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Powell to Iraq: Let inspectors in

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Colin Powell rejected Saddam Hussein's claim that Iraq is not developing weapons of mass destruction and challenged the Iraqi leader Sunday to prove it by admitting United Nations inspectors. "Let the inspectors in. Let

them look everywhere with no constraints, no funny business, no conditions," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press." Powell and other senior officials said President Bush is considering various methods to achieve "regime change" in Baghdad, but has not yet decided upon military attack. "You can be sure that we are examining all

possible options," Powell said. Powell's comments came one day after Saddam told the Iraqi News Agency that his country is not interested in acquiring weapons of mass destruction and that Iraq's technological pursuits are being misrepresented by its critics. "We want to acquire more science to serve ordinary people

and humanity at large," Saddam was quoted as saying. But Powell made it clear that the Bush administration wants Saddam ousted from power, preferably in favor of a democratic regime that includes representatives from all sectors of Iraqi society. "Until that regime is changed, when his neighbors have much to

fear, and we should be fearful too, because the weapons that he is developing could well fall into the hands of terrorists," Powell said. In addition to weapons inspections, Powell said the White House would push for stronger economic sanctions against Iraq, which - with Iran and North

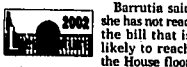
How much did she drink?



Twin Falls Sheriff's Department Sgt. Steve Byers puts a mouthpiece on the Intoxilyzer 8000 breath analyzer at the Twin Falls County Jail. The device, used by law enforcement agencies across Idaho, is extremely accurate in measuring blood-alcohol content, experts say.

Bill would stiffen DUI legislation

BOISE - A bill to tighten Idaho's drunken driving laws is drawing more attention since Sen. Robbi Barrutta's second arrest for driving under the influence in five years.



Barrutta said she has not read the bill that is likely to reach the House floor early this week. The proposal, if it becomes law, could make a first DUI violation a felony when the offender registers a greater alcohol concentration than .20. (Under current Idaho law, an offender can become a felon if the second conviction is over .20 - or if the second conviction comes within a five-year period.) Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, doesn't think much of the proposal. Please see LAW, Page A2

Did you know? Safety-seeker of drunken-driving fatalities are caused by someone who registers a blood-alcohol content of at least .15.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Number. Rows for 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000. Includes sub-sections for 'Collisions involving impaired drivers' and 'Total number of fatalities compared with number killed by impaired drivers'.

Senator's account doesn't match experts' numbers

BOISE - The numbers don't add up. A state senator insists she drank two and a half glasses of wine the night of her drunken driving citation in Boise. But a test of her blood-alcohol concentration showed a level of .22, nearly triple the legal limit to drive in Idaho.

Experts say it's impossible for a 98-pound woman to register a .22 blood alcohol concentration after drinking just two and a half glasses of wine. "There is absolutely no way, on two standard glasses of domestic wine, to blow a .22," Idaho State Police Sgt. Dean Matlock said. "That's a relatively significant blood-alcohol concentration." Susan Williamson, technical leader of ISP's toxicology program, said a 98-pound person would need to drink about 24 ounces of 12 percent wine to get to a .22 BAC. That's six 4-ounce glasses. And all of that alcohol would have to get into a person's system

Scandal obscures historic contests

SALT LAKE CITY - Picabo Street competed in her last Olympic race, Americans went 1-2-3 in a winter event for the first time in 46 years and a snowboarder who had a liver transplant won a bronze medal. While the world's best skiers and snowboarders will forever stain these games, 2,500 other athletes went on with the show - their Olympic moments overshadowed by scandal. Now that Canadian skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier finally have their gold, athletes and fans have but one plea as the games enter their final week: Move on.

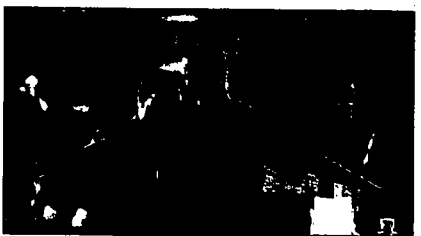
"It's getting a little old," said Nancy Kemp of Foothill Ranch, Calif., in town to watch speed-skating, snowboarding and, what else, figure skating. "They got their medals," she said. "They're done." Even Sale and Pelletier seemed to agree. "The Olympics are about everyone doing their personal best, and this is what everyone is talking about," Sale complained at a news conference after the International Olympic Committee awarded the pair a gold medal because a judge acted improperly. "Let's go watch the hockey games," Pelletier added. "Let's go watch some skiing. Let's get down to some other things." The controversy consumed the first half of the Olympics, beginning with Monday night's pairs competition when the Russians narrowly won the gold medal over the Canadians. After a week of dueling news conferences, behind-the-scenes investigations and, finally, charges that a French judge was pressured to vote for the Russians, the IOC on Friday awarded the Canadians a second gold medal. As one of the worst scandals in Olympic history unraveled, other athletes made some history of their own. Street, the brash skier who rebounded from a broken leg to make the 2002 Olympic downhill team, flew down the slopes and into retirement, finishing 16th in

Government takes over airline security

CHANTILLY, Va. - On the first day the government took responsibility for airport security, some passengers noticed extra vigilance and felt reassured by the change. Federal officials pledged Sunday to protect travelers and treat them with courtesy. The second major deadline in the new airline security law passed as smoothly as the first, when airlines last month began inspecting checked baggage for explosives. A new federal agency now oversees aviation security

rather than the airline industry and Federal Aviation Administration. "As of now, we will make sure we're observing the screening and make sure it's being done properly," said John Magaw, undersecretary for transportation security, after arriving at Washington Dulles International Airport from Miami. With the same screeners staffing security checkpoints, and even airline officials helping to oversee the operations, Magaw said passengers at first will not see much of a difference.

Sunday's deadline was the first step in a nine-month transition from private security companies to a better-trained, higher-paid federal work force to screen passengers and baggage. What passengers should notice are the chairs they can use when they are asked to remove their shoes to be checked for explosives. In addition, travelers inspected with handheld devices will have their valuables in front of them. "I hope that they'll notice a



A security screener uses a magnetic wand to check a passenger at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, Sunday.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



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Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	30/22°
High/Low	30/22°
Normal high/low	42/24°
High/Low last year	42/28°
Record high	60° in 1977
Record low	9° in 1983

Precipitation
24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Month to date: 0.14"
Normal month to date: 0.14"
Water year to date (Oct. 1): 3.83"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 4.92"
Humidity: 42%
Yesterday at noon: 75%
Barometric Pressure: 29.70 in.
Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 29.70 in.
Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls: 16

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Show us today's weather. Temperatures and data are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy, a morning snow shower.	Mostly cloudy.	Plenty of clouds, showers possible.	Turning out partly sunny and breezy.	Sunny to partly cloudy.	Sunshine followed by clouds.
▲ 42°	▼ 26°	▲ 44° ▼ 28°	▲ 48° ▼ 30°	▲ 52° ▼ 32°	▲ 52° ▼ 30°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and limited sunshine today; a couple of rain and snow showers. Snow levels generally above 4,000 feet. Highs from the upper 20s in the eastern mountains to 40s in the western valleys.

Boise: A morning shower of rain or snow; otherwise, mostly cloudy this afternoon. High 46. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight; maybe a snow shower late. Low 28. Showers possible tomorrow. High 46.

Northern Nevada: Clouds and sunshine today. Highs ranging from the 30s in the northeast to the 40s across the central and western portion of the region. Increasingly cloudy tonight.

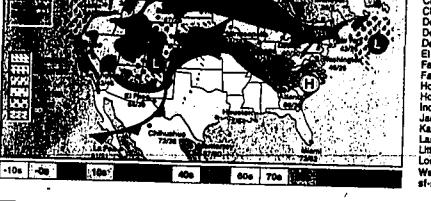
Northern Utah: Cloudy today with snow showers and flurries. High ranging from the 20s in the northeast to the upper 30s in the west. Chance for snow showers tonight.

Northern Idaho: Cloudy this morning with a couple of rain and snow showers. Snow levels generally above 4,000 feet. Some clearing this afternoon. Highs from the 30s in the mountains to upper 40s in the valleys.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 79° in Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
Low -8° in Grand Marais, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER



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

CANADIAN CITIES

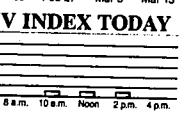
City	Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Calgary	16	18	19	18	17	16
Edmonton	37	18	19	18	17	16
Regina	36	18	19	18	17	16
Winnipeg	35	18	19	18	17	16

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Acapulco	90	71	82	72	81	80
Auckland	84	82	82	84	84	84
Bangkok	92	72	81	91	72	81
Beijing	44	28	53	40	53	40
Buenos Aires	78	62	70	68	70	68
Calcutta	85	63	70	78	68	68
Hong Kong	53	30	57	38	57	38
Jakarta	85	63	70	68	70	68
London	43	62	67	70	68	68
Mexico City	75	49	67	75	68	68
Moscow	56	37	42	35	35	35
Paris	41	26	35	32	32	32
Rio de Janeiro	78	65	68	75	68	68
Sao Paulo	32	15	25	35	35	35
Seoul	77	66	80	82	82	82
Tokyo	42	28	32	42	32	32
Warsaw	41	30	32	42	32	32
Zurich	41	30	32	42	32	32

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 6:13 p.m.
Moonrise today: 10:38 a.m.
Moonset tonight: none



0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Atlanta	46	24	31	48	51	51
Baltimore	48	19	52	33	48	48
Birmingham	41	26	48	28	48	48
Boston	39	26	48	34	48	48
Charleston, WV	48	27	55	31	48	48
Chicago	48	38	48	38	48	48
Denver	48	29	50	38	48	48
Des Moines	48	30	48	29	48	48
Detroit	48	30	48	29	48	48
El Paso	53	38	50	34	48	48
Fairbanks	-2	-20	-1	-32	0	0
Honolulu	82	68	81	87	87	87
Houston	72	64	74	45	48	48
Indianapolis	61	34	50	34	48	48
Jacksonville	63	39	51	41	48	48
Kansas City	60	48	53	31	48	48
Las Vegas	60	42	52	45	48	48
Little Rock	65	49	60	34	48	48
Los Angeles	63	46	65	48	48	48

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Boise	48	26	48	32	48	48
Bonners Ferry	38	29	38	30	38	38
Burley	39	25	43	28	48	48
Coeur d'Alene	38	26	40	30	48	48
Elio	39	28	43	22	48	48
Eugene, OR	50	40	48	40	48	48
Hagerman	41	29	44	27	48	48
Idaho Falls	35	22	37	24	48	48
Kalscott	38	22	46	38	48	48
Lewiston	44	34	48	38	48	48
Malad	33	20	38	26	48	48
Malta	38	20	37	18	48	48

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Senator says mandatory counseling sets participants up for failure

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

BOISE.—A state senator who must attend alcohol counseling classes because of a pending drunken driving charge doesn't like the condemnation faced by people who are ordered into the treatment.

Sen. Robbi Barrutta, R-Idaho

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"It's like making a shoplifting offense a felony," he said.

Smith is a former Twin Falls County prosecutor and now sits on the Legislature's prison population projection committee. He said if the bill passes, it will be just one more law that enhances penalties and therefore puts more people behind bars.

How sponsors project the cost to incarcerate any offender under the act to be about \$19,345 per year, based on 2001 figures.

But sponsor Sen. Gary Young, R-Moscow, said moving the threat of felony to a first offense DUI will further clear the roads of impaired drivers. It also will force people with drinking problems into treatment sooner, he said.

"There are a lot of people out there with horror stories," he said. "I just don't want any more people hurt on the highways."

Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow — who is co-sponsoring the bill —

Ferry, said the treatment sessions set participants up for failure.

Those in treatment have lost their driver's licenses, and sometimes because of that, their jobs. Then the program makes them spend three hours away from their families every evening.

"I know people say, 'Well, it's your own fault.' But what if you expect when you treat them like

pointed out that the proposal would not take away judges, and prosecutors, ability to exercise flexibility in sentencing.

"Say for example an experienced alcoholer who blew a .30 but could still maintain pretty well, he's not as dangerous as a youngster, maybe a college kid, who's not used to drinking and was falling down at a .20," Trail said.

"There's a difference, and a judge could make the decision to plead down to a misdemeanor."

Young said as DUI laws stand now, prosecutors have a tendency to plead many first-time arrests down to "inattentive driving," an offense that has none of the stigma of drunken driving attached.

"This will lessen the chances of that happening because typically they don't plead down more than one step," he said.

Smith agreed that prosecutors would still have leverage, but he's not convinced that moving toward yet stiffer DUI laws makes sense.

"With this bill, you've just made a drinking offense as serious as burglary," he said. "I don't think most people would classify a first-time DUI as serious as someone entering into your home and stealing."

that?" she said.

Barrutta saw an alcohol counselor shortly after her Jan. 23 arrest. Seeing such a counselor is required of every DUI defendant.

The counselor reports back to the judge before the sentencing.

Most judges concur with the reports, one Twin Falls alcohol and drug counselor said, Debbie Gibson of New Beginnings Counseling and Consulting said the evaluations are designed to assist the judge as well as to help the offender, "so they don't come back to court again."

Gibson said some drunken drivers need jail, some need treatment, and some need both.

She concedes that the benefits of court-ordered treatment are open to debate. She said a person who "walks in on their own" seeking counseling may be more motivated, "because they can recognize on their own there is a problem."

"But we have a lot of clients, who once they have a legal consequence, realize there's a problem and they are motivated to change," she said.

"We may just be planting a seed. But once it's planted, at some point it will grow," Gibson said. "It depends on the individual."

By requiring the alcohol evaluation and letting judges order counseling or treatment, officials are "trying to fashion some rehabilitation," said Twin Falls County Public Defender John Hansen.

"I'm always happiest when my clients choose treatment for themselves," Hansen said. "Not every one who is pulled over for DUI is

guilty of the offense, but for those who plead guilty and say they did it, (seeking treatment) is the positive first step in recovery."

Gibson and Rupert Police Sgt. Juan Martinez said "all kinds of people" are arrested for drunken driving.

"We've seen DUIs affect people across the board," Gibson said. "It could be anyone — teachers, students, a bank president, a dairy farmer, your next-door neighbor."

Martinez said some people may drink and drive only once and get arrested. But statistics indicate some people drive drunk as often as 80 times before they are arrested.

Gibson has counseled some people who truly made a mistake" and drove drunk.

"Maybe something happened like their designated driver drank

and they thought they could drive, OK — they didn't feel drunk."

Those people probably won't get another DUI, she said.

"They'll face the legal consequences and we'll never see them again."

But, she noted, other drunken drivers may have two or three DUI convictions, realize alcohol is a problem in their lives, but continue to drink and drive.

Hansen made similar remarks.

"Often people with no prior infractions get caught and punished and it scares them straight," Hansen said. "Others are alcoholics and have other problems."

He has seen some success with people who've been through a court-ordered treatment program — "in all of them, but enough to make you positive and optimistic."

able for the absence of records.

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In Idaho, people may be cited for DUI if their blood-alcohol level exceeds .08.

Barrutta, 43, was arraigned in Magistrate Court on Feb. 10 and was scheduled for a May 16 jury trial. She said she's not lying about how much wine she drank and said she has a receipt to prove how much alcohol she bought that night.

But experts say other possible explanations for the .22 reading are highly unlikely.

until it's checked and repaired.

Twin Falls County Public Defender John Hansen said when a person tests close to the .08 legal limit on the Intoxilyzer 5000, "there can be some doubt" about the accuracy of the test.

A defense attorney might be interested in taking a case to a jury trial if the defendant registered a .09 BAC, for example, and if it was the person's first DUI charge, Hansen said.

Prosecutors are sometimes willing to "give a break" to someone who meets those criteria, he said.

Such instances are often indications that someone "made a dumb mistake" and drove once after drinking too much, Hansen said.

But, he said, there's "not a whole lot of room for argument" when someone tests .20 or higher.

even on an empty stomach, aren't enough to take a 100-pound person to a .22 blood-alcohol concentration.

"If you have an empty stomach, you will get drunk more quickly," Hansen said, wryly concurring. "People who have eaten absorb alcohol more rapidly."

But while drinking on an empty stomach lets a person get drunk faster, Owsley said it can't drastically increase a person's BAC results.

able for the absence of records.

When you're impaired

Idaho's .08 legal limit for drunk driving has the support of experts in the field. The figure isn't a random number, said Debbie Gibson, an advanced certified alcohol drug counselor at New Beginnings Counseling and Consulting in Twin Falls. "At .09, people are impaired."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says .08 is reasonable level for citing drivers, because it is not a level typically reached with just a couple of beers or a glass or two of wine.

The average 170-pound man would have to down more than four beers within one hour on an empty stomach to reach .08, and the average 137-pound woman would have to drink three beers in that time, an administration Web page says.

Matlock and Gibson said people who drink a lot increase their alcohol tolerance and can register much higher blood-alcohol levels without seeming drunk.

Matlock recalls arresting someone who tested with a .38 blood-alcohol concentration.

"While he was drunk, he could still be very often, at a .25, they aren't going to be standing up," Gibson said. "People can be pretty hammered at levels between .30 and .20, especially people who don't drink much."

Matlock doesn't say that a social drinker could get to a .22 BAC. "That's just too much drinking," he said.

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The testing machine

ISP officials say the equipment routinely used to test for blood-alcohol concentrations in Idaho is quite accurate. An ISP trooper tested Barrutta on an Intoxilyzer 5000 at the Boise Police Department.

The Intoxilyzer 5000 tests itself before every test of a suspected drunk driver, Matlock said. If the machine shows variation of more than 1/1,000th of a percent, it automatically shuts itself down

The food factor

Barrutta said she hadn't eaten the day of her court citation, being too busy with legislative meetings. But Matlock, Williamson and ISP Senior Criminalist Corinna Owsley say 2 1/2 glasses of wine,

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Bush visits Japan as prime minister tries to improve image

TOKYO (AP) — When President Bush and Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi met, the American president heaped praise on his Japanese counterpart as a tough-minded economic reformer and strong leader.

Just four months later, with Bush making his first state visit to Japan, Koizumi's grip on power is slipping, his public approval rating is crumbling and his reform measures are apparently losing steam.

The once popular premier is under siege at home from political infighting and under pressure from abroad to keep Japan's

worsening economic slump from spilling over globally.

"This is not the same Mr. Koizumi that Bush met last year," said Shigenori Okazaki, a political analyst in Tokyo for the investment firm UBS Warburg. "Bush is looking for a strong and sound Japan. But Koizumi is much weaker."

While the prime minister can expect another pat on the back from his guest for sending Japanese warships to the Indian Ocean to bolster the war on terrorism, he can also reckon on some prickly advice as Bush reminds of the urgent need to rekindle the world's second

biggest economy.

Japan's economic woes are serious.

The country is mired in its third recession in a decade, with unemployment at an all-time high of 5.6 percent. Banks are saddled with billions of dollars in bad loans, and deflation is wiping out the value of property they hold as collateral.

Consumers aren't spending,

corporate bankruptcies are on the rise and investors are dumping the yen, Japanese stocks and government bonds over Koizumi's reforms.

That's not only a domestic problem. The slump is a drag on the whole world because Japanese are spending less on imports and investing less abroad. A deeper slide in the

economy could make the global recession even worse, just as Washington is hoping for a turnaround in North America.

