming pool and put a lot of money into putting rocks up in the city park, but it can't raise money to help protect the future generation of this country.

In lieu of this accident, two people will suffer for the rest of their lives when this could have been prevented as a community long ago.

JERRI KINNEY
Twin Falls

Torch bearer deserves recognition

Thank you for your article mentioning the names of the Olympic torch bearers' support runners. It is extremely important to our community to recognize the positive accomplishments of our youth.

LETTERS

There is one name, however, that The Times-News failed to mention. It was my son, Austin Harper, who actually was a torch bearer. I called The Times-News to see why his biography was not in the special edition of the newspaper and they explained that, for whatever reason, his name was not on their list. I can understand that and happens and they apologized to me, which was very nice. I was hoping, however, that there might be some mention of him in a subsequent newspaper so I could place it in a scrapbook along with the other articles I had cut out of his fellow torch bearers.

Austin's father nominated him on the Coca-Cola Web site, and he was chosen to run the last leg of the route over the Perrine Bridge leaving Twin Falls, which was twice as long as the other runners. He also got the honor of relighting the cauldron, which took the Olympic fire to the next town. We just couldn't have experienced a prouder moment Austin was a great representative for Twin Falls High School and formerly of St. Edward's Catholic School. Thank you to the Coca-Cola company for purchasing their representatives' torches for them. What a wonderful moment!

So here's to you, Austin, from your sister and your parents. We're proud to call you brother and son!

CORY HARPER
Twin Falls

Elected officials stop out of bounds

I did not vote for term limits. I do not believe in having a law that limits terms. My contention now, as it has always been is that the voter has the power to limit terms every time they go to the

polls. In spite of my objections to a law that limits terms, I do believe in majority rule.

It was a disgrace to see how fast this matter was acted on to benefit the politician when there have been so many issues pending for such long periods of time; namely, taking action to alleviate the burden of homeowners only paying for our schools. Where were our elected officials who never acted on suggestions that they should explore the possibility of a 1-cent increase in sales tax to be earmarked specifically for our schools? Or the addition to car registration earmarked specifically for our schools?

Until now, I have never been aware that it should be plain to everyone that the recent repeal of term limits was a matter of personal success to our representatives only, not what the voters wanted. Not what the voters chose from three occasions.

Our country has existed and thrived on new ideas from people who have the best interest of the population at heart. This recent action from our representatives is a perfect indication that it is time for a change, to take away the power of those who have used their positions to feather their own nests and to heck with the voice of the people who put them there.

We the people have always had the power to limit terms. We can best prove that point by using that power to vote

the incumbents out of office. They have no place in the representation of their districts as long as that representation benefits no one but the politician.

No, my friends, term limits have not been repealed so long as we will go to the polls and exercise our rights to be heard. New blood is needed to break the hold of our present dictators. Voting is our way to prove this point.

SUE M. SCOTT
Jerome

Sheena Foundation comes through

Since we live in the country, people seem to think our place looks like an ideal place to dump their unwanted cats or dogs.

I used to take the stray animals to the Humane Society (animal shelter) in Twin Falls until the shelter manager told me I had to call the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office so an officer could come out to pick up the animals. I did have someone from the sheriff's office come out to pick up two dogs. The officer I talked to was very nice, and he did get the problem resolved.

During the holidays, someone dumped off two little gray kittens. I tried to find them a home, but no luck. I didn't want to call the sheriff's office because I felt they had more important things to do than pick up two little gray kittens. So I called the Sheena Foundation to ask if they could take the kittens but was told no room. In a couple of weeks, I called again to find out if they had any room. The answer was yes, with the assurance they would be able to find them a home.

Thanks, Sheena Foundation.

PATRICIA DUTT
Twin Falls

OPINION



LETTERS

Dead can't give 15-day notice

When it came to protecting their jobs, most of the senators and representatives of this state saw fit to reverse the will of the people and the State Supreme Court on the issue of term limits. There are other laws and rulings that should be addressed affecting long-term care residents in retirement centers, rest homes, etc. But you shut your eyes to these.

The following is just one of the many reasons that term limits are needed at the Senate and House level of government. I voted against term limits the last time, but I will vote in favor of it the next time it makes the ballot.

I recently encountered this problem at one of these facilities when I was informed that a person could not get a refund for the unused portion of the room rent because partial months will be refunded only if it coincides with the 15-day written notice, which includes the death of a resident.

I always thought God was the only one who knew when someone was going to die. So how can a mortal human being give a 15-day written notice in advance of death?

Not all facilities hide behind this law or ruling, but there are thousands of dollars being fleeced each month by those who do. When a person places a loved one in the care of these facilities, you overlook the statements concerning death because you don't want to accept it or you have no other choice, so you sign the admission contract as in my case.

Reps. Noh, Jones, Newcomb and others, you were able to overturn the vote of the people on term limits and keep the money in your pockets. Why don't you change this law or ruling and keep the residents' money in their pockets? This law or ruling also affects Medicaid and long-term care insurance companies. Reps. Noh, Jones and Newcomb, if you want a copy of the admission agreement, I will send it to those who are leading the drive to place term limits back on the November ballot.

For those who have loved ones in these facilities, review your admission agreement to see if you have a similar problem and take action accordingly.

It is also my understanding that if the facility re-rents the room, it must refund that portion where double rent is collected. So far, I have not received any refund.

DAVID BRANDON
Twin Falls

We have our own little Enron

Who needs Enron? We have Idaho Power-Ida Corp. They were thoughtful enough to include with the last billing the necessary form so they could collect the money faster, painlessly, so we would not even notice it was gone.

RICHARD CARLQUIST
Blanchard

Support small town business

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Twin for everything? Is Twin Falls going to deliver your prescription to your grocery? When you have car trouble, are you going to call Twin when you have such honest and considerate car care people here?

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I love my town.
BETTY GALVIN
Wendell

Utah should be ashamed

The letter from John Thiebert of Twin Falls concerned the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The subject was about the bribery of the committee members by the local people to bring the games to Utah. He stated the previous games' host cities also bribed the committees. In other words, it is all right because everyone does it.

I don't buy that; the bribery buck could have ended in Utah. Even Sen. Hatch was involved in the bribery. So far, the whole mess has been whitewashed. Shame on them.

WILLIAM HORNADAY
Hagerman

'Bumblin' buffoons' run F&G

I'd like to say how impressed I am with our competent State Fish and Game Department. I would also like to say that I am not that big of a liar. No wonder the department has lost most of the confidence of Idaho's sportsmen. Its actions show everyone what a bunch of bumblin' buffoons they really are.

I can't think of a better way to count chukars in Hells Canyon than to fly a helicopter at 150 mph, or how about the elk relocation project near Weiser last

month? They herd several hundred elk into a small corral with helicopters and overcrowd the animals until they suffocate 55 head. If they would only do two or three more roundups like that last one, they wouldn't have to worry about an over-population of elk. By the way, what is the daily bag limit for elk? Must be 55.

It certainly was nice to know that they justified their actions by saying they salvaged most of the animals for the food bank. I can't think of anything I would rather have than a fresh elk steak from an animal who had been chased for miles with a helicopter, smothered and then finally dressed hours later, when the chances are they probably were not bled out properly. Yummy!

I'm also impressed with the way they operate check stations. Two years ago on the top of Anderson Ranch grade, they needed not two or three officers and pickups but six, plus a state

trooper, just in case someone tried to make a run for it! Then another check station north of Gooding where officers with camcorders record everything including your license plate. Again, there were Fish and Game pickups stationed a couple miles north in the sagebrush just in case someone tried to turn around. I wouldn't be surprised if those two pickups were equipped with heat-seeking missiles. Every hunter and fisherman must be guilty until proven innocent. Right?

I wish the Fish and Game would use a little common sense like most sportsmen do, and maybe they would start to regain the confidence of the sporting public of Idaho who ultimately end up paying for the department's blunders.

It must be too early at this point in time to start doing anything that might border on the simply plain and logical.

CLYDE SCHROEDER
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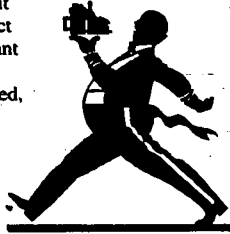
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 Father, son head
 to Salt Lake City.
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Section B

You win some, you lose some

I wanna be Jeremy Teela. Or Alan Ahlborn. Or even Kris Freeman.

They're stalwart American Olympians of the caliber who show up every four years, lunch bucket in hand, with just about as much chance of winning a medal as you have of losing 20 pounds before Memorial Day.

See, they're the United States' Nordic sports athletes, and thus incapable at the cellular level of skiing faster than anybody named Olaf.

It's been ever thus at the Winter Olympics, all the more embarrassing because these games are largely paid for by American television networks. That means there's a lot of air time to fill. A lot of air time.

So we got to watch Teela finish 20th in last Wednesday's 10-kilometer biathlon. Ahlborn was 34th in the 120-meter ski jump, and Freeman ended up 15th in the Nordic combined race.

This is perhaps the least surprising news since your wife's brother moved into your basement, and it illustrates that for all the power and glory of this country, there are areas in which we're lucky to be as good as feckless. For all the Eric Heiden's and Mike Stuetgen's and Fiebo Streets this nation has produced, we have sackfuls of Kristina Yoders (she finished 54th in the women's 15K cross-country race).



Don't Ask Me Steve Crump

America - Fairfield notwithstanding - is a place where winter settles uneasily upon the people, never more so than at the 1988 Calgary Olympics where we won all of six medals. The Soviet Union, which went out of business three years later, won 29.

See Bruce Arledge, who ran ABC's Sports for 20 years, found America's prattling on ice oddly compelling. He hitched the network's fortunes to the tailgate of the Olympic Zamboni and made sportscaster Jim McKay the unofficial voice of the event.

McKay, unflinching cheerfulness, was tasked with breaking the news to America that its skiers, skaters and sliders had come in 21st again.

The point came at 12:45 when the Winter Olympics were held in the Austrian city of Innsbruck. The United States won just one gold medal that year, that by a barber named Terry McDermott, who captured the 500-meter speed skating event. McKay, bless his heart, profiled McDermott, his family, his neighbors and his scissors and comb until viewers knew how much McDermott clunged for a crewcut. But how to fill up the other 15 days of air time?

"Moving on, in the Games of the Ninth Winter Olympiad," McKay intoned, "to the sport of luge." In those days, Americans had never come close to winning a medal in that sport, so when McKay knew for the luge highlights, you knew it was time to go out and shovel the walk.

Admittedly, we've gotten better at winter sport since then. Kristi Yamaguchi and Scott Hamilton, for example, are very wealthy ex-skaters as a result of their Olympic experiences, but neither ever volunteered to join Ahlborn on the 120-meter ski hill, flying 60 miles an hour with only a pair of Rossignols protecting them from a lifetime without teeth.

James Dean did something similar in "Rebel Without a Cause" and became an American icon, but that was in California and he was wearing a '46 Chevy - a far more sensible approach. Yet not, I think, quite as daring as an ABC sports reporter I recall.

It was at a Winter Olympics during the '60s or '70s, which McKay glibly announced was as good as over for the Americans when he intoned, "I said now, to the sport of luge." ABC cut to a correspondent just as the trenchcoat-clad fellow, who had been standing at the start line of the high track, tripped and went sliding down the icy labyrinth, apparently unable to stop himself.

The network went to a commercial, and when it came back 60 seconds later the same reporter was standing at the finish line of the luge run, looking none the wiser for wear. ABC doesn't broadcast the Winter Olympics any more, and that's a shame: America's best time in the luge this year was almost three minutes.

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School teaches fire skills

By Shari Chaney
 Times-News writer

PAUL - It might be deadly, but firefighters can't help but be in awe.

After a flashover training session at the Southern Idaho Fire Academy in Paul this weekend, East End firefighter Joe Barela Jr. said, "You actually see what they mean by Hell. It was beautiful."

A flashover is a moment when everything ignites at one time, said Capt. Teddie Morton of the Rock Creek Fire Department.

It's something people cannot survive, said Fred Mann, training officer from Pocatello. The training at the academy trains firefighters how to "put water to it and get out."

A simulation exercise helps firefighters learn to identify a flashover and escape, Morton said.

To simulate a flashover, walls are lined with particle board, Mann said. Firefighters sit on benches below the flash point. A fire is shot out of a burn barrel and travels above the firefighters. The fire reaches 400 to 500 degrees.

Barela didn't describe it quite like that when he came out. "Plain and simple: just awesome," he said.

Flashovers can happen in house fires, Morton said, she hasn't seen too many in the field, but it's nice for firefighters to be able to identify when one might happen.

A firefighter can't predict a flashover, Mann said, but fire will give signs about what the fire is going to do.

"Fire doesn't have a brain, but it will kill us," Mann said.

Dave Lamberson from the Rupert Fire Department watched the first group of firefighters in the flashover structure.

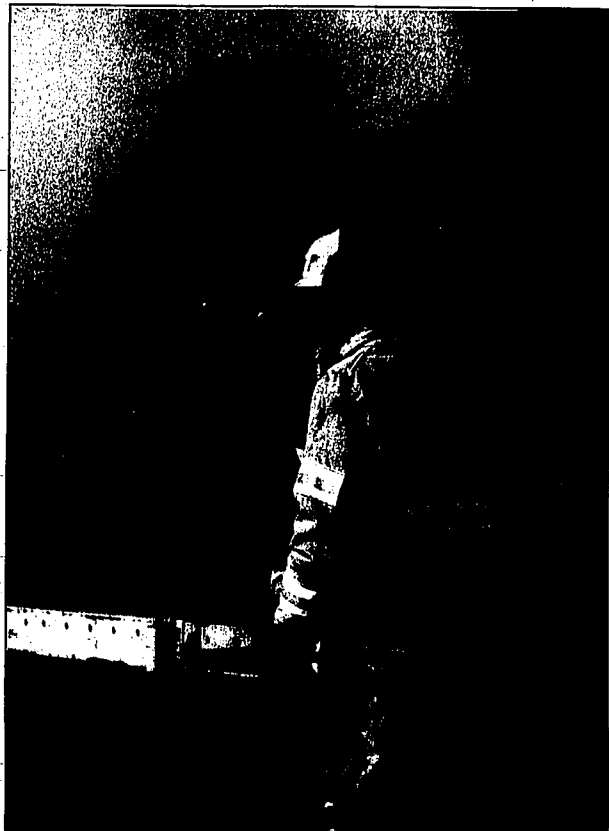
He said instructors had told firefighters there would be a lot of heat and sparks, maybe even some confusion. Guys from the department say it's an adrenaline rush, he added.

"Personally, I don't know what to expect," Lamberson said.

Robert Thompson, also from the Rupert Fire Department, watched smoke billow out of the structure while the first group of firefighters was inside. He said he was excited to get inside, too; it's one of the best training devices.

Firefighters have to be three parts crazy and one part insane, Lamberson said he heard from instructors.

"We're running into the build-



Firefighters exit a burning trailer in which they had just spent 15 minutes extinguishing an overhead rolling fire of temperatures reaching 500 degrees. Such training teaches firefighters how to escape after trying to extinguish a fire. The Southern Idaho Fire Academy performed several different training techniques at West Minico Junior High School in Paul Saturday.

ing everyone else is running out of," he said.

The structure used in training for flashovers was built by academy officials and can be moved to other departments and training sessions throughout the area, Morton said.

"Rarely do the academy con-

tinue today with LifeFlight returning and a house to be burned down, Sutton said.

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Reporter's book documents Air Force politics

By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The vast and unforgiving terrain of southwestern Idaho hosted a decade-long standoff between the U.S. Air Force and an unlikely coalition of opponents.

Former Times-News reporter Niels Nøkkentved's recently published book, "Desert Wings, Controversy in the Idaho Desert," documents an inflammatory episode of U.S. Air Force politics and how ranchers, environmentalists, American Indians and sportsmen together fought the Air Force's massive bombing range expansion in Owyhee County.

Opponents fought not because they were against the Air Force or the military but because they cared about the land, Nøkkentved's book says.

In an interview, he talked about the Owyhee and why he wrote the book.

"It's rugged, wild and unforgiving but also very beautiful," Nøkkentved said.

The book grew out of suggestion from friends, he said. He collected the documentation and attended the public meetings as a reporter covering the story for *The Times-News*.

"I think the book shows the effect people can have when they work together on something," Nøkkentved said.

It also provided a recording of events, performing the journalistic function of holding the military accountable for what they do, he said.

When the Air Force in 1989 made public plans to expand

'Not long ago, the southwestern corner of Idaho was a land that few people knew. In addition to the American Indians, a few buckaroos, herders, hunters, prospectors, wanderers, and fugitives from the law came to know this raw landscape and find refuge in its wilderness. Somebody in the Pentagon picked the region because there was nothing on the map - no roads, no towns. To Air Force leaders, it was like many other public lands in the West - wide-open and perfect for a bombing range. Here, Pentagon officials thought, lived few to object.'

- From 'Desert Wings,' by Niels Spare Nøkkentved, published by Washington State University Press

the Mountain Home Air Force Base's training range, public opposition rallied against plans that included live bombing ranges and low-level supersonic flight.

It took 10 years and legal, settlements, but the Air Force finally got its training range, Nøkkentved documented, without having shown a need for one.

The final, \$35 million package included a 12,000-acre practice bombing range, five simulated bomb targets and 30 mobile electronic sites that all will create an electronic combat range covering 12 million acres of eastern Owyhee County. Operational restrictions won't be the opposition include

no supersonic flights under 15,000 feet over the east and south forks of the Owyhee River in the spring - except for two one-day training operations per month. The Air Force got a controversial expansion of airspace over Little Jacks Creek, an area important to California bighorn sheep and sage grouse. It is required to monitor environmental impacts.

Maj. Bob Thompson, a spokesman for Mountain Home Air Force Base, said he picked up a copy of the book to read.

The Air Force had no comment on the book, he said, but would answer questions about the training range.

Craig Gehrke, director of the



Wilderness Society's Idaho office, appears in the book as one of the conservationists fighting the expansion.

Gehrke said he lived the experience all over again while reading the book. He often had to set it aside for something more soothing, he said.

"I would get too worked up about the whole issue," he said. The book is an interesting and discreet history of one of Idaho's conservation battles, Gehrke said.

Others haven't been documented like this one is now, he said.

Nøkkentved covered environmental issues for *The Times-News* for more than 12 years. He now writes about the outdoors at *The Olympian* in Olympia, Wash.

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From humble beginnings

Friends, family remember former U.S. Mint director

By Pat Murphy
 Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Whether rounding up sheep on horseback in the rugged Idaho outdoors or dining in the polished splendor of the White House, Mary Elizabeth Thomas Peavey Brooks was a woman teatally at ease in her surroundings.

Little wonder: Mary Brooks literally and figuratively earned her spurs as a person of wide accomplishments, rising from her modest childhood surroundings in Gooding to seats of power in Idaho and Washington, D.C., while forging an unbroken string of friendships that stretched from ranch hands to the president of the United States.

Ms. Brooks died Monday in Twin Falls at Bridgeview Estates. Friends and family will gather at a memorial service May 19 at Flat Top Sheep ranch deep in Muldoot Canyon east of Bellevue, the family ranch. Her ashes will be scattered at the ranch and at Petit Lake south of Stanley where she had a cabin for years.

"We're waiting for the grasses to turn green, her favorite time of the year," explained her son, former Idaho state Sen. John Peavey, who now manages the family sheep ranching operation.

At her death, Ms. Brooks was 94 years old, and had amassed a lifetime of achievements few others could equal.

Her son remembers his mother as a woman who predated the era of feminism, and who was accepted even by rough-and-tumble male shepherders.

In 1929, when she graduated from the University of Idaho with an economics degree, she married her college sweetheart, Arthur J. Peavey, with whom she had a son, John, and daughter, Elizabeth Eccles, now of McCall, after settling in Twin Falls.

But her husband died in a Snake River boating accident in 1941. With her young children in tow, she moved to Washington, D.C., where her father, John Thomas, was serving in the U.S. Senate. In time, he introduced her to a colleague, Sen. C. Wayland "Curly" Brooks, who she would marry in 1945.

Peavey says his mother and stepfather moved to Chicago after Brooks retired from the Senate in 1948. Brooks died in 1957, which Peavey says marks the beginning of his mother's own political career when she took over some of his activities.

She became an Illinois Republican National Committee woman, then vice chairman of the Republican National Committee.

In 1963, she resigned, returning to Idaho, whereupon she was appointed to the state Senate representing Blaine County and parts of the Magic Valley.

But President Richard Nixon called and asked her in 1969 to become director of the U.S. Mint. During her tenure, she was responsible for adding the portraits of Eisenhower to the dollar coin and Kennedy to the quarter, as well as restoring San Francisco's historic Old Mint Building.

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Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	76%
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BURLEY



Catherine Thaxton

Catherine Thaxton, 88-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. She was born March 16, 1913, in Layton, Utah, the daughter of John Absalom and Catherine Susanahan Adams Whitesides. She moved with her family to Burley when she was a year and a half old. Catherine attended schools in Burley, graduating from Burley High School. She later attended college night classes. She married Marion Thaxton on December 25, 1932, in Heyburn. Their marriage was later solemnized on April 9, 1957, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He preceded her in death on November 25, 1980. She worked at Leona's Kindergarten and Day Care from 1956 to 1973, where she taught kindergarten. When Leona retired, Catherine opened her own kindergarten and preschool, which she operated from 1973 to May of 1990. Over the years, Catherine enriched the lives of many young people. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in the Primary, Junior Sunday School, and also as a Young Women Leader. Catherine loved children, gardening and growing flowers.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Art Ramsey Jr. of Burley, three grandsons, Stephen Don Thaxton of Boise, James Arthur (Alicia) Ramsey of Nampa, and Michael Ramon (Natalie) Ramsey of Orem, Utah; a granddaughter, Carey Kay Thaxton of Hailey; a sister, Myrt Walters of Nampa; three great-grandchildren; and many loved nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Don Marion Thaxton on December 9, 1935; four brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 2002, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Avenue, with Bishop Robert L. Ramsey officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley, on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Tuesday.

GOODING

Dorothy Kelly

Dorothy Kelly, 65, of Gooding, passed away February 15, 2002, an extended illness at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Dorothy was born to Maynard and Daghee Hill on March 19, 1936. She was raised in Gooding, where she graduated from Gooding High School and then attended the University of Idaho. Dorothy was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. On August 22, 1948, she married Eugene Kelly. It wasn't until her children were in school that Dorothy went to work. She worked at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital for about 12 years before taking a job at the accounting firm of Carroo, Oakley and Jones. She retired in 1995. Dorothy was a devoted mother and wife. She enjoyed being involved with her children's activities and family outings, trips to Red Fish Lake. Dorothy was active in PEO, Chapter G, once presiding as President. She was a lifelong member of the Trinity Episcopal Church. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Maynard and Daghee Hill, a brother, Bill, and her loving husband, Gene Dorothy survived by her four children, Susan (Jerry) Westendorf of Gooding, Stephen B. Kelly, Nancy Kelly of Gooding and Beckey (Jrm) Schopfler, also of Gooding. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Nick Westendorf of Hailey, Jeff Scott, and Dan Westendorf, all of Gooding, Chris Isaacson of Gooding, Mike Isaacson of Tennessee, Lisa Schoettger of Boise, and John M. Schoettger of Gooding. Our Mom was so special - gen-

erous, thoughtful, a devoted caregiver not only to her immediate family but also her extended family. She never complained about anything, but instead, used her humor and strength to get through any tough times. She was a truly special lady and we will miss her greatly. Memorial services will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Gooding at 1 p.m. For those who desire, the family suggests donations be made to the Gooding Hospital Foundation or the Gooding Public Library.

CAREY

Myrtle Olive Bingham, 86-year-old Carey resident, passed from this earth to her reward with her sweetheart on the 14th of February 2002, in Wendell, Idaho. Myrtle was born July 24, 1915, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of John Thomas and Loretta Wells Craner. She was raised in the Polta area near Burley, Idaho, where she attended grade school and high school from 1931 to 1936. She worked for M.H. Kings, Ora-Ida, and in Sun Valley, Idaho. She married Spencer M. Bingham on August 23, 1935, in the Logan LDS Temple. They are the parents of six children: Merrell (Janell) Bingham of Rupert, Idaho, Carol (Vern) Jolley of Carey, Idaho, Gay (Thomas) Bingham of Sacramento, California, Hal (Karma) Bingham of Carey, Idaho, Joyce (Darrell) Hope of Wendell, Idaho, and Shauna (John) Harper of Olympia, Washington. Myrtle loved her family and enjoyed seeing them excel in their many different fields. She loved gardening, poetry and could still recite many of these early-learned poems for her grandchildren. She loved people, being happy, kisses, and sex. She also enjoyed teaching, traveling, and shopping. She instilled a love of Heavenly Father and the Gospel in her children. She was an active member of the LDS Church with a strong testimony of her beliefs, and served as a Primary Teacher, Visiting Teacher, MIA, Relief Society, and in the Relief Society. Myrtle and Spencer served a welfare mission in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, area in 1978-1979. She is survived by her six children, one brother, Max (Evelyn) Craner of Logan, UT; three sisters, Beth Paskett of Logan, UT, Rada (Howard) Malneux of Bountiful, UT, and Katherine (Richard) Coburn of Rigby, ID. She has 39 grandchildren and 75 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Spencer M.; her parents, brothers, Ernie and Vernon; sisters, Sarah and Zina; and three great-grandchildren.

Myrtle Olive Bingham

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, February 18, 2002, at the Carey Idaho Stake Center with Bishop Mike Kelsay officiating. Burial will follow in the Carey Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday evening from 4-6 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th Street, and one hour prior to the funeral services on Monday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SHOSHONE

Alice Margaret Westfall

Alice Margaret Westfall, a member of a historic family of Shoshone, has passed away at the age of 94. Alice died Thursday, February 14, 2002, of natural causes at the Shoshone Rehabilitation Center, where she had been a resident for the last three years. Alice was born in Wenatchee, Idaho, on April 6, 1907, the daughter of Charles William Westhite Sr. and Mary Ann Downs. She attended school in Shoshone and, after graduation from high school, went to Boise where she studied bookkeeping. Then she went to Los Angeles, California, and became a Beaudine. Alice married Harry Westfall on October 5, 1935, in Los Angeles, California. While her husband was in the U.S. Navy, she was stationed at Naval Air Bases in San Francisco, California, and Whidbey Island, Washington. When Harry retired, they traveled the country until he passed away; February 3, 1964. After his death, she returned to Shoshone, where she lived the rest of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, Charles W. Westhite Jr. in 1970; brother, Mount F. Westhite of Shoshone in 1974; and sister, Mary Sauer in 1995. She is survived by a niece, Melba McCure of Twin Falls, Idaho, and nephew, Robert Sauer of Los Angeles, California, and numerous grand nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Demary's Shoshone Chapel. Private family interment will follow the services at the Shoshone Cemetery.

Harry retired, they traveled the country until he passed away; February 3, 1964. After his death, she returned to Shoshone, where she lived the rest of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, Charles W. Westhite Jr. in 1970; brother, Mount F. Westhite of Shoshone in 1974; and sister, Mary Sauer in 1995. She is survived by a niece, Melba McCure of Twin Falls, Idaho, and nephew, Robert Sauer of Los Angeles, California, and numerous grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Demary's Shoshone Chapel. Private family interment will follow the services at the Shoshone Cemetery.