Koizumi swept to power last year on a reformist ticket vowing to sweep away pork-barrel politics and revive the economy with painful restructuring measures, but the promise is largely undelivered.

His recent plunge in opinion polls, largely because of the firing of well-liked Foreign Minister Makiko Tanaka, has led some analysts to deem the reforms dead.

Koizumi's spokeswoman, Misaki Kaji, said that Koizumi

"needs confidence in the market as well as from the public" and added that the prime minister hoped Bush would help breathe new life into the initiative.

"Everybody, not only in the U.S., but in the rest of the world, is interested to see how the Japanese economy will revive and to what extent Mr. Koizumi will stick to his original policies," Kaji said. "If the two can jointly send a message, it would be very supportive to Mr. Koizumi."

Yet ahead of Bush's visit, the fifth meeting of the two leaders, it appeared patience was wearing thin in Washington.



President George W. Bush



Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi

Cemetery will expand by 60 acres

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Arlington National Cemetery is expanding by 60 acres to make room to receive another generation of honored dead. Yet at the nation's most famous cemetery, no one can say how many rows of white headstones will be needed by midcentury.

Workers felt the ground's tremble Sept. 11, when a hijacked airliner smashed into the Pentagon just beyond the cemetery fence. Sixty-five of those killed have joined Arlington's ranks.

"We can't look at what may happen, whether or not there will be a war or disaster," said Superintendent Jack Metzler, in charge of finding room for the dead of the future. "We just deal with it when it happens."



Law enforcement and officials work at the site around the Tri-State Crematory outside of Noble, Ga., Sunday. Dozens of bodies were found on the property around Tri-State Crematory.

Community struggles with task of identifying remains from crematory

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — Distraught families began the wrenching task of trying to identify loved ones Sunday in this rural community where dozens of decomposing corpses were being removed from a crematory.

Authorities said they had recovered 97 bodies — including one infant — from storage sheds and scattered in woods behind Tri-State Crematory in this hamlet about 25 miles south of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The final toll is expected to be at least 200, said Dr. Kris Sperry, Georgia's chief medical examiner. Sixteen people have been identified so far. The discoveries began Friday when a woman walking her dog found a skull.

"We're just barely skimming the surface," Sperry said. "Some of the remains are mummified."

Gov. Roy Barnes declared a state of emergency Saturday so local officials could receive state assistance. He visited Noble Sunday afternoon and had a private meeting with about a hundred people who believed their loved ones were at the crematory.

"They are mad," Barnes said. "They are angry. I would be upset too. They thought they had closure on the death of a loved one

and they do not."

There are 729 crematories and only two inspectors in Georgia, said Gary McConnell, director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. He said only crematories that deal directly with the public have to be inspected, and that Tri-State was never inspected because it worked only with funeral homes.

Officials were requesting federal assistance and equipment to help process the remains, a task which has overwhelmed local resources, Sperry said. Investigators believe the crematory had stacked the corpses for up to 15 years.

"They just piled them on top and then piled more on top. And then they just left them," Sperry said. "I wish we had a good explanation for this, but we don't."

The crematory's operator, Ray Brent Marsh, 28, was charged with five counts of theft by deception, a felony, for taking payment for cremations he didn't perform.

Walker County state authorities said other charges are likely against Marsh.

A magistrate released Marsh on Sunday after he posted a \$25,000 bond.

Officials, who have set up a morgue on the site, said they also search Marsh's entire 16-acre property and a small adjoining lake.

When asked why the bodies had not been cremated, Marsh said the crematory incinerator was not working. Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead said late Saturday.

Families on Sunday completed Red Cross paperwork to help identify the bodies and several dentists opened their offices to make dental records available.

Pat Higdon of Chattanooga, Tenn, made the drive to fill out paperwork for her husband, Tommy Higdon, who died of lung cancer last fall. She said she chose to cremate his body because she couldn't afford a burial.

"He looked like a corpse for two months before he died. He just laid there with his mouth open and his eyes open," Higdon said. "I can't bear to think he still looks like that, only he's lying in a shed or a creek somewhere."



Ray Brent Marsh

Lawyer told Enron how to deal with employees

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attorney at Enron Corp.'s outside law firm advised the company's in-house legal counsel on how to handle employees who questioned Enron's accounting practices, a lawmaker leading one of the congressional investigations of the company said Sunday.

Days before the lawyer's Aug. 24 correspondence, Enron executive Sherron Watkins had delivered a memo to then-company chairman Kenneth Lay, warning him about what she considered dubious accounting activities.

"They're asking the lawyers ... what happens if we fire her?" said Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

"It's the ultimate in skullduggery," said Ken Johnson, spokesman for the House committee.

On Aug. 22, Watkins wrote Lay a memo questioning the use of outside partnerships, run by Enron executives, to keep hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off the parent company's books.



Filipino kids watch as a U.S. Special Forces member wearing full combat gear secures the perimeter as they visited Isabela town on Basilan island, southern Philippines, to survey an athletic field Sunday.

U.S. Special Forces troops land on Philippine island

TABIWAN ARMY BASE, Philippines (AP) — U.S. Army attack helicopters whipped up dust clouds and blew the tops of coconut trees as 30 U.S. Special Forces troops arrived on an island in the southern Philippines to train soldiers battling Muslim extremists.

The start of the training mission opens a new front in the U.S. war against terrorism and marks the largest American deployment in the campaign after Afghanistan. U.S. officials say the Abu Sayyaf rebels have been linked to a Qaeda.

The Special Forces troops who arrived at Tabiawan army base, the first of 160 due on Basilan in the coming days, were to head for other Philippine military camps on the rugged island where the government has been tracking the guerrillas for months, sometimes engaging in combat.

The U.S. forces will train the Philippine army in night fighting, night flying and psychological operations. They may travel into combat zones but are permitted to fire only in self-defense.

NASA space probe stars looking for water in Mars soil

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A NASA spacecraft will start examining the contents of the dry, dusty surface of Mars this week, searching for what scientists expect are vast, hidden stores of water.

Scientists already know there is water on Mars — in ice that caps the north pole, frost seen at high latitudes and wispy clouds crowding the planet's highest peaks.

Evidence of far more extensive amounts of water, even buried glaciers, could be found during the 2001 Mars Odyssey's 917-day science mission that begins this week.

"You have a vast region that is perhaps just loaded with water," said William Feldman, the Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's \$300 million Odyssey project.

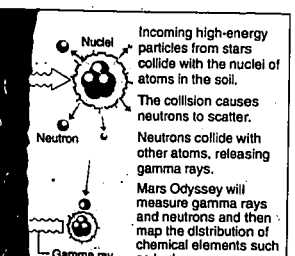
The possibility excites scientists because it would support theories that the planet was once — and may still be — wet enough to be hospitable to life. On Earth, life is found wherever there is water, nutrients and a source of energy.

Mars abounds with evidence that torrents of water once flowed across its surface, carving channels, flooding plains and weeping from steep crater walls.

Whether that water remains locked within the planet or evapo-

Virtual shovel digs Mars

On Feb. 20, the robotic Mars Odyssey will begin its analysis of gamma ray emissions from the Martian soil. The spacecraft will map about 20 elements, including hydrogen, which indicates the presence of water. A similar instrument on another mission discovered large amounts of ice on the Earth's moon.



SOURCES: NASA; Lunar chemical distribution map from Los Alamos National Laboratory

rated into space remains a mystery. Scientists believe Odyssey, and its ability to sniff out the hydrogen bound to oxygen that forms water, can provide an answer.

"That would make it very exciting, that there are still gobs and gobs of water there," said William Boynton of the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, another Odyssey scientist.

Locating water is a key goal of NASA's Mars program, which includes plans for advanced robotic rovers that will land and dig into the surface. Maps produced by Odyssey will guide

those rovers to spots that appear rich in water today — or that were soaked in the past. Odyssey will also hunt for concentrations of chlorine, which would indicate locations where sodium chloride — salt — was deposited by standing water.

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World Trade Center scrap causes problem in India

NEW DELHI, India - For scrap trader Sashi Kumar, the collapse of the World Trade Center towers five months ago has become a "daily headache."

His problems began last month when a routine shipment of steel scrap arrived in the southern port of Chennai. This time, the 33,000-ton shipment apparently included material salvaged from New York's ground zero.

Environmental and labor activists say the scrap metal was contaminated by other debris from the Twin Towers - such as cancer-causing asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, dioxins, mercury and lead - and used the United States of dumping "toxic and hazardous material" in India. They have launched an aggressive campaign calling for a ban to further movement of the scrap.

"What I have purchased is just steel scrap," said Kumar, 36. "I believe it may contain some scrap from the WTC site, but there is no label, no sticker on the scrap that says it is WTC scrap. Now it has become a headache for me."

Athens remakes its horizon in cleanup for Olympics

ATHENS, Greece - Athens is getting a facelift - not to hide age, but to celebrate it.

The capital is cleaning up its cluttered skyline in an effort to restore some of the city's ancient glory for the Olympic Games in 2004.

Armed with cranes and new legal powers, construction crews are tearing it down, erasing signs that obscure views of the 2,500-year-old Parthenon and other ancient monuments in the center of Athens.

Being are glaring ads for everything from mobile phones to sides of buildings, insurance companies' neon signs and rooftop billboards with plant pictures of hamburgers and cigarette packs.

City officials aren't stopping at signs that block views. Attacking what many people have long considered eyesores, they are removing all 10,000 advertising signs that have cluttered the city since they were placed above the first floor of a building.

Sierra Leone refugees take their chances in homeland

SINJE, Liberia - After losing everything to Sierra Leone's feared rebels, Emmanuel Kwashie was finally starting to rebuild his life in neighboring Liberia. But when the gunfire started again, he didn't hesitate.

Gathering his wife and two small sons, he took to the road - this time back to Sierra Leone, where one of West Africa's most savage conflicts was officially declared over last month.

Until recently, many of the estimated 100,000 Sierra Leoneans living in Liberia were nervous about returning home - especially to parts of the country still controlled by rebels whose signature atrocity was hacking off the hands, feet, noses, lips and ears of their victims.

When a two-year-old insurance policy reached the outskirts of Liberia's capital, Monrovia, for the first time 10 days ago, thousands packed up their belongings and headed for the border - many walking days to get there.

- compiled from wire reports



Palestinian police officers inspect the damage done to the office used by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank city of Nablus, after it was hit by Israeli rockets Sunday.

Israeli leaders consider response to bombing

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli police foiled an attack on an army base Sunday as the country's leaders considered their response to a new level of Palestinian attacks: a suicide bombing in a Jewish settlement, the destruction of an Israeli tank and rocket fire at Israel.

After sunset, police stopped a suspicious car at the entrance to an army training base near the northern Israeli town of Hadera. Six miles from the West Bank. Police said one of its two occupants started shooting, and they returned fire.

One of the assailants was shot and killed, said police commander Yaakov Raz. The other tried to escape in the car, but "saw he could not get through a roadblock and set off a bomb he was carrying, killing himself," he said. Six other people were wounded, including three policemen, rescue officials said.

West Bank leaders of the Al Aqsa Brigades, a militia affiliated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, said the group planned the attack. They said Mohammed Hnuada, 18, planned to detonate explosives on the base, while 22-year-old Abdeljaber Khaled, was to spray the camp with bullets from the assault rifle he carried.

Earlier Sunday, Israeli helicopters fired missiles that hit three buildings in the West Bank city of Nablus - a police command post, a government complex and an apartment meant as an office for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The Israeli military said the air strike was a response to a recent Palestinian attacks.

Reacting to the attack on the army base, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's spokesman, Raanan Gissin, said Israel would not escalate the violence with Palestinians but that "the terrorists will find out that we have more ways to reach them than what have conducted up to now."

Nablus governor Mahmoud Aloul called the Israeli air strike "dangerous escalation." The Palestinian news agency Wafa quoted him as saying, "The aggression against Palestinian

Authority compounds and the Palestinian people continues." Sharon convened his security Cabinet to consider further Israeli steps. No decisions were announced, but Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer told the Cabinet that Israel would "increase the military pressure on the perpetrators of terrorism," according to a statement from his office.

Six Israelis have died in three Palestinian attacks in recent days. A suicide bomber killed two teen-agers when he blew himself up at a pizza parlor in the West Bank settlement of Karnei Shomron on Saturday, two days after Palestinians blew apart a heavily-armored Israeli tank in the Gaza Strip, killing three soldiers. Another soldier was shot dead Friday at a West Bank roadblock.

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The attack in Karnei Shomron was the first suicide bombing in a Jewish settlement, though settlers have been often targeted by Palestinian gunmen throughout 17 months of violence.

When Palestinians in Gaza blew the engine and turret off an Israeli-built Merkava-3 tank, it marked the first time an Israeli tank had been destroyed by Palestinians in the West Bank or Gaza, the army said.

Also, Palestinians have fired Qassam rockets at Israeli targets in recent days, delaying warnings of stiff Israeli retaliation. Hamas militants have fired rockets at Israel itself - hitting nothing but open fields so far - and at an Israeli army post in Gaza. No one was hurt, but a military building was damaged.

The Israeli Cabinet seemed divided on what to do next. Cabinet Minister Natan Sharansky said Israel must occupy Palestinian areas "for two weeks or two months, as long as it takes," to confiscate weapons.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would not escalate the conflict for the sake of escalation. "We take the measures necessary to stop terror. We don't have any intention to worsen the situation," he said.

Thwarted Muslim pilgrimages frustrate Afghans

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - The old Afghan farmer introduced himself by the name he was not - "Haji," a Muslim honored for having made the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca. He then burst into tears.

Angry Afghans milled around him Sunday - like him, searching over trips for the Mecca pilgrimage promised, paid for and now canceled out of the U.S. military-controlled airport at Kandahar.

The Afghan government blamed the damaged runways at the U.S.-held airport, but officials would be pilgrims blamed the Afghan government, and the United States.

"How can I return to my family, my village?" asked the white-bearded farmer, wearing the faded, plain turban and shawls of a man of little means, tear running after tear down the sides of his beaked, jutting nose.

"I told them I was going on the pilgrimage. How can I go home to them now? How? I am too ashamed," the man, Shahqatullah, wept.

Afghans, wealthy and poor, crowded by the hundreds with him outside Kandahar's government-run bank, whipped by Afghan security forces' severed tree branches when they pressed to go inside the dank concrete building for refunds for their dreamed-of, called-off pilgrimages.

Authorities in Kandahar province announced that no pilgrim flights would be leaving from the southern city's airport, now used by the U.S.-led military coalition

as its largest base in Afghanistan. "Even the Russians did not stop us from going on the hajj, when they were here. And now, now, the Americans are stopping us. They are stopping us in our own land," Shahqatullah cried.

Thwarted pilgrims around him broke in with their own condemnations of Americans and their own, struggling Afghan government.

The provincial government had taken \$1,600 each from 4,214 would-be pilgrims from across southern and south-central Afghanistan for a "hajj package."

The pilgrimage draws millions each year to the shrine in Saudi Arabia, Islam's holiest site. Islam requires the journey at least once in a lifetime of every Muslim who has the means to go.

For Afghans, next week's hajj is the first since the United Nations lifted travel sanctions imposed against the Taliban government in 1999. The sanctions made exceptions for the yearly religious pilgrimage, but the ban made difficult for the trip more difficult for the Taliban government.

Afghanistan's months-old post-Taliban government guaranteed the trip to thousands. But hundreds only have been able to leave from Kabul's airport - and none from Kandahar.

Britain, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have sent aircraft to Afghanistan to pick up some of the thousands of people who have been unable to travel to Mecca for the hajj, and the United Arab Emirates said Sunday it would as well.

British paratroopers involved in the shooting in a hillside slum in Kabul were freed on Saturday.

But Mohammed Isaq, 25, said he and his family were trying to drive his 21-year-old wife Faria to the hospital to give birth when they were suddenly fired upon. They said the bullets killed Isaq's 20-year-old brother. The peacekeepers confirmed that a man was found shot to death near the scene.

"We did not have any weapons of any kind," said Isaq. "We did not hear any gunfire until we ourselves were shot. We were trying to take my wife to the hospital."

Capt. Graham Dunlop, a spokesman for the British-led force, said the incident was under investigation.

In another development Sunday, U.S. jets bombed a former al-Qaida training camp near the Pakistan border, residents of the area said by telephone.

Afghanistan's leader vows to deal 'very sternly' with aviation minister's killers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Afghan leader Hamid Karzai on Sunday vowed stern justice for high-ranking officials in his own government who he said assassinated the country's aviation minister.

Karzai has blamed the minister's death on a personal vendetta among government officials despite initial reports that he was killed by a mob of would-be Islamic pilgrims furious over flight delays to Saudi Arabia.

Speaking at the presidential palace in Kabul, Karzai said suspects had been arrested in the killing of Abdul Rahman, the aviation and tourism minister, and promised that the perpetrators would be dealt with "very, very, very sternly."

"There will not be any lenient hand there. They will be given to justice - they have committed a murder," he said. Karzai said he expected that



Afghanistan's interim leader Hamid Karzai answers a reporter's question during a news conference in Kabul Sunday.

he returned to Afghanistan from Saudi Arabia. Karzai met Sunday with the Saudi ambassador and

Secretary of State Colin Powell told CNN's "Late Edition" Sunday that U.S. Embassy personnel were at the Kabul airport "assisting with those pilgrims that are trying to get to Mecca, and we really regret the loss of the minister."

"I don't know if he was killed by the mob or, as chairman Karzai suggested, he might have been assassinated," Powell said.

The fragility of Afghanistan's peace since last year's fall of the Taliban was underscored by a shooting incident on Saturday involving international peacekeepers and a group of civilians who said they were shot at while trying to take a pregnant woman to the hospital. The peacekeepers insisted that

Four jets dropped a total of six bombs shortly before dawn in the Khugai-ard of Paktia province south of Kabul, according to one resident, Munir Hussein Tozi.

He said the camp was believed to be deserted and he did not know of any casualties. The area is about 9 miles from the village of Zawar, where U.S. Special Forces have been seeking al-Qaida and Taliban renegades.

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Stereotyping Idaho hinders diversity

POCATELLO (AP) — On a recent television episode of "ER," a character commented that she was from Idaho: "Not the white supremacist part, the potato part."

Human diversity in Idaho, and attitudes about it, was the focus of discussions during the Academic Symposium at Idaho State University. Professors, students and one Human Rights director touched upon the role of race in Idaho's history, including the Minidoka Relocation Camp for Japanese Americans in World War II.

Kathy Aiken, history chair at the University of Idaho, reckons the seeds of more recent diversity issues in Idaho were planted in the 19th century during the Coeur d'Alene mining wars.

Increasing tensions between mine owners and mine workers peaked in 1899, when union members hijacked a train and forced it to drive to Kellogg, where the angry crowd destroyed the Bunker Hill Mine.

That incident gave the governor of Idaho the ammunition he needed to declare martial law. However, because the Idaho militia was away fighting in the Spanish-American War, the 25th Infantry, made up of 500 black "Buffalo Soldiers," was brought in. Even had white troops been brought in, the mines would have resisted them, Aiken said. "That they were African-American added fuel to the flames."

Aiken said a Western historian who interviewed families in the area generations later heard stories of the descendant's grandparents' mistreatment at the hands of the black soldiers.

However, Aiken added, there are two stories of relationships developing between the soldiers and the residents, who were divided by race but united by social class, political views and a common status on the outside of society.