WENDELL



Philip Robert 'Bob' Servatius

Bob Servatius passed away in the early morning hours of February 16, 2002, in the company of his family in Twin Falls, Idaho, after a courageous struggle with cancer at the age of 70.

Born September 2nd, 1931, in Portland, OR to Julius and Elizabeth Servatius, the second of five children, Bob married Carole Shields in Weiser in 1950, fathering four children. Carole passed away in 1986 on December 30th, 1989. He married Linda Wyatt of Salem, OR. The two lived in Wendell, ID. As an active and devoted member of the Catholic Church, he earned the distinction of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Servatius spent nine years in the Idaho National Guard between 1948 and 1957, earning the rank of Platoon Sergeant. Bob was an active Democrat and deeply involved in the campaign of his friend Senator Frank Church and that of Governor Cecil Andrus. His passion for politics was equal only to his acumen for community development. During the 1960s, he was involved in the Weiser Development Commission and the Weiser Chamber of Commerce. He was cited for helping to encourage Champion Home Builders to locate in Idaho. This among other community activities twice earned him the distinction of Man of the Year in Weiser. After working in the real estate and insurance business, he spent over thirty years in the manufactured home industry as General Manager, Vice President and Regional Director for several national manufacturing companies. Together with his wife, Linda, Bob continued in this path founding and managing a manufactured home retail lot in Wendell, ID, until his death.

Bob is survived by his wife, Linda Servatius of Wendell, ID, his four children, Mark of Medford, OR, Leanne (Tom) Ambrose of Brush Prairie, WA, Greg (Stacey) of Prosser, WA, Kayn (Cort) Larsen of Meridian, and stepson, William (Traci) Nicholopoulos of Waterford, MI, three of his siblings, Paul (Bev) of Meridian, Elizabeth (Ray) Hawk of Mysia, OR, and Mary Jerabek of Olympia, WA, his fourteen grandchildren, Erik Snell of Boise, Ryan Servatius of Portland, OR, Devon Ambrose of Portland, OR, Eric Ambrose of Newberg, OR, Jason Servatius of Medford, OR, Nick and Christian Larsen of Meridian, IA, and Victoria Servatius of Gibsonia, PA, Wesley, Brandon, Dustin, and Shaylen Hendrickson of Prosser, WA, and Eliana Nicholopoulos of Waterford, MI, and the great-grandchild, Craig Snell of Boise.

Grandpa Bob Servatius was a truly great man. A friend, leader, confidant, joke-teller, and family patriarch, he was a stronger people and having known him, loved him, and lived with him. The family asks that any donations be made to the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise, which he credits for prolonging his and his wife's life by many years.

A Rosary Vigil will be held Tuesday, February 19th, at 6 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Wendell, ID. A funeral service will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Weiser on Wednesday, February 20th, at 2 p.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Two might run for attorney general

NAMPA (AP) - Two potential Republican candidates have emerged for Idaho attorney general.

Canyon County Commission Chairman Todd Lakey said he plans to run, setting up a potential challenger for Al Lance, who has held the state post since 1994 and has not decided whether to run for a third term.

Lakey plans to make a formal announcement next week, but said Friday, "I intend to be a candidate."

Lance has been mentioned as a possible candidate for appointment to the federal judiciary under the Bush administration.

If Lance does not seek re-election, his chief-of-staff, Lawrence Wasden, a Nampa resident and former Canyon County deputy prosecutor, said he also would seek the attorney general job.

Wasden, who has served in the Attorney General's Office for 13 years, including the last five as chief-of-staff, said he would not run against Lance.

No Democrat has announced an interest in the post.

Lakey, 37, was elected to the Canyon County Commission in 1999 and was immediately selected chairman.

It was his first election to politi-

cal office. Before that, he was a deputy in the county prosecutor's office and active in the county Republican Party.

Lakey graduated from Brigham Young University in 1990 and received his law degree from Lewis and Clark Northwestern

School of Law in Portland in 1993.

Unlike fellow Commissioners Matt Beebe and Pat Galvin, Lakey is not up for re-election this year. If his bid for attorney general failed, he could retain his seat at the county.

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Horseback riding helps boy talk

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - While many have heard of Mr. Ed the talking horse, most have not heard of Cody, the horse who's helping a boy learn to talk.

When Claudia Garner learned her son had apraxia, a motor speech disorder, she sought out information about the condition and treatments.

A child with apraxia has difficulty in sequencing and executing speech movements.

When Garner learned about "hippo therapy" on the Internet, she thought it looked like something that could help her 5-year-old son.

The only problem was hippo therapy is not readily available in Mini-Cassia. Different from therapeutic riding, hippo therapy focuses on working with a patient's gut cycle to treat specific ailments and conditions.

Garner talked to her friend Ken Erickson, who gives riding lessons, and asked him if he could provide hippo therapy for her son.

Erickson is not a physical therapist but agreed to give Greyson lessons and see if it would help.

Now Garner is convinced that riding Cody - a gentle old horse donated by Don Knopp for the task - is helping Greyson develop speech.

"It's unbelievable," Garner said. "He says words on that horse that he can't get out at other times," she said. "He forgets he's on the horse."

Garner has taken her son to a number of speech therapists, who are also working with him. But Greyson thinks speech therapy is a lot of work, his mother said.

"He is so burned out on therapy," she said. "He thinks this is play. He doesn't realize this is work."

While on the horse, Greyson has to make commands to get Cody to do what he wants. Greyson is so eager to make the horse go that he often forgets about his speech problem.



Greyson Garner jokes around with his teacher Ken Erickson during riding lessons. Garner's mother says the lessons have helped improve her son's speech.

What is hippo therapy?

- "Hippo" is Greek for "horse."
- Hippo therapy is a rehabilitation approach for patients with a variety of physical disabilities.
- The horse becomes the treatment modality in the same way that a ball or tilt board is used in physical therapy. The patient's position astride a walking horse and the horse's rhythmic and multi-dimensional movements encourage automatic reactions.
- The greatest benefits are seen in improved head and trunk control and in maintaining a balanced, centered position.

Source: Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center, Vacaville Calif.

For more information go to: <http://www.apraxia-kids.org>

"It gives him such good self-esteem," Garner said. "He is in

control. That horse does what he wants."

When Erickson started giving Greyson riding lessons the boy probably knew about five to eight words, he said.

"Now I'd hate to guess how big his vocabulary is. When he started, his speech was slurred. Now left is left."

Greyson has also learned other words. Erickson taught him to say different parts of the horse such as the tail, legs, ears, eyes and nose. He knows what riding equipment is, such as saddle, boots, bit and rope.

"I tell him good job and always give him a thumbs up," Erickson said.

Greyson's grandfather, Dick Stoller, who takes Greyson to his riding lessons, has seen an improvement.

"He doesn't say a lot of words yet, but I see him putting words together," Stoller said.

While Greyson takes riding lessons from Erickson, there are those who would like to see therapeutic riding used more in Mini-Cassia as a treatment for many ailments.

Nick Greenwell, a Burley physical therapist, said Mini-Cassia could benefit from having an indoor arena where hippo therapy could be practiced.

"Mini-Cassia is starved for resources for kids," Greenwell said. Greenwell is an advocate of the proposed Oakley Events Center. Such a center would provide a place for hippo therapy and therapeutic riding, he said.

Using therapeutic riding and hippo therapy is a big trend in the United States. Many conditions and diseases are treated using horses, such as Lou Gehrig's disease, Parkinson's disease or anything that has to do with mobility, he said.

"A horse has a similar gait as a human," Greenwell said.

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Video program advances quickly

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The next Steven Spielberg could be studying at Minico High School right now.

Minico's video production program, described as "Fledgling" by teacher Paul Aston, is growing.

The class includes 16 students, but interest in the program has grown and a second class could be added next trimester.

Students in the program have no experience with video, Aston said. "But they are doing some nice things. Actually they're teaching me."

The program is the only of its kind in the Magic Valley, Aston said.

Junior highs in both the Wood River area and Idaho Falls have video programs.

Aston talked with educators who have a video program in Logan, Utah. Their students participate in film festival competitions and hold a black-tie screening of student work at the end of the year.

"It's like the Academy Awards," Aston said.

Although Minico may not be ready for such an event, Aston would like to begin entering competitions. Students who return to the program next year should turn out significant pieces.

"We started out really low-budget," Aston said.

Basic equipment cost around \$25,000, Aston said. The program received some additional money around Christmas and Aston is continuing to seek grant funds.

Students work with professional-level software called Final Cut Pro and have a number of computer stations, along with a television and screen, for viewing videos.

Being able to put Final Cut

Pro on a resume is a great achievement for students, Aston said. It will get attention if students pursue any aspect of video production.

Students also get personal satisfaction out of the class, Aston said. "The kids enjoy it."

The class is a potential way to communicate with the school and the community. Students created a video which was shown to the student body to celebrate the Pledge Across America, and a video of the Mr. MHS competition has been shown at school board and Rotary club meetings.

One student is working on a video for the Wilson Theater. Some students have made videos for school organizations, including Brutus Bakery and the English department.

Aston said video production has become cross-curricular. One student is creating a video about chemistry which will also work as part of his chemistry project.

The best parts of video production? "Making it," said student Dane Hansen.

"Watching it," quipped student Mark Hansen.

The hardest part? "Getting the footage," said Mark Hansen.

"Getting the idea," said Dane Hansen.

"It's exhausting," Aston said. The technology needs upgrading quickly and Aston's learning how to teach video production as he goes. But he is encouraged and believes the program will grow.

"They're quite proud of their work," Aston said of the students.

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Area departments use police dogs

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Able to sniff out drugs from a half-mile away and willing to work for dog food, some of the most valuable law enforcement officers are canines.

Police dogs receive training in officer protection or drug detection and many police dogs in the Magic Valley graduate from training with both skills.

Tequila, who works with Sgt. Terry Quinn at the Rupert Police Department, is one such dual-purpose dog.

"Using its nose, a dog can search a car in two minutes, Quinn said. It might take an hour and a half for an officer to do the same search using only a pair of eyes.

There are many times when a dog has found drugs unnoticed by officers. In one case, officers were making a routine house check when Tequila indicated toward a high chair. The officers found a large package of marijuana inside the chair. Without the dog, humans wouldn't have found the drugs, Quinn said.

The dogs are trained to recognize the smells of marijuana, methamphetamines, heroin, peppermint and cocaine. Trainers teach some dogs to indicate the presence of drugs by scratching at the knee of the dog, said Heyburn Police Chief George Warrell III.

When a dog scratches, the officer knows exactly where the drugs are located.

But scratching can be dangerous, because sometimes the dog will expose itself to the drug. Other trainers teach their dogs to indicate by sitting beside the chair. That method is safer, but it takes longer, because the officer has to search the area for drugs.

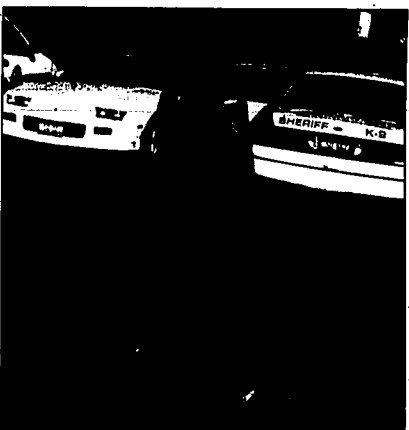
Dogs can be helpful in protecting their handlers, too. During a traffic stop a suspect's behavior often changes from combative to respectful when he or she notices York looking out the window, said Cassia County Sheriff's Cpl. Chris Jensen.

"Just the presence of the dog changes their attitude. I don't know how many times I've avoided a fight because of the presence of York," he said.

A dog takes the psychological aspect out of a confrontation.

"If I have gun, you know I have to pull the trigger. If I have a dog on a leash, they know I have to let go of the leash. But if they see the dog is just watching them, it's different," Jensen said.

Law enforcement dogs are trained to attack without command if they see someone struggling with their handler.



Cpl. Chris Jensen of the Cassia County Sheriff's Office works with his police dog, York.

The canines are also used for tracking missing people and escapees. Warrell's dog, Falco, is an especially proficient tracker.

About four years ago, firefighters determined the cause of a warehouse fire in Heyburn was by arson. Falco picked up the scent of the arsonist at the burned warehouse and followed his trail one and a half miles over asphalt, to the door of his home.

Falco knew which scent to follow because Warrell had trained him to recognize the scent a human produces when nervous. Falco could literally smell the arsonist's fear.

Scientists have isolated the chemicals which cause various smells. Trainers use these chemicals to teach their dogs to respond to suspicious scents.

When training dogs to find drowning victims, officers use cadaverine, a strong-smelling chemical produced by rotting flesh. After such training, the dogs can smell cadavers beneath the water, Warrell said.

Though the canines work for dog food, they demand high-quality, expensive dog food. Combined with the initial cost of the dogs and the training for the officers, the total price of police dogs is too high for some agencies. The Jerome Police Department recently retired its canine and

does not plan to get another one soon, said Jerome Police Lt. Larry Schwager. He estimates the cost of a canine unit at around \$10,000.

The two canines at the Cassia County Sheriff's Office had an initial cost of \$8,000 each. That is on the high side, but Quinn thinks the department got what it paid for. The dogs are a wonderful asset, he said.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office used money seized in narcotics raids to pay part of its canine costs. The Rupert Police Department held community fundraisers to buy its dogs and Warrell cut costs by training Falco himself. Jensen hopes to train his next dog.

"These dogs are worth every penny we spend on them," said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Capt. Rob Negeschke.

Canines, officers share special bond

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cpl. Chris Jensen and his canine companion York have a mysterious connection.

If Jensen, a Cassia County Sheriff's Office corporal, sees something alarming, York will wake up in the back seat and look around.

"I don't have to move or make a sound. Maybe he can sense my breathing or heart rate," Jensen said.

Jensen can tell what York is barking at, just from the tone of his "voice." The bond between the two comes from working and living together for years.

York is part of Jensen's family. He even sleeps in the bedroom.

"I think he deserves to come in the house and sleep in the bedroom at night instead of in the kennel. If I worked hard all day then someone put me in a kennel I wouldn't be happy," Jensen said.

Working with dogs is rewarding but also challenging. Police dogs take a lot of training and maintenance, said Heyburn Police Chief George Warrell III.

Jensen spends about 10 hours a week outside of work training York to keep him sharp. Warrell spends a similar amount of time training his dog, Falco.

"It's kind of a hobby. If I was running a dog here at the department just for the pay, there is no way I would be compensated," Jensen said.

"Why donate time just to hang out with a dog?"

"You can talk to them about all your problems and the dumb decisions the chief made and they don't snitch on you," said Rupert Police Sgt. Terry Quinn.

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For Quinn, the rewards are far greater than the challenges. He loves seeing his dog Tequila work. When she learns something new, or does her job perfectly, he feels the same pride he has for his children. And he knows Tequila is watching his

back. Once while he was filling out paperwork in his car, her growl alerted him to a man approaching from behind. The man only wanted directions, but Quinn was glad he wasn't caught off guard.

"Working with canines can be one of the most enjoyable parts of law enforcement. It keeps life interesting," Warrell said.

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Father, son bring Old West to Olympics

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - While the Olympics are in the neighborhood, some local "mountain men" - a father and son team - are doing their part in keeping the Old West alive.

As volunteers for the Mountain Man Village located just outside of Heber City, Utah, at the 2002 Winter Games, David Haralson and 15-year-old son Zachary of Twin Falls - dressed in buckskins - are spending 10-hour days sharing Wild West history with 3,000 to 4,000 daily visitors from around the world.

With more than 200 other volunteers/fur traders, the Haralsons are staying in a camp that has been set up to enhance the whole Western experience.

The mountain men - a group of history buffs who reenact the fur trade era - provide visitors to the New World an opportunity to look into the past by setting up makeshift trading posts and open campsites featuring replicas of 18th and early 19th century America.

Near the cross-country skiing venue, camp displays include authentic teepees and an early pioneer home.

The surroundings are much like people would have encountered had they paid a visit to the West any time between 1790 and 1830 - when fur was meeting the European demand for style, said Haralson, who has been a part of the Mountain Man Society for more than 20 years.

"Fur was what it was all about, and trapping was the way to find



Photo courtesy of DAVID HARALSON

David Haralson of Twin Falls, right, and son Zachary are showing the life of the mountain men to Olympic visitors at the Mountain Man Village near Heber City, Utah, during the 2002 Winter Games.

Located near the Nordic Village, the camp also displays a

large variety of animal skins that American hunters and trappers sold on the world markets "before 1840, (about) when the world of fashion turned to silk," Haralson said.

But there's more. Haralson also offered a hands-on experience. At the makeshift facility, help is available for anyone who is interested in the art of trapping or muzzle loading, or even for those who would like to learn how to use a tomahawk.

"We have it all, and there's not enough money in the world to buy an experience like this," said Haralson, who is fluent in Dutch and can also communicate with visitors from Germany and Switzerland.

Complete with covered wagons, the Western experience also includes members of the Ute Indian Tribe, a Pony Express station, wild horses and buffalo.

According to the "Rendezvous Report," a magazine for and about buckskinners, the re-enactment comes from a love of history, and recreating that history as accurately as possible is their goal.

And how does Zachary, a Robert Stuart Junior High School honor student, feel about trading class time for hanging out in the brisk elements of Utah?

"It's the most exciting thing I've ever done, and I wouldn't miss it for anything," said the youngest of David and Lorraine Haralson's four children.

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Residents: Cats disappear

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Sue Kates has not seen her cat, Tommy, since he ventured into the night about 10 days ago.

Kates' neighbor, Doris Harp, let her cat out last Saturday and hasn't seen him since.

Both women are convinced their cats are victims of foul play. But neither knows where to turn for help.

Kates said at least 10 cats in her neighborhood are missing. One was recently found dead.

Coeur d'Alene police said no reports have been taken on wayward cats, but such matters typically are referred to animal control.

However, a representative for Watson Agency, the company that contracts with the city to enforce animal control issues, said cats are not part of its contract.

Kates and Harp are convinced the neighborhood cats have not run away.

Harp said her 8-year-old cat, Junior, has never missed a meal. Until now.

"I think somebody in this neighborhood has done something to him," she said. "My husband died three years ago and those cats have become everything to me."

Kates continues her search in earnest.

She has been around her neighborhood countless times and has even put together a map which lists the home of each missing cat.

Kates insists the missing cats is no coincidence.

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Tommy, who weighs in at a hefty 12.5 pounds, never goes far. "I definitely suspect foul play," she said. "The cats are just too close together."



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Boise River Festival admits slow sales

BOISE (AP) - One of Idaho's premier annual events suffered lower than expected sales last year and the city will forgive about \$63,000 in services.

The Boise City Council will let the Boise River Festival off the hook for money owed for police and parks services.

That is about half the amount in bills the festival has not been able to pay because of a softening economy and lower-than-expected merchandise and concession sales last year, festival president Beth Knox said.

"We're in a challenging situation financially," Knox said. "It

can be overcome, and we intend to do that, but we do need this help from the city."

Merchandise sales were down 25 percent and concession sales about 5 to 10 percent during last year's June event.

Knox said she is hopeful the festival will be able to pay all its bills this year.

The festival has been shortheaded a day, and one of its two night parades has been canceled.

Mayor Brent Coles said he may be asking the City Council for the same consideration for this year's event.

"These are tough economic times," Coles said. "There's nothing wrong with us being partners when there's a broad cross section of the community that uses the event. It's the right thing to do."

The \$2.5 million Boise River Festival operating budget comes from merchandise and concession sales and sponsorships.

Festival officials are hoping a projected surge in regional tourism also will help.

"The festival isn't in danger," Knox said. "Having this reprieve will help us get back on our feet."

before Nixon resigned after the Watergate scandal.

Like her son who switched political parties, Mary Brooks became disillusioned with Republicans, Peavey said, and became a Democrat.

After retiring in 1977, she again returned to Idaho, settling in Boise but spending summers in cabins at Pettit Lake and the fam-

ly ranch east of Bellevue.

Her biography is heavy with citations and honors: Idaho Woman of the Year; induction into the University of Idaho's Hall of Fame; the first woman to receive the Alexander Hamilton Award from the Treasury Department.

Other survivors include six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Brooks

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Peavey recalls one of her mother's Washington experiences.

"A man called her at home one night and said, 'Mary, what're you doing? Come over for dinner,'" Peavey said. "She asked who it was, and the man said, 'Dick. The president.'"

She hurried over to the White House for dinner, about a month

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House page program accepts applications

The Times-News

WASHINGTON - High school students interested in serving as pages in the U.S. House of Representatives are encouraged to apply by March 22 for the upcoming summer session and school year, Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said in a press release.

session is from July 8-26. The school-year session begins Sept. 2. During the school year, pages work until May and attend school with other pages in the program.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime for young people," Simpson said. "This experience cannot be duplicated in the classroom. I would encourage eligible high school students to apply and learn about our dynamic legislative process."

Applications are available at Simpson's district offices in Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello or Twin Falls. They must be received by March 22.

Applications must be faxed to Simpson's D.C. office at (202) 225-8216. If applications are mailed, they will not be received by the deadline. Because of the anthrax scare, mail continues to be irritated and is running three weeks behind.

Pages live in a secured, supervised dorm one block from the U.S. Capitol. Housing costs and meals are deducted automatically from a monthly stipend. Because of the important and vigorous work that pages are engaged in, they are not permitted to travel back to Idaho if it conflicts with either their school or work schedule.

To be eligible, candidates must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average. Applicants also must submit an official transcript, application, signed parental consent form, 50- to 100-word essay on why they want to become a page, resume of extracurricular activities and three letters of recommendation.

For more information, call Amy Allen at (202) 226-7226 or Simpson's district office at 734-7219.

Woman faces charges in wreck

The Times-News

BOISE - A Mountain Home woman is facing charges in connection with a car accident east of Boise that claimed the life of another Mountain Home woman.

Zelma J. Mouser, 62, was killed Friday after a 1986 Chevrolet pickup driven by Adela Pedraza Garcia, 29, forced Mouser's 1998 Chevrolet van off the road and into a light pole, an Idaho State Police news release said.

Police said Garcia did not stop after the accident and was later located at her residence. Garcia was taken into custody for vehicular manslaughter with additional charges pending, police said.

Mouser had been eastbound in the right lane of Interstate 84 at milepost 68 when Garcia, who was in the left lane, attempted to change lanes, forcing Mouser's van off the road, police said.

Mouser's van was forced into a light pole, police said. The van rolled, partially ejecting her. She died at the scene.

Mouser's husband, Elmer, 69, was taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where he was released on Saturday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The Mousers had been wearing seatbelts, police said.

The accident occurred around 4 p.m. Friday and closed eastbound traffic for about four hours, police said. The crash still under investigation.

Two Idaho women die in traffic accidents

The Associated Press

Two Idaho women have died as a result of traffic accidents.

A Mountain Home woman died in a hit-and-run accident east of Boise and another woman has been arrested.

Zelma J. Mouser, 62, died at the scene, about two miles east of the Idaho Fort of Entry on Interstate 84. The collision happened about 4 p.m. Friday and

closed eastbound lanes for about five hours.

Adela Pedraza Garcia, 29, Mountain Home, was arrested on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter, police said.

Mouser's husband, Elmer Mouser, 69, was in serious condition at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Both were wearing seat belts.

According to police reports, an eastbound pickup was in the left

lane next to the Mousers' van. The pickup driver attempted to change lanes, forcing the van off the road and into a light pole, investigators said. The van rolled, partially ejecting Zelma Mouser, who was driving.

Investigators put out a call for information about the suspect vehicle, and Garcia was later arrested at her residence and taken to the Ada County Jail.

A 57-year-old Driggs woman has

died after being struck by a pickup truck, the Idaho State Police said.

Carolyn Foster was crossing Main Street at about 7:40 p.m. when she was hit by a pickup driven by Cole Seeley, 25, Bountiful, Utah.

She was airlifted to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, where she later died.

Investigation into the accident is continuing, the state police said.

Member says commission hid disagreements

LEWISTON (AP) - The Idaho Fish and Game Commission sometimes hid disagreements and may have violated the Open Meeting Law in order to ensure the members' votes were harmonious, a panel member says.

Commissioner Don Clower of Meridian said he and others apparently hid disagreements from the public.

"We were trying to present a unified front even though philosophically a lot of us disagreed on fundamental issues," he said. "Sometimes I had a hard time being quiet, but again that was

my choice. I tried to be a good team player."

Rod Sando resigned Jan. 23, citing "philosophical differences" with the commissioners.

Clower and three other members joined after director Steve Mealey was fired in March 1999.

When choosing new commissioners, Kempthorne said he was suspicious of the members' behavior.

Clower said that led him to sometimes hold his tongue and vote against his will if he knew a measure would pass with or without his support.

The pressure prompted discussions between individual commissioners before meetings, but there were never any secret meetings, he said.

But the phone calls to measure how other commissioners felt may have violated the Open Meeting Law, he said.

The direction to agree or at least to appear to agree came from the top, Clower said.

Mark Snider, Kempthorne's press secretary, said the governor wanted team players, but he did not pressure them to vote against their will.

"He recommends the Fish and Game budget. He is the one that sets the direction," Snider said of

Kempthorne. "He doesn't tell them how they need to get there."

There was a clear impression among some Fish and Game Department employees that the commission was supposed to avoid conflict.

That is apparent in transcripts from interviews the Attorney General's Office conducted with commissioners Sando and his deputy, Al Van Vooren. It was part of an investigation into whether the Open Meeting Law was violated in April when commissioners met for dinner in Coeur d'Alene.

Plan includes building reactor at INEEL by 2010

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Encouraging utilities and the federal government to build a nuclear power plant at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is a top priority for the state's congressional delegation.

Idaho's Republican lawmakers will be sending letters, meeting with utilities and nuclear power advocates, and talking with colleagues about why the federal site is the best place for the commercial plant.

"We think it has the best workers, the best scientists and great support from the community," said Lucie Willis, spokeswoman for Rep. Mike Simpson. The project, known as Nuclear Power 2010, calls for building a new commercial nuclear power plant by 2010.

The Bush administration has proposed spending \$38 million on a joint government-industry project to study whether the plant could be built on federal land.

The Department of Energy

announced Thursday the INEEL would be one of three sites studied as a potential location.

The others being reviewed are the Savannah River weapons complex in South Carolina and the site of a closed uranium processing plant in Ohio.

A study assessing the sites is due in about six months, said Brad Bugger, Energy Department-Idaho spokesman.

The INEEL will cooperate fully with the utilities conducting the study and give them the

importance they need, he said.

Delegation members hailed Thursday's announcement, especially after furor arose earlier over a statement in the Bush administration's budget proposal that called for accelerating cleanup and closing the INEEL.

That statement was later retracted, and the Energy Department said it planned to close the environmental-management portion of the national lab.

"It really underscores the

importance the INEEL's role and potential within the national energy lab structure," said Susan Withener, a spokeswoman for Sen. Mike Crapo.

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 Tuesday: Pancakes, maple syrup
 Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy
 Thursday: Donuts
 Friday: Omelet, toast
 Lunch menu

Solid bar and milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Hot dogs, fries, fruit
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll
 Thursday: Little smokies, later wedges, orange, blueberry cake
 Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, fruit

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Turnovers
 Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
 Friday: Muffins
 Lunch menu
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Chicken burgers

Thursday: Turkey, noodles
 Friday: Fish burgers

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, peas, bread, fruit
 Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, cold cereal, cranberry sauce, blueberry cake
 Thursday: Sliced turkey, ranch mashed potatoes, hot roll, fruit
 Friday: Spaghetti, green beans, fruit

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Hamburgers
 Wednesday: Lasagna
 Thursday: Cook's choice
 Friday: Corn dogs

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available
 Lunch menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Chicken bacon wrap, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, maple bars
 Wednesday: Turkey toast, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, rolls, peach cobbler, ice cream
 Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, cheese sandwich, fruit cocktail, no-bake cookie
 Friday: Pepperoni pizza, vegetables, dip, orange halves, oatmeal cookie

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Turkey sub, tater tots, curie pie
 Wednesday: Chicken fillet, French fries, carrot sticks, chocolate cake
 Thursday: Nachos, bread stick, salsa, pineapple
 Friday: Corn dog, baked beans, pasta, peach half

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Turkey sub, tater tots, fruit and vegetable bar
 Wednesday: Caribbean wrap, au gratin potatoes, fruit and vegetable bar
 Thursday: Nachos, bread stick, fruit and vegetable bar

Friday: Corn dog, baked beans, fruit and vegetable bar

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
 Monday: No school
 Tuesday: Finger steaks, baked potato, fruit salad, cornbread, honey
 Wednesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, schoolboy apple, peanut cluster
 Thursday: Hamburger deluxe, fries, diced pears, cookie
 Friday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, scallion potatoes, grapes, bread stick


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Keeping Idaho Consumers Informed

Now that the Idaho Legislature is in full swing, undoubtedly, there will come a time when Idaho's elected leaders will exchange ideas related to the local dairy industry. Closer to home, a few of the county officials will tackle the task of reviewing local ordinances pertaining to dairy operations. So, to help consumers stay on top of these important agricultural issues, it's important that Magic Valley consumers understand the terms that will be used during many of these discussions. A well-informed consumer is a smarter consumer.



authority of the Idaho Department of Agriculture. On average, each dairy undergoes a waste inspection 2.5 times each year. During these inspections, officials will review the waste containment system, the land application treatment and check to see that the operator is still in compliance with the facility's Nutrient Management Plan. The inspector will also conduct soil testing about once every three years.

What is an animal unit?
 An animal unit is a common unit established by the government for aggregating animals across farms and animal types. In other words, it's a system of measurement used to determine how many animals a plot of land can handle. The general rule of thumb is 1,000 pounds of body weight equals one animal unit. So for example, a typical large breed dairy cow - a Holstein or Brown Swiss - weighs around 1,400 pounds. This equates to 1.4 animal units.

What does CAFO stand for?
 CAFO is the acronym used to label a confined feeding animal operation. According to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, a CAFO is an animal feeding operation that meets or exceeds specified criteria. By definition, a CAFO is an agricultural enterprise or facility that in any 12-month timeframe houses, raises and feeds livestock in a specific area for at least 45 days. Under Idaho's CAFO umbrella, cattle feedlots, fish farms, along poultry or swine operations can be classified as a CAFO. In Idaho, dairies no matter their size are considered a CAFO.

Who inspects these CAFOs?
 The type of CAFO will depend on which government agency has jurisdiction. For poultry, swine or aquaculture the regulating agency is the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Dairies and beef operations fall under the

Who determines how many animals units are allowable on a CAFO?
 That decision is up to the county. Idaho's elected leaders are responsible for determining the county's carrying capacity and then permitting the allowable number of animal units. CAFO operators must receive

What is a Nutrient Management Plan - NMP?
 A Nutrient Management Plan is a program that as of July 2001 all Idaho dairies have complied with. It's a document prepared by a certified planner with the help of the producers. Each plan is location specific and written to help each producer use animal manure and/or commercial fertilizers as a nutrient source for their crops. It also a tool used to keep Idaho's ground and surface water clean and pure. The Idaho Department of Agriculture is responsible for reviewing and approving all NMP. Department officials hope to complete this process in the next few months.

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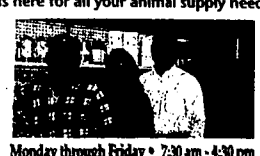
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Tuesday: Menu not available
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Friday: Pig in a blanket, celery sticks, applesauce, Jell-O

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Mills served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick, orange juice
Wednesday: Cereal, peaches, toast, jelly
Thursday: French toast, syrup, scrambled eggs, applesauce
Friday: Cereal, orange slices, cinnamon toast
Lunch menu
Mills served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken basket; soup and salad bar; corn dog, potato wedges, spiced apple slices, fruit snacks
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, vegetable dip, pineapple chutney, hot sauce
Thursday: Rib-bee sandwich, potato bar or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, Jell-O salad, dinner roll
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich; salad bar or deli sandwich, pickle spear; potato chips, orange juice

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: No school
Tuesday: Corn dogs
Wednesday: Soup and sandwich
Thursday: Bean and cheese burrito
Friday: Fish taco

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Mills served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick, orange juice
Wednesday: Cereal, peaches, toast, jelly
Thursday: French toast, syrup, scrambled eggs, applesauce
Friday: Cereal, orange slices, cinnamon toast
Lunch menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Hamburger deluxe, fries, chilled peaches, chocolate chip
Wednesday: Beef lasagna, seasoned green beans, applesauce, French bread
Thursday: Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, Jell-O salad, dinner roll
Friday: Pig in a blanket, sweet corn, banana half, pudding

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pancake, potato wedges, carrot sticks, hot roll, fruit
Wednesday: Spaghetti, green beans, French roll, butter, peaches
Thursday: Pizza, bread sticks, sauce, green salad, fruit
Friday: Corn dog, soup, crackers, turkey sandwich, apple, chocolate pudding

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast served every day
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Lunch menu
Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pork egg-roll, rice, yogurt, vegetables, dinner roll, pineapple, fruit
Wednesday: Self-serve bar: Make a sandwich
Thursday: Shakes and whistles, boiled egg and roll, seasoned peas, chilled peas, applesauce cake, self-serve bar: Cheese nachos
Friday: Breakfast bundles, meat and cheese plate, later tols, orange wedges, trail mix, self-serve bar: Taco salad
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

GLASSBORO SCHOOLS

Monday: No school
Tuesday: Mini corn dogs, fries, peaches, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit
Thursday: Link sausage, scrambled eggs, hash brown, muffin, orange
Friday: Tomato soup, cheese stick, fruit, cookie

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

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

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: No school
Tuesday: Mini corn dogs, fries, peaches, chocolate cake
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit
Thursday: Link sausage, scrambled eggs, hash brown, muffin, orange
Friday: Tomato soup, cheese stick, fruit, cookie

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Mini corn dogs, salad bar or pizza sandwich
Wednesday: Hot dogs with potato salad, potato bar or chicken tender
Thursday: Chicken nuggets with potato, french fries or hamburger with fries
Friday: Soup, sandwich, salad

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pizza, chicken, vegetable, fruit or Jell-O, graham cracker
Wednesday: Nachos, salad bar, fruit, cake
Thursday: Turkey gravy, potatoes, fruit, fruit snack, hot roll
Friday: Deli sandwich, oven fries, fruit, cookie

IDaho SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Choice of Jell-O, fruit, choice of chicken, choice of hamburger, french fries
Wednesday: Choice of Jell-O, choice of corned beef, choice of french fries, choice of carrot, yogurt, cinnamon toast
Thursday: Choice of Jell-O, french fries, choice of chicken, choice of french fries, choice of french fries, choice of french fries, choice of french fries
Friday: Choice of Jell-O, french fries, choice of french fries, choice of french fries, choice of french fries

Lunch menu
Choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Fried fish, peas, corn, peas, applesauce cake
Wednesday: Chicken burger, later tols, apple, oatmeal cookie
Thursday: Italian spaghetti, bread sticks, green beans or spinach, oranges or Merlot oranges
Friday: Tuna salad sandwich, Merlot chicken pasta, French fries, spiced applesauce, apple sauce

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: French toast and biscuit or mini corn dogs, hash brown, vegetables, oranges or fruit cup
Wednesday: Soft taco or ham and cheese pocket, Spanish rice, baby carrots, grapes or apricots
Thursday: Chef salad or fiesta pizza, salad, banana half or fruit cup
Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, carrot, celery sticks, cherry pie

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pancake, sausage
Wednesday: Corn Pop, Pop Tart
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal, muffin

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Enchiladas, salad, peas, chocolate chip cookies

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pancake, sausage
Wednesday: Corn Pop, Pop Tart
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal, muffin

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
All schools serve milk with meals.

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pancake, sausage
Wednesday: Corn Pop, Pop Tart
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal, muffin

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Cereal, toast, apple
Wednesday: Toaster pastry, trail mix, peas
Thursday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice
Friday: Yogurt, biscuit stick, pineapple

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Cereal, muffin, peas
Wednesday: Cheese toast, trail mix, trail mix
Thursday: Cereal, graham crackers, pineapple
Friday: Toaster tarts, trail mix, fruit
Lunch menu
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Hamburgers, corn, carrot sticks, fruit mix
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with sauce, ranch potatoes, pink applesauce, dinner roll
Thursday: Student's choice
Friday: Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes,

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day
Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup, or sandwich bar every day
Chocolate milk served every day
Monday: Hamburger, burrito or cheeseburger, later tols, apple half, salad bar
Tuesday: Pizza or cheese square, green beans, peas, salad bar, finger sticks, roll
Wednesday: Ham and cheese or turkey, fries, fruit cup, trail mix, salad bar, chicken-fried steak, roll
Thursday: Nachos, corn, orange half, salad bar, mini corn dog
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Kootenai Environmental Alliance seeks younger members

Group of volunteers fondly recalls battles

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A row of gray and shiny heads looks up expectantly as 75-year-old Buell Hollister calls to order the weekly meeting of Idaho's oldest environmental organization.

"Now, do we have any visitors today?" Hollister asks. "And we consider you a visitor if you haven't been here at least five years."

Five years is nothing for many members of the Kootenai Environmental Alliance, an organization that has survived for 30 years on the determination of its longtime — and now senior — volunteers.

On the verge of its 30th anniversary, KEA faces an interesting conundrum. It is led by a cadre of experienced and dedicated seniors with an incredible depth and breadth of environmental knowledge. But stationed in one of the most conservative regions in the Northwest, it has largely failed to attract younger members.

"When we started, we weren't so old," said 86-year-old Art Manley, who founded the group after losing a 1972 Senate race. "It wasn't intended to be a senior organization."

But in the absence of younger leadership and lacking the funds to hire a staff, KEA's senior volunteers find themselves at the forefront of Kootenai County environmental issues.

"They are an inspiration," said Rein Attemann, a 30-year-old forest analyst with The Lands Council in Spokane. "It shows to the youth that these working individuals are still working on critical issues and really do care and haven't burned out."

For the battles KEA has won during the last three decades — securing public access to a local beach, limiting the concentration of homes on the prairie, and halting several timber sales — resurgence this year, to be fought again



"The premise is that environmental battles never stop," said Mary Lou Reed, a former state senator and original KEA leader. "You always keep fighting them."

It is precisely their long memory of the past, members say, that drives their work today. They remember when the Rathdrum Prairie held apple orchards and strawberry farms, and when the rivers in the national forests held trophy cutthroat trout.

Now, subdivisions creep across the prairie and many of those rivers — injured by decades of logging, mining and recreation — are struggling to support fish populations.

To each of these battles, KEA brings intensely personal insight.

John Bentley — who grew up in, then helped log, the Coeur d'Alene River District following World War II — is now fighting the U.S. Forest Service's proposed timber sale along the Little North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River.

In that drainage, 12 of the 14 creeks are classified as "at risk," with struggling or nonexistent trout populations.

Bentley, 68, has pointedly reminded proponents of the sale of the fisheries those rivers once held, before decades of logging

and road-building. Forest Service officials counter that the money from the \$6 million timber sale

can now be used to repair waterways.

"If they get away with selling

this hocus-focus science, they can just start walking down the river, logging the whole thing," Bentley said. "We're left with no choice but to fight like hell."

While they disagree with Bentley's stance, supporters of the sale respect his personal experience, and his willingness to listen.

"John has an incredible depth and experience in this country," said Stefany Bales of the Intermountain Forest Association, which represents mills and timber companies in Idaho and Montana. "He has a long memory in this area."

To stay relevant in North Idaho's conservative political environment, KEA has tempered some of its stances. At a time when The Lands Council and national environmental groups are calling for a complete ban on federal timber harvests, KEA has refused to support such a ban.

"KEA as a group has been less

strident, perhaps, than The Lands Council," Bales said. "From this perspective, there's more room to work with a group that has not drawn a line in the sand."

The group has not been as willing to compromise on two huge power plants that would draw millions of gallons a day from the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.

Hollister, who has fought against uncontrolled growth on the Rathdrum Prairie for the past two decades, now leads the group's fight to protect the aquifer — the sole source of drinking water for 400,000 people in Washington and Idaho.

But he and other senior members of KEA admit that the work takes a toll on them.

"I just wish I could relax, be a little less intense," Hollister said. "I admit I have trouble sleeping some nights. I worry. I'm worried about the world I'm leaving my grandkids."

Inventor of birth control pill speaks at Idaho State

POCATELLO (AP) — Carl Djerassi was paid only \$1 for the patent to a discovery that changed the world.

In a small lab in Mexico City on Oct. 15, 1951, the 28-year-old chemist led the group in synthesizing norethindrone, an oral contraceptive now known world wide simply as "The Pill."

About 80 million women now rely on his discovery to prevent pregnancy. While Djerassi did not cash in on the patent, he has made a fortune by giving speeches and writing novels and plays on the moral implications of his discovery, as well as other sex-related scientific breakthroughs.

Djerassi, who was a fugitive from Nazi Austria, gave the speech "Lust without Consequences: Sex and Reproduction," recently at the Idaho State University Science and Society Symposium.

He has five novels, short stories, an autobiography, and more than 1,200 articles and three plays that incorporate science. He calls his genre science-fiction, which he says is different than science fiction because the science is "impeccably true or at the very least plausible."

For his work, he has received numerous awards and distinctions, including being named on Richard Nixon's enemies list.

Djerassi also performs an excerpt from a play on a more contemporary breakthrough in science and the moral implica-

tions it poses.

In 1991, scientists in Belgium invented a procedure intended to help infertile men and women give birth. While "reest-tube" babies had already been born, the new procedure made it even easier for science to help infertile couples by injecting a single sperm directly into an egg.

The play made light of some of the possible consequences. The procedure has made it possible for dead men to become fathers when sperm is taken from them shortly after death. The procedure may also women to overcome their "biological clocks." By age 35, Djerassi said women have lost between 90 and 95 percent of their eggs, and their eggs are older.

The procedure allows women to freeze eggs and men to freeze sperm. It has also made it possible for couples to pick genetically superior embryos, to select the sexes of their children and even to avoid having children with genetic diseases.

"Nature or God made these people infertile, and why should infertile people have the right to be converted into parents?" he said.

"I only have one true fear. The people who are doing this are the ones who can afford it. Aren't we simply increasing the gulf between the haves and the have nots? This is an extremely serious problem I believe could become a question of social riot."

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Boise 31, Timberline 26
Third place
Lake City 74, Madison 64
Consolation
Minico 40, Highland 35

4A Girls Real Dairy

Shoot Out

Championship
Post Falls 88, Bishop Kelly 39
Third place
Mountain Home 87, Century 52
Consolation
Nampa 61, Sandpoint 41

3A Girls Real Dairy

Shoot Out

Championship
Lakeland 40, Shelley 37
Third place
Snake River 89, Buhl 64
Consolation
Marsh Valley 82, Declo 40

2A Girls Real Dairy

Shoot Out

Championship
Prairie 62, Lapwai 55
Third place
Nampa, Christian 64,
West Jefferson 26
Consolation
Vale 52, West Side 50

1A Girls Real Dairy

Shoot Out

Championship
Kendrick 56, Dietrich 54
Third place
Rimrock 58, Salmon River 46
Fourth place
Clark Fork 60, Hansen 49
Consolation
Gessner 58, Kootenai 29

Kendrick bedevils Dietrich

Late-rally lifts
Tigers to 1A crown

Kendrick	Dietrich
56	54

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

NAMPA - It must have been like making a practice lay-up for Kendrick senior Julia Gertje.

It turned out to be the game-winning shot for the state championship.

With time running down, Gertje made the wide-open basket handing Kendrick (25-2) its first Idaho 1A Girls state basketball championship since 1997.

The Tigers rallied from a 46-33 deficit with 6 minutes to play to beat Dietrich 56-54 Saturday in the Idaho 1A Girls Real Dairy Shoot-Out Basketball championship game at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

For the Blue Devils (20-7), it was the heartbreaking end to a game they had led for all but 20 seconds.

More inside:
Final day coverage
of all five girls state
tournaments - C2

"These girls played super-hard, went out and took control for the whole game until the last couple minutes," Dietrich coach Gene Shaw said. "You just can't win games shooting the way we did down the stretch."

With the score tied 54-54, Amber Brocke found Gertje wide open under the basket with 2.8 seconds left for an easy bucket and the win. Dietrich's Raya Parker took the last shot of the

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LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

Above, the Dietrich bench watches teammate Sheena Bingham on the foul line. Her first shot tied the game with Kendrick with only minutes left in the fourth quarter of their 1A state championship game Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Kendrick won the title 56-54. Left, Dietrich's Ayleen Soronen fights for a shot against Kendrick's Alecia Brocke in their 1A Idaho state championship game Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Below, Shamee Norman, left, and Bryoni Southwick battle for a loose ball against an unidentified Kendrick player in the third quarter Saturday.

Dietrich's lone senior leaves with a smile

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

NAMPA - Just like the rest of the Dietrich girls basketball team, senior Shamee Norman cried after losing to Kendrick in the Idaho 1A Girls Real Dairy Basketball state championship game.

She probably would have cried if they'd won, too.

Norman ended her career Saturday against the Tigers without the title she'd hoped to win in her final game. She finished second.

But the funny thing was, it was OK with her. Well, maybe not OK, but at least tolerable. She gave all she could, left it all on the court as the saying goes, matched her season, single-game high of 15 points and played in all 32 minutes of her final game.

"I feel great," Norman said, still teary-eyed. "You know, second is better than the consolation trophy which we've got for the past two years. I feel great about what I've done."

As the only senior on the Blue



Devils roster this season, Norman had to set a tone for the younger players. And as a guard on a defense that relies on a full-court press no matter what the score, she worked to set the tempo.

"Dietrich is quick and a talented young team," Kendrick coach Lisa Wolff said. "They have a great future ahead of them, but I

feel for that one senior. She did a great job."

In her final game with Dietrich Norman was the most consistent player on the floor. Not flashy, but scrappy, making 10 of 12 free throws, grabbing two steals and four rebounds.

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IN BRIEF

Track rules clinic is Monday at TFHS

TWIN FALLS - A track and field rules clinic for all District Four area high school coaches and officials will be held on Monday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls High School teacher's lounge.

For more information, call Andy Barron at 733-6551.

Spartan baseball team holds meeting Monday

RUPERT - The Minico Spartan baseball team is holding a meeting at 8 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium for all students - and their parents - interested in going out for the team.

Paperwork should be turned in at this time. A short American Legion meeting will follow at 8:30 p.m.

Baseball, softball clinics scheduled for Monday

The District IV baseball/softball clinics, which are required for all new and returning umpires, will be Monday at Twin Falls High School, with the softball clinic beginning at 6 p.m. and the baseball clinic at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in officiating either sport can contact District IV commissioner Craig Mills at Burley High School at 878-6606 or at home at 678-7144.

Golfer aces 15th hole at Clear Lake Country Club

BUHL - Brian Rodg made a hole in one with a pitching wedge on the 15th hole at Clear Lake Country Club on Saturday. It was Rodg's first-ever ace in 16 years of golf.

Witnesses were Brian Boeson and Matt Bridges.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



I.F. hospital lists wrestler in fair condition

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS - A gold medal-winning Olympic wrestler was in fair condition and being treated for frostbite Saturday after spending a night lost in waist-deep snow and below-zero temperatures in Wyoming's backcountry.

Family members acknowledged that Rulon Gardner was being treated for frostbite, but would not say what part of his body was affected. Rescuers had said his feet were caked with ice.

Gardner was snowmobiling with three friends in the Bridger-Teton National Forest about 15 miles from his home in Arden, Wyo., on Thursday, when he got separated from the group and became lost.

The temperatures fell to 20 degrees below zero that night.

His older brother, Russell, said Saturday that Rulon kept moving as long as he could while searching for a trail, then dug a shelter for himself beneath trees. Near sunrise Friday, he



Red Gardner, right, brother of Olympic champion wrestler Rulon Gardner, addresses the media Saturday at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls.

moved to a clearing where a search plane pilot spotted him. "Rulon made a lot of smart, smart decisions," Russell Gardner said at a news conference arranged by the family at

the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. There was no immediate word how long Gardner would remain in the hospital.

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In the Intimidator's shadow

Earnhardt's presence lingers at Daytona 500

By Mike Harris
The Associated Press



When:
Today,
10:30 a.m.
(NBC)

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The winner of today's Daytona 500 will have to share Victory Circle with an intimidating presence. Dale Earnhardt Jr. will be on the minds of many drivers and fans at the track where he was killed in a last-lap crash a year ago. The seven-time Winston Cup champion also has left a legacy of changes that have, hopefully, improved driver safety.

"I think about Dale Earnhardt every time I drive through the tunnel and every time I get in the car here," said three-time Daytona 500 winner Dale Jarrett. "I'm sure I'll be thinking about him when I get in the car Sunday."

"After that, though, all of us will be focusing on running a race. Among the dozen or so favorites to win the season-opening event will be Dale Earnhardt

Jr., who finished second to teammate Michael Waltrip last February, crossing the finish line only seconds after his father hit the wall and lost his life.

Instead of slowing down the 26-year-old Little E, his father's death made him even more determined to succeed. Earnhardt Jr. kept racing and came back to Daytona in July, running away with the Pepsi 400 on the 2.5-mile oval that his father loved so much.

Still, it was a victory in the Daytona 500 that his father coveted more than any other. It took him 20 years to get one. This will be Junior's third try and he hasn't finished worse than fourth. But, as much as winning this race, Earnhardt Jr. wants to earn the kind of respect his father enjoyed.

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SPORTS

Minico, Burley win district thrillers

Adam Frank's steal and baseline jumper in the waning seconds lifted Minico to a 63-62 win of Pocatello to remain alive in the Region III Boys Basketball Tournament Saturday at Minico.

Ryan Heworth also made a late steal in the Spartans' comeback victory to eliminate the Indians (8-15).

Burley finished with 15 wrestlers qualifying for state, including Tyler Pizzarello (103 pounds), Josh Brunk (112), Tom Brunk (112), 119-pound champion Billy Orthman, Nick Padron (125), Matt Kay (130), Ben Tilley (135), Adam Harper (140), Kyle Bowers (145), 152-pound district runner-up Greg Betts, Manuel Vega (160), Gerardo Vega (171), Italka Hafoka (189), Cole Jones (215), 275-pound champion Jaxxon Jones and heavyweight Blake Bushman.

Jerome sends 11 wrestlers to state. They are: Kaden Goley (103), Joe Treiler (112), Tom Callen (125), Clay Wolf (130), Jeremy Kiser (140), Riley Goley (152), Jacob Olivas (152), C.O'Toole (160), Conrad Erceman (171), 189-pound runner-up Tyler Theissen and Tanner Patterson (215).

Boise State rallies for 61-58 upset of Fresno

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — C.J. Williams hit a 3-point basket with 3 seconds left in the game to give Boise State a 61-58 win over Fresno State Saturday.

Boise State got the ball back after a miss by Ely and was able to maintain possession until Williams' winning basket.

Gardner

"Rulon loves to live life to the fullest, but lots of prayers were answered," Russell Gardner said through tears.

Late Friday, one of Gardner's business managers, Shannon Kelley, had said her client was doing well.

Local sports
4A District Four-Five-Six Tournament
Burley 71, Jerome 68
BURLEY — Burley defeated Jerome 71-68 to stay alive in the 4A District Four-Five-Six Boys Tournament Saturday night in Burley.

Wrestling
District Four-Five-Six Tournament
JEROME — Blackfoot swept the 4A District Four-Five-Six Wrestling Tournament with 453 points Saturday night in Jerome.

Tournament Results
1 Blackfoot 63.5, Burley 59.5, Century 19.5, Jerome 12
Individual
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2 Adam Harper, Burley
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SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL
Baseball Calendar
Through Feb. 21 - Safety at home tonight.

College Basketball
Division I
Adrian 21, Michigan 17
Chrysler 21, Michigan 17

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
All-Star Game
Boston 107, Los Angeles 101

Baseball
Minnico
Minnico 63, Pocatello 62

Baseball
Burley
Burley 71, Jerome 68

Baseball
Boise State
Boise State 61, Fresno 58

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Cheerleading, 2002 Nationals
ESPN2 10 a.m.

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Bowling, PBA Empire State
ESPN 10:30 a.m.

ON THE AIR
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College basketball, Duke at Maryland
CBC 11 a.m.

WTA Tour Qatar
Total Final
Serena Williams
1st Round: Williams 6-3, 6-2

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National Basketball Association
All-Star Game
Boston 107, Los Angeles 101

Baseball
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Burley
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ON THE AIR
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ESPN2 10 a.m.

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TELEVISION
Bowling, PBA Empire State
ESPN 10:30 a.m.

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SALT LAKE CITY 2002

Ohno crashes across finish for silver medal

Incident injures skating star

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Apolo Anton Ohno was derailed a short-track gold medal in the men's 1,000 meters when a last-lap crash took out the American and three other skaters Saturday night.

But he wasn't going away without a medal.

After landing on his back and crashing into the boards, a deep gash in his leg, Ohno spun to his feet, and staggered and slid across the finish line skate-first. He claimed the silver after Steven Bradbury — who had been far back in last place — coasted across the line as the fortuitous winner.

Bradbury claimed Australia's first Winter Olympics gold medal ever.

"Obviously, I'm not the best guy in the field but I won the race, so I'm going to take it," Bradbury said. The sellout crowd of more than 15,000 boomed loudly when the result was posted. One skater, China's Li Jiajun, was disqualified but officials allowed the other results to stand.

Canada's Mathieu Turcotte got up in time to claim the bronze.

Ohno made an outside pass for the lead with two laps to go and was still in front heading to the final turn, the crowd deafening as they sensed a chance to witness the 19-year-old from Seattle win the first of four Olympic medals.

That's when everything fell apart.

Li tried to pass on the outside, jostling with Ohno as both skaters fought for position. Li slipped out of the race about the same time Ahn Hyun-soo moved inside of Ohno.

It was a brazen move by the 16-year-old South Korean, considering there was hardly any room to pass. Not surprisingly, it sent bodies flying in all directions.

Ahn went down and took out Ohno and Turcotte. The American did a 360-degree spin and crashed into the boards back first.

Bradbury, who was far behind the other four skaters in the final, simply glided across the line. He threw up his arms and smiled in disbelief.