"You can claim that the experience of those miners in the Bullpen (the makeshift prison where they were held after the riots) was the first step in northern Idaho becoming a place where the Aryan Nations and other white supremacist groups

would be welcome," Aiken said. "But in the people who made friends and later tried to integrate other ethnic groups into the unions, you also have the precursor to those who got rid of the Aryan Nations."

Sociology professor James Aho said Idaho is second to Montana in terms of numbers of right-wing extremist population numbers. Also included in the top 10 are Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Arizona and Colorado. Aho, who has researched extremist groups, said as the frontier moved west, so did the organizational center of right-wing extremism.

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Different members of the panel offered their own perspectives on how to handle such extremists, people who Aho called "extremely dangerous."

"The way to disrupt these groups is to disrupt the social networks they use to recruit," Aho said.

Les Boer, executive director of the Idaho Education Center, said it has to do with changing a person's perception of community.

"Communities, as I look at it, are the people we include in our universities that we have an obligation to, people to whom we owe certain kinds of conduct, ethical obligations," Boer said.

"Our decision about whether or not to include someone in our community will affect how we treat them. European settlers didn't include the Indigenous people of North America in their community that gave them leave to exterminate masses of these people, the same white Jewish people in Nazi Germany."

Aiken said people in the Coeur d'Alene area have worked hard to dispel the stereotype that says northern Idaho is a haven for extremists with limited success. "Land is relatively cheap there, and people that have those kinds of ideas can buy it, and live their 'isolationist' lifestyles," she said.

"I think it's important to be aware of white supremacists, and not to let them live without challenge, but I also believe they've received a lot more attention than is warranted."

Utah culture grows more distinct from rest of country

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's cultural traits stand out more now than they did in 1950, according to research to be published in The Social Science Journal.

The authors compared Utah and the nation according to 24 social and economic indicators. The region was surprised to find that while the region converged in some ways with the nation as a whole between 1950 and 1990, it is diverging according to several key measurements.

Utah was substantially distinct from the nation in 14 ways in 1950. By 1990 it was dissimilar in 18 ways and matched the rest of the country in only six of the 24 indicators.

Two cultural traits that were unique to Utah in 1950 still set it apart today but for different reasons. In 1950, the percentage of women in the work force was 5.3 percent lower for Utah than for the United States.

However, by 1990, 61.2 percent of women in Utah worked outside the home, compared to 57.5 percent for the rest of the country.

Utah also has become one of the most urbanized populations in the country, with 87 percent of its residents living in cities compared to 75 percent for the nation as a whole.

"So, one of the key ways it was originally unique has been obliterated and made unique again as Utah has become a high-tech communication and transportation center," said study co-author and Utah State University demographer Michael Toney.

When outsiders think of Utah they imagine mountains and wide-open landscape and don't realize that 90 percent of the population is packed in the Wasatch Front, said Chalton Keller, co-author and USU economist.

The state's characteristic of having one of the lowest per capita income rates is holding, going from less than \$200 lower than the rest of the country in 1950 to more than \$4,000 less in 1990. The need to close that gap and help make ends meet probably

contributes to the higher percentage of women in the work force, the study suggests.

Utah's fertility rate was 1.7 times the nation's in 1950 and now is 1.3 times the national rate of two children per woman.

Utah's divorce rate remains 0.5 percent higher than the rest of the country. Although there are people who are very critical of the state, we found that people choose this area to live for very specific reasons and that the assimilation into the culture of those who move here is actually quite strong."

That's why the researchers believe that even with the increase in population, specifically the Hispanic growth, the distinctions found in the study likely will remain when census data from the past 10 years is evaluated.

Although there are clear indicators that what is distinctive about the region should be dissipating, outside forces are probably offset because of the in-migration of culturally similar people and the continuing departure non-Mormons, the study indicates.

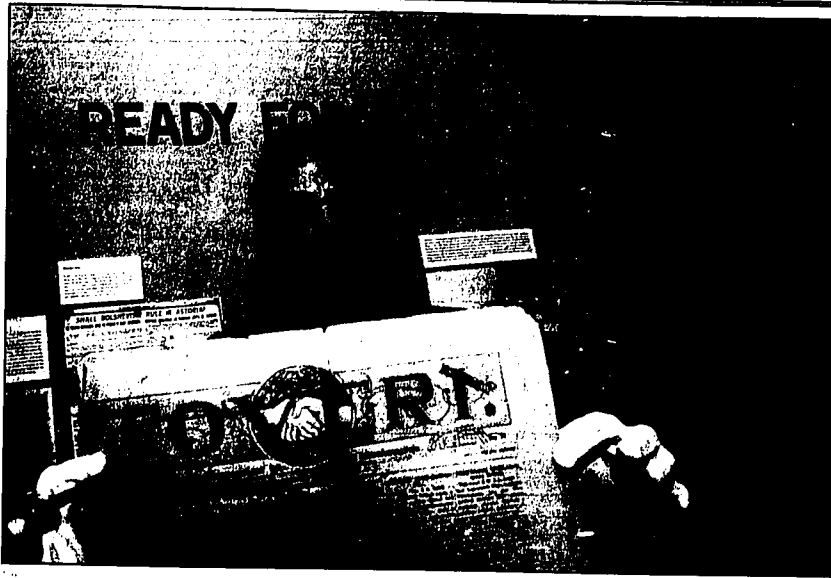
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Lisa Penner, historian at Clatsop Co. Historical Society, and also the daughter of Finnish immigrants, holds a 1911 socialist newspaper Jan. 13 at the Clatsop Co. Historical Museum in Astoria, Ore.

Finnish Americans hold on to heritage

Oregon residents fear culture will disappear

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — Beneath a busy bridge spanning the Columbia River delta is a memorial to fishermen lost at sea. Dozens of them have Finnish names, like Kankkinen, Takko, Reinikka and Takunen.

Thousands of Finns settled in this city where the Columbia empties into the Pacific Ocean in the late 1800s and early 1900s to work in canneries and forests, on farms and in fisheries.

More than 2,500 Astoria residents claim Finnish ancestry — about one-quarter of the city's total population. "At a store called FinnWare — the cultural nerve center of the Finnish community — Finnish-speaking clerks sell ruis-leipa (rye bread), and salmiakki (salted licorice), books on Finnish history, collector glassware, dolls and jewelry from Finland and copies of The Finnish American newspaper, printed in Minnesota.

"We speak Finnish in the store every day," said owner Darlene Bjornstad. "There's just the real connection that you're a Finn."

The Finnish Brotherhood, a nonpolitical fraternal organization, meets every month. Two churches in town hold monthly services in Finnish.

But the Finns of Astoria are struggling to maintain their culture. Many of them are third- or fourth-generation Americans. Their children and grandchildren are less interested in the old ways than they are, and there are concerns that Finnish culture soon will be forgotten.

"It's not disappearing yet. But because the population is older, I'm afraid of what's going to happen in the next 10 years," said Liisa Penner, a historian who is half Finn, half Swede and works at the Clatsop County Historical Society. "I think it's going to sort of melt away," she said.

Only 8 percent of Finns told census-takers in 1990 that they spoke the language at home, said Norman Westerberg, an amateur



Tourists look in the window of Union Steam Baths in Astoria, Ore., Jan. 13. The steam baths were first built by the Finns but are no longer operated or owned by them.



Finnish fisherman Hjalmer Wilson holds an 80-pound salmon caught in 1940 in Astoria, Ore., that he sent to the White House for a banquet.

historian and former Finnish consul in Seattle.

Meetings of the Finnish Brotherhood are no longer conducted in the native tongue of the members' ancestors.

The old Finnish Meat Market has been replaced by a building that houses an adult video and magazine shop.

The once-dominant fishing and timber industries have fallen on hard times, with lower-paying tourist jobs often filling the gap, prompting many younger workers to leave the area seeking good jobs.

Finnish immigrants first set sail for the New World in the mid-1600s. Later, extreme poverty and poor farming conditions in the 1860s and 1870s led to an influx of Finnish immigrants to America. Many went to Minnesota, and others were attracted to the copper mines in Michigan.

Starting about 1870, Finns began streaming into northwest Oregon and southwest

Washington, along with smaller numbers of Swedes and Danes. Stories about opportunities in America and large communities of Finns in places like Astoria lured thousands more Finns.

By 1920, there were some 4,000 living in Clatsop County, more than 2,500 of them in Astoria, according to that year's census.

Astoria is the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies. Lewis and Clark built a fort here after reaching the Pacific in 1805. The city grew out of a trading post settlement founded in 1811 by John Jacob Astor. Fur trappers were followed by pioneers, fishermen, lumbermen, immigrants, and others seeking their fortune or a new start.

The city has been called "Little San Francisco" because of Victorian homes perched on its hills.

Political divisions that existed in Finland during the early 20th century turned up in Astoria.

Some of Astoria's Finns were strong supporters of the Soviet Union and the international communist movement, while others were staunchly anti-communist. "Radical politics has long since disappeared."

Toveri, a Finnish-language newspaper printed daily in Astoria by the Socialists in the early part of this century, no longer exists. Also gone are the Radical Finns, a political group in the early part of the century, and the Astoria Finnish Socialist Club, founded in 1904.

As they try to preserve their culture, Astoria's Finns actively practice what they call "sisu," a Finnish word that means pride and stubbornness.

"Being Finnish here means hanging onto your heritage and being proud of it," said Sirpa Duoss, a 45-year-old tax officer with Clatsop County who was born in Kalajo, Finland and moved here in 1969.

Thousands of Idaho families take advantage of the state treasurer's office who is saving for her two children's education. Because the program is so new, only a few college students are using it now to cover expenses. "But five years down the road, I'm sure we'll have a lot more," said David Tolman, director of student financial aid at Boise State University. There are no income limits to qualify. The money can be used to attend just about any post-secondary school, including vocational schools and some overseas universities. And up to \$4,000 in annual contributions — \$8,000 on joint returns — can be deducted in calculating state income tax. This year, withdrawals used for qualified college expenses were

excluded from income calculations on federal tax filers. The minimum monthly contribution is \$30. McFarland and her husband, Scott, started their first account last year for their 3-year-old daughter, Hailey. This month, they started a second for their 5-month-old daughter, Hannah. The McFarlands don't have a target amount for their two accounts in mind, but they knew they wanted to get started early so they would not have to scramble for cash in 15 years. "I know we're going to need a lot of money," Yvonne said. University of Idaho officials estimate that right now it costs approximately \$10,500 a year to send a student to undergraduate school in Moscow. That includes room, board, books and usual living expenses. When Hailey McFarland reaches college age, her parents could easily expect to pay more than \$27,000 a year, said Dan Davenport, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at the University of Idaho. That is based on a conservative estimate of a 6 percent annual increase in tuition for the next 15 years. Increases in recent years have been more than 6 percent. Ideal offers three investment options, based on parents' goals and risk tolerance. Two use a mix of bonds and stocks, a third guarantees a 3 percent annual return. Rules and limitations vary by individual circumstances, but the plan generally allows contributions from grandparents or others that would not be subject to federal gift taxes.

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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Brandon Dee Smith, 22, 1206 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls; fugitive hearing set for Feb. 22, \$5,000 bond. Jamie Leo Valero, 31, 1723 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls; battery; public defender denied; pleaded innocent. Donald Roy Taylor, 37, 1645 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; open container; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent. Peter M. Pappas, 39, 909 B St., Rupert; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent. Joseph Patrick Hoffman, 36, 115 Center St., Kimberly; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 22. Possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent. Melissa Louise Emerson, 24, 475 Caswell, No. 505, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 22. Possession of drug paraphernalia; private counsel hired; pleaded innocent. Natividad R. Cantu, 41, 1551 Hansen Ave., Burley; burglary; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 22, \$40,000 bond. Ricardo R. Perez, 18, 639 Jackson St., Twin Falls; petit theft; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent. Minor in driver's license; private public defender appointed; pleaded innocent. Maximino V. Melgar, 24, 405 Seventh Ave. N., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent. Jeffrey Lacy, 21, 1937 High St., Boise; driving without privileges; reckless driving; private counsel hired; pleaded innocent; \$2,500 bond. Attempting to elude officers; private counsel hired; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 22; \$5,000 bond. Brian David Short, 41, 395 Jefferson, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, invalid driver's license; private counsel hired; pleaded innocent; \$300 bond. Natividad R. Cantu, 41, 1551 Hansen Ave., Burley; failure to purchase a driver's license; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, fined \$100, ordered to pay \$63.50 in court costs.

Drunken-driving sentences

Twin Falls County

Fermin Bovadilla-Gonzalez, 23, Canada Inn No. 2, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence, excessive; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended, 3710 days in jail, waived; 365 days in jail with 30 days suspended, credit for 64 days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. Pete D. Kunz, 46, 1515 E. 4400 N., Burley; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine with \$300 suspended; 378.50 court costs; 180 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served; 12 months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court ordered by probation officer; eight days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. Nikki Jean Kestler, 31, 215 Midway, Filer; driving under the influence, excessive; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; 378.50 court costs; 365 days in jail with 365 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months' probation; consume no alcohol; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; comply with alcohol evaluation recommendations; 20 days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

City of Twin Falls

Salvador Magana Jr., 25, 213 W. Boonville, Pasco, Wash.; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, credit for 148 days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. Wayne Jones, 41, 3613 N. 2700 E., No. 10, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive; amended to driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; consume no alcohol; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; comply with alcohol evaluation recommendations; 25 days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Charles P. Brumbach. Kevin N. Young, 27, 131 S. Idaho St., Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months' probation; consume no alcohol; submit to alcohol/drug testing; \$35 per month probation fee; comply with alcohol evaluation recommendations; eight days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Misdemeanor sentences

Matthew W. Franz, 42, 458 Falls Ave. W., Twin Falls; one count lewd conduct with a child under 16, felony; amended to injury to a child, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months' probation; consume no alcohol; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 100 hours' community service; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer including "cognitive self change" and "relapse" programs; complete sex offender treatment; no contact with victim or victim's family; submit to search and seizure; 90 days' discretionary jail time; one count lewd conduct with a child under 16, misdemeanor; injury to a child, misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months' probation; same conditions as count one; to run consecutive with count one; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Felony sentences

George C. Huesentz Jr., 28, 3155 E. 3935 S., Salt Lake City, Utah; one count issuing a check without funds; pleaded guilty; three years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, one year and six months' indeterminate; three years' probation; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; \$35 per month probation fee; \$250 public defender fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; 90 days' restitution to victims; 90 days' discretionary jail time; enter no establishment that sells alcohol by the drink; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 50 hours' community service; one count grand theft by possession of stolen property; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge Nathan W. Higer. Steven W. Fisher Jr., 19, 3195 N. 3539 E., Kimberly; driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach. Matthew Daniel Theimann, 32, 127 N. Seventh St., Twin Falls; theft by receiving/possessing stolen property; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, credit for time served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. Cory Allen Hoover, 30, 412 Eighth Ave. N., Buhl; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended, credit for two days already served; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. Arnold Albert Compton, 31, 1225 Burley Ave., Buhl; driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. Zlatan Maksić, 19, 636 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; reckless driving; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 162 days in jail, credit for 162 days served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. James J. Wood, 58, 659 Lincoln, Kimberly; willful concealment; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 162 days in jail with 162 days suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. Amy K. Whitmore, 17, 1883 Canada Drive, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 162 days in jail, credit for 162 days served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser. Gregory Dean Hanson, 36, 211 Villa Circle, Twin Falls; fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; two days in jail with two suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; one count reckless driving; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 10 days in jail with 10

suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Misdemeanor dismissals

John L. Hastings, 51, 575 S. 13th, Boise; criminal trespass; dismissed by prosecutor; no reason for dismissal given; Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman.

Felony sentences

Mitzi Nicole Huesentz, 25, 3155 E. 3935 S., Salt Lake City, Utah; one count issuing a check without funds; pleaded guilty; three years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, one year and six months' indeterminate; three years' probation; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; \$35 per month probation fee; \$250 public defender fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; 90 days' restitution to victims; 90 days' discretionary jail time; enter no establishment that sells alcohol by the drink; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 50 hours' community service; one count grand theft by possession of stolen property; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

George C. Huesentz Jr., 28, 3155 E. 3935 S., Salt Lake City, Utah; one count issuing a check without funds; dismissed by prosecutor; one count grand theft by possession of stolen property; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, three years' indeterminate; suspended; three years' probation; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; \$35 per month probation fee; \$250 public defender fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; \$2,856.17 restitution to victims; 90 days' discretionary jail time; enter no establishment that sells alcohol by the drink; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 50 hours' community service; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Craig Lee Peeke Jr., 19, 309 W. E. Jerome; one count sexual abuse of a child under the age of 16; pleaded guilty; 10 years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, seven years' indeterminate; judge retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Department of Correction; \$1,000 fine; \$288.50 court costs; \$5,000 civil penalty; two counts felonies; dismissed by prosecutor; one count rape; pleaded guilty; 10 years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, seven years' indeterminate; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Department of Correction; \$1,000 fine; \$288.50 court costs; sentences to run concurrent; must comply with the Idaho DNA and Genetic Marker Database Act of 1996; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Dale Warren Taylor, 39, 239 Center St. E., Kimberly; driving under the influence of alcohol, two or more priors within five years; pleaded guilty; four years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, two years' indeterminate; suspended; four years' probation; \$100 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend AA twice weekly; shall not possess, transport or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; complete any recommendations ordered by probation officer from DUI evaluation; driving privileges suspended for one year; use

interlock device after license suspension is complete; 45 days in jail; \$35 per month probation fee; District Judge John C. Hohmberg.

Ryan C. Vago, 20, 407 Washington St. S., Twin Falls; aggravated assault; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, two years' indeterminate; judge retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Cottonwood Facility; District Judge John C. Hohmberg.

Edgar Cisneros, 28, 1085 Twin Parks Drive, Twin Falls; driving under the influence of alcohol, two or more priors within five years; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, two years' indeterminate; judge retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Department of Correction; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; District Judge John C. Hohmberg.

Robert Jason Sams, 25, 259 Rock Creek Ave., Twin Falls; sexual battery of a minor under age 16; pleaded guilty; 10 years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, two years' indeterminate; suspended; five years' probation; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; \$35 per month probation fee; \$250 public defender fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; 180 days' discretionary jail time; enter no establishment that sells alcohol by the drink; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by the Idaho DNA and Genetic Marker Database Act of 1996; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Michael Chapman, 28, 892 Chase Drive, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; marijuana; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, three years' indeterminate; judge retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Department of Correction; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; \$3,882.64 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer. Mark Kent Craig, 32, 235 S. Idaho St., Eden; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, two years' indeterminate; suspended; three years' probation; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; 90 days' discretionary jail time; enter no establishment that sells alcohol by the drink; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 100 hours' community service; \$275 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Brian Dean Hill, 21, 2401 S. Owyhee, Boise; trafficking in methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; 10 years' penitentiary, five years' determinate, five years' indeterminate; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; \$3,427.13 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Tara Lynn Moon, 23, 1138 Valley Road S., Eden; grand theft; pleaded guilty; four years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, two years' indeterminate; suspended; three years' probation; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; \$4,670.87 restitution to victims; 90 days' discretionary jail time; enter no establishment that

sells alcohol by the drink; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; 50 hours' community service; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Juvenile sentences

Jacob D. Webb, 17, 3715 N. 2500 E., Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; 30 days' detention with 30 days' suspended; 90 days' probation; \$50 charity option in lieu of community service; \$20 court costs; Magistrate Judge John Varin. Jennifer Shoup, 17, 913 Burley Ave., Buhl; one count possession of drug paraphernalia and one count possession of a controlled substance, marijuana; dismissed by prosecutor; one count providing false information to a police officer; pleaded guilty; informal adjustment granted with formal conditions; 120 days' detention, credit for 19 days served; 10 days' discretionary, 90 days' suspended; six months' probation; 24 hours' community service; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer including alcohol and drug education/treatment; submit to search and seizure; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; no alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; apologize to victim; \$20 court costs; \$20 per month probation fee; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Civil filings

Charles R. Van Vooren Jr., and Danika Van Vooren, husband and wife; Willis D. Simpkins and Larry D. Kimbrough, Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$3,272.74 for repairs to plaintiffs' automobile; \$1,000 attorney's fees and costs; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for damages sustained to their car in a vehicle accident caused by the defendant, Willis D. Simpkins. Plaintiffs demand jury trial.