Even after the gold medal was draped around his neck, Bradbury was still shaking his head.

Ohno, meanwhile, had the presence of mind to pull himself up and throw his left skate across the finish line, a gutsy move that gave him the silver.

Turcotte also had to get up in order to claim a medal.

Ohno's leg was cut in the melee and he had to be brought to the edge of the ice in a wheelchair for the medal ceremony. He hobbled to the podium, struggling to pull himself up to the second-place position.

It wasn't immediately clear if he would be able to take part in his other three Olympic races.

In the night's other final, Yang Yang (A) won China's first Winter Olympic gold medal in the women's 500. Evgenia Radanova of Bulgaria took the silver and Wang Chunlu of China claimed the bronze.

Caroline Hallisey, of Natick, Mass., made it into 500 final with a couple of thrilling comebacks and a photo finish. But she finished last out of five skaters in the medal race.

Meanwhile, the Olympic career of Amy Peterson came to an end.

Peterson, a five-time Olympian who won a silver at the 1992 Albertville Games and two bronzes at Lillehammer '94, was part of the American 3,000 relay team that fell in the semifinals and finished far back.

She made it through the heats of 500 but finished a distant third in the quarterfinals, crossing the line with her hands on her knees.

Still, it was a memorable game for the 30-year-old Peterson, who suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome. She carried the American flag in the opening ceremony.

On this night, everyone came to see Ohno, who won his quarterfinal and semifinal races.

His most brilliant move came in the quarter, when the teenager nicknamed "Chunky" somehow squeezed between Bradbury and Marc Gagnon of Canada.

Ohno pulled away from the other three skaters, looking back derisively over his shoulder as he crossed the finish line all alone.



Apolo Anton Ohno and Canada's Mathieu Turcotte struggle to cross the finish line after falling in the final stretch of the men's 1,000 meter short track speed skating race at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City Saturday. Ohno won the silver and Turcotte took the bronze.

Scandal rules Week 1 of Winter Games

By Steve Willmet
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Born under a cloud of bribery charges, the Open under the tent of terrorism, the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics reeled through its first week under the harsh glare of a figure skating cheating scandal.

Three days into the competition, hives of protests greeted an apparent injustice in pairs skating when a Russian couple that stumbled narrowly won the gold over an impeccable Canadian pair.

In a discipline that usually sparks little more interest than curling, an obscure French judge who posted the swing vote in a 5-4 decision along old Cold War lines suddenly came under world scrutiny.

If the scandal that ensued never reached the passionate heights of the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan affair at Lillehammer eight years ago, the sordid implications for the sport may have been more serious.

For the first time, after decades of suspicions about backroom deals among skating judges, the International Skating Union confirmed that this time it had evidence in writing: The fix was in.

The ISU, prodded by the International Olympic Committee's eagerness to wipe out the stain on these games as soon as possible, moved with uncommon speed to find a resolution. Working through the night in a hotel room, the ISU came up with an answer that they announced Friday.

Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier will trade their silver medals for gold, Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze will keep the golds they had gotten, and the French judge, Marie-Reine Le Gougue, was unceremoniously placed on suspension.

The way the IOC responded to the scandal showed again how different new president Jacques Rogge is from his predecessor, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Samaranch, a former Spanish diplomat who ran the IOC from 1980 to 2001, would probably have kept out of any public involvement in the dispute and dealt with it qui-



Russian figure skaters Anton Sikharulidze and Elena Berezhnaya react to media attention Friday at the Russia House in a suburb of Salt Lake City.

etly behind the scenes.

But Rogge, a former Olympic sailor and Belgian surgeon who was elected president in July, took the unusual step of issuing a public warning to the ISU: Sort out the judging controversy ASAP.

Rogge is bunking in the athletes' village in Salt Lake City rather than enjoying the five-star hotel luxury long associated with the IOC. That alone may have made Rogge more acutely aware of the impact the skating scandal was having on all the athletes and the games.

In 1994, the games were dominated by the Tonya and Nancy saga, and whether Harding should be allowed to skate after being linked to a physical attack on Kerrigan.

Samaranch and the IOC remained silent then, describing it as an internal U.S. dispute.

"Times are changing," and Jacques Rogge felt it was important to let the public know where the IOC stood," IOC vice president Kevan Gosper said. "He feels the games are going so well, and something like this, if left to run its course, has a downside."

The brunt of the scandal may be

over, but the investigation is not. Nor has the ISU come up with a way to revamp the judging system to thwart further cheating.

"For the future of our sport," Sale said, "this has to be fixed. The truth still has to come out."

The ISU is still sorting out who pressured Le Gougue to vote for the Russians, and why. ISU president Ottavio Cinquanta told The Associated Press that Le Gougue said the pressure came from her own federation.

French federation president Didier Gailhaguet denied her allegation, and Le Gougue declined to comment publicly.

Sale and Pelletier were understandably thrilled by the turn of events, though they felt cheated by missing the chance to stand on the gold medal podium and hear their national anthem played after they skated.

For their part, Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze were bitter that their gold was tarnished and that some might have wrongly associated them with a conspiracy to cheat.

It was an affair that left nobody particularly happy, least of all athletes in other sports whose achieve-

Canadians will get duplicate gold early

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Jamie Sale and David Pelletier will get their gold medals in pairs skating tonight, four days earlier than expected.

The special medal ceremony for the Canadian pair will be held after the original dance program at the Salt Lake Ice Center, the International Olympic Committee said Saturday. No other medal ceremonies are scheduled in figure skating on Sunday.

The IOC agreed Friday to allow the Canadians to share first place with Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze at the request of the International Skating Union. The union said a French judge had voted for the Russians under pressure from her national federation.

It was not immediately clear if the Russians and bronze medalists Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo of China would attend the ceremony. NBC reported Saturday that there was a "strong indication" the other medalists would take part.

ISU president Ottavio Cinquanta said Friday that he thought the duplicate medal would be awarded on Feb. 21, the last day of figure skating competition.

ments were overlooked while so much attention was focused on the pairs skating brouhaha.

American fans were winning more Winter Olympics medals than ever, and there were inspiring triumphs by athletes from around the world.

In any other Olympics, the story of the week might have been the courageous medal performance of snowboarder Chris Klug. Suffering from the same disease that killed football player Walter Payton, Klug came back a year and a half after a liver transplant, patched up a broken back buckle at the last moment and won a bronze medal in the parallel giant slalom.

It was a story for the ages, but it got buried as the world's attention turned to the scandal on ice.

Some see French judge as scapegoat

Skater says all competitions are fixed

By Michael McDonough
The Associated Press

PARIS — French sports officials, newspapers and an Olympic silver medalist said Saturday that it was unfair to blame one French judge for the corruption that pervades figure skating.

"All the tides are decided ahead of time," retired French skater Isabelle Duchesnay told the Le Parisien newspaper. "The corruption is so institutionalized that it had to break out some time."

In 1992, Duchesnay won silver in the ice dance with her brother, Paul, in Albertville, France.

"At Albertville, some officials came to see us before the start of the free program," Duchesnay said. "They said: 'We're sorry, but you'll only get the silver medal.' When you're in this environment, you think it's normal."

Sports Minister Marie-George Buffet said the suspension of judge Marie-Reine Le Gougue, accused of misconduct by skating's governing body, highlighted a need to review the entire sport.

The International Skating Union needs to "reflect" on possible changes to avoid a repeat of the scandal that had dominated the Salt Lake City Games. Buffet told Europe 1 radio.

Le Gougue was suspended indefinitely after admitting she was pressured to favor Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, who won gold in pairs figure skating. Canadians Jamie Sale and David Pelletier initially were given the silver.

The IOC decided Friday that the pair would share the gold medal with their Russian rivals.

"It's a good decision," said the president of the French National Olympic Committee, Henri Serandour.

Serandour said he hoped the affair would "serve as an example because, for a very long time, we have known the recurring sickness that has sapped skating. Let's hope action to remedy it will follow."

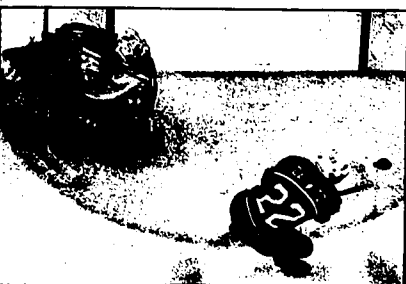
L'Equipe said the judge was being treated as a scapegoat. "It is hypocritical of the international federation to use the French judge as a scapegoat to disguise the corruption of a system of which (ISU President Ottavio) Cinquanta is perfectly aware," the paper said.

Duchesnay, who runs a skating school and judges professional competitions, said judges are swayed by offers of free trips by national skating federations.

"It's not a coincidence that now it's the Russians and Americans who dominate skating," Duchesnay said. "These two federations are the richest and have the means to finance the skulduggery."



Marie-Reine Le Gougue



USA's Natalie Darwitz scores her first of three goals against Finland goalie Jukka Pajunen during the USA's 5-0 win Saturday in Salt Lake City.

USA meets Russia in 'miracle' rematch

Young star helps U.S. women blank Finland

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Herb Brooks against the Russians. This ought to be fun.

For the first time since the Miracle on Ice in 1980, the United States played a Russian team on home ice in an Olympic hockey game late Saturday night. Just as at Lake Placid, Brooks will be behind the American bench — but the similarities end there.

Brooks will be coaching NHL stars against NHL stars, not unknown college amateurs against arguably the greatest hockey team ever assembled. And the opponent won't be what

President Ronald Reagan called the "evil empire" in a communist Soviet Union, but an ally in Russia.

Still, for all the remarkable changes 22 years have brought, most notably the fall of the Soviet regime, the game will bring back a flood of memories and, perhaps, a torrent of emotion.

"I don't have any negative connotations about the U.S.S.R. or the Russians — I've always looked at them as hockey players, not the hammer and the sickle and the political implications," Brooks said. "This is a chance to measure

Olympic hockey

ourselves against a very talented team."

Still, the very thought of a United States-Russia game — even if nearly all the players oppose each other nobly in the NHL — was enough to rouse some patriotic emotions in American John LeClair after his three-goal game Friday in a 6-0 victory over Finland.

"No matter what happens, the rivalry (with Russia) will be there, and that game will be a big challenge for us," LeClair said.

In other games Friday, as the

big-name teams began play, Sweden was a surprisingly easy 5-2 upset winner over Canada, Russia beat Belarus 6-4 and the defending champion Czech Republic overcame Germany 8-2.

Finland, with fewer NHL players than any of the other so-called "Big Six" teams still playing, never got anything going against the United States. Goalie Jari Hurnu kept the Americans scoreless for half the game, but Scott Young's goal started a three-goal second period, and LeClair had two of the three U.S. goals in the third.

"Personally, it's nice to score." Please see HOCKEY, Page C5



SALT LAKE 2002 OLYMPICS

High hopes: Americans think sweep in aerials

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — "Weird Eric" Bergoust has an idea that suddenly doesn't sound so strange. He thinks the American men can sweep the medals in freestyle aerials.

The once-farfetched notion didn't seem so outlandish Saturday, after the entire American team — Bergoust, Joe Pack, Brian Currutt and Boise's Jeret Peterson — earned spots in Tuesday's 12-man Olympic final.

"Our goal is to go for broke and sweep the podium," said Bergoust, the 1998 gold medalist. "It's not unrealistic to think so. That's what we've got to start thinking about. We've got to set those goals."

The men are America's only hope for a medal in aerials. Tracy Evans and Brenda Petzold both failed to qualify for the women's final. The highlight of that qualifying round was Swiss star Evelyn Leu's world record.

Leu flipped, twisted and spun her way to a two-jump score of 203.16, breaking a four-year-old record of 200.21 held by Xiaohu Ji of China.

"I didn't think gold medal, or world record or anything," Leu said. "I just wanted to do my jump."

Now, the question is, what will she do for an encore?

The American men might be wondering the same thing.

"This Fab Four combined to go 8-for-8 in their jumps, flying smoothly through the air and landing squarely on their feet on each."

By nailing a pair of his quadruple twisting-triple flips, Bergoust finished second in qualifying, behind Alexei Grichin of Belarus. Pack was third, Peterson seventh and Currutt 10th.

"I didn't know I could be this happy," said Peterson, who made the Olympic team when women's aerialist Emily Cook dropped out because of injury. "This is definitely the best day of my life. Hopefully, it will be the second best day of my life come Tuesday. I'm loving it."

Other sports:

Skier Kjetil Andre Aamodt, along with biathlon winner and Norwegian teammate Ole Einar Bjoerndalen, transcended the figure skating judging controversy Saturday and swept to medals that ensured their spots in Olympic history.

And American speedskater Joey Cheek snatched up a bronze in the 1,000 meters, expanding the home team's medal-winning streak to eight straight days, in a race where Dutchman Gerard van Velde set a world record.

Staying atop the medals table was Germany with 18 (5 gold, 8 silver, 5 bronze), followed by the United States

with 15 (3-6-6). Tied with 12 were Norway (7-5-0) and Austria (1-3-8).

Speedskating

Bronze medalist Cheek was the best of the Americans, who placed four finishers in the top seven. The 22-year-old Cheek, who aspires to be a host on his own MTV show, trailed a pair of skaters from the Netherlands.

Gerard van Velde set a new world record in taking the gold, while teammate Jan Bos won silver. Olympic 500 champion Casey FitzRandolph was ahead of the world-record pace at 600 meters, but flamed out and finished seventh.

The world record was the third in five Olympic events at the Utah Oval; a high-altitude rink that is considered the fastest in the world.

Biathlon

It wasn't perfect, but it was enough. Bjoerndalen missed two of his 20 shots in the 12.5K biathlon pursuit, yet captured his third gold medal of the week. Raphael Poiree of France won the silver and Ricco Gross of Germany took the bronze.

On Saturday, Bjoerndalen began the event 29 seconds ahead of Germany's Sven Fischer based on results from Wednesday's 10K sprint, and never surrendered the lead. An American medal was never in Bjoerndalen's hands as he won the silver and Ricco Gross of Germany took the bronze.

American Jay Hakkinen finished 13th, the highest finish ever for an American in any biathlon event.

Nordic Combined

If they can ski as well as they ski jump, the U.S. Nordic combined could break its 0-for-the-Olympics losing streak.

On Saturday, the team was in third place after the 90-kilometer jumping portion of the event. The second half, a 20-kilometer cross-country relay, is today.

The United States has never won a medal in 23 Nordic combined events across 19 Olympics.

Bobsled

The American bobsledders' run of futility is nearly as long as the Nordic combined — no medals in 46 years. Todd Hays and brakeman Garrett Hines finished fifth in the first two runs of the two-man bobsled in their effort to end the streak.

Switzerland was in the lead. The final two runs were scheduled for today.

Women's biathlon

Olga Pyleva won the 10-kilometer biathlon



Jeret Peterson, of Boise, celebrates his performance in the qualifying round of the Olympic freestyle aerial competition in Park City, Utah, Saturday. Peterson earned a spot in Tuesday's final.

pursuit gold medal, the first Olympic gold of the 26-year-old Russian's career.

Karl Wilhelm of Germany won the silver and Irina Nikoulchikina of Bulgaria won the bronze.

Women's curling

The American women (3-3) stayed in contention for a semifinal berth with a convincing 11-4 rout of the Russians. U.S. skip Karl Erickson made a game-breaking shot

in the fifth to give the Americans an insurmountable 8-0 lead.

In other games, unbeaten Canada clinched a spot in the semifinals with a 9-4 victory over Japan; Britain beat Denmark 8-6; and the men's side, Denmark defeated the Americans 9-7, leaving the home team in danger of missing the medal round; Sweden beat Finland, 11-4; Switzerland won over Britain, 10-4; and Norway beat Germany, 10-5.

Saturday's Medalists

- ALPINE SKIING**
Men's Slalom
 GOLD: Steve Locher, Austria
 SILVER: Steve Locher, Austria
 BRONZE: Andrew Schjerve, Austria
Men's Super-G
 GOLD: Steve Locher, Austria
 SILVER: Steve Locher, Austria
 BRONZE: Steve Locher, Austria
Men's Parallel Slalom
 GOLD: Steve Locher, Austria
 SILVER: Steve Locher, Austria
 BRONZE: Steve Locher, Austria
Women's Slalom
 GOLD: Heidi Lehmann, Germany
 SILVER: Heidi Lehmann, Germany
 BRONZE: Heidi Lehmann, Germany
Women's Super-G
 GOLD: Heidi Lehmann, Germany
 SILVER: Heidi Lehmann, Germany
 BRONZE: Heidi Lehmann, Germany
Women's Parallel Slalom
 GOLD: Heidi Lehmann, Germany
 SILVER: Heidi Lehmann, Germany
 BRONZE: Heidi Lehmann, Germany

How U.S. Olympians Fared

- Alpine Skiing**
 Men's Slalom: Steve Locher (1st), Steve Locher (2nd), Steve Locher (3rd)
 Men's Super-G: Steve Locher (1st), Steve Locher (2nd), Steve Locher (3rd)
 Men's Parallel Slalom: Steve Locher (1st), Steve Locher (2nd), Steve Locher (3rd)
 Women's Slalom: Heidi Lehmann (1st), Heidi Lehmann (2nd), Heidi Lehmann (3rd)
 Women's Super-G: Heidi Lehmann (1st), Heidi Lehmann (2nd), Heidi Lehmann (3rd)
 Women's Parallel Slalom: Heidi Lehmann (1st), Heidi Lehmann (2nd), Heidi Lehmann (3rd)

Hockey

Canada vs. U.S.
 The Canadians, who didn't have a goal as the United States went 1-3 without a medal during its chair-smashing fiasco in the 1998 Olympics.

Roiling Canadian team reveals Lemieux's injury

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Canada's latest Olympic hockey crisis worsened Saturday when coach Pat Quinn revealed that captain Mario Lemieux is bothered by a sore hip.

Lemieux, who has denied for weeks he was hurting, skated at practice as the Canadians tried to regroup from a 2-2 upset loss to Sweden on Friday. The defeat set off waves of panic among the country's hockey faithful, with newspaper headlines that included, "Oh, Canada's 'Big O' is Out," and "Team Canada executive direc-

tor Wayne Gretzky called the loss by a team seeking its first gold medal in the United States "devastating, terrible." Quinn didn't offer many reassuring words when he said Lemieux — who was expected to be an offensive force in his first Olympics — might not play Sunday night against Germany.

Quinn also made some adjustments in Lemieux's line that would indicate Lemieux might not play Sunday, moving Owen Nolan and Eric Lindros alongside Paul Kariya, with Lemieux moving in occasionally. Joe Sakic, who skated on the Lemieux line Friday and worked with Simon Gagne and Jeremie Giniasse.

Finland 8, Belarus 1

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Teemu Selanne and Olli Jokinen scored two goals each as Finland roared back from a shutout loss to

the United States with an 8-1 victory over Belarus in Olympic hockey on Saturday night.

Sami Kapanen, Tomi Kallio, Aki Berg and Mikko Eloranta also scored for Finland, which won the bronze medal in 1998 but is widely considered the weakest of the six teams that advanced automatically to the final round. The Finns' problems — shaky defense and the absence of Saku Koivu — weren't obvious in the biggest blowout of the Olympic tournament so far. Finland (4-1) scored six goals in the first 30 minutes and finished strong as hundreds of Finnish fans chanted "Suomii Suomii" and proudly waved flags.

The Finns, who took a dispiriting 6-0 loss to the Americans less than 24 hours earlier, were led by Selanne, the San Jose Sharks' star wing serving as Finland's captain for the first time in his three Olympic trips. He and

Koivu, who's undergoing treatment for cancer, led the Nagano games in scoring.

Women's hockey

Darwitz dazzles as U.S. women win 34th straight

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — The United States led by five goals with 10 seconds left in the game, and Natalie Darwitz was nooning toward center ice, calling for the pass that would send her off on a breakaway.

She already had a hat trick. "If she had a chance to get 10 goals by herself, she probably would," defenseman Andrea Kilbourne said Saturday after the United States beat Finland 5-0 to clinch a top seed in the medal round. "She doesn't feel sorry for anybody. That's what a real goal-scorer is."

Just 18 minutes and an Olympic first timer, Darwitz is showing that's exactly what she is.

She scored twice at even strength and once shorthanded to give her six goals in three games and take over the Olympic scoring lead from Linemate Cammi Granato, who had a hat trick in Thursday's game against China.

"It doesn't surprise me," said Granato, the 30-year-old U.S. captain who has been on the team since the first world champion was crowned in 1990. "She's just packed with talent."

At the Games

2002 Winter Olympic Daily Schedule

Today's televised events

- All Times MST
- On NBC
- 8:30 p.m.
- Two-man bobsled final (taped)
- 8:30-8:45 p.m.
- women's Super G Alpine skiing (taped)
- 8:45-7 p.m.
- women's 1,000-meter speedskating (taped)
- 7-7:30 p.m.
- men's 40-kilometer cross-country skiing relay (taped)
- 7:30-9 p.m.
- Ice dancing (live)
- On MSNBC - 7-8 a.m.
- review of first week
- On CNBC - 4-7 p.m.
- Sweden vs. Czech Republic men's hockey (live)
- 7:30-8 p.m.
- Canada vs. Germany men's hockey (live)
- 8:25-10 p.m.
- U.S. vs. Finland men's curling (live)

Today's schedule of events

- All Times MST
- Subject to change
- Alpine Skiing
- At Snowbasin Ski Area
- Women's Super G, 10 a.m.
- Bobsleigh
- At Utah Olympic Park
- Two-Man, Run 3, 3 p.m.
- Two-Man, Run 4, 5 p.m.
- Cross-Country Skiing
- At Soldier Hollow
- Men's 4x10km Relay, 9:30 a.m.
- Curling
- At The Ice Sheet, Ogden, Utah
- Men
- Draw 10
- Germany vs. Sweden, 9 a.m.
- Canada vs. Norway, 9 a.m.
- France vs. Switzerland, 9 a.m.
- Draw 11
- France vs. Britain, 7 p.m.
- United States vs. Finland, 7 p.m.
- Women
- Draw 10
- Norway vs. Denmark, 2 p.m.
- Russia vs. Japan, 2 p.m.
- Britain vs. United States, 2 p.m.
- Figure Skating
- At Salt Lake Ice Center
- Ice Hockey, 5:30 p.m.
- Dance, Original
- At The Pease Ice Arena
- Women's classification, Russia vs. China, 2 p.m.
- Men's final round, Canada vs. Germany, 7 p.m.
- At E Center
- Men's final round, Sweden vs. Czech Republic, 4 p.m.
- Women's classification, Germany vs. Kazakhstan, 9 p.m.
- Nordic Combined
- At Soldier Hollow
- Team 4x5km Relay, 1 p.m.
- Speedskating
- At Utah Olympic Oval
- Women's 1,000, 5:15 p.m.

Medals Table

(39 medal events)

Nation	G	S	Tot
Germany	5	8	13
United States	7	7	14
Austria	1	3	4
Russia	4	4	8
France	2	3	5
Canada	2	0	2
Switzerland	2	0	2
Netherlands	2	0	2
Finland	2	1	3
Italy	2	1	3
Czech Republic	2	0	2
Bulgaria	0	1	1
South Korea	0	1	1
Spain	2	0	2
Slovakia	1	1	2
Estonia	1	0	1
Japan	0	1	1
Poland	0	1	1
Belarus	0	1	1
Croatia	0	1	1
China	0	0	0

SPORTS

Georgia pulls first sweep of UK in 15 years

ATHENS, Ga. - Ezra Williams scored 20 points and Jarvis Hayes 19 as No. 21 Georgia swept Kentucky for the first time in 15 years.

The Bulldogs (19-7, 8-5 Southeastern) had consecutive victories over the Wildcats (17-7, 7-5) for only the fifth time in the series.

Top 25 Steve Thomas added 16 points and 12 rebounds as Georgia prevented Kentucky from winning for the 100th time in 118 meetings and eighth in a row in the series.

No. 2 Kansas 87, Baylor 72

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Nick Collison had 22 points as Kansas overcame lethargy and sloppy ball-handling to remain unbeaten in the Big 12.

The Jayhawks were not able to get in high gear against the more deliberate attack of the Bears, who came in at 23-point underdogs but trailed by only 2 points six minutes into the second half.

But Collison led a 10-2 run that put the Jayhawks (23-2, 12-0) on top 83-68. Jeff Boschee had 21 points for Kansas, matching the total of Lawrence Roberts for Baylor (14-11, 4-8).

No. 4 Oklahoma 73, Kansas State 62

NORMAN, Okla. - Aaron McChee scored 22 points, Jason Detrick had a career-high 21, and fourth-ranked Oklahoma used a 19-3 second-half run to break the game open and beat Kansas State 73-62 Saturday.

McChee has scored at least 21 points in each of the past four games for the Sooners (20-4, 9-3 Big 12) who led 39-37 five minutes into the second half before going in control. Larry Reid scored 14 points for Kansas State (10-13, 4-8), 0-8 on the road this season.

Mississippi 68, No. 6 Florida 51

OXFORD, Miss. - Aaron Harper had 18 points, as Mississippi gave its NCAA tournament resume a big boost.

Ole Miss (19-7, 8-5 Southeastern) snarled the high-scoring offense in the SEC, holding the Gators (19-5, 8-4) to their lowest point total of the season by far.

No. 7 Alabama 95, Tennessee 82

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Erwin Dudley had 25 points, and Earnest Shelton matched a career high with 21 as Alabama overcame a career-high 30-point lead by Tennessee's Marcus Hoistip to win a miserable second-half game.

The Crimson Tide (22-4, 10-2 Southeastern) took a two-game lead over Florida despite missing their first 13 shots after halftime.

No. 25 Southern California 94, No. 9 Arizona 89

LOS ANGELES - David Bluthenthal scored 23 of his career-high 31 points in the second half, and Sam Clancy had 28 points and 11 rebounds for Southern California.

By winning for just the second time in their last 10 games against Arizona, the Trojans (18-7, 10-4 Pac-10) moved ahead of the Wildcats and into a first-place



Georgia's Ezra Williams and Kentucky's Chuck Hayes battle for a rebound Saturday in Athens, Ga.

tie in the conference. Jason Gardner led Arizona (17-8, 10-5) with 27 points.

No. 11 Marquette 75, Louisville 63

MILWAUKEE - Cordell Henry scored 23 points, and Dwayne Wade had 11 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for Marquette.

The Golden Eagles (22-3, 11-1 Conference USA), celebrating their highest ranking since March 13, 1979, also got 15 points from Oluoma Nnamaka.

Bryant Engles led Louisville (14-10, 5-7) with 17 points.

No. 12 Stanford 76, Washington St. 63

PULLMAN, Wash. - Curtis Borchardt had 19 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks, and Stanford began the second half with a 17-5 run that shook off Washington State.

Stanford (17-6, 10-4 Pac-10) got 24 points from Casey Jacobsen, which helped negate a 29-point effort from Washington State's Marcus Moore.

The Cardinal got its 12 straight victory in the series.

No. 16 Oklahoma State 71, Texas A&M 66

COLLEGE STATION, Texas -

Oklahoma State's Victor Williams scored 10 of his 19 points in the second half, including a decisive driving layup with 22 seconds left.

The Cowboys (20-6, 7-5 in Big 12) had lost four straight road games and led the Aggies (9-17, 3-9) by only 67-66 when Williams charged through the lane for his basket.

The victory was the 699th of coach Eddie Sutton's career. Bernard King led Texas A&M with 18 points.

No. 18 Illinois 75, Seton Hall 65

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Brian Cook had season highs of 23 points and 15 rebounds, and Frank Williams added 19 points as Illinois (19-7) got its fourth straight victory.

Freshman John Allen led Seton Hall (12-13) with 18 points.

Arizona St. 68, No. 20 UCLA 68

LOS ANGELES - Curtis Millage snapped a tie with a 3-pointer with 13.8 seconds to give Arizona State its first victory at Pauley Pavilion in exactly 15 years.

Kyle Dodd missed the front end of a one-and-one with 2.3 seconds left. UCLA's Billy Knight rebounded, but was called for traveling with one sec-

ond remaining. Chad Prewitz scored 22 points and Millage finished with 14 for Arizona State (14-10, 7-8 Pac-10), which had lost 25 of its last 26 games against UCLA.

Dan Gadzuric scored 17 points UCLA (17-8, 9-5).

No. 23 Ohio St. 72, Iowa 66

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Boban Savovic scored 15 points, including two late baskets as Ohio State rallied to take a half-game Big Ten Conference lead over idle Indiana.

Ohio State (18-5, 9-3) broke a two-game losing streak. Reggie Evans, the conference's leading rebounder and the No. 2 scorer for Iowa (15-12, 4-9) did not play.

No. 24 North Carolina St. 83, Clemson 54

RALEIGH, N.C. - Anthony Grundy scored 23 points and Marcus Melvin had nine over a span of 1:22 in the second half as North Carolina State rebounded from its worst loss of the season.

The Wolfpack (19-7, 8-5 Atlantic Coast) fell to top-ranked Duke by 37 points Thursday night, surrendering a season-high 108 points.

Andre Miller had 18 points, 15 assists and eight rebounds for the Cavaliers, who have won a season-high four in a row.

Murray was 14-of-23 from the field and had 12 rebounds for Cleveland.

Hill missed the Cleveland's first 50 games because of chronic back problems, but got right into the fray Saturday.

He helped break open a tight game with about five minutes to go.

Chicago reserve Marcus Finer scored 23 points, and Brad Miller had 22 for the Bulls.

prosecutors believe was the shooter. He has said Williams, Williams' brother Vincent and about 10 guests were in the house at the time.

"I'm not prepared to state where we are in the investigation in terms of who the shooter was," Lember said. "The fair thing to say is we have a pretty good idea of who that was, and we're trying to determine how that happened."

Authorities have said the shotgun belongs to Williams.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSI opens Slugout with two wins

NAMPA - The College of Southern Idaho baseball team made it two in a row over Dawson Community College Saturday winning 3-2 on a pinch-hit single by Jeremy Barnes in the seventh.

The win followed Saturday's 19-4 rout of DCC at the McDonald's Slugout at Rodeo Park in Nampa.

Brad Burrow picked up the win on Saturday, throwing all seven innings with five strikeouts and one walk.

Josh Wolfram had two hits to lead CSI, which scored the game winner on a walk to Ryan Johnson, a Tom Myers sacrifice and Barnes' base hit.

"No one swinging the bats real well, we just happened to squeak it out," CSI coach Boomer Walker said. "Burrow pitched well. He threw a lot of strikes and pitched through a few jams."

Barnes pinch hit because of a pulled hamstring he suffered on Saturday, Walker said.

Dawson took the 2-1 lead in the third on three straight hits. CSI hosts North Idaho today at 2 p.m. to close out the tournament in Nampa.

The Eagles open up the Scenic West Athletic Conference next weekend at Snow College with four games Friday and Saturday in Ephraim, Utah.

Kilmartin cleans up at Simplot Games

POCATELLO - Eagle High's Donovan Kilmartin led the Idaho charge with victories in the boys pole vault (15 feet, 9 inches) and high jump (6-7), while also taking fourth place in the 60-meter hurdles Saturday at the 24th annual Simplot Games at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

More than 1,700 high school athletes from across the country and Canada competed in the games including several from the Magic Valley.

Tiffany Anderson of Burley won the girls 60-meter dash edging Wendell Junior Jaynie Goodbody 8.22 seconds to 8.28 for Goodbody. Junior Jamie Palmer of Jerome scaled 9 feet in the pole vault and Lindsay Morgan placed fourth with a jump of 5-1 in the high jump.

In boys events, Tyler Layne of Jerome ran the 1,600-meter event in 4 minutes, 42 seconds, Wendell's Sherman King tossed the shot put 46-10.5 and Trojan teammate Skyler Stevenson ran the 60-meter dash in 7.40.

Nampa's Julene Bailey set a meet record in the girls pole vault with a leap of 12-6.5.

Two die in chopper crash on way to get Gibbs

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla. - Two people died in a helicopter crash Saturday while on the way to pick up NASCAR team owner and former Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs.

Volusia County authorities were first notified the Bell 206 Long Ranger helicopter had not reached its destination around 6 a.m. MST Saturday, sheriff's spokesman Gary Davidson said.

A sheriff's helicopter then spotted the wreckage in a remote swampy area about 15 miles south of Daytona Beach, Davidson said.

The helicopter was found in about two feet of water, leaving a debris field about 150 yards long, sheriffs said.

"The helicopter was coming over from Orlando to take me to Tarpon Springs for a breakfast meeting and then bring me back," Gibbs said after arriving at Daytona International Speedway. "It never showed up and a local person bailed me out and took me over on another plane. It's a tragic experience."

The names of the pilot and the passenger were not released. The helicopter was owned by Orlando-based Universal Air Service of Florida, Inc.

Car accident kills Miami linebacker

CORAL GABLES, Fla. - Miami linebacker Chris Campbell, a starter on the Hurricanes' national championship team, was killed in a car accident early Saturday. He was 21.

Campbell apparently lost control of the Toyota Corolla he was driving and hit a tree at about 4 a.m. Saturday, Sgt. Raul Pedrosa of the Coral Gables Police Department said.

The names of the car, Joel Rodriguez, was in stable condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Pedrosa said. No other car was believed to be involved in the accident near the school's campus, Pedrosa said.

The cause of death will be determined by the Miami-Dade County medical examiner after an autopsy and a toxicology exam.

Loria closes deal to buy Marlins for \$158.5M

MIAMI - At least 60 Florida Marlins' employees were fired as Jeffrey Loria closed Saturday on his purchase of the team from John Henry.

During the final hours of negotiations to seal the sale, the entire player development staff was fired, including scouts, administrators and minor league managers and coaches.

The dismissals were anticipated, allowing the new ownership to bring in about 50 employees from the Montreal Expos, the team Loria owned since December 1999.

Loria is keeping most of the Marlins' business employees. Also staying are former major league stars Andre Dawson and Tony Perez, who are special assistants to the general manager.

Major league owners voted Tuesday to approve Loria's \$158.5 million purchase of the Marlins from Henry, who heads a group that has been given approval to buy the Boston Red Sox for a record \$650 million.

Magic pull off win over Houston

Murray lights it up as Cavs dump Bulls

HOUSTON (AP) - Tracy McGrady scored 39 points and had 12 rebounds to lead the Orlando Magic to a 109-100 victory Saturday night over the Houston Rockets.

Darrell Armstrong scored 27, and Pat Garrity had 17 for Orlando, which never trailed.

Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley each scored 27 for Houston. Kenny Thomas

added 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Orlando made 7 of its first 8 shots, including 4-of-5 by McGrady. After three quarters, McGrady had 32 points as Orlando led 88-77.

Cavaliers 114, Bulls 101

CHICAGO - Lamond Murray scored 37 points, and Tyrone Hill had 16 points and 15 rebounds in his first game of the season as Cleveland beat Chicago.

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Jayson Williams' attorney says shooting was an accident

By Heidi Becker New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Jayson Williams' attorney insisted Saturday the shooting death of a limousine driver at the former player's palatial estate was a "tragic accident."

"The tragic death of Costas Christofi was an accident, pure and simple," criminal defense lawyer Joe Hayden said. "I am confident that after a thorough investigation by the prosecutor's

office, the evidence will show there was no purposeful or reckless conduct by Jayson Williams."

But reports have surfaced that Williams, 33, now a basketball commentator for NBC Sports, was fooling around with a shotgun when it went off and killed the 55-year-old driver.

Williams was "playfully twirling a loaded shotgun while giving friends a tour of his home early Thursday when the weapon accidentally discharged," the

Newark Star-Ledger reported on Saturday, citing investigative sources.

Williams' agent, Sal DiFazio, said he had spoken with the former basketball player and his lawyer since the shooting.

DiFazio said he was aware of the Star-Ledger article and called it "a very accurate portrayal of where everything is, as far as I know."

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Steven Lember would not say Saturday who



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DAYTONA 500 STARTING LINEUP

Keeping track of the drivers

Starting field for the 2002 Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday.		*Bookie	
1	Jimmie Johnson 48 Chevrolet 185.831 mph	2	Kevin Harvick 29 Chevrolet 185.770 mph
3	Jeff Gordon 24 Chevrolet 1st/125 No. 1		
4	Michael Waltrip 15 Chevrolet 1st/125 No. 2	5	Dale Earnhardt Jr. 8 Chevrolet 2nd/125 No. 1
6	Tony Stewart 20 Ford 2nd/125 No. 2	7	Ken Schrader 36 Pontiac 3rd/125 No. 1
8	Jerry Nadeau 25 Chevrolet 3rd/125 No. 2		
9	Ricky Rudd 28 Ford 4th/125 No. 1	10	Bobby Labonte 18 Pontiac 5th/125 No. 2
11	Terry Labonte 5 Chevrolet 5th/125 No. 1	12	Robby Gordon 31 Chevrolet 6th/125 No. 2
13	Sterling Marlin 40 Dodge 6th/125 No. 1		
14	Dave Marcis 71 Chevrolet 7th/125 No. 2	15	Kurt Busch 97 Ford 7th/125 No. 1
16	John Andretti 43 Dodge 8th/125 No. 2	17	Mike Wallace 33 Chevrolet 8th/125 No. 1
18	Kenny Wallace 1 Chevrolet 9th/125 No. 2		
19	Ward Burton 22 Dodge 9th/125 No. 1	20	Mike Skinner 4 Chevrolet 10th/125 No. 2
21	Dale Jarrett 88 Ford 10th/125 No. 1	22	Todd Bodine 66 Ford 11th/125 No. 2
23	Ryan Newman* 12 Ford 11th/125 No. 1		
24	Stacy Compton 14 Pontiac 12th/125 No. 2	25	Joe Nemechek 26 Ford 12th/125 No. 1
26	Casey Atwood 7 Dodge 13th/125 No. 2	27	Brett Bodine 11 Ford 13th/125 No. 1
28	Jeremy Mayfield 19 Dodge 14th/125 No. 2		
29	Bill Elliott 9 Dodge 14th/125 No. 1	30	Jeff Green 30 Chevrolet 15th/125 No. 2
31	Robert Pressley 92 Dodge 15th/125 No. 1	32	Bobby Hamilton 55 Chevrolet 183.632 mph
32	Jeff Burton 99 Ford 183.132 mph		
33	Johnny Benson Jr. 10 Pontiac Provisional	34	Kyle Petty 45 Dodge 183.061 mph
35	Geoffrey Bodine 09 Ford 182.734 mph	36	Shawna Robinson 49 Dodge 182.683 mph
37	Fusty Wallace 2 Ford Provisional	38	Johnny Benson Jr. 10 Pontiac Provisional
39	Mark Martin 6 Ford Provisional	40	Matt Kenseth 17 Ford Provisional
41	Elliott Siedler 21 Ford Provisional	42	Dave Blaney 77 Ford Provisional
43	Rickey Craven 32 Ford Provisional		

SOURCES: Associated Press; NASCAR

Daytona

Continued from C1

"When he won the 500 here in '99, the respect he got from all the teams was amazing," Junior said. "They wanted to beat him and they worked against him and they raced against him and then when he wins that race they all go out and congratulate him, and that's never happened before and might not ever happen again. That was probably the coolest."

Although "The Intimidator" will certainly be remembered Sunday, there are other, more current dynamics affecting this race.

Rules changes have raised questions about what kind of competition the crowd of about 150,000 at Daytona International Speedway and a huge television audience will see in the 500-mile race.

The latest brouhaha is over aerodynamic changes, with the Fords and Dodges getting a break after the Chevrolet and Pontiac teams dominated the preliminary events.

Since winter testing ended in January, the Ford Tauruses have been granted three quarter-inch reductions of their rear spoiler, while the almost identical Dodge Intrepids finally got a quarter-inch reduction on Friday after considerable complaining about a disadvantage.

After only an hour of practice Friday with the new rules in place, Saturday's "Happy Hour" final practice was rained out.

NASCAR seems to be in a Catch 22, trying to adjust the rules to even up competition while trying to make all the teams happy.

Two years ago, the 500 was a bore, with little passing and virtually no excitement. To remedy that, rule changes were made at Daytona and Talladega Superspeedway, NASCAR's two longest and fastest ovals.

Three- and four-wide racing became the rule, with passing throughout the field on virtually every lap. Drivers could go from 18th to first and from first to 18th in one lap.

Now, NASCAR has returned to rules closely resembling those of 2000. Will that make it be another sleep-inducing event?

"Sunday's race won't be like last year's," Gordon said. "There won't be as many lead changes, but it's still going to be exciting. There will be a lot of racing and side-by-side action. I don't think it will be boring like 2000 was."

Texans get a team on Monday

The Associated Press

NFL expansion draft

For fantasy football fans, Monday's expansion draft to stock the new Houston Texans franchise is an adventure in imagination, especially since the money to pay for the players is not coming out of their pockets.

Let's see. Tackle Tony Boselli and guard Randall McDaniel could anchor the offensive line. Linebacker Jessie Armstead as the centerpiece on defense. For a premier kick returner, there's Jermaine Lewis, who handled that job in the Pro Bowl last week. Need a tight end? Ken Diler caught a touchdown pass in that game. Defensive tackle Gary Walker was there, too.

All are available.

So are quarterbacks Jeff Blake and Rob Johnson, both experienced starters. Chris Chandler and Charlie Batch, too. Defensive back Aaron Glenn could be a solid

cornerstone for the secondary.

The expansion list includes 18 players who've been in 61 Pro Bowls, including McDaniel, who's played in a record 12 of them. It's an interesting group for Houston GM Charley Casserly to consider. Don't expect him to jam up the Texans roster with them, though.

As tempting as some of the names seem, there are other issues to consider here - such as injuries and salaries. Casserly knows all about them.

Boselli missed most of last season with a bad shoulder. He counts between \$6.5 million and \$7 million of the \$72 million salary cap. Running backs Jamal Anderson and Tim Bakabutuka have spent more time in the training room than the lineup lately. Glenn's salary cap hit would be \$7 million.

This is pricey stuff. And chabby, too.

Casserly confronted those issues and came up with some parameters.

"Any player over 30, we eliminated from our thinking," he said. "We're only looking at players under 30 who can play out their contracts."

So much for Chandler, who's 36 and costs \$9.5 million against the cap on a contract that pays \$5.5 million next season and \$10 million each of the following two years. He misses on both of Casserly's criteria.

The expansion list includes 43 players on the wrong side of 30. All will be ignored, including Bruce Matthews, who is 41, on his way to the Hall of Fame and has said he is retiring.

There are others with contracts that would tilt the cap precariously. They will also be left behind.

Casserly will pick from the rest.

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SPORTS

Phillies' inactivity frustrates Rolen

San Diego mourns outfielder Darr

By The Associated Press

Scott Rolen watched his Philadelphia Phillies do little this offseason while the rival New York Mets and Atlanta Braves added All-Stars to their formidable rosters.

Rolen arrived at spring training questioning the team's commitment to win, setting the stage for a contentious season before Rolen tests the free-agent market.

"I'm not seeing that their No. 1 goal is to put a winning team on the field," Rolen said Saturday. "That's my No. 1 goal, and that's why I put on a uniform every day."

Rolen's not the only player at spring training who's looking to leave his team.

Minnesota's Rick Reed filed a trade demand following the World Series and could opt for free agency if the Twins don't deal him by March 15.

The Phillies are coming off their first-winning season since 1993 and finished just two games behind NL East champion Atlanta.

But while the Mets added Roberto Alomar, Mo Vaughn, Jeremy Burnitz, and Shawn Estes, and the Braves brought in Gary Sheffield, the Phillies biggest offseason acquisition was Terry Adams.

That's one reason why Rolen said he turned down a \$140 million, 10-year contract extension and opted to test free agency following the season.

"I think the fans of Philadelphia deserve better than what they've gotten over the last 15 years," Rolen said. "There's a lack of commitment to what I think is right."

Elsewhere at spring training, Mike Darr's locker was left untouched Saturday, one day after the San Diego outfielder was killed in a car crash.

"His spirit is still here," said reliever Tom Davey, one of Darr's closest friends on the team. "You can still think of Mike. And when you do, he puts a smile on your face. To look over at his locker right now and know he's not going to walk through this door ... it's crazy."

Darr's death cast a pall over the Padres' camp in Peoria, Ariz., as the usual declarations of optimism and excitement about the coming season gave way to grief.

Darr, 25, was killed Friday when the SUV he was driving rolled over on a highway about 5 miles from the team's training complex.

In Tampa, Fla., Yankees starter David Wells reported no problems after throwing off a mound for the first time since July.

Wells had back surgery last summer, and wasn't expected to take the hill for at least another week. The left-hander threw all of his pitches during the 10-minute session on an indoor mound.

"There was no aches and pains ... it's a good sign," Wells said. "It's exciting. I was shocked. It was a huge step."

Pittsburgh's Jason Kendall missed a workout with a bad back and is expected to return to practice Sunday.

In Kissimmee, Fla., Braves closer John Smoltz will not be ready to throw off a mound for at least another week as he recovers from an infection on his thumb.

Smoltz had surgery last month to remove the thumbnail on his right thumb.

Also, Kevin Tapani decided to retire after 13 years in the big leagues.

Long-range eagle lands McCarron in lead at Nissan Open

LOS ANGELES - Scott McCarron holed a 50-foot eagle putt from just off the 17th green for a 6-under 65 Saturday, giving him a one-stroke lead over Toru Taniguchi in the Nissan Open.

From a record-tying start by Charles Howell III to a fast finish from Rory Sabbatini, the third round was filled with near aces, eagles, unlikely chip-ins and one long putt from the guy who carries the longest putter.

Golf

McCarron swept his 50-foot putt-toward-the-hole-and-it-banged off the back of the cup for an eagle, allowing him to go from a one-stroke deficit to a one-stroke lead over Taniguchi.

McCarron was at 14-under 199, the best 54-hole score at Riviera since Fred Couples' 197 in 1990. Taniguchi continued his steady

play with a bogey-free 67, while Len Marriace holed birdie putts of 20 and 30 feet on the final two holes for a 67 to finish at 201.

Sabbatini started birdie-eagle-birdie on his way to a 30 on the back nine. He finished with a 65 and was at 202, along with Brad Faxon (68). Howell started eagle-birdie-birdie-birdie—the last two were chip-ins—and tied the front-nine record with a 28. He wound up with a 64 and was at 203.

Fleisher fires 65 to take lead at Seniors Verizon Classic

LAUTZ, Fla. — Bruce Fleisher shot a 6-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Tom Kite in the Verizon Classic.

Fleisher had an 11-under 131 total, matching the tournament 36-hole record he set in his 2000 victory on the TPC of Tampa Bay. He has 14 victories in four seasons on the

senior tour.

Kite, the MasterCard Championship winner, had a 66. Bruce Summerhays (68) was three strokes back at 133, followed by Doug Tewell (67) at 134, and first-round leaders Dana Quigley (71) and Mike Hill (71) at 135.

Hale Irwin, coming off his record 33rd senior title last week in the ACE Group Classic, was seven strokes back after a 68.

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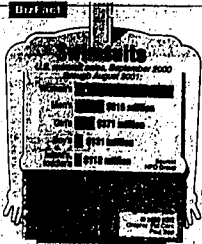
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Turning the corner

Lavender farm targets specialty market and turns its first profit

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BUHL — She still has trouble believing the accountant was right.

But Peggy Armstrong's books show her fledgling specialty farm turned its first profit last year.

It's a mere thousand dollars, but it's a milestone. A promise of a self-supporting business someday.

"Anybody who is interested in doing this has to realize there's no way you're going to support yourself off it right away," Armstrong said. "It's just not possible."

Valley View Lavender Farm, at 4297 Carter Pack Road in Buhl, planted its first crop in fall 1999 and harvested its first lavender blooms a year later. So Armstrong, 46, a former home fashion manager for retailer Fred Meyer, has gathered two harvests of purple blooms from her land.

With her daughter's help, she turns some of the crop into soaps, candles, lotions and the like, which she peddles at festivals, online and at local stores.

The lavender farm brought in 2001 revenue of about \$25,000, mostly from sales at festivals, Armstrong says.

"Well, we spent it all," she said. "All but the \$1,000 the accountant says was profit."

Armstrong paid a wage to her daughter. But her husband, Al, labored for the business for free — every day after work during lavender growing's busy season. Armstrong herself drew just \$500 for the year for her own work, she said.

So the basement-based business wouldn't have paid for itself without free labor last year. But neither did it require new investment for operations.

And her early successes have Armstrong ambitious for the future of her venture.

Purple products

Valley View Lavender Farm sells its lavender in the form of live plants, dried cuttings, fresh cuttings, essential oil (distilled by someone else), lotions, lotion bars, bath oils,

sachets, pillows, soaps, bath salts, gel and wax candles, spray for children's ouches, after-shave, foot powder, acne treatment, lip balm, dusting powder, shampoos, body mists, linen water, potpourri and perfume sticks.

Gift packs combine several products. Ground lavender for cooking is sold with recipes. Teddy bears have chamomile and lavender hidden in their tummies.

Armstrong buys the bears, slits them open and inserts the fragrant pouches.

"That is the only thing I have that I do buy," she said. "Everything else is made here. And my daughter helps me — I can't keep up with it by myself."

Eventually, she'll add lavender honey to the product array.

"The value-added, the specialty product, it's really big," said Jo Ann Robbins, Jerome County's extension educator for University of Idaho.

That's because people with small acreages are having a hard time making money on traditional crops, Robbins said.

"It is a movement across the whole country," she said.

In Magic Valley, for example, a traditional farmer in Castelford set aside some of his land for organic hay and vegetables, Robbins said. A Fairfield woman grew goat cheese. Others in the valley market jams and jellies, organic flour from local grain, halves and quarters of fresh beef or the same of lamb.

One group of specialty producers are country dwellers with jobs in town who look for specialty crops and niche markets so they

can realize a little cash from their land. Some people in that situation eventually can make a living at specialty production, Robbins said.

Others are farmers and ranchers searching for a new market, Robbins said. They might pick something like certified weed-free hay or straw, organic foods or a specialty potato.

"Something other than an Idaho russet," she said.

While shopping, Robbins discovered the Buhl lavender products in a Twin Falls store.

"I think a lot of people will buy something like that ... because they like to give something from home," she said.

The marketing task

Armstrong sells her lavender products wholesale to two Magic Valley retailers — Kitchen Magic in Twin Falls and Country Crafts in Buhl — and to one account each in Florida and Illinois. A Web site, www.valleyviewlavenderfarm.com, offers information about lavender and lets customers place orders for some of Armstrong's products.

She travels Western states setting up booths at festivals and fairs.

"We do very well, I think because of the uniqueness of the business here in Idaho. I think people are surprised to find us," Armstrong said. "Everything I have sells very well across the board."

She mails brochures with orders and in response to

inquiries, talks to other local business people about her operation, and gives freebies to the Buhl Chamber of Commerce to include in welcome baskets for new businesses.

Armstrong-works-the-home-front — donating to local women's causes to gain business exposure but aims for big-time sales, too. She applied to put her products on Fred Meyer's shelves but was turned down.

"And that's going to happen in business," she said. "I just regroup my paperwork and submit it somewhere else."

Now she's negotiating with potential accounts in Gooding and New York and with retailing giant Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Yes, you read right.

She already has the UPC symbol Wal-Mart requires, and she's working on the retailer's other requirements.

"If I get accepted there, I'll have to hire a crew," Armstrong said. "But that's OK, I'm looking forward to that."

Plans for growth

Valley View Lavender Farm will have to grow if it is to support Armstrong and her husband.

She left her job in April to give full-time attention to the lavender business.

"Because the demand was so high," she said.

They plan for her husband to retire from his full-time job in four years to help her.

While they're still under the umbrella of his job, they're putting their money into a new workshop and gift store at the farm. Armstrong expects to open the doors this summer and hold an open house in November.

Her husband also intends to build a still this summer so Armstrong can distill her own lavender oil.

"Just like moonshine," she said.

Their mentors in a Sequim, Wash., lavender growers' cooperative inspired an ambitious plan — an annual lavender festival.

The Sequim co-op's festival features farm tours, lavender products, music, distilling demonstrations.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Magic Valley builders plan Tuesday meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Builders Association will hold its February general membership meeting Tuesday at Precision Vinyl Products Inc., 21391 U.S. Highway 30 W.

A no-host bar and social hour begins at 6 p.m. The dinner meeting starts at 7 p.m.

The program agenda includes: Ken Edmunds of Edmunds Homes and Terrell Donich, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District, discussing the Twin Falls High School professional-technical education center proposal.

Pat Minter, workers' compensation insurance compliance officer, talking on "Expelling the Myth: Independent Contractor vs. Contract Laborer."

A presentation titled "Return to Work Injury Management: Now that they are hurt, what do you do?" by David M. Duhaime, rehabilitation field consultant.

Guest member spotlight on Precision Vinyl, by James Spaulding.

Cost for the dinner is \$14 per person. To attend, RSVP by 3 p.m. Monday by calling 736-8951, sending a fax to 734-8483 or sending e-mail to mvba@magclink.com.

Edward Jones hosts seminar on investing

JEROME — Gretchen W. Clelland of financial-services firm Edward Jones is hosting "Rules of the Road: A Common Sense Seminar on Investing" from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Edward Jones office at 2716 S. Lincoln, Suite B.

Clelland said that, according to a national survey, people invest for many reasons.

"Nearly 50 percent invest to save for retirement, while the remainder invest to accumulate a nest egg and to save for their children's college education," Clelland said. "Having a plan is vital. It helps you focus on your goals, and it helps you maintain that focus during temporary dips in the market. In other words, it helps you remain patient and disciplined."

The seminar will cover the keys to successful investing by addressing taxes, qualification investments, portfolio diversification, long-term investing, losses and careful decision-making.

The seminar is free, but space is limited. To reserve a space, call 324-0174.

Magazine helps with travel on the cheap

What do instant grits, renting a cellular phone and college cafeterias have in common? They're among a list of 20 money-saving travel tips in the latest issue of Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel magazine.

Be sure to bring along instant grits, oatmeal or other hot cereals if you stay at a hotel that doesn't offer complimentary breakfast. If there's a coffee maker in your room, use it to heat the water.

If you're traveling abroad and need to call home frequently, consider renting ahead of time a cell phone that can be used in the country you're visiting. The magazine says it costs \$70 to rent one through www.planetfone.com.