Heather Castaneda, formerly known as Heather Carnul vs. Bobby R. Ivester and Gary Schritter Trucking Inc., an Idaho corporation. Seeking judgment against the defendants for past medical expenses in excess of \$3,000 in an amount to be proven at trial; gross wages in excess of \$1,000; general damages for personal injuries including pain, suffering, disability, future loss of enjoyment of life in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries and damages sustained in a vehicle accident caused by the defendant, Bobby R. Ivester. Plaintiff demands jury trial.

Clydona Thacker and Kenneth Thacker, husband and wife vs. Hyrum Dille and Northwest-BEC, an Idaho corporation, d/b/a Mountain View Care Center. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages including past and future medical expenses in amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries and damages sustained by the defendant, Hyrum Dille. Plaintiffs demand jury trial.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Jennifer F. Sakugawa. Seeking \$153 monthly support plus 37 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Sharon Annette Austin, also known as Sharon A. Austin-Clark, formerly known as Sharon Annette Clark. Seeking \$103 monthly support plus 100 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$206 support for a prior period; \$363 attorney's fees and costs. Franklin Ray Tucker vs. Misty Dawn Austin. Seeking that the court issue an order establishing custody and visitation of minor child; that the petitioner continue to pay child support as previously ordered by court; the court issue an order changing the minor child's last name to petitioner's last name; attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Brandon Gale Lewis. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$282 monthly support plus 64 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Barbara L. Flemings. Seeking \$1,068 support for a prior period; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Ernest Folsom. Seeking \$640 support for a prior period; \$135 monthly support plus 59 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

Jason Steele Brown vs. Debbie Lynn Hughes, aka Debbie Lynn Briggs. Seeking that an order of custody be entered granting joint legal and physical custody of minor child and granting primary residential custody to defendant; that a visitation schedule be established; attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Carl Nutsch. Seeking \$1,215 support for a prior period; \$135 monthly support plus 69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Mitchell Heir. Seeking \$1,276 support for a prior period; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Teela M. Nash. Seeking \$1,068 support for a prior period; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. James A. Atorga. Seeking \$284 support for a prior period; \$142 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Christopher Gene Charlton. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$476 monthly support plus 78 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Ryan H. Blake. Seeking \$142 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces filed

Maria Amalia Seabolt Glass vs. Thomas Eugene Seabolt Glass. Mary W. Morris vs. David J. Morris. Sherry L. Staker vs. Lamar Ray Staker. Micha Dale Feight vs. Dustin Alan Feight. Janet Marie Jordan vs. Tracy Lynn Jordan. Roberta M. Payne vs. Jack F. Payne. Sun O. Ewen vs. Fernando Ewen. Julie Mae Quigley vs. Michael Shane Quigley.

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DEAR ABBY: When I was single and living alone, whenever I went out with friends or on a date, I'd leave a note on a refrigerator stating the date, time I left, with whom I was going, the person's phone number, address, work, where we met - anything. I would also jot down when I expected to return.

My friends thought this practice was silly. But if Chandra Levy or other missing persons who lived alone had done this, at least there might have been a trail to follow. Call me paranoid, but to me it was always a basic safety issue.

Maybe this letter will help other singles out there - both women and men. Thanks.

SHEILY IN SAINT CLOUD, MINN.

DEAR SHEILY: Thank you. You displayed intelligence and maturity at a young age. I suspect many young people may be reluctant to leave that kind of information because they're afraid it might somehow curtail their independence. However, it's a potent form of insurance in the case of any kind of emergency.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanDuren

without feeling like I am trying to exploit the situation?

-BACHELOR FATHER IN TEXAS
DEAR BACHELOR FATHER: Just be honest and tell it like it is. A dashed promise - a lifetime commitment.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a worried 11-year-old girl. My dad went to a class reunion last summer without my mom because Grandma was in the hospital.

When he was at the reunion, he met up with an old band member who used to be his girlfriend. They've been e-mailing and calling each other ever since.

I wasn't worried until my whole family met her one night, and Dad kissed her on the cheek! Then a

few days ago, she called and they met for lunch. He keeps saying they're just friends, but I'm not so sure.

My sister doesn't like this whole thing any more than I do, because this woman is divorced. Abby, do you think she's after our dad, or is it just a friendly thing?

-AN 11-YEAR-OLD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR 11-YEAR-OLD: Have a little more faith in your father. Since he has introduced her to "the whole family," it indicates how proud he is of all of you. From his point of view, I'm sure it's strictly friendship. If it isn't, that way from her point of view, she'll have the other three women in his life to reckon with. I don't think she'd stand a chance!

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IF FEBRUARY 18TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you possess instinct for helping people in need. Domestic adjustment takes place this year, marital status and income potential will figure prominently. You are capable of overcoming distance and language barriers. People are drawn to you for help with their problems. Aries, Libra persons play major roles in your life. You have these letters in names: I, R. In March you will let go of losing proposition.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): What appeared to be a loss could be coming in your favor. Maintain aura of exclusivity. Don't tell all, do not confide or confess. Pisces will figure prominently.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Lunar cycle high; it is to pity any person who gets in your way. Your personality is overwhelming; you exude aura of sex appeal. Your way is the right way - act accordingly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Secret meeting takes place. You are not invited, but this ultimately works to your advantage. Finish what you start. Look beyond the immediate to a foreign nation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Shake off emotional lethargy. You win friends and influence people. Highlight independence of thought, action. Elements of timing, luck are with you; stick with number 1.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be dealing with high-powered people. Be confident. One in authority will grant request. Pressure is on you will be up to it. Home and marriage emphasized in scenario. Capricorn involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be celebrating. Object of sen-

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timental value was lost 48 hours ago but will be retrieved tonight. This will be your day of "vindication." Romance with Gemini will flourish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Tighten screws, correct measurements. Build on solid structure. Remove safety, fire hazards from home. Your love is not unrequited. Morale will rise as result. Scorpio involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Changes are necessary; obtain legal clearance. Emphasis on partnership and marriage. Written material "saves the day." Dream, properly interpreted, opens door to future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Domestic issues highlighted. Be diplomatic to family member who is subject to temperamental outbursts. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio individuals play featured roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Give logic equal time with emotional responses. Day of adventurous Romantic relationship heats up; protect self at close quarters. Pisces will play exciting role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You receive "guarantee" that your efforts and product are A-one. Don't stop now. Ride with tide to your success, possible fame and fortune. Cancer native figures in scenario.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Taurus relative helps overcome mass of red tape. Accounting procedures involved. Get numbers straight; review rules, regulations. Open lines of communication; Aries awaits news.

Farmer must love it when it rains hay from the sky

If you tend to get depressed too often, take up dancing. Any jogger will tell you that physical activity seems to ward off the blues. And it's widely known, too, that close personal contact with another human being does likewise. So experts in moodswinging matters say dancing is the perfect prescription.

Q. Name the actor that gave Elizabeth Taylor her first screen kiss.

A. Lassie. In the 1943 film "Lassie Come Home." She was 11. I mean Liz, not the dog. I don't know how old the dog was.

Q. Name the actor that gave Elizabeth Taylor her first screen kiss.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

they say.

Q. Is it true that it sometimes rains both fish and frogs?

A. Evidently. Reports of such have cropped up repeatedly. Explainers say both get drawn into the sky in waterspouts or tornadoes. Fish and frogs aren't all. On July 12, 1961, small peaches fell from a cloudy sky on Shreveport, La. A rain of beans fell in Brent, in 1971. And on July 3, 1977, at the town of Devizes in England, enough hay fell out of the sky to feed a whole dairy herd. You know those organized ski patrolers who go out on the snow to look for the lost? One out of four is a woman.

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OTHER VIEWS

New F&G director faces more caution

The Idaho State Journal

The new director of the state's Department of Fish and Game has quite a challenge before him. He must be accountable to hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiasts in Idaho, and he has to answer to an appointed commission that has shown no mercy when it comes to dealing with directors who displease it.

Steve Huffaker might just be in a no-win situation.

Of course, he might have hit on the road map to administrative success, too. In an interview with the Journal this week, Huffaker, who was appointed Wednesday to replace the ousted Rod Sando, said he wanted his staff biologists to do the best job possible and simply place the information at the feet of the commission and let its members make the decisions.

Maybe he's learned from watching Sando, who was deeply involved in department operations and placed a big emphasis on science and research politics being damned. Sando was forced to resign, citing philosophical differences with the commission. He wasn't politically flexible with certain members of the board, and it cost him his job and sent the department spiraling into a morale crisis. Huffaker was a witness to it all from his position as the department's wildlife bureau chief. There are some obvious lessons to be learned.

Before Huffaker was appointed, we predicted it would be difficult to find a director for the department, given the political meddling of the commis-

sion. We questioned the kind of person who would take a job, knowing its pitfalls.

We're pleasantly surprised that Huffaker accepted the appointment. From all accounts, he's respected within the department, and he's worked on the ground with the department's scientists who staff the regional offices all over the state. His appointment will likely go a long way toward healing some wounds the department suffered when Sando - a popular leader within the Fish and Game fold - was cut loose.

But the proof is in the pudding. Huffaker has to know that simply giving the commission the information its members will need to make decisions isn't good enough. He must be an advocate for Idaho's fish and wildlife - all of its wildlife, not just the popular critters we all like to see in our crosshairs or at the end of a hook. In doing so, he must make recommendations that might not always be popular with commission members.

Can he do that without fear for his job? It was made perfectly clear by Commission Chairman Marcus Gibbs on Wednesday that Huffaker is "an at-will employee" of the commission, and that his performance will be under the microscope. Anyone with a tiny bit of political savvy can read between the lines: The commission is expecting Huffaker to walk a pretty fine line.

We wish him the best of luck. We believe he'll need it.

This editorial, reprinted from The Idaho State Journal in Pocatello, says new Fish and Game director Steve Huffaker will have to walk a straight line to stay in his job.



Gore still lacks support of his own party

JACK W. GERMOND

Former Vice President Al Gore's lurch into what he called "the national debate" is based on two flimsy premises. The first is that there is such a debate, and the second is that he has the political standing to take part.

The whole notion of a national debate suggests two sides of some reasonably equal left, with some kind of jury of Americans weighing one issue against the other. At the moment, however, President Bush dominates the political discussion to the point that Democratic leaders in Congress can do no more than quibble about the particulars of a few domestic issues. That situation is likely to change as the memories of Sept. 11 fade, but not until several months into this election year at the earliest.

Whatever the nature and timing of the national dialogue, however, there is no reason to believe the former vice president is a relevant player. His position as a potential presidential candidate in 2004 rests almost entirely on the reluctance - perhaps inability - of both Democratic Party leaders and the press to speak frankly about his standing.

The broad and pervasive consensus in the political community today is that Gore is finished as a national candidate. While Republicans lick their chops at the thought of a Gore candidacy, there is not a single Democrat of any national prominence publicly supporting him for the 2004 presidential nomination. Privately he is fating even worse. As a Californian who raised serious money for Gore's 2000 campaign said, "I can't say this out loud, but I've been there, done that." Asked about organized labor's attitude toward Gore this time, an AFL-CIO official replied, "Al who?" Big labor is absolutely critical to any Gore campaign. And John

Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO, has said privately - and repeatedly - that his organization will not repeat the mistake it made in the 2000 campaign when labor's early endorsement was critical to Gore's triumph over former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley in the pivotal Iowa presidential caucuses.

Yet Gore continues to figure prominently in the speculation on 2004. Why? Because public opinion polls show him leading the Democratic field. Both the politicians and the press know those polls are essentially meaningless. Most Americans pay far too little attention to public affairs to be able to identify a John Kerry or a Tom Daschle, even if they retain some vague notion of who Gore is. But neither the news organizations who pay for the polls nor the political leaders who follow them are willing to say they are based on sand.

Gore cannot be a serious contender because he committed the one unpardonable sin in politics: He lost an election he should have won. Easily. He was a de facto incumbent running on a strong record of eight years against an awkward and inarticulate Republican with thin credentials at best. It should have been a boat ride.

There is some lingering sympathy for the former vice president. After all, Bill Clinton didn't make things easy for him. And Gore did carry the popular vote. He lost several states only because Ralph Nader and his Green Party - led there was no difference between Republicans and Democrat - ran an ego-trip candidacy. It took a combination of Nader and a political U.S. Supreme

Court ruling to deny Gore the state of Florida and the White House. But the sorry fact remains that he lost his home state of Tennessee.

There may have been strategic and tactical mistakes - should Clinton, say, have been utilized more effectively? - but the core of the problem was the candidate. He changed his shirts and his persona so often that, as the campaign came to an end, many Americans didn't feel comfortable with him. His campaign was too contrived and mechanical; there was no one willing to walk through a wall for him.

Nor has Gore's behavior since the election been comforting. He was clearly elected to a Euro-war respite, but he could have shed the beard before coming back. Instead, he continues to wear it in what is being interpreted as a signal of another "new" Gore, this time a laid-back model. What political professionals see here is evidence that the flaws that cost him the 2000 election he should have won were not the kind of flaws that can be corrected. He can talk about "mending fences" in Tennessee, an obvious first step toward 2004. But he cannot shed the image of the contrived candidate too controlled to be human.

It is always possible, of course, for Gore to overcome all these obstacles. After all, Richard M. Nixon won the presidency in 1968 after losing both the 1960 presidential election and the California gubernatorial election two years later. And Nixon was even less able to incite the passions of the street. Talk about controlled and contrived, he retired the cup. At this point, nonetheless, writing a Democratic Party scenario for 2004 starring Al Gore is a stretch, a long stretch.

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LETTERS

CSI should consider speakers well

Who will be the next speaker invited to the College of Southern Idaho - John Walker Lindh? STAN WINTER Rupert

Fish and Game leaders disappoint

As a sportsman, I have been unhappy with some of the most members of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. It seems that some of these commissioners may have been appointed for political reasons.

I believe the balance of power in the commission has shifted toward the landowner and away from sportsmen. I think this shift of power can be traced to appointments made under Gov. Phil Batt.

Evidence of this power shift can be seen in the repeated loss of Idaho Fish and Game directors.

It seems that these directors go down the road whenever there is a sportsman vs. landowner conflict. (Mealey was fired in 1999 and Sando gone in 2002.)

Local evidence of power shift could be seen in the year 2000 open elk hunts in Unit 47 and Unit 53.

These hunts were any elk, any weapon hunts covering nearly three months. Clearly, with these hunts, there was intent to eliminate every animal in those units.

These hunts should have been depre- dation hunts with certain involved landowners.

As it was, many a hunter was duped into buying those tags. I personally called the Jerome office of the Department of Fish and Game and a Unit 47 landowner as to the advisability of buying those tags. To their credit, both parties advised against buying these elk tags.

A witness to these hunts described them as "drive-by shootings." So who ordered those hunts? I suspect a landowner-commissioner connection. Since the open Unit 53 elk hunt continues, it should be wondered why?

Lastly, landowners who receive yearly elk and deer tags in draw areas can now sell these tags to the public. I predicted 10 years ago that this would be the case and that there would be a shift toward commercial domination of public hunting.

It is up to sportsmen's groups and individuals to prompt Gov. Kempthorne to revise our Fish and Game commissioners to include more sportsmen.

DANIEL H. HAYMORE Twin Falls

Indian dancers delight at Olympics

Horray! for whomever it was that allowed the American Indians to perform in the Olympic opening ceremonies. This is the first time that I've been impressed by anything that the United States has done since 1960 when it elected Kennedy.

MIKE JONES Burley

Current leaders aren't indispensable

The battle cry these days of public office-holders fighting to survive and wax fat at the tax trough is that we should retain "institutional memory." Should that term be interpreted as conscientious study (reading and absorbing) of documented historical precedents? Or should it infer remembering only to repay with one's support the special interest lobbyists whose largesse has been responsible for keeping self-serving office-holders in place long past the time when they give any consideration to their tax-paying constituents?

The Feb. 10 issue of The Times-News carries an article illustrative of the value of institutional memory. Dealing with the impact of the current recession on Idaho's economy, the article cites two leaders in the legislative overturn of the term limits law that was twice ratified by the voters. Of the tax cuts and increased spending supported overwhelmingly in last year's legislative session, eight-term

House member Maxine Bell was quoted as saying, "We were wrong once. We don't want to be wrong again." And House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, author of the bill repealing term limits, is reported to have said of last year's tax-cutting, surplus-spending frenzy: "When they (our power-hungry, longtime 'citizen legislators') were sitting on a \$330 million surplus, I don't think anyone believed that the economy was headed south. ... But now we're in a new economy. So what starts that up again, I don't know, and I don't know how long it takes."

So much for their institutional memory. Mine derives from an earlier Times-News article which names all those legislators who voted counter to the expressed will of the majority of Idaho voters. It also includes historical studies which reveal that, since time immemorial, there have been egotists who believed they were irreplaceable in public office. Time and mortality proved them wrong. ROBERT L. PARRISH Twin Falls

Governor protects people's will

If it's true, I would be hesitant to admit that the community I live in has so few people intelligent enough and caring enough to hold public office.

During my 69 years, I have lived in nine Idaho counties and testify to the fact that the woods are full of bright folks who are filled with an abundance of community pride. I noticed, too, these woody folk pruned their trees and culled their herds, which had a positive effect on productivity.

(Must have been a public official who figured that out for them.)

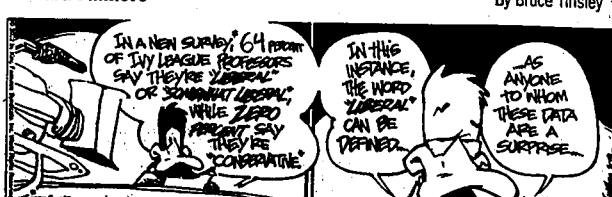
I sure want to thank our governor for the fierce battle he waged to "... protect the will of the people."

He must be plump tucked out and deserving of a rest. Buy bonds. O. DEAN HODGES Twin Falls

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



Security

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slight difference in the courtesy," Magaw said. "Hopefully, they won't notice anything much different than that."

Some arriving passengers at Dulles, where a plane was hijacked Sept. 11 and crashed into the Pentagon, said security was tighter than they had seen since the attacks.

"We commented on it," said Robin Cloninger of Morrisstown, N.J., arriving from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with two classmates at Loyola College in Baltimore. "A lot more people were getting their bags searched, taken off the line."

But Mike Adams, a ticket agent for AirTran Airways at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport, said he did not see anything different.