Also, many college and university cafeterias serve inexpensive, all-you-can-eat food and many welcome visitors to dine there for prices that are generally much lower than those at many diners and fast-food restaurants. When you arrive on campus, say you're visiting and ask for directions to the cafeteria.

Some other tips include bringing along a small electric ironing board to make hot beverages and buying ski lift tickets before you leave home.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Farmers learn to sell products directly to consumers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Across the nation, roughly 60,000 farmers have already eliminated the middleman: they're selling directly to consumers.

"It's working extremely well," said Chaslie Touchette, executive director of the North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association.

Farmers who market their products directly earn income not only from their roles as farmers but as retailers, packagers and

sales agents. Touchette said it all adds up to helping them stay on the farm.

March 1, Touchette and five other speakers will show Idaho producers — large and small — how expanding vertically can expand their abilities to make a living doing what they love, an event announced she said.

In a series of 45-minute seminars from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., they will discuss farmers' markets, roadside stands and other direct-marketing options for their own Idaho. They also will

describe how community-supported agriculture can help local products stay at home and how producers can add profits through app-toussan.

The free seminar series, "Successful Direct Marketing," is sponsored by the University of Idaho and the Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. It will be held at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus as part of EMVT's Agri-Action.

In addition to representatives

of the North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association, seminar instructors will include faculty from the U of I and Ohio State University and the manager of the Twin Falls Farmers' market.

Participants can share a no-host lunch with speakers from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at Tonato's restaurant.

Touchette said every farmer's No. 1 marketing tool is his or her farm.

"Yes, convenience is a major aspect to food purchasing for the American consumer," he said. Please see DIRECT, Page D3

Firms revamp 401(k)

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Textron Inc.'s stock topped \$98 a share three years ago, many employees were thrilled to have it anchoring their 401(k) plans. But when the stock plunged last year to less than a third of that price, some of them began to complain.

It turns out Textron was listening, although its response might have come too late for some workers. The company decided in September to restructure its 401(k) plan so employees no longer have to put their own money into Textron stock to qualify for a matching contribution from the Textron.

The move by Textron, which took effect Jan. 1, and similar changes by a handful of other companies, that even before the Enron meltdown pushed the issue to the forefront, other pressures were spurring some employers to re-examine and restructure their 401(k) plans.

Step drops in stock prices and resulting employee discontent helped trigger those changes, along with concerns about several closely watched lawsuits against firms by workers. Those suits accuse employers of failing in their duty to protect employees' financial interests by continuing to offer faltering company stock in 401(k) programs.

The moves — including some intended to reduce the concentration of company stock in retirement savings accounts — offer a glimpse of changes that might be embraced by other firms, even as Congress debates far more sweeping reforms for 401(k)s.

Retirement savings "plans that are going through changes are going to pay more attention to this than they ever have in the past," said Ed Ferrigno, vice president of the Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America, which represents employers.

At The Montana Power Co., workers participating in the 401(k) plan used to receive a matching contribution entirely in company stock. The company has been criticized sharply by some shareholders and employees for a shift in its business focus that helped drop its stock from a high of more than \$60 a share in 2000 to about \$4.50 recently.

Power in November to change its policy, so that it now makes its matching contribution to 401(k) accounts entirely in cash instead of its own stock, spokeswoman Claudia Ruppke said.

"We do have an overhaul of our 401(k)," she said. "All of that was based on what employees wanted, as well as company considerations, as well as what we were going through as a company," she said.

Textron executives were under similar pressure last year, when they began re-examining the company's 401(k) plan. Previously, for workers to receive a company match to their savings accounts, they had to direct half of their own contribution into a Textron stock fund.

But Textron recently lifted that requirement and now offers its full match to employees without requiring them to put any of their own contributions into company stock, spokeswoman Sue Bishop said.

Similar changes were enacted at Federal-Mogul Corp., whose exposure to asbestos lawsuits has sent its stock price down well above \$50 in 1999 to about \$1 a share. Many FMC workers have staked their retirements on company stock and — seeing a bargain — increased that stake as the shares tanked.

"Our efforts for diversification were being hampered because everyone wanted to put everything in Federal-Mogul stock," said Kimberly Welch, a spokeswoman for the Southfield, Mich.-based firm.

As a counterbalance, Federal Mogul decided in late 2000 to allow employees to diversify their own contributions out of company stock. Then in July of last year, it revamped its company match, changing it from one made entirely in Federal-Mogul stock to an

equal mix of cash and company stock. Please see REVAMP, Page D4

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Market analysts disagree on outlook

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market's best upward moves are often a real struggle, coming, analysts say, from climbing a "wall of worry." There's a lot to be said about investors buying stocks - even reluctantly - when earnings remain lackluster and the economy is still limping.

Some bullish analysts say Wall Street might be poised for a healthier advance than it's seen in a while. But more bearish folks say investors should remain cautious, because there's still a lot to fret about.

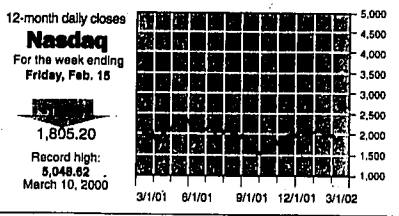
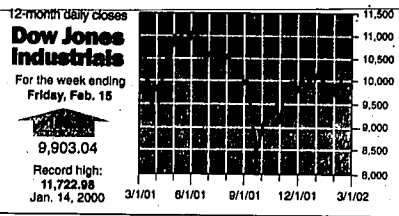
Both arguments had merit this past week, which the market ended mixed. The Dow Jones industrial gained more than 150 points, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index inched up about 8. But the Nasdaq composite index slipped 13 points for the week.

The bulls contend that the market stands ready to advance. After all, investors did do some buying this past week despite having plenty to worry about. First, there's the uncertain economy. Second, there were more accounting concerns - which on Friday included tech companies IBM and Nvidia - fueled by the Dec. 2 collapse of Enron.

And, yes, "We actually stopped going down," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "That is the first step."

Hogan could even make a case for the week's extremely light trading volume, which often indicates that many skittish traders remained on the sidelines, too nervous about the economy to buy stocks.

"Light volume can be explained away," Hogan said. "People really don't know what to do. You're selling, which we did for three weeks. You can do nothing, which a lot of people did this week and at least isn't selling. Or you can buy, which people are starting to do."



Hogan also believes Wall Street's Enronitis is fading.

"It's more smoke and mirrors, and people are figuring that out," he said.

The bears' argument for why the market isn't headed higher anytime soon boils down to earnings, the economy and Enron.

"We are seeing greater focus on company's balance sheets. It's almost like land mines," said Chris Wolfe, equity market strategist for J.P. Morgan-Private Bank. Investors are fearful that more companies cook their books, Wolfe said. That means investors will pay greater attention to this year's batch of annual reports, which companies will be releasing

in earnest in the next two months.

"For now the air is somewhat cloudy over earnings numbers and how creative accounting may have created them," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Fahnstock & Co.

One thing analysts seem to agree on, if not the timing of the advance, is the size of the market's upside potential. That is, modest - the bull market of the late '90s won't be repeated in the near future.

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Rafael Tamargo, director of equity research at Wilmington Trust. "Now it is about getting expectations in line."

Wall Street ended the week mostly higher with only the Nasdaq finishing lower. For the week, the Dow rose 158.80, or 1.6 percent, to 9,903.04, despite losing 98.95 Friday. The Nasdaq registered a weekly loss of 13.68, or 0.8 percent, after falling 38.17 to 1,805.20 Friday.

The S&P 500 advanced 7.96, or 0.7 percent, for the week, closing at 1,104.18 despite a loss of 12.30 Friday. The Russell 2000 Index, the barometer of smaller company stocks, finished the week up 2.58, or 0.6 percent, after slipping 1.50 to 469.25 Friday.

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index, which represents the combined-market value of all New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange and Nasdaq issues, ended the week at \$10.315 trillion, up \$66.15 billion from the previous week. A year ago the index was \$12.029 trillion.

Communities struggle with living wage effort

The Washington Post

NEW ORLEANS - Peggy Welch, 28 and a single mother of four, is a cashier at McDonald's on Canal Street. She did not get to vote recently in a citywide referendum that adds \$1 an hour to the federal minimum wage in this tourist-driven town - "I had to work," she said. But naturally, she is all for a measure that would add \$40 a week, before taxes, to her paycheck.

"It's too hard to make ends meet the way it is," said Welch about the \$5.15 an hour she makes. "If it wasn't for my mom helping me out, I don't know what I would do."

No one here is denying that it is difficult for minimum-wage workers like Welch to get by. But there is sharp division, and a court battle, about whether the recent referendum is the answer. On Feb. 2, the \$1-an-hour increase was approved with 63 percent of the vote; all employers in the city are required to begin paying the higher wages in 90 days. But those on both sides of the issue predict the matter will not be settled until it reaches the Louisiana Supreme Court.

New Orleans - with its myriad restaurants and hotels, its estimated 45,000 minimum-wage workers, and its 40 percent poverty level - is at the center of a national effort, called the living-wage movement, to raise pay beyond the federal minimum of \$5.15 an hour. Ten states have wage standards slightly above the federal level, and about 50 municipalities across the country also have taken this step, in limited fashion. But none of the measures has been as broad as that in New Orleans.

While most of the emerging minimum-wage ordinances cover only private contractors doing business with a municipality, New Orleans' amendment to its city charter covers anyone who is working in the city, except for government employees. And while all the other measures exempt small businesses below a certain size from having to comply with the pay raise, in New Orleans it does not matter if a business has one worker or 1,000.

Opponents of the New Orleans measure, including the Louisiana Restaurant Association, the Greater New Orleans Hotel-Motel Association, and the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, say it will have a dampening effect on businesses that might be considering locating in the city.

It also is expected to cost employers already here an estimated \$75 million a year, and opens the door to further raises with just a simple majority vote by the city council. They also point out that there are more effective ways to promote higher salaries, such as better job training.

"Who is not going to vote for themselves a raise? And it sounds good on the surface until you look at the whole thing," said Jim Funk, spokesman for the group of opponents called the Small Business Coalition to Save Jobs. "The city of New Orleans is a city of small businesses. The big places like Brennan's and Antoine's are not going to pick up and move out the French Quarter because of this. But others won't locate here because of the threat of wage increases. It's just bad economic policy."

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tions and lavender margaritas. "It's just a good summer party," Armstrong said.

And it's a model for what she wants to do in Buhl.

"Can you imagine what that would do to the town of Buhl? And I think that's a great incentive just to co-op with some other growers," she said.

Starting in summer 2003, Valley View Lavender Farm plans its annual event that lets participants pick their lavender right out of the field, buy stuff, eat and perhaps get a massage.

Armstrong hopes to see other Magic Valley farmers latch onto lavender. They could form a co-op and make Buhl or the Magic

Valley a lavender destination.

"This is going to be really good for tourism, and for our town of Buhl," she said.

In a commercial setting, lavender plants should be replaced every seven to 10 years for maximum bloom, Armstrong said. Plants need hot, dry, rocky, sandy soil and after the first year don't require much water.

The presence of other growers would improve her business, she predicts.

"We don't have to be the only ones."

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"but another one of the more positive trends is buying local products from local farms."

He tells growers how to first test their new products at urban farmers' markets and then how to bring the ambiance of their farms - whether a few acres or a few thousand acres - into a roadside stand that's a "little store within a farm."

The conventional thinking is that farms in the West are huge and too far away from towns for roadside stands to succeed, but there are many ways to make a farm smaller and not overwhelming to a customer," he said.

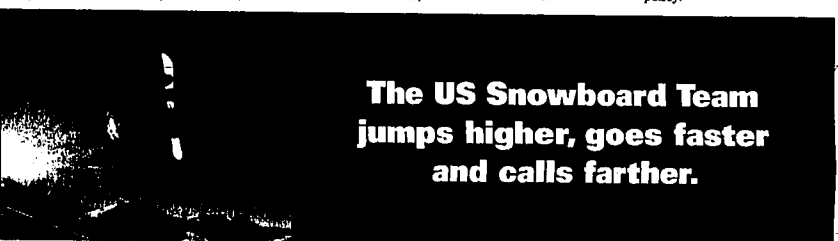
March 2, U of I and CSI faculty

and a representative of the Idaho Farm Bureau will conduct a second free series of seminars.

Topics at this "Farmers' Forum" will include sustainable farming in the 21st century, biotechnology, pasture management, weed identification and control, nutrient management in livestock operations, water efficiency through drip irrigation systems and working safely on the farm.

Tickets to both seminar series will be available at the front desk under KMYT's Agri-Action, but participants must preregister to be assured of seats.

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Josh Goodman, right, from Chicago; and Luz Ramirez, center, from Guadalajara, Mexico, box hot glazed donuts at the Krispy Kreme store in Issaquah, Wash., on Oct. 30. Publicly traded companies were struggling to counter perceptions that they have Enron-like problems. Krispy Kreme Doughnuts said it would change its method of financing construction for an Illinois dough-mixing plant, responding to a Forbes magazine article that described a synthetic lease for the plant as an 'off-balance-sheet trick.'

Companies fear 'Enronitis'

NEW YORK (AP) — The big Enron Corp. headlines this past week came from Washington, D.C., where former chairman Kenneth Lay invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and company executive Sherron Watkins testified about telling Lay last summer that the energy trader was on the verge of collapsing.

But across the country, publicly traded companies ranging from those that make doughnuts or electronic circuits to those that provide telephone service were struggling to counter perceptions that they have Enron-like problems.

And experts believe the stream of disclosures some are calling "Enronitis" will continue for some time, possibly reaching a peak in March, when companies start issuing their annual reports.

In Winston-Salem, N.C., Krispy Kreme Doughnuts said it would change its method of financing construction for an Illinois dough-mixing plant, responding to a Forbes magazine article that described a synthetic lease for the plant as an "off-balance-sheet trick."

In Denver, Qwest Communications International Inc. announced it would hold a weekly conference call for investors to rebut "rumors and innuendo" about the company after it acknowledged it had been shut out of the corporate bond market amid worries about its accounting practices.

And in Exeter, N.H., Tyco International Inc. executives — who first came up with the idea for it acknowledged its disclosure of the weekly conference call update — gave investors an update about the conglomerate's plans to break itself apart. Making good on a promise to be upfront about its accounting practices, the company also disclosed more details about \$3 billion in acquisitions last year.

The public relations moves are having mixed results. While this past week, shares of Tyco and Qwest dropped. The problem, experts said, is likely to continue for companies that have balance sheets that are difficult for analysts and investors to understand.

"These companies are being painted dramatically and perhaps some unfairly with the Enron brush," said Richard



Specialist Anthony Corso, second from right, conducts trading in shares as Qwest Communications on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Oct. 31. Qwest Communications International Inc. announced Thursday it would hold a weekly conference call for investors to rebut "rumors and innuendo" about the company after it acknowledged it had been shut out of the corporate bond market amid worries about its accounting practices.

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Cripps, chief market strategist for Legg Mason in Baltimore. "But that's the risk of business, and that's why you run a sound balance sheet with honest numbers."

More disclosures that hurt company stock are likely in the weeks to come, but "if it were a ball game, I would say we're

about in the seventh inning," said Richard A. Dickson, a technical analyst at Hilliard Lyons in Louisville, Ky.

He doesn't expect any of the disclosures to be so controversial that they will drive other corporations to seek bankruptcy protection.

"With Enron, I think you had extreme examples of everything," Dickson said. "Do other companies do this kind of stuff? Yeah. Do they do it to the extent Enron did? No."

One way many companies may choose to reveal information about the way they do business is through the annual reports many are now preparing for distribution to shareholders. This year, the betting is that the reports will be much fatter and filled with dry footnotes about accounting practices.

Chief executives "are going to their auditors and saying, 'I don't care what we were doing before, but we have to be fully disclosed,'" Cripps said. "If not,

they'll get punished."

One good way to measure the impact of Enron on corporate disclosure would be to do a study comparing the weight of this year's annual reports to years past, said Lawrence White, an economics professor at New York University's Stern School of Business.

"The smart companies are disclosing because they know if there's some smelly stuff, it's better to get it out quickly and get it all out," he said. "Enronitis probably continues through another month or two, we need to get through annual report season and people looking at the footnotes, then we have probably gotten through 98 percent of it."

As travel increases, the cost may also

NEW YORK (AP) — Travelers have gradually returned to the skies since Sept. 11, but now comes the hard part for the airline industry: raising the average airfare enough to turn a profit without scaring customers away.

The way to go about that, some experts say, is to stop selling so many ultra-cheap tickets at the last minute just to fill seats. To continue to do so, they say, will only strengthen consumers' resolve to shop for bargains.

"The goal is not getting people into airplanes, the goal is revenue," said Michael Boyd, president of The Boyd Group, a Denver, Colo.-based airline consulting company.

"Prices at some point have to go up," Boyd said. Ray Neidl, an analyst at A&N Amro, said deeply discounted fares might hamper profitability, but they are nonetheless an important step — along with boosting confidence in the safety of air travel — in terms of luring back customers for the long run.

Neidl said the industry is in no position to eliminate the cheap seats until the country's financial outlook improves, a precondition to restoring business travel as well.

"The economy will wash away all sins," Neidl said. However, critics say airlines, in an effort to impress Wall Street, have been overly focused on increasing the percentage of seats filled, or "load factor," to send a signal that business is picking up.

Industry-wide load factors grew from 63 percent in October, the first full month after the attacks, to 69 percent in December, the most recent month for which data is available. One way the airlines boosted load factors was to reduce their carrying capacity by flying smaller planes and fewer routes. When that wasn't having enough impact, carriers started announcing fare sales.

"That's all they talk about," said Terry Trippler, a Minneapolis-based airline analyst. As a result, consumers are paying closer attention to finding the best deals available and often that means buying tickets at the last minute, when carriers unload inventory through discount travel Web sites such as Priceline and Travelocity, Trippler said.

Trippler said the situation is analogous to the way Americans shop for Christmas presents. "We wait until the last week because all the stores are going to have sales to get rid of inventory," he said.

With the average price of a domestic ticket about 15 percent

lower than a year earlier during the fourth quarter of 2001, airlines posted record-breaking losses. The nation's two largest airlines, American and United, had fourth-quarter losses of \$798 million and \$308 million, respectively.

Some carriers, such as Continental say they'll be profitable as early as next month, but nobody expects the overall bleeding to stop anytime soon. The average domestic fare for leisure travelers is still more than 10 percent below year-ago levels, according to Harrell Associates of New York, and industry watchers say there is little the industry can do to reverse the situation while demand remains relatively depressed.

Michael Iswalt, an economist at Economy.com in West Chester, Pa., said the industry has no choice but to focus on filling seats. It won't be until summer, when demand naturally picks up, that airlines can really start thinking about raising prices.

"Once things start to pick up, the leisure traveler is going to see higher pricing," Iswalt said. "Their ability to buy cheap tickets five days in advance will start to wane a little bit."

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all-cash contribution. Simultaneously, it prohibited workers from putting their own contributions into the company stock fund.

In the months since, the company has suspended its matching program in a move to cut costs. Other firms have taken more liberal action. Until recently, The Sherwin-Williams Co. required that employees making contribution to their 401(k) plan put the money either into company stock or a government bond fund. In an effort to encourage diversifying of portfolios, the company recently expanded its list of investment options to 22 from the original two, including mutual funds, money market accounts and other choices.

Lawsuits by workers against firms including Lucent Technologies, Ikon Office Solutions, RiteAid and First Union, have clearly drawn more

attention to such concerns.

"We've had a number of class action lawsuits that have been highly visible that have raised the attention level of employers," said Stephen Saxon, an attorney with the Groom Law Group, which represents numerous companies in employee benefits cases.

The changing climate has sparked a "discussion among the business community, among chief financial officers, that there is a real potential liability," in the way they manage 401(k) plans, said Lynn Sarko, a Seattle attorney representing workers in a lawsuit against Lucent.

With the attention focused on Enron, the increasing pressure could push even more companies to act, he said.

"It is only when a company views there as being a negative consequence to a specific behavior," Sarko said, "that they will respond."

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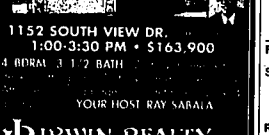


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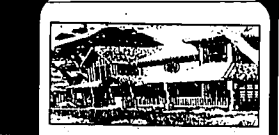
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Think hewn log cabins and fallen cherry trees. It's time for Presidents' Day. Finally, a holiday that's not overwhelmed by big business.

Not like Easter, when Americans spend \$940 million on sweet treats before they've even finished their heart-shaped boxes of valentine candy. I once read that the 15 billion jelly beans sold at Easter, lined end to end, would circle the earth nearly 4 1/2 times.

But Easter expenses can't hold an Advent candle to Christmas, a holiday that can turn lovely children into hyperactive, green monsters and their parents into worn-out, stressed-out zombies.

There have actually been years when I thought we were going to have to take out a second mortgage on the house to pay for electric trains and doll houses. Not to mention the mountains of food heaped on all the tables between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Plenty of times, I have insisted that my favorite day of the year is any day but Dec. 25. Of course, those Christmas woes only occur when everyone gets too busy to remember that Christmas is supposed to be about love, not frustration. But sure is easy to get caught in the tinsel-strewn traps.

Then there is Halloween. Somehow, we've figured out a way to overspend and overstress in October, too. When I was a kid, Halloween was easier. I think my grandmother used to take out her false teeth and dress up in a homemade costume to welcome the neighborhood children to her "spooky house." And my dad sat in the bushes by our front door wearing a glow-in-the-dark mask and waiting for pint-sized trick-or-treaters to approach so he could scare them to death. People didn't worry much about anyone getting mugged, or kidnapped, back then.

Not like the 21st-century Halloweens, when we have to keep the kids in after dark and check their candy with X-ray machines. Plus, one Halloween survey reported that today's top-selling costumes include Michael Jackson and Elvis. Now that's scary.

Mother's Day and Father's Day haven't escaped our worldly commercialism either. Mother's Day is an especially poignant case.

According to a book titled "Women's History," Anna Jarvis organized Mother's Day in the early 1900s to honor her own mother but, in the end, spent her fortune trying to return the holiday to its loving intentions.

As the story goes, after President Wilson signed the official Mother's Day resolution, everyone was happy for a while. Then the holiday took on a commercial tone. Jarvis filed a lawsuit to stop one Mother's Day festival and was arrested for disturbing the peace at a Mother's Day convention where she sold the official Mother's Day flower - the white carnation - was being sold. Years later, Jarvis reportedly admitted she was sorry for ever starting Mother's Day.

Until the 1970s, Abraham Lincoln's Feb. 12 birthday and George Washington's Feb. 22 birthday were separate holidays. Then they became a single federal holiday called Presidents' Day, celebrated the third Monday of each February to honor all U.S. Presidents.

So this Presidents' Day, I suggest we have a family day and let our kids build something out of Lincoln logs.

And call it a holiday.

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The elder care network



A card game at a senior citizens' center in San Jose, Calif. Even seniors centers don't always have available information on Medicaid, prescription drugs and insurance that elders and caregivers need.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Help for caregivers isn't always easy to find

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KETCHUM - The definition of feeling alone, Janice Corkery suggests, is trying to find help caring for a parent with Alzheimer's disease.

Especially in Blaine County, where only 8 percent of the population is 65 or older.

"I didn't have a clue where to start," said Corkery, whose 85-year-old mother lives with her. "I called the seniors center and they didn't know. The social service agencies didn't know. There's very little up here in the north end. Finally, I talked to a lawyer I know and he suggested I needed to talk to an elder law attorney."

"It's a mystery to many seniors and the people who take care of them," said Dennis Voorhees of Twin Falls, her lawyer. "There's help out there, but you need to find someone who knows where to look."

Corkery, who's 65, is on the crest of a demographic tidal wave that within a generation is likely to put elder care, insurance, prescription drug, Medicare

and Medicaid issues at the very center of the national agenda. As the Baby Boomers reach retirement age and life expectancy continues to increase, Americans 70-74 are projected to be the fastest-growing age group by 2020.

She's also both a caregiver and a senior citizen. "I know I'm not alone," says Corkery, who finally found a respite service to

look after her mother two days a week and has available some limited financial help from the Alzheimer's Association.

"But it's frightening. I was working before my mother came to live with me; now it's a 24-hour-a-day job taking care of her, and it seems like I spend all of the time of I do get on the phone, working on her problems."

Help for seniors and caregivers comes

piecemeal, and where you can find it, Voorhees said: And the entities that deal often with elders - senior citizens centers, for example, and Social Security offices - may not be the best place to start.

That first call, Voorhees says, should be the Office on Aging on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

"They have the knowledge and the contacts you need because that's what they do every day," he said.

"It seems like it's a well-kept secret to a lot of people," said Mary Edgar, ombudsman for the Office on Aging. "We point them in the right direction."

Step No. 2 should be the Seniors Health Insurance Benefits Advisors - SHIBA - a service of the Idaho Department of Insurance designed to give elders and their caregivers advice about Medicare supplements, Medigap insurance, long-term care insurance, managed care options and medical claims assistance.

"SHIBA can be a big help on the insurance side, but they can also tell you

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Learn more

Where to go

• Questions about insurance and financial issues can often be answered by representatives of the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisor, a service of the Idaho Department of Insurance. There's a Twin Falls office at 1445 Fillmore St., Suite 1104. The phone number is 738-4713.

• If you are looking for help - or you simply want to know what help is available - call the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging in Twin Falls at 738-2122. It is located on the southwest corner of the CSI campus.

Help your children find their muse with these tips

How do you spark an interest in music in your child? The answer varies with age and temperament. Here are tips for youngsters as they grow.

• From birth to age 3, author and educator Dr. Robert A. Cutietta recommends, gently move with babies to music. Sing with them and do hand motions together. Also, introduce rhymes as soon as a child learns to speak, he says.

• Kindermusik teacher Lisa Muratore says infants know rhythm at birth. She says the gentle beating of a drum reminds them of their mom's heartbeat.

Shannon Bush, a Dallas area mom, believes babies can absorb music lessons before birth. She was pregnant with her daughter, Lauren, while she was taking a Brandon to Kindermusik classes.

• From ages 3 to 7, add a lot of singing and movement. This is a good age to start taking dance lessons, Cutietta says.

Sing while you make dinner, advises Muratore. Let the kids pull out the pots and pans and bang along with the music. Sing while you give them baths or brush their teeth.

• They CDs in the car and point out the three parts and the drum. Point out when melodies repeat. Talk about why you love a certain piece - and it doesn't have to be classical.

• Cutietta's three children favor film

Etc...

music, classical, and rock 'n' roll. They like to sing Christmas carols and pull out guitars and harmonicas around campfires.

Some kids can start learning an instrument this early. For others, it will be premature. Sho-Mei Pelletier, a violinist with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and wife of ESO double bassist Dwight Shambley, begged her father to start her on violin lessons at age 5. In turn, her daughter begged her to let her start at 4.

• From ages 8 to 11, it's time for music lessons. Cutietta recommends piano or strings. Allow youngsters to experiment. What they start with may not be their final choice. Cutietta started on accordion in third grade, then moved to piano and guitar.

Expose kids to popular music, too. Cutietta says the Beatles turned him on to music when he was in fifth grade. After hearing them, he started his own band in the basement.