"It's all internal," Adams said. "Security's security, so I don't think you'll see the government doing anything different."

As he sat on a suitcase in the Dulles baggage claim area and waited for his ride, Mark Bontrager of Springfield, Va., said it did not matter who was supervising security "as long as you hold them to the standards." Looking up from his book, he said, "I don't think it can ever be foolproof, but I think it's better. Taking the time to do the job right is what's most important."

The change provided reassurance to Scott Landis of South Berwick, Maine.

"I'd rather have the federal government handle it than the airlines," said Landis, who was flying to Florida with his family from Boston's Logan International Airport, the origin of the two planes that smashed into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

"It's the appropriate role for the government to play. The airlines have been shown to be lax in the past."

To Renier Kraakman of Cambridge, Mass., escorting his 11-year-old daughter to her flight at Logan, there was little evident difference.

"It's just for show," he said. "But if it makes people feel good it's worthwhile."

Kendra Lynn of Tulsa, Okla., said it did not take longer for her to pass through security Sunday at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. But she said she would not complain even if federal oversight meant more thorough checks. "We're thrilled with any kind of excess screening," she said.

Security workers said they were aware of the federal supervision.

"I'm nervous," said Girish Vakil, a security worker for Argenbright Security Inc. at Dallas-Fort Worth. He added: "I'm a good worker, never failed a test."

Iraq

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Korea - has been labeled by Bush as part of an "axis of evil" in the war against terrorism.

The secretary of state acknowledged that Bush's blunt speech can "jangle people's nerves" and that U.S. allies in Europe are unsettled by his aggressive rhetoric.



Colin Powell

"But once they settle down and understand that he is going about this in a prudent, disciplined, determined way ... they begin to understand why it might make sense for them to join in whatever efforts we may be getting ready to undertake," Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Powell also called on North Korean President Kim Jong-il, who celebrated his 60th birthday Sunday, to solidify his political legacy by reconciling with South Korea and accepting a U.S. invitation to negotiate a more stable peace on the Korean peninsula.

"Lead your people to a better future and away from the past that has brought you nothing but condemnation. ... There is an opportunity right now, Mr. President. You should seize it," Powell said.

He was speaking from Tokyo, where he is accompanying Bush on a six-day Asian tour that will take them to South Korea on Tuesday.

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Games

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her last competitive race.

Snowboarders Ross Powers, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas finished 1-2-3 in the halfpipe to give the United States its first medal sweep at the Winter Olympics since 1956.

Another American snowboarder, Chris Klug, came back a year and a half after a liver transplant, patched up a last-minute broken boot buckle and won a bronze medal in the parallel giant slalom.

Even athletes who didn't medal found another way into the record books. At 48, U.S.

Virgin Islands luger Anne Abernathy became the oldest woman to compete in the Winter Games. Teammate Dinah Browne was the first black woman in the sport's Olympic history.

Mark Jackson, a short-track speedskater from New Zealand, said athletes are used to being overshadowed by the sport of the day. In his country, it's rugby.

"There's always a bigger and better sport out there," he said. "You don't let it affect you too much."

The athletes, he said, were

probably less in tune with the skating mess than the public because they're trained to stay focused on their own sport. Nevertheless, Jackson added, "Whenever we did turn over to American news it was always on, and it was always on the radio stations."

Craig Cox of Chicago couldn't change the channel fast enough when news of the scandal came on.

"I ignore it," he said as he took in some short-track speedskating with his family this weekend. "There are enough other good things going on."

American speedskater Mary Griglak was annoyed by the attention figure skating received at the expense of other events.

"We've really had some outstanding athletes, and the coverage is not there. It would be nice to see the coverage equally spread," she said. "Controversies aren't what you want to focus on. You want to focus on the medals and the teams."

She might have gotten her wish.

Another close finish in skating was the biggest story Saturday - but this one had nothing to do

with double axels and corrupt judging, only thrilling competition.

Just 10 yards from the finish line and Olympic gold, American short-track speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno went tumbling to the ice in a crash that took out all but one racer in 1,000-meter final.

Ohno, his leg gashed open by a skate, tripped and crawled his way across the line to win the silver. Just seconds earlier, an Australian surfer who had been in last place glided past Ohno to win his nation's first gold medal in any Winter Olympics.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Several TF buildings will close today

TWIN FALLS - Here's a rundown of a few places that will be closed and open to the federal Presidents' Day holiday:

- City Hall will be closed.
- County offices will be closed.
- State offices will be closed.
- The U.S. Post Office will be closed.

The Social Security Office will be closed.

The Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.

• Most banks will be closed.

• The Twin Falls School District office and schools will be closed.

• The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.

• The Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Detectives probe Elmore County death

MOUNTAIN HOME - Elmore County investigators on Sunday were probing the circumstances of the death of an area resident early Friday.

No details of the investigation were being released Sunday.

Mary Severson, 35, was found unconscious in her Elmore County home by deputies just after 3 a.m. Friday, according to the Elmore County Sheriff's Department.

She was taken immediately to Elmore County Regional Medical Center, where she later pronounced dead.

Animal centers offer free dental checkup for pets

BELLEVUE - Sawtooth and Sun Valley animal centers are offering free dental checkups for dogs and cats through the month of February.

The Sawtooth Animal Center in Bellevue will offer free 10-minute examinations from noon to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

The Sun Valley Animal Center, two miles south of Ketchum, will offer exams from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

The screenings, valued at \$45, will check for periodontal disease, fractured teeth, tartar buildup and cavities.

Technicians also will discuss brushing pet's teeth and give out free oral health care packets.

Oral disease is the No. 1 health problem diagnosed in dogs and cats and can cause serious health problems.

To schedule an appointment for the Bellevue clinic, call 788-4004.

For appointments at Sun Valley Animal Center, call 726-7777.

Medical center will hold cholesterol screenings

KETCHUM - St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center will offer cholesterol screenings from 7 to 10 a.m. Thursday and Friday at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

No appointments are necessary; the cost is \$20.

The test helps pinpoint the risk for heart disease and stroke, according to Karen Morrison, a nurse with the hospital.

Participants will also have the opportunity to have their blood pressure checked, speak to a hospital dietitian about food and its relationship to cholesterol, and taste low-cholesterol baked goods.

After they've had their cholesterol checked that is.

Participants must not eat anything for eight hours before having it checked.

For information, call 788-5733 or go to www.stlukesonline.org

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	76
Salmon Falls Creek	103
Oakley Basin	109
Big and Little Wood	102
Huckleberry	102

Taking a new approach

T.F. high school adopts program to lift achievement

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In the ongoing quest to produce a more-prepared and better-educated student, Twin Falls High School has adopted a program called "High Schools That Work."

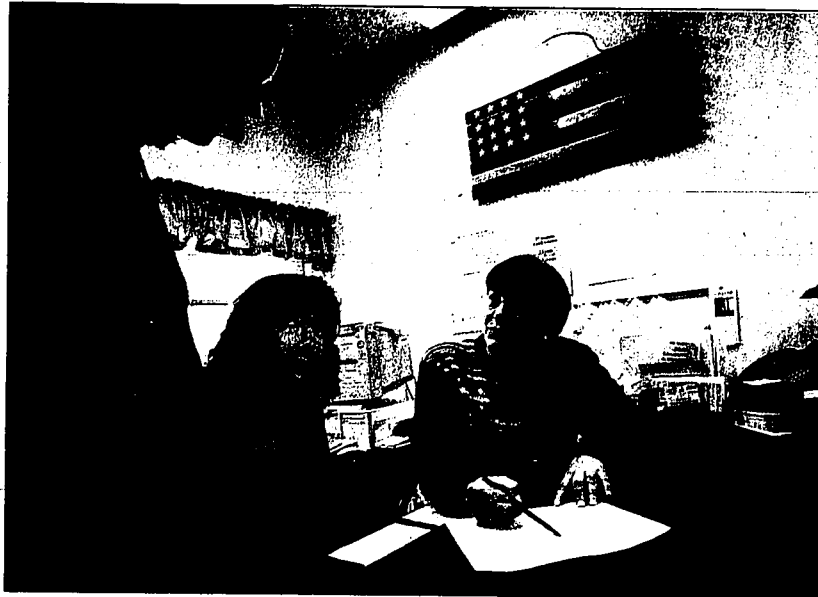
Developed by the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta, the program functions just as it sounds: It's a collaborative effort among participating high schools nationwide to share successful methods of education.

Admittedly, there's a plethora of programs that purport to be the answer to increase students' scholastic performance. But TFHS Principal Ben Allen said this one caught his eye because its claims are quantified.

"It's a school improvement plan with proven results," he said. "Any time you get a program with proven results that's backed with data; it gives a lot more energy to the people that are for it, and makes it a lot harder for the ones that maybe are wading the fence to not give it a shot."

Last spring, Allen filed for and received a three-year federal grant that provides \$55,000 a year to help pay for the program. A straw poll indicated that more than 80 percent of teachers voted to adopt it. After several conferences since then, teachers and counselors are scheduled to meet Tuesday to begin developing some of the groundwork.

In addition to sharing information and curriculum with other schools, technical assistants are flown out to audit the



High School counselor Kim Draves, right, and teacher Claudia Creek go over a transcript with Brandi Hutchinson, a student at Twin Falls High School. As part of the 'High Schools That Work' program, the school plans to train teachers to act as counselors to groups of students to provide more opportunities for guidance.

high school, gathering information from students, parents and teachers to determine the areas in need of improvement. They compare Twin Falls High School to other schools of similar size and demographics, and then offer recommendations.

The key is to raise student expectations by having students

redirect their focus to two years past high school. In addition, the plan aims for all students to take college-prep classes, regardless of whether college is the eventual goal. The premise is that, while some students may take longer to figure out which career path to follow, all students can learn.

"A student who sits in a chemistry class and gets a 'C' is better off than a student, who doesn't take chemistry at all," Allen said.

The effort is leading to raising graduation requirements.

However, rather than just demanding more from students, key "High Schools That Work"

practices must be followed, such as making sure students understand the relevance of what they're studying.

"That doesn't take place right now; we all need to do a better job," Allen said. "One of the areas where we were low was when they interviewed our staff

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CSI makes its Web site more user-friendly

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The beauty of the College of Southern Idaho's redesigned Web site is certainly more than skin deep.

"It's not just a pretty face, but the whole structure of the site was redesigned," said Edit Szanto, director of CSI's Instructional Technology Center, and the Web site's redesign project manager. "We are proud parents; we worked very hard at it."

What was once a cluttered presentation and difficult to navigate is now the model of organization and simplicity in its use.

While everyone seems to praise the cleaned up Web site, few understand the magnitude of its undertaking.

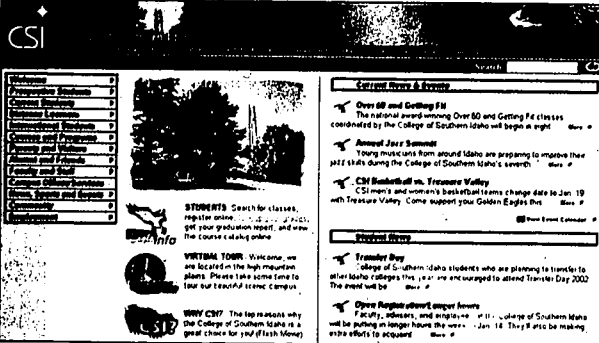
Before the redesign, the Web site's main page originally mirrored the way the college is set up - that is, by department.

Thus, while it made sense to those within the CSI community, it proved to be a challenge for everyone else, particularly those outside the area wanting to know more about the college.

"The information was there, but people had a hard time finding it on the Web," she said.

So two years ago, Szanto and her group organized focus groups made up of CSI faculty, staff and students to brainstorm. Basic questions were asked such as who is the target audience, or even why CSI needs a Web site.

Seemingly simple affairs such as naming the links on the main



To visit the College of Southern Idaho's redesigned Web site, pictured here, go to www.csi.edu.

page took up substantial meeting time and research.

"We wanted to make sure that what was said on the links made sense to everybody," she said.

Deciding which links went on the front page also required a dash of diplomacy.

"Everybody wants their link on the front page," she said. "It was quite overwhelming."

They even took into consideration the needs of blind students, whose computers use different software, and hence have different needs when browsing a Web site.

But once the groundwork was

in place, it took a little less than a year, and countless hours by a Web committee, to designed the whole site.

The accolades have been streaming in from both area residents and international students, she said.

Even officials with computer giant Dell Computer Corp. said that before they came to town they checked out CSI's Web site and were impressed.

Of course, the work is never done. The site is a work-in-progress, constantly evolving and requiring updates that keep Szanto and her staff busy

week after week.

Future improvements include the ongoing challenge to make it more user-friendly, so that staff and faculty are able to update their Web sites or databases without having to know HTML - the computer language used in Web sites.

For example, the calendar of events has been designed so that users can log onto the Web site, simply type in the title of the event, the location and other pertinent information.

Szanto said she'd like to have that ease eventually spread to other areas of the site.

More than a pretty face

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Admittedly not computer literate, nursing professor Valerie Warner has slowly taken to using CSI's newly revamped Web site.

She had first placed a nursing care plan and an orthopedic class outline onto Powerpoint, and then - gasp - onto the Web site.

"That's as daring as I've got," she said. "We're asking our students to be computer literate, so I think that the faculty should show competency as well."

Faculty and students alike find that the Web site is not just a directory, but a tool for education.

The several-page nursing care plan, originally done on paper, allows students to collect patient data and identify nursing problems via the Web site. It not only saves the students time, it prepares them for a workplace that already extensively uses the computer, she said.

Eventually, she'd like to start offering nursing tests online.

"It's exciting and fun," she said. "It's what students have been wanting and so I've been able to deliver."

Indeed, Alyson Bair and Leslie Belin, first-year regis-

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Company urges residents to recycle old telephone books

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - New McLeodUSA Planet Pages telephone directories are currently being delivered in the Magic Valley.

And as part of its ongoing dedication to reducing the amount of unnecessary materials going into local landfills, McLeodUSA Publishing Co. is urging all residents and businesses to recycle used directories whenever possible.

The opportunities for doing so are outlined below and are available Friday through March 29 in Twin Falls, Jerome

and Burley and year-round in Blaine County and Mountain Home.

Twin Falls residents and businesses may recycle old phone books at McDonald's restaurants at 305 Blue Lakes Blvd. and 869 Pole Line Road; WinCo, 1563 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.; Rite-Aid, 1339 Addison Ave.; Magic Valley Recycling, 114 Market St. (from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday).

Jerome residents and businesses may recycle old phone books at McDonald's, 2611 S. Lincoln.

In Burley, old phone books can be recycled at McDonald's, 394 N. Overland Ave.

Old phone books collected in Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley will be recycled by Pacific Recycling of Twin Falls. For information, call Pacific Recycling at 734-9902.

Blaine County residents and businesses may recycle old phone books at the Blaine County Recycling Center located at the Transfer Station, 110 Ohio Gulch Road in Halley. Businesses and residents wishing recycling services may recycle old phone books during normal servicing. For information, call the recycling center at 726-9256.

The Mountain Home Recycling Center,

795 S. Fifth W. (behind D&B Supply off of Airbase Road) will take old phone books. For information, call the center at 587-2112.

At Mountain Home Air Force Base, residents of base housing with curbside recycling service may recycle old phone books during regular recycling pickup. Phone books can also be recycled at the Base Recycling Center located at Building 1800. For information on recycling on base, call the recycling center at 828-4212.

For more information about McLeod USA, visit www.planetpages.com.

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CSI TODAY

ON THE AGENDA

Today Campus is closed for Presidents' Day. A-2 high school basketball, evening, CSI gym.

Tuesday "Funding Your Education" seminar on student financial assistance, 1 p.m., Taylor 258. Ski Club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 107. "Half Time" CSI art faculty display, Jean B. King gallery (until March 30). "Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett rainforest. Probation and Parole Life Skills class, 6:30 p.m., Shields 102. "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. A-2 high school basketball, evening, CSI gym.

Wednesday Advanced-Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 256. Regional school superintendents' meeting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 277.

Chemistry program for Twin Falls School District gifted and talented students, 9:15 a.m., Evergreen A09. "Funding Your Education" seminar on student financial assistance, 1 p.m., Taylor 258. Armed Services vocational aptitude testing, 5:30 p.m., Shields 106. A-2 high school basketball, evening, CSI gym. Silver Sage Groto monthly covers meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 277. U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

Thursday Flying Hands Club sign language meeting, 1 p.m., Desert 113. "Everything is a Trumpet" free trumpet clinic by Donald Romm, 4 p.m., Fine Arts 121. CSI Student Senate presents Black History Month program with Bobby Seale, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission. A-2 high school basketball, evening, CSI gym. Free public rehearsal for Community Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Friday KLIX Home and Garden Show, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Expo Center. CSI Golden Eagle baseball against Snow College, 1 p.m., Ephraim, Utah. Idaho State University's graduate school entrance exams, 3 p.m., Evergreen A20. CSI Golden Eagle baseball against Colorado Northwestern, women play at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m., gym. Narcotic Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112. "The Dinosaur Chronicles," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Audubon Society Prairie Falcon chapter meeting on sage grouse conservation efforts, 7 p.m., Shields 223. Community Concerts Association presents Ronald Romm in concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

repair clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Carson Rd. National Traffic Safety class, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shields 103. Mini Cheer and Dance clinic for K-6 students with CSI cheerleaders and dance team members, 9 a.m. to noon, gym. KLIX Home and Garden Show, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Expo Center. CSI Golden Eagle baseball against Snow College, noon, Ephraim, Utah. "Larry Cat in Space," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Youth Orchestra Concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. "The Dinosaur Chronicles," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. CSI Golden Eagle basketball against College of Eastern Utah, women play at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m., gym. "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Today Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library. Filer School Board, 6 p.m., elementary school library. Tuesday Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m. courthouse. Bull School Board, 7 p.m., district office. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Castelford School Board, 7 p.m., school library. Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school business room. Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Filer Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. council chambers. Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., Hailey Town Center. Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school district office. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., high school, telecommunications room. Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall. Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room at airport terminal.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Sierra Club says DEQ warnings are misleading

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Sierra Club says the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's revised warnings on pollution give people a false sense of safety. Department officials say they have simply been trying to provide more accurate information. "We are especially concerned

over wording changes that minimize health effects of the fine particles and that imply you can exercise all you want indoors," said Nina Dougherty, chairwoman of air quality for the Utah chapter of the Sierra Club. The DEQ said the wording of its health warning was changed

before the Olympics to present a more detailed and accurate picture of what people, specifically out-of-towners, should know about the air quality. One of Dougherty's main concerns is a added phrase to the health warning that states healthy adults and teens should continue

their normal activity. She interprets that to mean an encouragement for people to exercise even though the air quality is poor. "Let's hope that a major effort was made to protect the ice skaters from outdoor air pollution penetrating into the indoor arenas," she said.

Report says cottonwood trees are endangered

ZION NATIONAL PARK, Utah (AP) - Without intervention, the majestic canopy of cottonwood trees that dominates the landscape in Zion Canyon will vanish in the next few decades, a team of environmental experts concluded. The trees are not regenerating.

its historic meanders and flood-plain, where it used to deposit sediment and nutrients vital to germination of cottonwood seeds. The channelization also makes the flow run swifter than normal during periods of snowmelt and heavy rainfall. The rapid flows scour away any young cottonwood plants that sprout along the riverbank.

"When you look around here, you don't see any young trees," said Jim McMahon, St. George regional director for the Flagstaff, Ariz.-based Grand Canyon Trust. The trust and Zion National Park hired scientists and experts in environmental restoration. Their report concludes that the problem stems largely from a century of human manipulation of the Virgin River. It blames a series of revetments - stone levees - constructed in the 1930s to constrain the flood-prone river from the road, lodge and other facilities built after Zion park in 1909.

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SERVICES

Iris L. Chaste of Harrison, Ark. and formerly of Gooding, grave-side service at 10 a.m. today at Western Grove Cemetery (Holt Memorial Chapel, Harrison).

Catherine Thaxton of Burley, serving Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the church.

Gooding Chapel).

Phillip Robert 'Bob' Servatius of Wendell, rosary vigil at 6 p.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Wendell; funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Weiser (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Leonard James Parton of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley Second, Fourth and Tenth Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St.; interment will follow at the Mormon Cemetery in Albion; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Dorothy Kelly of Gooding, memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Gooding (Demaray's

Alice Margaret Westfall of Shoshone, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel; private family burial will follow the service at the Shoshone Cemetery.

Hilbert Lanzo Rice of Hazelton, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

DEATH NOTICES

Myrtle Olive Bingham of Carey, service at 11 a.m. today at the Carey Idaho Stake Center; burial will follow at the Carey Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the funeral Monday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Ethel Caroline Cook GOODING - Ethel Caroline Cook, 90, a Gooding resident, passed away Sunday, Feb. 27, 1902 at Gooding Rehab and Living Center. Funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Wednesday February 20, 2002 at 1 p.m. in the Jerome LDS First Ward Chapel, 825 East Avenue B, Jerome with Bishop John Cruzier officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Mary Lillian Cook Bauscher of Kimberly, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Beverly C. Hapworth JEROME - Beverly C. Hapworth, 65, of Jerome, died February 17, 2002 at her home. Funeral services will be held

Debra L. Conger JEROME - Debra L. Conger, 47, of Jerome, died February 17, 2002 at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

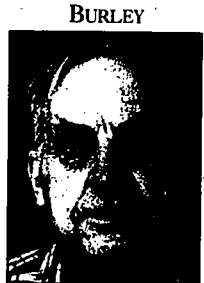
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Dismissed Raylene Duncan of Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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BURLEY Alvin C. Holmes, a 97-year-old Burley resident, passed away Saturday, February 23, 2002 at the Burley Care Center. Alvin was born February 27, 1904 in Elbebe, Ark. He is the son of Isaac Eric & Carlotta Swanson Holmes. Alvin graduated from the Rupert High School. After graduation he attended Pocatello University for two years, then transferred to the University of Idaho where he received a degree in Electrical Engineering.

BURLEY Alvin married Rosa A. Cullley June 7, 1930 at the Methodist Parsonage in Rupert, Idaho. He worked for the Bureau of Reclamation then accepted a position as Radio Inspector for the Federal Communications Commission, living in New York City, St. Paul, Minn., Salt Lake City, Portland, Ore., Seattle, and Washington D.C. He retired in 1962 and moved to Burley. Alvin wrote a book titled "Swedish Homesteaders in Idaho." He also was a Ham radio operator. He was member of the Rupert Grange, and a Past Master, a Charter member of the Minidoka County Historical Society, and a member of Friends of the Library in Burley. He is survived by his wife Rosa Holmes of Burley and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Eric, and one nephew, Linton Holmes. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday February 20, 2002 at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 321 East Main Street, with Pastor Keith Wise officiating. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Service area under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

NAMPA Barbara Exner Cobb Barbara Exner Cobb, 95 of Nampa - formerly of Hailey and New Plymouth - died Saturday, February 16, 2002 at a Nampa retirement center. At her request no funeral services will be held. Cremation is under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. She was born November 15, 1906 at Hailey, Idaho. She graduated from Hailey High School and from Albion Normal School. She taught school in many rural one-room schools around Idaho and in the Hailey Elementary School. She retired from First Security Bank in Hailey about 1960. She married John Cobb in 1958 and he passed away in 1978. In 1990, Barbara sold her home in Hailey and moved to New Plymouth to be near her nephew, Fred Povey. In 1999, she moved into an assisted living facility in Nampa. Barbara leaves two nephews, Fred J. Povey of New Plymouth and Bill Peterson of Shoshone, three nieces, Ann Campagna of Santa Rosa, Calif., June I Povey and Cheryll M. Povey of Las Vegas. She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Exner and two sisters, Johanna K. Povey and Magdalena Peterson.

Jury splits in handless body case

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) - A jury has deadlocked over whether a man whose handless body was found floating in a Columbia River backwater. A mistrial was declared Friday in Benton County Superior Court after the jury split 7-5 in favor of a guilty verdict on first-degree murder. Prosecutor Andy Miller said he will retry the case. A hearing on a new trial date will be held next week. Swicki, who has pleaded innocent, is confined - jailed - on \$500,000 bond.

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Teacher emphasizes the practical

Raft River students learn that they can use geometry

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

MALTA - Raft River teacher Sonya Steed wanted her geometry students to see the practical uses of geometry.

She has created projects that move geometry outside the classroom and into quilts and bridges.

Early in the year, Steed introduced the students to geometry with a project using quilt blocks. Each of the 23 students interviewed three people who quilt, asking them about their favorite patterns and how they use shapes and colors.

Then each student created 42 miniature quilt blocks on graph paper, Steed said. They chose their favorite pattern and made a six-inch by six-inch paper quilt block. The class attached their quilt blocks and made a class quilt.

Now the class is working on bridges made out of Popsicle sticks, as they study vector forces, Steed said.

Using triangles especially, the stress rafter in a roof or bridge can move stress from the middle of the roof or bridge to the edges, Steed explained. It creates a structure that won't collapse in the middle.

Student Utahna Hurst said groups of students built the bridges.

They measured carefully to create a bridge that would hold



Raft River High School students Utahna Hurst, left, Emmalee Lloyd and Angela Bovee practice their geometry skills by creating quilt blocks.

the most weight. Bridges will be tested to see how much weight they can hold.

Steed wanted to make geometry a little less formal for students. All of the areas of math, "Geometry is the one you see the most," she said.

Using quilt blocks and Popsicle-stick bridges, Steed hopes to make geometry relate to the students in practical ways. "It opens your horizons a little," Steed said.

Hurst said projects like these help students see how geometry

fits into their lives. It makes geometry easier to understand and, "Yeah, it makes it fun."

Some of the students have really enjoyed the projects, Steed said, and she will probably include them again next year. The quilt block project was a chance for students to be artistic.

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Jackpot boy will take part in spelling bee

The Times-News

JACKPOT, Nev. - A Jackpot, Nev., sixth-grader will represent Elko County Schools at the Nevada State Spelling Bee next month in Reno.

Javier Licea took first place

honor last week in the sixth-grade category of the competition.

Other winners, all from Elko, were fifth-grader Morgan Finley, seventh-grader Tricia Owens and eighth-grader Erica Warwick.

U of I works to create a better math program

MOSCOW (AP) - In an effort to bring up the number of freshman passing their math classes, the University of Idaho professors are turning to technology.

The POLYA program is the math-department's latest attempt to lower the failure rate in the two entry-level courses. The failure rate has averaged 41 percent for the past five years, Monte Boisen, chairman of mathematics, said.

Something had to be done, Boisen said. "We had to remove a blockage in the system."

The POLYA program, named after Hungarian-born mathematician and educator George Polya, was launched last fall.

Freshmen enrolled in the program have regular classes that meet once per week but for the rest of the time they are on their own computers. Students are responsible for completing their own required lab work.

"Computers are just one of the tools," POLYA director Kirk Trigsted said. "There is lots of human interaction. I think it is very social."

Online, the students find their

assignments, virtual lectures, written instructions and sample problems. When assignments are completed, students return to the lab for their tests, which they have three chances to pass.

For students with more traditional tastes, there are tutors and regular lecture courses held throughout the week.

Over the long term, the program is also expected to be a money saver. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were needed to get it up and running. But, Boisen said, the university is looking at it as an investment that will save classroom space and funding needed to teach repeat students.

"It is a great experiment," Sandra Hansen, associate dean of the College of Letters and Science, said. "It requires some investment, but it is an idea whose time has come."

From the beginning POLYA has employed a professor, Sandra Hansen, who also teaches courses for the program. Abbot keeps tabs on the program's success by watching the student pass-fail rate.

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they couldn't tell the purpose of class. You shouldn't have a student in a class if you can't tell him the reason he's in there. Just saying it's for graduation really isn't enough.

Participating in vocational studies - whether keyboarding or setting up the stage in a theater production - is another precept to help students link what is studied with a real-life application.

"We know that students, if they see the relationship between what they learn at school to work, that is a concept they will hang onto," Allen said.

To make this all work, teachers will have to create a newly established role, in which they will serve as advisors, each

assigned to a small group of students. And active parental participation is a must. It is on this part of "High Schools That Work" that teachers and counselors are now focusing their attention.

"Until you get the parents involved, this isn't going to happen," Allen said. "Some parents aren't involved because they don't know how to get involved. They have this idea that once their kids get into high school, they don't want them around. We've found that's not the case. They may not be that interested, but they still want to be involved and to know that you care."

Because the teacher/advisor is a neutral party, the relationship is less adversarial, allowing the parent and student to discuss

matter-of-factly what changes, if any, need to be made to ensure success.

Ultimately, the school must exhibit student improvement within the three-year plan, or "High Schools That Work" representatives will suggest to the high school to perhaps abandon the plan.

Allen said he doubts that will happen and likes how it unfolds thus far, even if he'd like to see it develop a little faster.

Glenn Ferry High School has recently adopted the program, and Ellet High School is considering it. Allen said he'd like to see more Magic Valley high schools adopt the program and join forces to offset the program's main drawback: the expense of flying staff out to conferences in the South.

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terse nurse students, said that teachers' use of the Web site, such as for posting class lectures and tests, has helped in their education.

"We used to spend time frantically writing and not really listening," Belin said. "If you miss a quiz, she'll put that quiz online."

They've also used the Web site to check grades and class already taken as well as those needed to graduate.

"Still, some academic fields are more suited for computer interaction between student and teacher," he said.

Mark Daily, physics professor, said he won't be placing his lecture notes online anytime soon. Moreover, problem-solving online is difficult.

"I'm kind of old fashioned," he said. "I still like chalk and boards."

He does assign problems from the textbook online, which he agrees saves both him and his students time. Like that students receive immediate feedback when submitting the answers on the computer.

It gives the students time to see him immediately receive help in problem areas, which, he said, is an important gain in the fast pace of physics classes. But there's always room for abuse, which is why online assignments only garner a small percentage of his overall class grade.

"It depends on the group; how motivated they are to do the problems," he said. "It's something I've got to watch out for."

However, CSI's Web site can

serve faculty in a non-academic manner.

Kendall Grant, head basketball coach for the Lady Eagles, uses it as a large electronic photo album. He has posted hundreds of pictures that show the activities throughout the season of this year's and last year's basketball team.

"We feel it's a great recruiting tool," he said, adding that most of the pictures capture the girls having fun, which in turn attracts athletes from all over the state. "We get our name as a women's basketball team nationally."

It also serves a good venue for friends and family to keep up on the girls' latest doings, he said. Eventually, he'd like to put a recruiting form online that prospective students could fill out from afar.

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Misdemeanor sentences

Corinne Pomeroy Ross, 37, W.D. Box 141, Heyburn, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.00 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, 180 days driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holway.

Toby C. Wainwright, 36, 241 S. Park Drive, Hoboken, Okla., weight exceeding highway load, pleaded guilty, \$1,194 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Larry M. Shoup, 27, 103 Harrison St., Twin Falls, exceeding allowable load per inch width of tire, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine, \$32.50 court costs.

Julio R. Sanchez, on case available, 2155 M.W. Court, Pocatello, Fla., failure to pay a child support obligation, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Earl W. Hasbun, 24, 2950 W. Lake Way N.W., Burley, failure to pay back child support, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Richard L. DeBorja, 51, 4715 Highway, Hampa, two counts weight exceeding allow-

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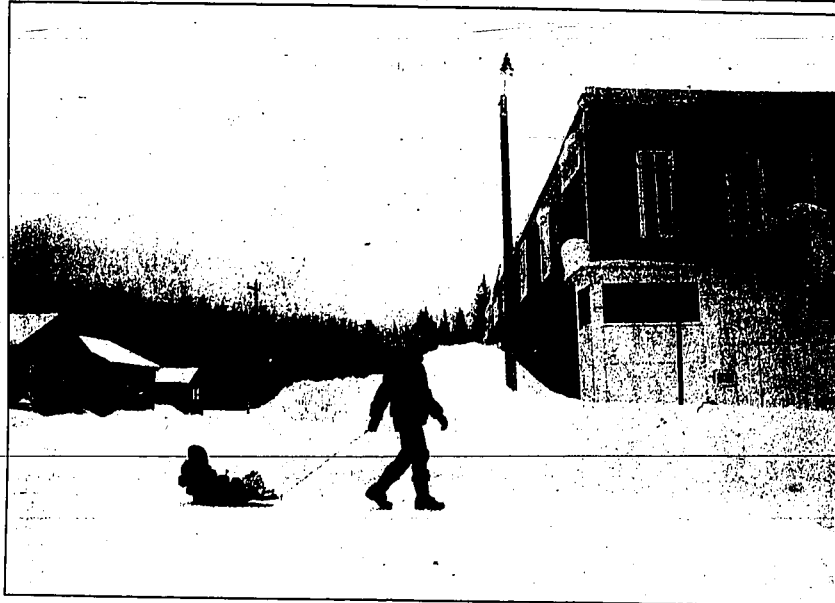
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Tami Blackford and her son, Hayden, 3, take a stroll down Highway 212 in Cooke City, Mont., Jan. 30. Cooke City is Montana's answer to Key West. If you come to the small town, you can drive no farther. In winter, the nearest town, Gardiner, is a three-hour round trip and the nearest hospital takes five hours to get to and from.

Winter leaves small town all alone

Roads around Cooke City shut down in winter

By Vince Devlin
The Missoulian

—COOKE CITY, Mont. — If you come this far, you've reached Montana's answer to Key West. Sure, on some days it's 91 degrees colder here than the Florida Keys. Still, if you come this far, you can drive no farther. Welcome to the end of the road.

Deep in the Absaroka-Beartooth Mountains sits this town of 100 or so year-round residents, perched nearly 7,700 feet above sea level. They can go nowhere in Montana in winter — save for the even smaller Silver Gate, three miles down the road and all but abandoned this time of year — without first driving through Wyoming.

Come summer, the population will increase fivefold as young people fill service jobs and summer residents return to the private cabins in and around town. Thousands of tourists will stream through, en route to or from the nearby Northeast Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Still more will use Cooke City as the starting point or finish line for a trip over the spectacular 10,947-foot-high Beartooth Pass, which connects the town to Red Lodge, 65 miles away.

"Summer is absolute chaos," says resident Bill Blackford. "You could sell rocks from the side of the road and make it."

But summer is a long time coming. For nearly eight months, from October to Memorial Day, U.S. 212 dead-ends at the eastern edge of town, the victim of deep snow on top of the pass, as well as bureaucratic wrangling between Montana and Wyoming over who'll plow what, when.

In winter, the nearest town, Gardiner, is a three-hour round trip; the nearest hospital, in Livingston, takes five hours to get to and from; and the nearest Costco, in Bozeman, requires six hours. And make no mistake, the nearest Costco is important when you live this deep in the mountains.

"Better not forget anything when you go to town," Blackford says.

In Cooke City, satellite dishes are known as the Montana state flower, dogs outnumber people, the teacher's last job was with the circus, everyone's heard the rumors that Christ McDaniel's Dalmanita, Oscar, is gay, and two-thirds of the student body ride snowmobiles to school.

Two of the children, who live across the border in Wyoming, must first have a parent trailer their snowmobiles as far as possible, about 20 miles, unless they then snowmobile another 10 miles to get to school by 8 a.m. At 3:30 in the afternoon they reverse the process.

When kids in Cooke City reach high school age, they'll have to



The Cooke City Chamber of Commerce sits under deep snow Jan. 30.

move away. There is no high school and no school bus comes this far.

"Montana forgets about us. The county seat forgets about us. If you need a cop, one might get here tomorrow," says Suzy Schmitt. "If you ask a business in Livingston if you can write a check from Cooke City, they look at you like they've never heard of it. Really, we should have our own flag. We ought to be our own state."

Like almost everybody in Cooke City, she's from someplace else and owns at least one dog. Schmitt came west from Lynchburg, Va., to spend a summer working in Yellowstone.

On her days off, she would sometimes come to Cooke City to party. She liked the town and the people, so at the end of the summer, on her way home to Virginia, she stopped in Cooke City for two weeks.

"Two weeks became two weeks more, and then it was six more weeks, and suddenly it was winter," she says. "And I never left."

Her two-week stay has now lasted eight years. Several jobs and two businesses later, this is home. She and her fiancé, Jason Hahn, own the Elkhorn Lodge in the middle of town.

Hahn's regular job with the National Park Service takes him out of state during the winters, so Schmitt is running the motel with the help of Abbe, her 8-year-old St. Bernard, and Hahn's yellow lab, Boles.

Besides belying up to the bar

every now and again in the Miner's Saloon across the street, Abbe is also a master thief, able to open most any tourist's cooler and make off with that night's dinner.

"She came home the other day with a giant salami hanging out her mouth," Schmitt says.

In Cooke City, everybody not only knows everybody else, everybody knows everybody's else's dogs. Residents can track each other by noting whose dog is

outside which door.

The town has a mayor, but only because TV news crews kept asking to talk to one a few years ago when a mine was proposed outside town. A handful of locals held an impromptu election in one of the bars.

"Really," says Schmitt, "I think the dogs run the town."

It was originally known as Shovelty, so named by gold miners who settled the area. In 1869 the name was changed to Cooke City, after the son of a financial backer for the Northern Pacific.

By the 1880s the town had 135 log cabins, two stores, 13 saloons and 15,000 feet of mining tunnels that had been dug in the mountains.

A memo from the New World Chamber of Mines dated July 1, 1908, promised Cooke City was "destined to rival and eclipse the great Butte district and become the largest producer in the world."

But... "The ore around here is so complicated," says Bill Summers, an outfitter who also operated

the Alpine Motel here from 1948-88. "There are holes all over this country, but it still has the mining engineers baffled. They never could figure out a good way to extract it."

The town has lived through several mining booms and busts.

For many years, Bill and Betty Sommers recall a winter population of around 20. Every business shut down. Cars sat unused for half the year.

There was no TV, no radio, no phones, no newspaper. There still is no newspaper delivery eight months a year. The road from Gardiner was plowed three days a week so a mail truck could get through.

In the early 1950s both a mine and a mill were operating; the mine in the summer and the mill in the winter, providing jobs and bringing an influx of people.

"In a way, it's a hard life," says Blackford. "You shovel a lot of snow, haul a lot of wood. Everything takes longer here. But there's a certain independence in the people that come here. They're in a community... Look, I've got a bar out my front door and I can go 100 miles out my back door before I'll hit another house. How perfect is that?"

Every now and again, you'll see a car race through Cooke City, come to a screeching halt at the edge of town where the road closes, then creep sheepishly back through the little business district, down the mountain and back into Wyoming, its occupants obviously unaware, until they got here, that the highway is only open in the summer.