At this age, you may get resistance to daily practicing. For kids who can't sit down for 30 minutes at a time, Cutietta recommends breaking practice into five- to seven-minute intervals throughout the day.

• Ages 12 and up is a good time to introduce more physically demanding instruments such as the bassoon, double bass, French or English horn, baritone, or tuba. If you haven't yet brought music into a child's life, it is an uphill battle at this point, acknowledges Cutietta. Introduce a sense of rhythm, which you can do through rhythm games - clapping a rhythm and having the child clap it back.

Not all musicians play instruments. Some compose on the computer. Others sing. Others, like Cutietta's son, a film editor, march music to film.

• During the teen years, children also may use music to establish an identity, says Cutietta. This may be the time to step back and let your children explore as you listen to their music with an open mind. Sometimes their choice can give you insights into what they are feeling and thinking.

And sometimes, a teen may use music to challenge you. Just think of this as a jarring note in a musical journey, but not the finale.

Source: Dallas Morning News

Young writers contest opens to MV students

Upcoming
JACKPOT - The third annual Carl Hayden Young Writers Contest is open to students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly, Filer, Gooding, Hansen, Murtaugh, Shoshone, Wendell, Minidoka and Jerome school districts.

Each grade will be judged separately. More than \$1,200 in cash prizes will be awarded to participating students, with another \$500 going to the school with the greatest number of winning authors.

Last year Aconia Elementary School and Kimberly Elementary School tied for that honor.

Contest rules and application forms can be obtained from participating schools, or by phoning 736-1626. Deadline is April 12. Winners will be announced May 10.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

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FAMILY LIFE

Women at 50: They're not over the hill anymore

The Baltimore Sun

The face-of-50-has-changed since most of us were kids. Heck, the whole philosophy of 50 has changed.

"There's so much more joy associated with this period of life now," says Connie Collins, a contributing editor at *More* magazine, a publication for women between 40 and 60. "In our mothers' generation, many women felt life was over at 50. The children were grown, and there was nothing left to do. But for this generation, life is just beginning. We're experiencing a rebirth."

This year, about 3.5 million baby boomers will turn 50, some fairly famous female mugs among them — supermodel Beverly Johnson, author Amy Tan, former gymnast Cathy Rigby, so Collins and the other editors at *More* decided to develop a book that showed the new look and attitude of the "Big Five-O," "Fifty Celebrate Fifty" (Merchid Books, \$30). Inside its pages, 50 women between 47 and 56 — many celebrities (including Meryl Streep, Sally Field and Diane Sawyer) and some simply deserving of celebration (including archeologist Sue Hendrickson, attorney Laura Carroll and Episcopal priest Beth Long) — share their thoughts about age, life and lessons.

Collins, 54, talked with about putting the book together and what it means to be in your 50s in the second millennium.

Q: What do you mean by "rebirth"?

A: We feel wiser; some women say they feel smarter. Fifty's not what it used to be. Women have more of a choice now. Many of them are entering their second or third careers. In 50, 50-year-old women are getting their own shows. I wrote my first book after turning 50. It's a beginning; it's not the end.

Q: What has changed to make this possible?

A: This is the generation that had the pill. We fought for women's rights and rights for African-Americans. We were the generation first in Harvard business or law



Susan Sarandon, shown above, wrote the forward for the book 'Fifty at Fifty.'

schools, back when there were 10 or 15 women in a graduating class. This is a generation that broke barriers and changed the rules, and now we've reached middle age and decided we don't want to get so old so fast.

Q: How does the book show this?

A: It's 50 notable women — some famous, some not famous but notable in their own right — meant to inspire other women and epitomize what it means to be a role model. The women in the book look

so wonderful. They're healthier than our mothers were; they eat better; they get more exercise. Some even talked about having a little work done. It shows other 50-ish women that they're not alone and they really are young.

Q: How did you choose who would be in the book?

A: We wanted to put women representative of our generation in it: women who'd lost children, changed careers, traveled the world by themselves, chosen single moth-

A look at women by the numbers

We're now into 2002, but the number crunchers are still at work on 2001, tabulating what we did, what we bought, where we lived and how many pals of party-hoos we went through last year. Here's a glimpse of women in 2001, by the numbers:

- 58.1: Percentage of students enrolled in college nationwide who are women.
- 12.4: Percentage of board seats women held at Fortune 500 companies.
- 8.9: Percentage of board seats women held in second-tier companies.
- 14: According to an analysis of Sunday morning talk shows, percentage of on-air "experts" who were women.
- 20: Percentage of top executives at major news networks who are women.
- 60: Number of women in the U.S. House of Representatives (vs. 375 men).
- 13: Number of women in the U.S. Senate (vs. 87 men).
- 4: Number of women in President Bush's Cabinet.
- 3: Number of female acts whose albums made Billboard's annual top 10 (Enya, whose "A Day Without Rain" came in at No. 8).
- 18: Number of women who appear in Premiere's Power 2001 list of 100 most influential people in entertainment.
- 0: Percentage of the 10 highest-grossing movies that featured stories about women.
- 4: Number of women in The Sporting News' list of the 100 Most Powerful Sports People of the Year (Venus Williams, at 77, is the highest-ranked woman).
- 6,100: Number of the nearly 280,000 career firefighters in the

United States who are women.

- 1: Number of female authors awarded a National Book Award (Virginia Euwer Wolff, for *Young People's Literature*).
- 3: Number of women individually awarded a Pulitzer Prize (vs. 15 men).
- 0: Number of female Nobel laureates.
- 2: Women who have won the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition since it started in 1962 (Olga Kern shared the gold medal with Stanislav Ioudenitch this year).
- 12,900: Predicted number of new breast cancer cases diagnosed in 2001.
- 4,400: Number of women expected to die of breast cancer.
- 80: Percentage of young women surveyed in 2001 who said they'd rather marry a man who is able to express his feelings than a man who makes a good living.
- 27: Percentage of women surveyed who said they spend more than five hours a week cleaning their homes.
- 275: Number of minutes the average woman spent talking on her cellphone each month (vs. 372 minutes for the average man).
- 40.9: Percentage of Internet users who are women (18 and older).

— Sources: Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Center for American Women and Politics, Engoron Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, Internet Movie Database; National Centers for Disease Control; The Nobel Foundation; The Pulitzer Board; National Book Foundation; Lycos 80 search tracker; Billboard; Premiere movie magazine; The White House Project; Anzenberg Public Policy Center; Disney.com; Chronicle of Higher Education 2001-02 Almanac; Health magazine; The National Marriage Project at Rutgers University; Cingular Wireless; IHT Media Group

er's play and a third's concert.

The book's subtitle is "Fifty Extraordinary Women Talk About Facing, Turning and Being Fifty." What can the ordinary woman get from their stories?

A: I think she can find a little bit of herself in each one of these women. I really do, and I think she'll find these women inspirational and say "If she can do that, I can do that" or "I didn't know that about her." There's a leap year baby (Kathy Werther-Kappes) in the book who really thinks she hasn't accomplished much, but she got pregnant at 17 — and where I'm from, that would have been it for you — and now she's going to get her master's (degree) this year. There's also a nurse who volunteered in Vietnam who was just extraordinary and I think inspiring to other nurses.

Q: Did you find any themes throughout your interviewing?

A: One of the themes I found was spirituality. So many of these women are finding their spiritual selves — Cybill Shepherd, (talk-show host) Iyanla Vanzant, (former Olympic runner) Madeline Manning Mims, Roba McEntire. It's part of the journey for many, they've discovered their own sense of a higher purpose in life. And the optimism of the women was a theme — hard work and optimism and relaxation; so many of them seemed to have found a balance of those things.

Q: How would you characterize your 50s?

A: I feel so much better now than I did when I was 40. I don't worry as much; I don't beat myself up when I make a mistake. I've learned that I'm human and that you just do the best that you can. Age brings you to that realization; it's an acceptance. You get tired of fighting the things you've fought all your life and you finally know the things you can't change. You just let it be, let it go and focus more on living. In March I'll be 55. I have a new career, I had a love life, I lost weight. I feel better at 55 than I did at 40, and I'm hoping I'll feel even better at 60.

erhood over high-powered careers, women who had babies in their late 40s and adopted in their early 50s, women who were inspirational.

A: Like Susan Sarandon, who wrote the book's forward? A: Yes, just look at her! My God, not everybody can look like that.

She takes really good care of herself. She has made choices in her life. She has a partner (Tim Robbins); she doesn't need to get married. She's a social activist; she marches and is vocal for causes she believes in. Yet, she's just like the soccer mom in that she has to juggle one kid's baseball game, another

Taurus: Circumstances will turn in your favor

IF FEBRUARY 17TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are accustomed to handling responsibility; in most relationships you are in charge and will not stand for deliberate deception. You are intense, romantic and passionate. Capricorn, Cancer natives play important roles in your life. H. Q. Z. During this cycle, marital status is highlighted. During March, your scenario will feature money and love.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Be close to family. You undergo spiritual revelation. Domestic adjustment featured. Cycle continues high. Take charge of your own destiny. Libra in picture.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Within 24 hours circumstances take dramatic turn in your favor. Don't rush decision; by playing waiting game you gain great

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advantage. Pisces figures prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Relationship is serious, could become too hot not to cool down. Pressure is on due to added responsibility — you are up to it. Capricorn, Cancer play top roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take initiative. Brief meeting with opponent from foreign land could result in profitable enterprise. Love relationship "mended" following bro-

ken promise. Aquarius figures prominently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Misunderstanding concerns financial status of partner or mate. By tonight all will be well; give emotions a chance to heal. Cancer native will play significant role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Forces scattered; get a bead on main objective. Wit, wisdom and sense of humor get you in and out of tight spots. Obtain legal rights, permissions. Sagittarius involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your kind of day! Revise, review and rebuild. What had been rejected could now be accepted. Another Scorpio will play paramount role. Be sure to read fine print!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Separation from loved one is

temporary. Get thoughts on paper, strive to interpret last night's dream. You are going places on "pleasure trip." Virgo depressed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick close to familiar ground. Opportunity exists to beautify home. Be diplomatic, especially to one who confides "true feelings." Taurus will play mysterious role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not equate delay with defeat. Missed opportunity 24 hours ago will be repeated; this time you carry ball across goal line. Pisces, Virgo persons will lead cheering section.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Financial opportunity is real. Accept added responsibility, prove that you belong at the top. Relationship is creative, stormy and exciting. Cancer native will play major role.

Jupiter points the way to Gemini

Stargazers can't help but have noticed brilliant Jupiter dominating the evening sky in recent months. It outshines Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, and currently sits at the feet of Gemini, the constellation of the twins.

Gemini's brightest stars don't stand out for their luminosity so much as for their proximity. This zodiac constellation is currently playing host to Jupiter, which is appropriate given their collective mythological namesakes. Jupiter is the Roman name for Zeus, the famously philandering king of the gods. Castor and Pollux, two of his many sons, resulted from this rendezvous with the mortal woman Leda (whom he courted in the form of a swan, represented by the summertime constellation Cygnus). Pollux inherited his father's immortality, while Castor was doomed to live a mortal existence like his mother. This difference may be a reflection of the ancient Greek mythmakers' recognition that the twins' stars are not quite identical: Pollux's star shines Castor's by a noticeable amount.

To find Gemini in the sky this winter, use Jupiter as your guide. Jupiter is unmistakably bright, and unlike the surrounding winter stars, doesn't twinkle. From the time it emerges from evening twilight high in the east-southeast, to the time it sets around 4:30 a.m., Jupiter is above one hand-span at arm's length to the right of Castor and Pollux. Just like a doting parent keeping an eye on his kids.

Speaking of Jupiter (and last week's column on Chinese sky-watching), here's No. 4 in a long list of reasons to doubt the validi-

SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- Planets:
- One hour before sunrise: No planets visible
- One hour after sunset: Mars: WSW
- Saturn: S, very high
- Jupiter: ESE, very high
- Moon:
- First quarter, Wednesday, 5:02 a.m.
- Very close to Saturn Friday, very close to Jupiter Friday.

'Malcolm in the Middle' star plays in family-friendly film

The Orange County Register

• "Big Fat Liar" (PG) - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burbank, Jerome Cinema of Berkeley, Kids & up and adults will enjoy this family-friendly movie.

What it's about: Jason Shepherd ("Malcolm in the Middle's" Frankie Muniz) is a cool kid who's popular with his peers, but is known for his bad habit of lying to get himself out of trouble. On the day Jason has a report due (which will determine if he passes or fails), he accidentally collides on his way to school with a limo carrying Hollywood producer Marty Wolf (Paul Giamatti). After the limo drops Jason off at school, he realizes he has left his report in

Family flicks

the car but no one believes him. A few months later, Jason sees a movie trailer and realizes the producer stole his story idea but again no one believes his claim. Jason decides to take matters into his own hands and heads to Hollywood with his best friend Kaylee (Nickelodeon's Amanda Bynes) to claim his rightful credit and teach Marty a lesson he'll never forget.

Amanda Detmer, Lawrence Watson, Josh Rusin, Alex Breckenridge and Marisa Parker co-star.

The good: This family-friendly film delivers the kind of teen humor Muniz is famous for on his TV show. Muniz knows how to play the bright kid who outsmarts most of the adults around him in such a sweet way that he has the audience's sympathy.

Giamatti is equally brilliant as the obnoxious producer who gets what's coming to him. Issues dealing with the importance of honesty and trust as well as a person's ethical character make this movie worth taking the not-so-good: Several scenes with pranks and pratfalls as well as lots of sarcastic comments and behavior. Since the characters pay the consequences for that behavior in the

end, it has a redemptive theme and moral ending.

The only scene that might cause some parents to squirm is a birthday party where spoiled kids jump on and maul the dye-blue producer who they think is the birthday clown.

Offensive language: No cursing, just a few sarcastic comments that belittle, berate and put down a couple of characters.

Sexual situations: None

Violence: Fratfalls, pranks, a man gets pushed around by kids at a party, a man is mildly threatened by a tow truck.

Parental advisory: Parents will enjoy this as much as the kids, especially if you like the "Malcolm in the Middle" style of comedy.

Entertainment value: A

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about programs that offer free or reduced-priced prescription drugs." Voorhees said.

Every pharmaceutical company gives away a certain amount of prescription drugs to people who can't afford them and can't get insurance or a government program to pay for them. But you have to know whom to ask, he said.

"The important thing is that seniors not spend their seed corn," Voorhees said. "Not spend down their assets before they have to."

To avoid that, he suggests

starting to gather information and sources early — at least by your 50s for yourself, as soon as possible if you're a potential caregiver.

There's abundant paperwork involved, and earlier you make key decisions, the better — and often cheaper.

"Long-term care insurance should be a priority," Voorhees said, but shop for it carefully, he suggests. And don't buy an insurance policy if you're unsure what it will provide.

"That's the kind of thing I see," said Joyce Ballard of Twin Falls, a volunteer guardian who

works with elders who need help handling their affairs. "A lot of people take advantage of senior citizens; one lady I work with had 12 magazine subscriptions. I know she doesn't read that many magazines."

"Knowledge is power when you're dealing with these issues," Voorhees said. "And it's easier if you think about them before you find yourself in a position where you have to."

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This 'plain Jane' learns what counts early on

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a mother whose daughter was a "plain Jane" constantly overlooked by boys who preferred her beautiful friend. That letter has stayed with me because I was a plain Jane compared to my best friend in high school. I'll call her Lisa. Lisa had more boys lined up than you can count. Every boy wanted to date her.

Luckily for me, my self-esteem has never been dependent upon my looks. As a result, my life has been 100 percent easier than my beautiful friend's has been. I have always thought of myself as funny and smart. Therefore, I WAS funny and smart around boys.

Lisa has struggled with anorexia since puberty. She has had a string of scummy boyfriends who treated her horribly. I have enjoyed honest relationships with boys from high school through the present. I am now 22.

I implore the parents of girls to make sure their daughters feel valued for their intelligence and talent. Girls need to know it's OK to exploit their strengths. Parents can do that by making sure that their daughters know that being smart, athletic and funny are wonderful traits. It doesn't help matters to reinforce the idea that looks are everything. It's far more important to help a girl become a strong, confident person.

The boys will discover her soon enough.

—FABULOUS JANE, FAIRFAX, VA.

DEAR FABULOUS JANE: You and I share a common goal: the value ourselves for the strengths and resources every girl has. However, many girls do not know how to appreciate and use their gifts and talents in pursuit of their goals. The fact is, each one of us has qualities and abilities unique and genuinely beautiful, and far more important than makeup and clothing.

Last spring, I hosted a live Internet chat for the government's Girl Power campaign at www.girlpower.gov. Girl Power was created to help girls make it from childhood to adolescence without turning to unhealthy eating habits, drugs, depression or obsessions with unrealistic images of how they should look.

There was once a neglected and unwanted little girl who often was told that she was a "plain Jane" or worse, but she made the most of what she had. Later on, she said this: "No one ever told me I was pretty when I was a child. All little girls should be told they're pretty, even if they aren't." We remember her as Marilyn Monroe, as pretty as any girl ever was.

So, a thought for the day: If you're an adult, make sure every girl you care about knows that she's smart and pretty and valued, and tell her why you think so. The secret to being beautiful is feeling beautiful; the secret to being successful is knowing that success is within your reach.

DEAR ABBY: My father remarried eight years ago when I was 26. I have never figured out how to introduce his wife. She never filled a "motherly" role for me. I feel odd introducing her as my stepmother, so I end up saying, "This is my father and his wife, Blanche." I think she feels slighted by my approach. Do you have any appropriate suggestions?

—NAME CALLER IN TEXAS

DEAR NAME CALLER: Ask Blanche what she would like to be called. It will make introductions less awkward for you and other members of your family.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne.

HEALTHNET ASSETS

Bringing out our kids' best

Once a week through Nov. 4, *The Times-News* in cooperation with the Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition and the Youth Action Council will present one of HealthNet's "Assets" for kids and community. And we'll illustrate it with a poster and the Asset of the Week, designed and drawn by youngsters throughout Twin Falls County.

With the help of HealthNet, we'll also detail the attributes of each Asset, in this case other adult relationships.

The third poster in the series was done by Tyler Stukenholz, a seventh-grader at Kimberly Middle School. Look for other Assets in the next 37 weeks in *The Times-News* Family Life section on Sundays. And to find out more about Assets and the work of HealthNet, call 423-5915 or 825-4887. HealthNet is a coalition of public agencies, health-care institutions and the College of Southern Idaho.

Asset No. 3:
Other adult relationships

- Week No. 3: Monday through Feb. 24
- Name: Tyler Stukenholz
- Grade: Seventh
- School: Kimberly Middle School
- Parents: Paul and Bonnie Stukenholz

Other adult relationships

Congregation

- Get to know at least three new youth.
- Wear name tags and greet each other by name.

Community

- Learn the names of neighborhood youth; hand-deliver cards on birthdays or holidays.
- Let a teen teach you to surf the Net.

Get Involved

- Become a mentor; join the job-shadow project.
- Arrange for a teen speaking team to address groups you belong to.

Sponsor teens into the Boys and Girls Club for a year (for \$15).

Youth

- Play "Who-would-you-talk-to-if-..."
- Find adults to talk to about dating, money, grades, etc.

To learn more

- Call Health Net at 423-5915 or 825-5887.

Asset of the Week is a public service of the Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition, Youth Action Council and *The Times-News*.

POSTER DESIGNED BY TYLER STUKENHOLTZ, 7TH GRADE, KIMBERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL

ASSETS FOR YOUTH

ASSET #3:
OTHER ADULT RELATIONSHIPS

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Don't ignore teen's possession of porn

Q. We recently found pornography material under our 16-year-old son's bed. Last year he battled depression, bad grades and drug use, but this year he's upbeat, has a job, is making good grades and goes to church. My husband thinks I shouldn't have been looking around in his room and that, furthermore, it's perfectly normal for a 16-year-old boy to look at such material; therefore, he thinks we should ignore the matter. I'm not entirely comfortable with this idea.

A. First, I agree that this is a delicate matter. On the one hand, it's reasonable for parents to do an occasional "sweep" of a teenager's room when the child in question has a history of drug use, even if there are no tangible signs of relapse. But justifying such a search requires more than mere parental curiosity. Legitimate reasons would include sudden changes for the worse — much worse — in mood, behavior, social life and/or school grades. Given your son's complete turnaround, I do not feel that a search of his room, at this time, was appropriate. Furthermore, I think that letting him know you conducted a search might cause a setback in your relationship, something you should try to avoid.

PARENTING
 John Rosemond

from your son's room. Say nothing. He will get the message and at the very least will stop bringing such material into your home. He might even take his dad aside and want to talk about it, which would open the door for a creative conversation. If you decide to go with this option, Dad should be prepared for the talk. In other words, he should figure out what he wants to get across and have his "tape" ready to roll.

This will, of course, require an explanation of how the material was discovered, and Dad should come up with something other than "Mom was snooping." (And Mom, don't do this again without good reason, so you won't get yourself into this pickle.) When a friend of mine discovered a Playboy magazine in his son's room, he just left it on the bed and said nothing about it. Two days later, his son came to him and confessed that he couldn't stand the silence and wanted to talk, at which point the two had one of the best conversations they'd ever had.

A young man's dad is the ideal person to deal with an issue of this sort. Your husband might be persuaded to simply take your son aside and, without any reference to the "contraband," open the door to a discussion about mature, respectful attitudes toward women. He can simply bring up the subject of pornography as an example of disrespect toward women and, further, one's self. Assuming your son and his father have a good relationship, this should have a very positive impact.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at *Adventures in Parenting*, 1020 East 96th Street, Suite 26E, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

Cats have amazing healing powers

When doctors suggest that patients get an animal for exercise, they rarely recommend a cat. The accepted wisdom is that cats just can't be bothered. While other domesticated species are sociable by nature, cats walk a fine line between being aloof and alone, sociable on their own timing and terms. That's why last year when I needed to lose 25 pounds and lower my blood pressure before spinal surgery, I didn't at first regard our cats Turbo and Tango as allies.

As I recovered from surgery, I slowly realized that every step I took to enhance the comfort and happiness of my feline companions was a stimulus to me. I began to wonder what I could do for Turbo and Tango. They have lived pretty good lives with a huge, warm barn was their playground amply stocked with fresh fish and catnip. My wife Teresa and I were little more than caretakers. When we went to the barn to tend to the horses, we'd call Turbo and Tango down from the loft into the feed room, hurriedly shutting the door behind them, comforted that they were fed and safe from predators and the elements. With a little encouragement and experimentation I found out I'd sorely underestimated the healing power of cats.

We've always had a variety of toys for the them — catnip toys, plastic balls trapped in circular "tracks" — but we'd never taken a dedicated approach to play. To begin our experiment, I went to PETCO and bought a sample of almost every cat toy they had: a Cat Dancer, that fishing pole with a feather on a swivel bait, a laser pointer (though the bouncing red ball on the floor and up the wall), a windup furry mouse (acts like a mouse, looks like a mouse, just doesn't taste like a mouse), and a Revenge Rover filled with zoom-around-the-room catnip.

At first we got more exercise out of the toys than Turbo and Tango, crawling around the floor making silly movements and noises, while the cats looked at us and meow as if to say "Gosh, they're strange," and never moved an inch. I found out that play for them is as long a medley of infantile behavior, but

THE BOND
 Marty Becker

an extremely complex phenomenon. For cats, play is free and variable, not constrained by rigid, stereotypical patterns. They want us to introduce novelty into behavior, and provide opportunities to learn, and to use latent skills.

After shuffling through toys like Las Vegas blackjack dealers we'd find that perfect toy and then it was like recess in elementary school with the cats and us going up and down over hay bales, turning circles with the laser pointer until we were dizzy. Not only was it a stimulus to exercise and initiated the relaxation response, it took us 100 percent into the moment and made us laugh every time.

On average we'd spend between five and 30 minutes morning and night with the cats. Soon they no longer saw us as the "keepers of the can opener"; rushing to dive headfirst into their foodbowl.

Once we met our cats at a deeper, richer level, they greeted us with a happy meow and a kick in their step as they trotted toward us with their tails flicking in happiness and anticipation. Play typically ended with them in a contented crescent of fur on our laps, purr motes in overdrive, reliving the moment of intimacy that science had proved releases positive neurochemicals in your bloodstream while lowering your heart rate, blood pressure and breathing rate.

What I learned from the cats was how much my notion of play was struck in the narrow version from the human world. When you play with a fellow human, you play to win. Either you win, or at the very least, you don't want to look stupid. But with a cat, the game is to engage. Your cat will swipe at that piece of yarn for as long as you want. No hidden agendas, no

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Former Twin Falls veterinarian Mary Becker is a contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and the author of the new book, "The Healing Power of Pets" Write to him in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

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CANCER BRUSH BIOPSY

Cancer of the oropharynx accounts for 30,000 new cases and 9,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Hopefully your dentist is looking for this when you have your 6 month check, unfortunately much cancer remains undiagnosed until it becomes serious for the patient.

We find 4 to 6 "lesions" or signs of oral cancer every week in our office alone. This leaves us with the dilemma, while it's imprudent to ignore all of these lesions, is it impractical to subject this many people to a surgical biopsy?

We have solved this problem with the help of a recent advance in biopsy technology. With the "Oral Brush Biopsy" we are able to collect cells from the lesion by brushing the area in question with a small brush. This biopsy is sent to a lab for diagnosis and any lesions that test dangerous can be more closely examined.

If you know of any changes of color in your mouth, be sure to have it reviewed. Keep in mind, we have very few patients who knew that the lesion even existed when it was found.

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Good, clean fun? Kids' sports become more violent

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Lisa Jungmann, hockey mom to John 12, and Josh, 10, noticed an increase in aggressiveness and competitiveness after one son began playing on a traveling team and his practice and game time doubled.

"There is a lot more competition, the need to win seems that much greater, and you can see how tempers rise and rise," says Jungmann.

Dick Baldwin, a former youth hockey dad and coach, vividly recalls a brawl seven years ago that resulted in a police call.

"It started with one parent going after a kid and then half a dozen parents jumped over the

boards and onto the ice," Baldwin says.

The recent case of a Massachusetts hockey dad who was convicted in the beating death of another dad was an extreme example of violent behavior during a youth sports event. However, many youth sports officials agree it could happen again.

"All it takes is one parent to fall back on a concrete floor when there's pushing and shoving," says Douglas Abrams, author of numerous articles on adult behavior in youth sports. Abrams, a law professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia, has been a youth hockey coach for 33 years.

Thirty years ago, a youth sports-related incident between parents was "extra-ordinary," Abrams

says. Now it's commonplace. Why the change?

Abrams and others cite numerous reasons, beginning with the success of today's kids play. Children of past generations were organized together on their own, usually without adults present, and played hockey on a frozen pond, basketball on a playground court and baseball in a vacant lot. Now, youth sports commonly are organized by adults and played under official auspices.

Financial pressures on parents have intensified. The greater financial investment in a child's sports activities can easily translate to a greater emotional investment as well. Many hockey parents spend \$1,000 a year to help their children snag spots

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TIGERS OF THE MONTH

December Tigers of the Month were Sarah Reasch, Tim Davis, Angela Pratt, Ryan Lee, Dillon Holyoak, Hank Gibson, Nicole Nuse and Daina Jackson.