But most people who come here know the highway dead-ends.

"I think there's a certain appeal, for some people, to go to the end of the road, just to see what's there," says Blackford. In Montana, it's Cooke City.

Idaho couple shares mushing with area kids

DRUMMOND (AP) — Many people would be horrified to see a pack of dogs bolt across a field with a child clinging to a sled behind it.

Drummond residents Jeff and Judy Snyder, however, take great pleasure in it.

That's because the Snyders, owners of 23 sled dogs, have been sharing their time, talents, sleds and dogs with local children since before Christmas. They're getting the children ready to compete in the Ashton Dog Derby.

"My wife and I have always wanted to do something to share, but we didn't know how," Jeff Snyder said.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, however, the couple began to think more about what they could do to help others. That's when they decided that Jeff Snyder, who has been sled-dogging since 1986, would forgo a ninth consecutive appearance in the dog derby to share the dogs and help give others a chance to participate.

The idea stemmed from Judy Snyder teaching a girl how to mush two years ago. The thrill of watching her race was a great feeling, Judy Snyder said, and she now can experience again.

"It's exciting because I know a lot of kids are taking this opportunity," Judy Snyder said. "It's something that they can remember for the rest of their lives."

Sarah Bollard, 16, of Ashton; and Chase Huffman, 11, of Chester heard of the Snyders' desire to teach and decided to try it out.

Bollard said she had always been interested in the derby and

she felt inspired to try it. Huffman's interest in the derby was sparked when his mother took him to see the races.

Both say their parents are proud.

Judy Snyder said she and her husband asked the students to make a commitment. Although the lessons are free, the Snyders expect the students to learn to hook up the dogs properly, prepare the sleds and even clean up after the dogs.

The same applies when the Snyders visit local schools for musher demonstrations.

"They bring in their equipment — harnesses, sleds, everything — and show these kids really what they do," said Gloria Winters, principal of Ashton Elementary School.

For the Snyders, the dogs are more than just pets or racers. They are also matchmakers.

The Snyders met at the dog derby in 1995, when Judy Snyder traveled to Ashton from Boise as a volunteer and Jeff Snyder traveled from Montana as a racer. The couple fell in love and married, and soon after, Jeff Snyder found a job nearby.

The dogs have become a family affair for the couple and their daughter, Sara. They all must do their part to take care of the dogs. The dogs are fed and their areas are cleaned every morning and every evening, Jeff Snyder said.

"Sometimes I think they eat better than I do," Judy Snyder added.

The couple plans to continue teaching children how to mush and hopes that they will someday be able to run a mushing camp throughout the winter.

Meeting with moose leaves nasty scar

ST. MARIES (AP) — Idaho's high snowpack is bringing the moose out of the woods, including an angry one which left a crescent-shaped scar on Jim Kirkland's face.

Kirkland has eight stitches on the inside, and 18 on the outside of his face, starting above his ear and stretching down his jaw line.

A cow moose and her 2-year-old yearling calf had been in Jim and Penny Kirkland's yard for several weeks. A wave of the arm or shout would send them trotting into a wooded area.

On Thursday two weeks ago, however, the cow took exception and charged him.

"Her hair was standing on end, like a mad dog, only from her ears clear to her tail," he said.

Jim was caught in the driveway, stuck between two high snowbanks left over from the more than 100 inches Santa Creek has received.

He was down and could see the cow coming for another go at him. He tried to crawl up the steep bank, but slid down into about 6 inches of new snow. He yelled at her, and the moose missed on the second attempt, then left.

Fish and Game tranquilized the cow and moved her out of the area. She was estimated to weigh 750 pounds, and the calf about 400 pounds. The calf, determined by Fish and Game to be about 2 years old, was left behind to fend for itself.

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“ I don't know if there's a worse place in sports than fourth place in the Olympics. It's going to sting for a long time. ”

—U.S. biathlete Todd Hays after finishing .03 seconds away from a bronze medal Sunday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
NW Christian School
Tournament, at Pasco, Wash.
TECA vs. TEA
3A District Four Tournament at CSI
Kimberly vs. Gooding, 7 p.m.
Declo vs. Filer, 8:30 p.m.
2A District Four Tournament
Valley at Glens Ferry, loser-out, 7 p.m.
Northside Tournament at Shoehone HS
Shoehone vs. Dietrich, 7 p.m.
Magic Valley Conference
Tournament, at Murtaugh HS
Murtaugh vs. Oakley, loser-out, 6 p.m.
Castelford vs. Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

North Idaho College drops Eagles

BOISE — The time away from the baseball field finally caught up to the College of Southern Idaho baseball team.
The Golden Eagles gave up six runs in the top of the first inning and couldn't recover, falling 13-7 in the final game of the McDonald's Slugout Tournament against North Idaho College Sunday.
“It was ugly from the beginning,” CSI assistant coach Boomer Walker said. “We gave up those six runs in the first inning and that's hard to make up.”

The Eagles (4-3) struggled on the mound and with the bat. The lone highlight for the Eagles was a bases loaded double by sophomore Christian Colon to drive in three runs in the sixth inning. Kris Welker also added an RBI single.

Freshman pitcher Ryan Davis picked up the loss with just three innings of work.
“Ryan just didn't have it today,” Walker said. “But it wasn't just him, the guys couldn't pick him up and we didn't hit very well.”

The tournament was moved to Rodeo Park in Nampa because of the inclement weather.

Track rules clinic is today at TFHS

TWIN FALLS — A track and field rules clinic for all District Four area high school coaches and officials will be held on today 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 today

RUFERT — The Minico Spartan baseball team is holding a meeting at 8 p.m. today in the high school auditorium for all students — and their parents — interested in going out for the team.
Parent support should be turned in at this time. A short American Legion meeting will follow at 8:30 p.m.

Compiled from staff reports

Skaters finally get golden moment

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — As the strains of the Canadian anthem filled the arena, tears glistened in Jamie Sale's eyes, but her smile never wavered.
It took a week, but she and pairs figure skating partner David Pelletier finally had their moment — and their gold medals.
Standing on the podium next to co-champions Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia, the Canadians accepted the gold that was awarded Friday in an extraordinary move by the International Olympic Committee.

As Sale and Pelletier accepted their medals from International

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Skating Union president Ottavio Cinquanta, the standing crowd roared. But the magnitude of the moment didn't seem to sink in for either skater until “O Canada” played after the Russian anthem.
“This was better than I expected,” Pelletier said. “The four of us were part of history. It was a tough few days, but now we're happy to put some closure to it

and we can go on and be happy with our gold medal, everybody.”

As the Canadian flag rose beside the Russian flag, tears of joy filled Sale's eyes and Pelletier began blinking rapidly, as if to keep from crying.

When a camera closed in on Sale, her grin spread a little wider and she winked.

When the anthem finished, the couples turned to the cheering crowd, waving their yellow roses in acknowledgment. Pelletier and Sikharulidze hugged, and Berezhnaya and Sale did, too.

Then Pelletier put his arms around Berezhnaya as if they were best of friends.



Jamie Sale and David Pelletier of Canada and Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia wave to the crowd after Sale and Pelletier received their joint gold medals in a special awards ceremony for the figure skating pairs competition Sunday.

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Daytona goes to last car running

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Sterling Marlin should have stayed in the car and left the repairs to his crew.
The two-time Daytona 500 winner blew a chance Sunday to make it three, handing Ward Burton the biggest victory of his life.

Following a late red flag, Burton won a three-lap dash to the finish line for his fourth career win in 251 starts.
“A lot of what happens here is atmosphere and luck,” a jubilant Burton said. “We had some luck today.”

Marlin, who received hate mail and death threats from people who blamed him for the crash that killed Dale Earnhardt at last year's Daytona 500, appeared to have the win wrapped up.
With six laps to go, Marlin had spun out leader Jeff Gordon as a pack of cars crashed behind them, then beat Burton back to the yellow flag by less than half a car-length, to grab the top spot.

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Ward wins wild one



Kenny Wallace's No. 1 car breaks out in flames during a 17-car crash on Turn 2 during the 2002 Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Sunday. Also involved in the crash are Bobby Hamilton (55), Ken Schrader (36), Kevin Harvick (29), John Andretti (43), Jimmie Johnson (48), and Jeremy Mayfield (19). Upper left, Ward Burton holds up the Daytona 500 trophy after winning the race.

Accidents eliminate half the contestants

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — New rules, same big wreck.

A new aerodynamic package designed to eliminate multicar crashes in restrictor plate races failed miserably Sunday when 18 cars were knocked out of the season-opening Daytona 500 following a fiery accident that eliminated half the field.

“I didn't really see much difference in these rules from the last set of rules — everybody was right there in a big pile,” Ricky Rudd said after the accident.
“The cars are going so slow, I mean, it feels like you're running about 60 miles an hour out there,

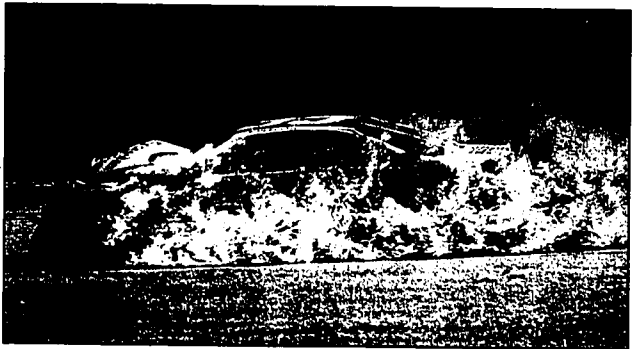
so everybody feels like a hero and takes a lot of chances.”

So many that contender after contender wrecked or was spun out, and Ward Burton wound up winning the race, giving Dodge its first victory since 1974 in NASCAR's premier event.

The big wreck happened on lap 149 when Kevin Harvick tried to block Jeff Gordon's attempt to pass him. Harvick went high coming out of the trioval as he attempted to keep Gordon behind him.

Gordon slid down to try to pass him low, Harvick countered, and the two Chevrolet's collided with

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Bobby Hamilton's No. 55 car is engulfed in flames as he passes Turn 2 on the 149th lap after a 17-car crash during the 2002 Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Sunday. He wasn't injured.

Maryland topples Blue Devils

The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland finally beat Duke at home as Cole Field House claimed one more No. 1 victim.

The third-ranked Terrapins, who had lost four years in a row on their own floor to the Blue Devils, beat them 87-73 Sunday, the seventh time a top-ranked team lost in the building that is closing after this season.

Cole and Notre Dame's Joyce Athletic Center had been tied with No. 1 losses, but the Terrapins made sure there was no heartache like last season with the convincing win.

Chris Wilcox had a career-high 23 points for Maryland (21-3, 11-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), which lost to Duke (23-2, 11-2) three out of four times last season.

College basketball

Last year, the Terrapins lost 98-96 to Duke at home in overtime when they failed to hold a 10-point lead with a minute left in regulation. The Blue Devils also beat Maryland in the NCAA semifinals.

Maryland made it almost impossible to blow a lead this time, going up by 25 points three times, the last at 68-43 with 5:53 to play, on the way to going 12-0 at home this season.

Duke did get within 11 twice, the last time at 81-70 with 2:09 left.

But Juan Dixon hit a short jumper with 1:47 left and Lonny Baxter added two free throws 14 seconds later to make it 85-70 and

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Suns oust coach Skiles

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Scott Skiles stepped down as coach of the disappointing Phoenix Suns on Sunday and was replaced by assistant Frank Johnson.

The Suns, who have made the playoffs every year since the 1987-88 season, currently are out of postseason contention with a 25-26 record. They fell under the .500 mark by losing their past two games.

The 43-year-old Johnson, the first black head coach in franchise history, plans no immediate lineup changes. He said he believes the Suns need fine-tuning to turn around their season of underachievement.

“We have a base, a foundation, that Scott has laid down and we like it,” Johnson said. “It's very



Scott Skiles

difficult to come in and make wholesale changes, and I don't think that is necessary as well.
“We've got to instill confidence; we've got to make this team feel good about themselves.”
Johnson joined the Suns on Nov. 5, 1992, when he signed as a reserve guard on a team that featured Charles Barkley inside and Dan Majerle and Kevin Johnson in the backcourt.
He played two seasons, then became an assistant coach on Feb. 20, 1997. He was Skiles' top assistant the last two seasons.

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SPORTS

Jazz wrestle win away from Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) - Karl Malone had 27 points and 16 rebounds, rookie Jarrod Collins scored 19 and Utah closed the game with a 16-5 run to defeat the struggling New York Knicks 92-89 Sunday night.

The Jazz played the sixth in a string of nine consecutive road games and won for the fourth straight time.

NBA

Allan Houston scored 29 for the Knicks, who lost for the sixth time in eight games and remained in last place in the Atlantic Division.

The Knicks held 10-point leads in both the first and second quarters, but the Jazz never let them pull too far ahead and stayed within striking distance through the third quarter.

Bucks 91, Raptors 86

TORONTO - Sam Cassell and Ray Allen each had 20 points as the Milwaukee Bucks ended a three-game losing streak Sunday with a 91-86 victory over the injury-plagued Toronto Raptors.

Cassell, who missed the previous two games with a sprained left big toe, scored eight points in the fourth quarter.

Michael Redd had 16 points, and Tim Thomas had 15 for the Bucks, who had lost eight of their previous 10.

A big breakthrough for Len Mattiace at Nisson Open tourney

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The par put was no more than a foot, still long enough that Len Mattiace gave it his undivided attention.

He had never won in 219 previous tries and seven full years on the PGA Tour. There were times he wondered if he would ever get it done.

"Sometimes it feels like it's a long way away," Mattiace said. "Other times, you feel like you can smell it, touch it."

Playing with the poise of a winner, Mattiace grabbed it with both hands - along with the \$666,000 first-place prize - Sunday at Riviera Country Club. He tapped in the par putt to win the Nisson Open, taking advantage of a late collapse by UCLA-Bruin and crowd favorite Scott McCarron.

"It's a better feeling that I thought it would be," Mattiace said.

McCarron elected to putt out of the shaggy kikuyu grass behind the 18th green and left it 6 feet short. He missed the par putt, his third straight miss from that distance coming in.

Still, the Nisson Open was no gift. Mattiace did his part by closing with a 3-under 68 to finish at 269, making only one mistake on the back nine.

"I didn't force anything,"

Nets 98, Nuggets 77

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - A score-armed Kenyon Martin had three big dunks in a game-deciding third quarter that led New Jersey to a victory over Denver.

Keith Van Horn added 17 points and 12 rebounds in 26 minutes and Jason Kidd had 11 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds.

Grizzlies 92, Hornets 78

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Shane Battier and Jason Williams each scored 17 points apiece as Memphis snapped an eight-game road losing streak with a victory over Charlotte.

After blowing an 18-point lead in the second quarter and trailing by five after three, Battier and Williams combined for 12 points in a 2-7 run to start the fourth quarter to give the Grizzlies the lead for good.

The loss snapped a three-game losing streak for Memphis, which won for only the third time in 16 games.

Pacers 86, 76ers 76

INDIANAPOLIS - Jalen Rose scored 12 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter, and Jermaine O'Neal added 15 to lead Indiana without an injured Allen Iverson.

Jonathan Bender scored 13 points, and Jeff Foster scored 13

points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers, who stopped a four-game losing streak.

Dikembe Mutombo and Eric Snow led Philadelphia with 13 points each.

Timberwolves 93, Heat 80

MINNEAPOLIS - Chauncey Billups scored 23 points and had eight assists, and Wally Szczerbiak had 22 points as Minnesota beat Miami.

Billups, in his third start since the team learned it would be without Terrell Brandon for the rest of the season, bounced back from a 3-for-12 performance in a loss to Denver on Friday and went 10-for-17.

Blazers 111, Lakers 105

PORTLAND, Ore. - Bonzi Wells scored 17 points and had 10 rebounds, and Rashad Wallace added 25 points as Portland beat Los Angeles.

The Lakers, playing without injured center Shaquille O'Neal, had their five-game road winning streak stopped. Kobe Bryant led Los Angeles with 28 points.

Mavericks 105, Suns 92

PHOENIX - Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki sparked a 21-0 run in the first half as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Phoenix Suns 105-92 Sunday night, spoiling Frank Johnson's coaching debut.

Nowitzki finished with 20 points. Michael Finley scored 19, Nash had 18 and reserve Johnny Newman 17.

Shawn Marion led the Suns with 27 points and Tony Delk had 26.

Hawks 100, Warriors 94

OKLAHOMA, Calif. - Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 26 points as Atlanta survived a late run.

Gilbert Arenas sank three free throws as Golden State closed to 96-91, but the Hawks made their free throws in the closing seconds to win their third straight.

Nazr Mohammed recorded his 15th double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds as the Hawks won their fifth in six games following a season-long six-game losing streak. Jason Terry added 18 points.

Sonics 126, Kings 116

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Gary Payton had 31 points and 13 assists and Rashard Lewis added 26 points Sunday night as Seattle snapped Sacramento's 20-game home winning streak.

Webber scored a season-high 39 points and had 11 rebounds for the Kings, who have the league's best overall record at 39-13. Deja Stojakovic had 20 points, Doug Christie had 19, Vlade Divac 11 and Mike Bibby added 10 points and 10 assists.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ted Williams makes public appearance

CITRUS HILLS, Fla. - A frail Ted Williams made a brief and emotional surprise visit Sunday at a ceremony honoring Cal Ripken Jr., Don Mattingly and Jason Giambi at the Ted Williams Museum and Hitters Hall of Fame.

The crowd of more than 2,000 buzzed when onlookers spotted a van pull up to the ceremony tent. Williams was lowered to the ground in his wheelchair and rolled to the podium, where he was greeted by a thunderous ovation.

"There is, ladies and gentlemen," said former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda, the master of ceremonies. "The greatest hitter that God ever put on earth, Ted Williams."

His son, John Henry Williams, spoke for the 83-year-old Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer. The younger Williams told the audience how he, his sister Claudia and their famous father have persevered through the debilitating ailments the elder Williams has battled in recent years, including strokes, congestive heart failure and kidney failure.

Williams missed last year's eighth annual induction ceremony, the first and only time he has been absent from the event that bears his name.

Sunday's ninth annual induction ceremony saw five players admitted to the Hitters Hall of Fame: former Boston Red Sox outfielder Dwight Evans; the late New York Yankees home run great Roger Maris, who was represented by his family; St. Louis Cardinals' 10-time All-Star Eric Slaughter; Ripken, the recently retired Orioles star who played in a record 2,632 consecutive games; and Mattie Lee, the former Yankees first baseman.

"There's nothing else that makes you feel any prouder than that Ted Williams thinks you can hit," Mattingly said.

Feanovna wins pole vault at Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, England - Pole vaulter Svetlana Feanovna made three attempts at breaking her world record at the Birmingham Indoor meet Sunday, but failed to clear 15 feet, 6.5 inches.

The 21-year-old Russian, who has broken the world indoor mark three times in the last two weeks, set the record of 15-6.25 in Ghent, Belgium, last Sunday. She knocked over the bar over in all her attempts.

Feanovna instead won the competition with a height of 15-2.75 inches. The Netherlands' Monique de Wit was second, jumping a national record of 14-6.75.

The biggest surprise was the poor performance of Olympic gold medalist and outdoor world record holder Stacy Dragila. The 30-year-old American missed her first two attempts at 13-3 and failed in her first attempts at heights of 14-2.75 and 14-6.75.