Photo courtesy of James High School

WATCHING THE OLYMPICS

Employees at Cassia Regional Medical Center won tickets to an Olympic event in Salt Lake City. Employees of Intermountain Health Care, which owns the hospital, were eligible for the drawing at their respective hospitals. Winners also received an IHC/Olympic polar fleeces vest and commemorative pin. Local winners and the events they will attend were, from left, Mike James, skating; Linda Ziulkowski, pairs free-style skating; and Sue Beckwith, Nordic combined sprint. Not pictured is Kara Helmer, snowboarding.



TINA TERAN/THE Times-News

UI names students to dean's list

MOSCOW - Magic Valley students are among the 2,158 students that University of Idaho named to its dean's list for fall semester - August to December 2001.

These include undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.3 or better on 14 or more graded credits, and

law students who achieve at least 3.0 and take at least 10 graded credits. They represent the top 25 percent of the 8,708 undergraduates and law students at UI.

Holly Cunha, College of Letters and Science; Anna Remsburg, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Eric Engel, College of Letters and Science; Michael Sutton, Eric Engel

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HANSEN MATH HONORS

Hansen Elementary students who have excelled in the 80 minute math program are, from left, top row: Annie Thomson, Janet Braun, Justin Anderson, Derek Bates, Charlotte Freestone, Nic Pfister and Katelyn Hall; second row: Emma Okarma, Seod Mandosa, Cody Brown, Eric Gill, Mario Arevalo, Randall Borlase and Kendyl Copenberger; Hannah Bates, Devon Spang, Courtney Borlase, Elizabeth Martinez, Makayla Mullins, Branna Busick, Justin McCormick; front row: Tyson Williams, Luis Cervantes and Adam Denney.



Photo courtesy of TONI FENOLY

GALC honors students for achievement

GOODING - The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center released its third block grades. All A's: Becca Hill, Jasmine Mendez

Kendall Turner, Jeremiah Tuttle

All A's & B's: Bernie Egullior, Jessica Harris, Sara Jensen

Chris Burns, Brian Cochran, Ashley Colter, Oscar Cross, Katie Denning, Ryan Donaldson, Jessie Harris, Becca Hill

FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Magic Valley students take place on student senate

The Associated Students of Albertson College of Idaho has elected its representatives to the student senate for the Spring 2002 semester. The 24-member body acts as the main funds allocation organization for the more than 40 campus clubs and organizations. Representatives are elected out of the various residence halls and from among students living off-campus. Newly elected members of the student senate include: Jerome - Jen King

Rupert - Johnathon McGill, Twin Falls - Cenzo Davila, Nick Lewis and Karly Pippitt, Wendell - Bill Strunk

Burley HS names Most Preferred Men for 2002. They are senior Brandon Ritchie, junior Nick Barber and sophomore Stephen Ritchie.

Burley speech team makes good showing. Burley High School speech and debate team made a good show-

ing at the recent Bonneville Speech tournament. Winning first were Quinn Robins in humorous interpretation; Mark Merrill in retold story; and John Ward and Mike Ramsey in duo interpretation. Second places went to Josh Meline in humorous interpretation, and Levi Garrett in serious interpretation. Third places went to Lacey Garrett in retold story. Also making finals were Nathan Dranker in spar, and Brianna Call and Felicia Horsey in duo interpretation.

NO ARGUMENT

CSI speech, debate team fares well in tournament

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho speech and debate team brought home almost a dozen trophies from what organizers in San Diego called the largest, most competitive collegiate tournament held in the nation this year. More than 80 schools from 21 states competed in the three-day tournament held at Southwestern College and Point Loma Nazarene University. At Southwestern, CSI placed fifth among community colleges and 10th overall in the tournament, which was won by Truman State University of Kirksville, Mo. CSI placed just behind Virginia's George Mason University and outdistanced such schools as Northern Arizona University, Colorado State and

Texas Southern, CSI reported. Individually, CSI freshman Jeremy Egusquiza of Kimberly earned third place in novice informative speaking, third place in novice persuasive speaking and second place in novice extemporaneous speaking. Sophomore Elizabeth Beale of Twin Falls placed sixth in open impromptu speaking and fourth in open persuasive speaking. Freshman Jacob Blackburn of Valdez, Alaska placed seventh in novice extemporaneous speaking and sixth in novice informative speaking. Freshman Flint Espil of Twin Falls had a sixth place finish in novice extemporaneous speaking. At Point Loma, Espil placed third among the 57 participants entered in novice extemporane-

ous speaking. Egusquiza placed fourth in novice persuasive speaking, while Beale placed ninth among the 56 entrants in open persuasive speaking. Beale also teamed with sophomore Chris Guthrie of McCammon to place 18th out of 52 teams entered in junior parliamentary debate, beating teams from The Claremont Colleges, Solano Community College and El Camino Community College, all in California, and The College of William and Mary in Virginia. The team is led by CSI communications professors Chris Bragg and Tiffany Seeley-Case. CSI returns to competition in March at the Pi Kappa Delta Regional Tournament in Lincoln City, Ore.

Open house honors Rupert man for 90th birthday

RUPERT - George Knoblauch of Rupert will be honored at an open house for his 90th birthday during the evening by the 4 Sum (Max Excell, Gale Roberts, Adam Gedeberg and Ross Gedeberg with Glenda Excell accompanist), Wanda Pedersen and Ethel Flurry, Joe Andresen of Shoshone and Ken Worthington of Blaine County. The master of ceremonies will be Shoshone Mayor Richard Andresen.

For more information, call 886-2146.

He married Helen Palmer on May 30, 1935. Knoblauch has lived in the Magic Valley area for 60 years, and was a charter member of the Rupert Elks. He worked as manager of Lockwood Graters and retired from Magic Valley Foods. His children include George (Jean) Knoblauch, Pleasant Hill, Calif.; Sharon (John) Crowe, Warttace, Tenn.; and Michael (Patricia) Knorr, Rupert. He also has seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

CSI offers computers, decorating, yoga

GOODING - Computers and decorating are topics of non-credit courses offered by the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

Computers for Seniors, instructed by Marie Klingler, will cover basic computer operations, Windows 95/98, simple word processing, how to send and receive e-mail and the Internet. It meets from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 26 to March 14 at Gooding Elementary School. The fee is \$50.

Lifestyle Decorating 1 instructor Jodee Gooding will teach the basic principles used by interior design professionals, and how to apply them to your personal lifestyle. Students will build a scrapbook representing their plan to decorate a space in their home.

The class will meet from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 28 to March 21 at the CSI North Side Center. The fee is \$30.

Yoga Weekend Workshop instructor Victoria Roper will lead sessions of stretches and practices. Beginning and intermediate students welcome. The workshop will be held from 7-9 p.m. March 1 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 2 at the CSI North Side Center. The fee is \$30. Call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678 for registration information.

Lesley University holds informational meeting

TWIN FALLS - Lesley University is forming a master's class in Twin Falls.

The degree will be in curriculum and instruction with special emphasis in the creative arts.

Informational meetings will be held at 4 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Twin Falls High School library and at 4 p.m. in the Burley Junior High Library. For more information, call Jan at 837-6425 or e-mail her at janrollinger@yahoo.com.

Lincoln Co. Community Benefit Dinner set

SHOSHONE - Lincoln County Community Benefit Dinner will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 205 E. Fifth St., Shoshone.

The dinner is for the Gary Russell family which has large medical expenses, organizers say. Donations will be accepted. There will be music and poetry throughout the evening by the 4 Sum (Max Excell, Gale Roberts, Adam Gedeberg and Ross Gedeberg with Glenda Excell accompanist), Wanda Pedersen and Ethel Flurry, Joe Andresen of Shoshone and Ken Worthington of Blaine County. The master of ceremonies will be Shoshone Mayor Richard Andresen.

For more information, call 886-2146.

Cassia Regional Medical offers infant CPR class

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering an infant CPR and child safety class from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday.

Instruction also includes first-aid techniques to assist infants who are choking. The class will be taught by a certified American Heart CPR instructor who also works as an advanced emergency medical technician and newborn nursery nurse.

The cost, including several other childbirth classes, is \$20. To register or for more information, call 677-6500.

Students: Time to get in financial aid information

POCATELLO - The Idaho State University Financial Aid Office recommends that students who want to be considered for any form of financial aid for 2002-2003 file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms by March 1.

Students applying for federal grants, loans and work study must file a FAFSA. The federal government has made it easier to file the FAFSA form by posting the application on the Internet at <http://fafsa.ed.gov>. Students who have applied for federal financial aid during the 2001-2002 academic year can submit renewal FAFSA over the Internet using their Department of Education PIN number.

For more financial aid information, visit <http://www.isu.edu/finaid/> on the Internet.

Delta Kappa Gamma offers scholarship

BURLEY - Delta Kappa Gamma is offering a scholarship to a Minidoka County senior her junior or senior year of study and seeking a degree in education.

To apply for the \$300 award, send a statement of financial need, evidence of scholastic standing and a statement of purpose to Wanda Simpsos 575 W. 300 S., Heyburn, ID 83336. The deadline is March 15.

Twin Falls Parkinson Group hears about yoga

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parkinson Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the KMVT Community Room.

Speakers Joyce Ballard and Rosemary Stoker will discuss yoga. The presentation will include yoga exercises, advantages of yoga for Parkinson patients, acrobatics for inside and outside and exercises for those in a wheelchair. Members are asked to wear their name tags.

For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

St. Paul's Church serves pancake, sausage dinner

JEROME - St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold its 21st annual pancake and German sausage dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the church, 1301 North Davis, Jerome.

The sausage is made by members of the congregation using an old family recipe, organizers say. The dinner will also include: potato patties, pancakes, apple sauce, milk, coffee and tea. Donations will be taken.

For more information, call the church at 324-2842.

Wood River Middle School offers scoliosis screenings

HAILEY - Wood River Middle School will offer scoliosis screening for the sixth-grade on Wednesday, and on Feb. 28 for the eighth-graders.

For more information, call the school at 788-3523.

Student seeks donations to make leadership trip

JEROME - Lissa Burlington of Jerome has been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on March 12-17 in Washington, D.C. Burlington, a junior at Jerome High School, is seeking additional sponsors to make the trip.

Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in law and justice, Burlington will join more than 350 students from across America at the forum.

The curriculum allows participants to learn from the examples set by attorneys of law and court officials from municipal court to the U.S. Supreme Court. The process encourages participants to develop perspective and resolve. Students will examine how court cases often change in the legal system.

In the past, the group visited several law firms, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Superior Court, various county circuit courts - and the George Washington School of Law.

For more information, call Burlington at 324-3614.

Minidoka Hospital sponsors community CPR class

RUPERT - Minidoka Memorial Hospital will be sponsoring community CPR class from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday in the conference room at the hospital.

A basic first-aid class will be held following the CPR class beginning at 12 p.m. Cost is \$25. For more information, call Treva Phillips at 436-0481, Ext. 363.

Buhl HS drama sponsors Improv night at Cosmic Jolt

BUHL - The Buhl High School drama department and the Cosmic Jolt will sponsor an improv night at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Admission is free and coffee and food will be sold by Cosmic Jolt.

For more information, call the school at 543-8262.

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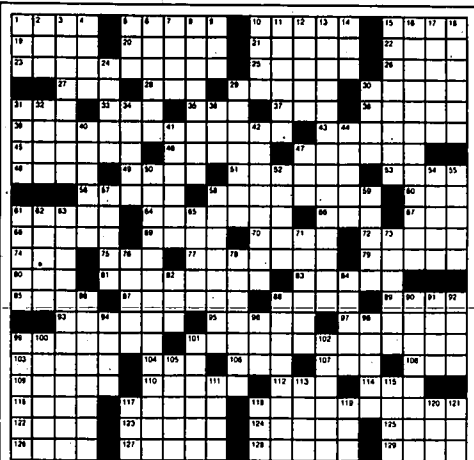
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You can appeal Social Security decisions

Q. What do I do if I disagree with the decision that Social Security has made on my application for benefits?

A. Social Security wants to be sure that every decision made regarding a Social Security or Supplemental Security Income claim is correct. We consider all the information in a claim before we make a decision.

If we decide a person is not eligible or is no longer eligible for benefits, or that the amount of payment should be changed, we send a notice explaining our decision. If an individual disagrees with the decision, he or she can

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request a review. This is called an "appeal." Generally, the request for an appeal must be made in writing within 60 days (plus 5 days mailing time) from the date of the notice they receive.

Many people handle their own appeals, but they can choose an attorney or non-attorney to help them. Your representative cannot charge or collect a fee from you without first getting written approval from Social Security. Call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, for more information on

Social Security's appeal process. Q. I'm a teenager and I have a part-time job after school and on the weekends. I got my first check and my pay stub showed that FICA was taken out. I assume that's Social Security taxes. What does FICA mean?

A. FICA stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act, the law that authorized payroll deductions for Social Security.

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

-ENGAGEMENT-



Josh Brennan and Brooke Thompson

THOMPSON-BRENNAN

JEROME — John Michael and Sandra Thompson of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Josh Brooke Thompson, son of Leonard and Linda Sniffen of Middleton. Thompson is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending Boise State University. She is employed at Goodwyn Attorney Services in Boise.

Brennan is employed by TMC Masonry Inc. in Boise. The wedding is planned for Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Jerome.

WEDDING

ALBERTSON-DURHAM

BURLEY — Ashley Marie Albertson and Joshua Edward Durham were married Dec. 27, 2001, at Sweetheart Manor in Burley. Officiating was Bishop Sherm Olmstead. Marty Bedke was the organist.

The bride is the daughter of Gayle and Deloy Albertson of Burley.

Parents of the bridegroom are DeAnna and Frank Durham of Twin Falls.

Amy Albertson, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Brooke Warthen, friend of the bride, served as the bridesmaid. Ivory Warthen, friend of the bride, was the flower girl. Josh Spooner, friend of the groom, served as best man. Jared Durham, brother of the groom, was groomsman. Ringbearer was Jared Durham, brother of the groom.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Eva Carlisle



Joshua and Ashley Durham

of Rupert and Betty Gibbs of Paul. A reception was held following the ceremony. Gift attendants were Mackenzie Conyers, Harley Dohse and Echo Durham.

The bride is attending Idaho State University's pharmacy program.

The bridegroom is attending University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo.

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Family Fun magazine offers magnet options

If the refrigerator door is the window to a family's soul, what does your say? Family Fun magazine offers some magnet options to make your fridge sing:

- Alphabet letters. A classic, available at most toy stores.
- Magnetic poetry. In kid and adult sets, they let you write like e.e. cummings. Find 'em in bookstores or at Amazon.com.
- Fractiles-7. Geometric shapes that let you create starbursts, spirals, apertures and more. Check out fractiles.com.
- Frigits. Make a marble raceway from chutes, spinners and

News you can use

- George Washington's mother: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance good-bye!"
- Thomas Edison's mother: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the light bulb. Now turn it off and get to bed!"
- Paul Revere's mother: "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man. Midnight is past your curfew."
- Albert Einstein's mother: "But it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair?" — compiled from wire service reports

Mothers from history

Some little-known mom-to-child conversations, being circulated on the Internet:

- Columbus' mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, you still could have written!"
- Michelangelo's mother: "Can't you point on walls like other children? Do you know how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

ENGAGEMENTS

ARRINGTON-MAKI

TWIN FALLS — Jillian Arrington and Steven Maki announce their engagement.

Arrington is the daughter of David and Claudia Harvey of Twin Falls. She is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is currently attending the University of Montana-Western in Dillon, Mont.

Maki is the son of the Rev. Robert and Bonnie Maki of Marquette, Mich.

He is a 1998 graduate of Marquette Senior High School and is currently in the Montana National Guard.



Jillian Arrington and Steven Maki

The wedding is planned for May 6 on a Mexican Cruise. The couple will reside in Prescott, Ariz.



Sharon Hansen and Lisa Simmons

SIMMONS-HANSEN

TWIN FALLS — Harley and Sharon Simmons of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Simmons, to Sheen Kirk Hansen, son of Kirk and Bonnie Hansen of Gooding.

Simmons is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Hansen attended Gooding High School. He is employed at Gantia in Gooding. The wedding is planned for June 21.

HELLAWELL-TAYLOR

TWIN FALLS — Doug and Maxine Hellawell of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, announce the engagement of their daughter, Correna Hellawell, to Clark Taylor, son of Denis and Ellen Taylor of Twin Falls.

Hellawell is a 1995 graduate of Belmont Senior Secondary School in Victoria, B.C., and a 1999 graduate of the University of Victoria with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently employed at Victoria General Hospital in Victoria.

Taylor is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School, a 1996 graduate of Montana Wilderness School of the Bible and a 1998



Correna Hellawell and Clark Taylor

graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is currently attending Briercrest Bible College in Saskatchewan, Canada. The wedding is planned for May 25 in Victoria. A reception will be held June 8 at the home of the groom's parents.

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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Prevent children from contesting will

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
 616 Eastland Drive
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
 Monday: Pork rib-b-cues, tomato, onions, macaroni salad, peas, short cake
 Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian vegetables, salad, french bread, dessert
 Wednesday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O salad, cinnamon rolls
 Thursday: Cube steak, potatoes, gravy, green beans, carrot salad, fruit cobbler
 Friday: Chicken cordon bleu, potatoes, broccoli, muffin, beet salad, fruit dessert
 Activities
 Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Sunday
 Dance from 2-5 p.m.
 Monday
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Foot clinic, make appointment
 Tuesday
 Tuck Tuesday
 Blood pressure check
 Wednesday
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Elks Card Club at 7 p.m.
 Thursday
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Friday
 Blood pressure
 Lunch bingo
 Quilting

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
 1010 Main St., Buhl.
 Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
 Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
 Sunday: Roast beef
 Monday: Center closed
 Tuesday: Liver and onions
 Wednesday: Center closed
 Thursday: Fried chicken
 Friday: Rubean sandwiches
 Activities
 Thrift shop open every day, Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 The Roseland Band plays from 8:11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
 Sunday
 All-you-can-eat roast beef dinner; \$3.50
 Monday
 Center closed
 Tuesday
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
 Treasure Tuesday
 Bingo at 11:45 a.m.
 Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
 Bingo from 7-9 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Center closed
 Thursday
 Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
 Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
 Friday
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
 222 Main St., Filer
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
 Tuesday: Roast beef, brown gravy
 Thursday: Pork chops, cream gravy

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
 310 Main N., Kimberly
 Monday: Potato soup, sandwich, Jell-O salad, crackers, brownie, coffee, milk
 Tuesday: Potato bar, rolls, pudding, coffee, milk
 Friday: Meat loaf potatoes, gravy, corn, relish tray, rolls, peach crisp, coffee, milk
 Activities
 Tuesday
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Dominoes at 1 p.m.
 Thursday
 Crafts at 1 p.m.
 Friday
 Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
 308 Senior Ave.
 All dinners at noon. Suggested

donation is \$3 for seniors.
 Tuesday: Center closed
 Wednesday: Lasagna, Scandinavian vegetables, carrot salad, garlic bread, pears, juice
 Wednesday: Pepper steak, rice pilaf, spring vegetables, Jell-O, bread, cookie
 Thursday: Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, peaches in orange juice, roll, carrot cake
 Activities
 Monday
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.
 Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.
 Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
 Tuesday
 Pool at 9 a.m.
 South Central Community Action energy assistance. Call 736-0676.
 Pqpl at 1 p.m.
 Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.
 Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
 Thursday
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.
 SHIBA at 11 a.m.
 Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 11:55 a.m.
 Tuesday
 TOPS at 5 p.m.
 Pinochle at 7 p.m.
 Friday
 Bridge at 1 p.m.
 Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
 Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center
 212 First Ave. E.
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
 Monday: Hamburger pie, corn bread, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, corn, green pea salad, peach cobbler
 Wednesday: French dip sandwich, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, pasta salad, cheese cake
 Thursday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, raisin bars
 Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, peas, three bean salad, spice cake, ice cream
 Activities
 Monday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.
 Tuesday
 Sunday: Tossed salad, Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.
 Pinochle at 7 p.m.
 Friday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center
 Monday: Meat loaf, buttered potatoes, green beans, apple brown betty, orange juice, milk, coffee
 Thursday: Turkey sandwich, fries, mixed salad, peach pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Shoshone Senior Center
 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
 Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, biscuits, green peas, fruit salad, tapioca pudding, orange juice, milk, coffee
 Wednesday: Potato soup, chicken nuggets, carrot sticks, chocolate cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
 Friday: Chicken pot pie, peas, carrots, green salad, dressing, biscuits, peach cobbler, orange juice, milk, coffee
 Activities
 Monday
 Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
 Quilt class from 1-3 p.m.
 Tuesday
 Lunch at noon
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Lunch at noon
 Rotary Club
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Snack bar at 6 p.m.
 Early bird at 6 p.m.
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 Thursday
 Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
 Richfield lunch
 Friday
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Birthday dinner

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens
 203 Wilson, Edes
 Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
 Tuesday: Chili, cole slaw, corn bread, pears, cookies
 Wednesday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, pineapple, rolls
 Activities
 Wednesday
 Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center
 140 E. Lake, Hagerman
 Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.75. Milk, juice, coffee, tea, rolls, sourdough or cornbread served with all meals.
 Monday: Lasagna, vegetable, salad
 Wednesday: Chicken soup, dumplings, broccoli salad
 Friday: Roast beef dinner
 Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
 721 Third Ave. S., Halley
 Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals
 Tuesday: Mushroom steak, creamy potatoes, rolls, asparagus, baked apples, cherry pie
 Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, ham, green beans, salad, rolls, fruit, blonde brownie
 Friday: Louisiana fried chicken or fish, bread, mashed potatoes, corn, ambrosia, pecan pie
 Activities
 Tuesday
 Exercise at 9 a.m.
 Blood pressure check
 Tax assistance
 Vision support group meeting at 12:30 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Card party at 12:30 p.m.
 Thursday
 Exercise at 9 a.m.
 Festival of trees meeting at 7 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
 702 11th St., Rupert
 Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
 Monday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, cheese cake, juice, beverages
 Tuesday: Tossed salad, lasagna, carrots, garlic bread, sherbet, juice, beverage
 Wednesday: Turkey dressing, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, cake, beverage
 Thursday: Fruit salad, clam chowder, broccoli, pudding, biscuits, beverage, juice
 Friday: Smorgasbord
 Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quilting and pot table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Rideleys at 436-1200
 Activities
 Monday
 Exercises from 10-11 a.m.
 Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Bridge
 Tuesday
 Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Pinochle 1-4 p.m.
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 Thursday
 Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
 SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
 2421 Overland, Burley
 All dinners are served at noon.
 Monday: Center closed
 Tuesday: Chicken salad sandwich, broccoli cheddar soup, lime Jell-O, fruit
 Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, seafood, bread pudding
 Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes, gravy, summer vegetables, roll, mixed fruit, apricot crisp
 Friday: Taco salad, refried beans, rice, vegetables, peaches, rainbow cake
 Activities
 Monday
 Center closed
 Tuesday
 Men's pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Tax assistance by appointment
 Wednesday
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 Thursday
 Men's pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Friday
 Ladies pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Saturday
 Men's pool at 11 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Bingo at 1 p.m.
 Pinochle at 7 p.m.

Q. I am 72 years old and have been married three times. I have two children by my first wife (who died in childbirth), two by my second wife (who died of cancer), and one by my current wife who is 60. We have been married for nine years. Although they seem to have forgotten that I have educated all of them and given them most of my four older children (now 51, 43, 32, and 29) are jealous because they think I am going to exclude them or not treat them "fairly" when I die because of my wife and youngest (now 7). Since my wife does not work and since there must be enough to support her and my son and to educate him, I believe it is essential that she receive the bulk of my estate. I am concerned that they will contest my will by saying that I am an old man who is being influenced by my young wife. I want to avoid putting my wife through this. I have heard that I can put penalty clauses in my will to prevent a contest. Is that correct?
 A. As more Americans marry multiple times, have children by more than one spouse, and raise "blended families," issues similar to those you describe will occur more often. While penalty provisions (called "in terrorem" clauses) can be placed in wills as a perceived way to stop a contest, in truth, these clauses are of little practical effect unless a significant inheritance that will be lost if a beneficiary contests the will.



NEXT STEPS
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Bottom Line: Disinheritance without a monetary incentive not to contest a will is as fruitless as putting a gelding into a pasture with a dozen mares. And to make matters worse, some states permit contests despite this language.

What to do: Find a lawyer who will help you begin a creative plan now.

1. If you don't have long-term care insurance (and if you can afford it), buy it now as, should you or your wife be stricken with a long-term, chronic illness, you may not have anything left to pass on to your beneficiaries.

2. If you have the assets available, find out about a Section 529 educational plan for your youngest child now.

3. If you have a taxable estate, make sure your lawyer advises you and your wife about the taxation issues in relation to the new legislation that became effective Jan. 1, 2002.

4. Consider equalizing your assets by making sure that your wife owns title to one-half of your assets in order to maximize the advantages of the marital deduction. There is no tax liability involved when you gift assets to your spouse.

5. Although we do not normally recommend them, consider using irrevocable living trusts that will remove your assets from your probate estate. If you have no assets in your probate estate, your will becomes somewhat meaningless. Your trust can direct what each beneficiary is to get and when and protect your wife and youngest child.

6. Since you are concerned that a contest will be based upon allegations that you are in some way mentally incapacitated, get examined by a neurologist, and psychologist (get written reports saying you have all of your faculties, and attach them to your will and other estate planning documents).

7. Since you believe your older children's intentions are clear, consider letting them know now exactly what you are doing. In this way, you may just take the wind out of their sails.

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE HURSTS

DECLO - Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hurst will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Declo Stake Center. They request no gifts.

Hurst and Joy Richins were married Feb. 20, 1952, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

They have lived most of their married life together on their farm outside of Declo. They became engaged while he was serving in the Army. He received his master's degree and education specialist degrees from Idaho State University. He taught at Burley High School and



Joy and Norman Hurst

was superintendent of Cassia County schools for 13 years. She taught fourth grade at Acequia Elementary for 16 years. Both have been involved in

THE HUMPHRIESSES

TWIN FALLS - James Woolley and Georgene Ethel Humphries celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 9.

They were married Feb. 9, 1952, in Winnemucca, Nev.

He was born and raised in Jerome, and her family was from Boise. He served a military tour in Japan in 1949 and a second in Korea in 1950. They retired after he was employed for 38 years with Morrison and Knudsen Construction Co., where he was superintendent and mine manag-



Georgene and James Humphries
 Erad. The work took the family to labor, all western states and

Cassia and Minidoka counties. He has been a member of the Burley Rotary Club for 28 years. She has ridden horses with the Minidoka Wranglers for part of her married life. She also enjoys playing piano in the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra.

The event is being given by their seven children, Terril (Mary) Hurst of Tucson, Ariz., Carolyn (John) Firth of Heyburn, Wayne (Sherrie) Hurst of Declo, Kelly (Denise) Hurst of Blackfoot, Linda (Doug) Yates of Salt Lake City, Utah, Scott (Sally) Hurst of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Sherry (Steve) Larsen of Pocatello.

The couple has 29 grandchildren.

They are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. During the last 12 years, they served a work mission as employment specialists and have met many friends in the Twin Falls Family History Center as genealogical consultants.

The couple has five children, Douglas, Terrance, Shari, Ann and Andrew.

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