Dragila finished fifth with 14-2.75 after failing three attempts at 14-6.75. She struggled with the timing of her run-ups and seemed nervous with her vaulting.

Dragila was beaten by Feanovna in Stockholm on Feb. 6, and pulled out of the Ghent meet with illness.

Hunsaker still sore about Rockies' moves

TUCSON, Ariz. - Nothing upsets Mike Hunsaker more than the way he pitched over the second half of last season - unless it's the way that Colorado Rockies' management dismantled the team around him.

Hunsaker, who signed an eight-year, \$121 million contract with the Rockies a year ago that was the most lucrative ever given a pitcher, paid only marginal dividends in 2001.

He started 9-2 with a 2.98 ERA to become the first pitcher in franchise history to be selected to the All-Star game. In his final 19 starts, however, he went 1-11 with a 7.37 ERA and wasn't able to stop the Rockies' midseason slide that saw them go 10-35 and fall far from contention.

The Rockies' problems began at about the same time they traded away veteran catcher Brent Mayne on June 24. Popular shortstop Neftali Feliz and workhorse right-hander Pedro Astacio were dealt a month later.

In the offseason, the Rockies unloaded third baseman Jeff Cirillo as part of a salary-reduction move, and they shipped left reliever Mike Myers to Arizona for prospects.

"We just got traded away so many damn good players," Hunsaker said. "Shoot, the whole year we were throwing people in and out. It was tough to watch. It was brutal. There were a lot of good players that came in and out of this clubhouse last year."

Utah coach skips practice Sunday to rest

SALT LAKE CITY - Utah coach Rick Majerus skipped practice Sunday to rest, one day after missing a victory over Air Force because of a bronchial infection and fever.

Coach is feeling better today, but he's just not ready to go through a two-hour practice," athletic department spokesman Mike Lageschulte said.

It wasn't known if Majerus would rejoin the Utes for tonight's Mountain West game against New Mexico. Assistant Dick Hunsaker is ready to step in as he did in Saturday's 59-51 victory over Air Force.

Hunsaker, who coached at Ball State from 1989-93, spent most of last season as Utah's acting coach after Majerus left the team to attend to health problems and his mother's cancer.

One dead, 12 injured at soccer match

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina - Pre-game violence by rival fans at a soccer match left one man dead Sunday - and 12 others injured, including six police officers.

Gustavo Rivero, 22, was shot in the chest and killed outside the stadium. At least one other man was shot in the back and was in a serious condition.

Rivero was a fan of Buenos Aires club Independiente, which was playing rival Racing Club in Argentina's Clausura league. Independiente won the match 2-1.

Rivero was shot after a fight broke out between roughly 400 fans in front of Independiente's stadium, located just 200 yards from Racing's stadium, according to Real Guzman, spokesman for the Lomas de Zamora Police Department.

Compiled from wire reports



Len Mattiace watches his drive on the second hole in the final round of the Nisson Open on Sunday. Mattiace earned his first PGA Tour win.

Towell wins Verizon Classic by one shot

LUTZ, Fla. - Doug Towell saved par with an 18-foot putt from the fringe, finishing one-shot over the water on the par-5 12th and then held off Hale Irwin and Bruce Fleisher to win the Senior PGA Tour Verizon Classic by one shot Sunday.

Irwin had four birdies on Nos. 10-14, but dozed with four consecutive pars to finish at 9-under 204, one shot behind Towell.

Fleisher, trailing by one shot after Towell bogeyed the par-4 No. 18, hit his second shot into the water on 18 and made double-bogey 6. His 4-over 75 tied Dave Stockton at 206.

Towell, who shot 2 under 69, won \$225,000 for his fifth victory on the senior tour, one more than he had in nearly 25 years on the PGA Tour. He was the only player in the field to shoot three rounds in the 60s on the 6,783-yard course at the Tournament Players Club of Tampa Bay.

"It feels good," said Towell, who started the round three shots behind Fleisher. "I've been on myself pretty hard after the first three events because I thought I'd played pretty well, but just haven't putted very well."

"But after making that 50-footer (for birdie) on the first hole, I started thinking this just might be my day."

before traveling to Michigan State and Illinois in a three-day span.

Chris Young led the Wolverines (10-14, 5-8) with 18 points. Bernard Robinson scored 11 and Leon Jones added 10. LaVell Blanchard scored eight on 3-of-13 shooting for Michigan, which has lost three straight.

Indiana's Jared Jeffries, the Big Ten's leading scorer, returned to the lineup after a sprained right ankle kept him out of Wednesday's loss to Wisconsin. Jeffries, who scored four points was able to ease back into action because of the offense produced by Odie, Newton and Hornsby.

70 victory over No. 15 Virginia. The Demon Deacons (18-8, 8-4) remained in third place in the Atlantic Coast Conference, snapping a four-game skid against ranked teams.

Wake Forest had given up consecutive 100-point games for the first time since 1982-83, but held Virginia to 34 percent shooting while hitting 59 percent.

Songaila sank his first 10 shots and finished 11-for-13 from the field, 8-for-8 from the foul line with 11 rebounds. His previous high point total was 29 against Rice in January this season.

The Cavaliers (16-7, 6-6), picked in the preseason to finish

third in the ACC, led to 500 in the league and remained in fifth place with games left against Duke and Maryland - the top two teams.

No. 22 Indiana 75, Michigan 55

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Jarrad Odie, Jeff Newton and Kyle Hornsby scored 17 points each as No. 22 Indiana beat Michigan to pull into a first-place tie in the Big Ten with Ohio State.

The Hoosiers (17-8, 9-3) are seeking their first Big Ten title since 1993. Indiana plays host to the Buckeyes on Wednesday,

brawl, with lots of side-by-side action and two big crashes, one of them involving 18 cars and the other a six-car accident.

"I took a pretty hard hit right in the door and all the new safety stuff did its job," said Ricky Rudd, who was in the middle of the first crash.

Several drivers blamed the crashing and the banging on new aerodynamic rules, intended to slow the cars down and make it harder to pass. They said they were forced to crash continuously or lose positions in bunches.

Marlin was smiling despite the unhappy ending. "It's the Daytona 500. You've got to do everything you can to win," he said.

Crash

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Gordon hitting the rear of Harvick and spinning him up the track in Turn 1.

Harvick hit the wall hard, then shingotted back across the track as oncoming cars continued to collide with him and send him bouncing around the track like a pinball. Cars continued to pile up behind him as Kenny Wallace's exploded in flames - with 18 cars collecting damage.

"I tried to hold my ground, but I guess Gordon wanted the same spot I did," Harvick said. "I thought there was enough room, but I must have come down and caught the nose of Gordon's car. Then all hell broke loose."

When it was over, 10 drivers went to the infield care center and only 17 cars remained on the lead lap in contention for

the win. It wasn't the only multicausal accident, either. Six cars wrecked on a single-file restart with six laps to go, which caused NASCAR to stop the race, setting up a shootout to the finish.

But the big wrecks aren't supposed to happen under the new rules, introduced late last fall after accidents at Daytona and Talladega. The first wreck came in last year's Daytona 500 when 19 cars collected, the second one was a 16-car accident on the final lap of the October race in Talladega.

"I don't know that this is any safer because the speeds are slower," said Bobby Hamilton, one of the drivers involved in the big wreck. "There's a lot of gas out there who cannot afford to let off the gas because they would lose the draft. We didn't have to do that last year."

Hoops

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or defeated Georgetown, Connecticut and Syracuse when they were in the AP poll.

Miami (21-5, 9-5) trailed 61-52 with 54.5 seconds left before cutting it to 64-61 on Rice's basket with 9.6 seconds left.

No. 19 Wake Forest 92, No. 15 Virginia 70

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Darius Songaila scored a career-high 30 points on near-perfect shooting, and Craig Dawson added 17 as No. 19 Wake Forest found its defense Sunday in a 92-

Daytona

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NASCAR stopped the bizarre, crash-marred event to give the remaining leaders a chance to race for the win. With the cars halted on the backstretch, Marlin unbuckled his seat belt and climbed out of the silver No. 40 Dodge to check out the damage to his right front fender.

He started to pull the bent sheet metal away from the bent but an official warned him to get back in his car. That little attempt to fix the damage was enough for NASCAR to penalize him for what No. 43 Wake Forest pit stop, sending his car to the rear of the lead pack after the restart.

"I tried to get it pulled off, but NASCAR didn't like it, and they

sent me to the rear," said Marlin, who wound up eighth.

Burton called the last three laps "nervy-racking." "I didn't even look at the flag," he said. "I wasn't going to stop. When the other guys backed off, I backed off."

As Marlin drove slowly into the pits while the new leader took the green flag on lap 196 of 200, all the contenders behind Burton began to race two-by-two and even three-wide, letting the leader pull away. He crossed the finish line 0.193 seconds - about three car lengths - ahead of Elliott Sadler's Ford.

"You got to be there at the end," Burton said, his voice shaking with emotion. "We were trying to be real careful. I didn't

know if we were going to win it, but I knew we were going to have a hell of a chance at it. We're ready to rock all year."

Former Daytona winner Geoff Bodine, making a comeback at 57, was a surprising third, followed by Kurt Busch, 2006 race winner Michael Waltrip, Mark Martin and rookie Ryan Newman.

The 44th Daytona 500 began with some question marks, with NASCAR giving both Ford and Dodge a quarter-inch reduction of their rear spoilers on Friday with little practice time to see how they would work in the draft.

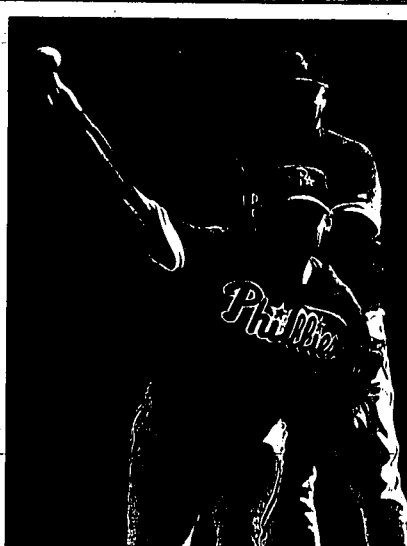
Chevrolet and Pontiac were considered the big favorites, but the race turned into a 200-lap

SPORTS

Houston Texans look at linemen for draft

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Texans are expected to target Jacksonville's first college draft pick ever as their top pick in today's expansion draft.

Ryan Young of the New York Jets, who counts only \$563,000 against the salary cap.



A former Philadelphia Phillies pitching coach Vern Riffe watches Brandon Duckworth, a former College of Southern Idaho athlete, throw Sunday at Carpenter Complex in Clearwater, Fla., where the Phillies are working out after spring training.

Montreal, Florida put offseason behind them

The ownership shuffle is barely over. The coaches were hired moments before the players arrived. None of it matters now: The Florida Marlins and Montreal Expos are playing ball.

Spring Training

familiar with many of the players. "This is no big deal with the players down here because this is the first day of spring training and they are here to get ready for the season."

BASEBALL

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SALT LAKE 2002 OLYMPICS

It doesn't happen every day

SALT LAKE CITY - Plenty people go through life with wrong-headed notions. The difference between Steven Bradbury and the rest of us is that he has a gold medal to show for his.

So much for the Olympic motto of "softer, higher, stronger." Because Bradbury's is "hang around and wait for a crash."

And after the way the 28-year-old Australian won the most improbable of golds in the 1,000-meter short track speed-skating final, who's going to say which is better?



JIM LITKE

Midway through the last lap of Saturday night's race, the only guy trailing Bradbury with 50 meters to go was the Zamboni driver.

That was by design. He had made it through the quarterfinals because the two skaters ahead of him crashed. By the time he started the semifinals, his legs were shot. This time, Bradbury was praying for a crash. He got through instead because the skater ahead of him was disqualified.

Rather than wrack his brain devising a new strategy the night before the final, Bradbury decided to make productive use of his time.

He was so sure that Apolo Anton Ohno would win, that he dashed off an e-mail to the American skater boy asking him to plug the speed-skating boots he was wearing on the medals stand. That's because Bradbury had manufactured them. Then he put his head on a pillow and said one final prayer.

"It was just hoping," Bradbury recalled Sunday, "for another accident or a collision."

For most of the race, he looked exactly like what he was - a slacker. Up ahead, leading a pack of four skaters into the final corner was Ohno, about to deliver the first of an expected four golds. Just outside of Ohno was China's Li Jianjun. On their heels were Korean Ahn Hyun-soo and Canadian Mathieu Turcotte.

One moment, all Bradbury could see were flashing blades, jostling skaters and elbows flying at acute angles. In the next moment, miraculously the thicket of bodies parted like the Red Sea.

Some athletes' struggles are worth celebrating as much as their victories. Bradbury's story is one of those an overnight sensation that was a dozen years in the making.

Along the way, he was impaled on a skate blade in one race - a wound that required 111 stitches to close - and broke his neck in another. And yet, somehow, he always found a way to hang around.

He went back home to Brisbane and started making the speedskating boots in the garage of his parents' home. He used what little money he generated to supplement the silverware received from the Australian Olympic Committee - about \$10,000 annually in U.S. dollars - and moved into their basement to save money.

He thinned at the ice rink they worked at and came here with modest ambitions. John and Rhonda Bradbury came along for once, too. The Bradburys might be Australia's first family of short track speedskating, but in a country with one winter resort to speak of that doesn't translate into much.

John was the national champion almost 40 years ago, and his younger son, Warren, was on the Aussie team from 1998-97. But the family still had to scrimp and save for 18 months to make the trip.

"Whatever happens," Rhonda said, "at least this time I'm going to be here to see it." She almost didn't. The only tickets the Bradburys could afford stuck them in the next-to-last row of seats in the arena.

Fate jumps up and plants a golden kiss on your cheek only once in a lifetime - if you're lucky. Bradbury's Olympic moment was the best of these games precisely because it came when no one had a right to expect it.

"Sometimes it's a very cruel sport. Sometimes" he said, "it's a sport you smile a lot about."

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Pride still matters for U.S. hockey team

Latest round with Russia brings back old magic

By Nicholas J. Cotsonika
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah - The game was over. The flags were waving. The fans were chanting. Underneath the stands, on his way to the dressing room, Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios thumped the USA crest on his chest.

Pride. Heart. A little magic. These were the themes Saturday night, and these are the things the Americans hope will carry them to a medal in men's hockey at the Salt Lake Olympics.

Sergei Fedorov gave Russia a one-goal lead 2:06 into the third period. But with 4:30 left, Wings teammate Brett Hull responded for the United States, and the E Centers erupted. The final score was 2-2, but to the Americans, this wasn't a tie. This was a victory, setting them up to make the semifinals.

They play Belarus today in their last game of the final round. Win, and they can expect to face another relatively weak opponent, Germany, in the quarterfinals Wednesday. They beat Finland, 6-0, on Friday night. So even if the Russians beat the Finns today and also finish the final round 2-0-1, the Americans probably would win the group. The first tiebreaker is head-to-head. The second is goal differential - the U.S. is plus-6, Russia plus-1.

"Right now," Chelios said, "everything's going good for us."

Four years ago at Nagano, the Americans weren't on task, didn't play a strong system, went 1-3 and finished sixth. They made a lot of mistakes. Herb Brooks, who coached the 1980 team to a miracle gold medal at Lake Placid, was brought in to make sure they learned from them.

Brooks dealt with amateurs 22 years ago. He's dealing with professionals now. But he's dealing

with them as if they were amateurs, trying to, in his words, "bring out the little boy" in them. In the dressing room at one point, he asked them how many games they played in the NHL. Eighty-two, they said. He asked John LeClair.

"I don't know if I'm going to answer this," LeClair said, "because I think you're going someplace different with it."

"Where do you think I'm going with it, John?" Brooks asked.

"I'm not sure," LeClair said, "but I'm not answering."

Brooks told them they didn't play 82 games; they played one game 82 times. Cliche? Coachspeak? Sure. But it drove home the point that they had to concentrate better than they had at Nagano, work harder than they had at Nagano, take the final round games more seriously than they had at Nagano. So they couldn't be eliminated yet. So what? They couldn't think that way.

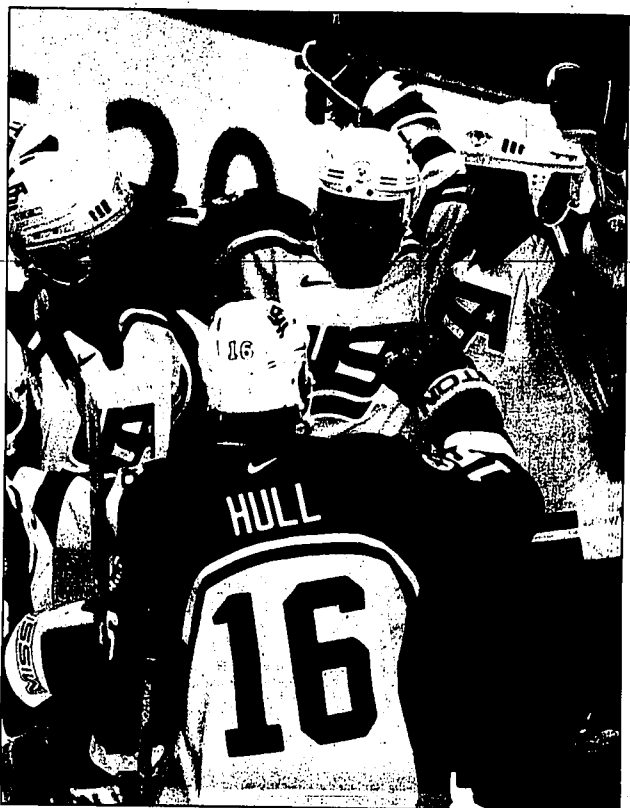
"It's do or die now," Chelios said. "Every shift's so big. Every goal's so big."

The Americans came out to a crowd that was so crazy, Salt Lake looked a little like Lake Placid. Defenseman Brian Leetch said it gave him chills. They worked. And they worked. Forwards backchecking hard. Defensemen working in the corners hard. Everything hard.

In the last 10 minutes of the third, desperate to tie, the Americans chipped in the puck and buzzed the net. After several scrambles, defenseman Phil Housley pinched deep in the zone on the right wing. He sent a pass across for Hull. With defenseman Sergei Gonchar in front of him at the left hash mark, Hull fanned on his first shot. But the puck sat there.

Second shot. Score, "U.S.-1!"

"I think," Hull said, "it's a little Herbie Brooks magic."



Keith Tkachuk, right, is congratulated by teammates after a second period goal against Russia Saturday in Kearns, Utah. The U.S. team scored a late goal in the third period to tie Russia and take a step closer to a gold medal.

For Australia's Bradbury, golden luck wasn't new

By Phil Sheridan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SALT LAKE CITY - If gold medals are going to fall from the sky, it only seems right that they should find the likes of Steven Bradbury.

The good-natured Australian will go down as perhaps the luckiest man in Olympic history. He was so far behind the pack in the 1,000-meter short track race on Saturday night that, when the rest of the field was knocked out in a series of collisions, he was the only man on his skates.

Bradbury coasted across the finish line.

"I had a hell of a lot of luck tonight," Bradbury said.

Unlikely a winner was Bradbury? He would be going too far to say he wasn't fit to shine American favorite Apolo Anton Ohno's boots. But that's only because Bradbury MAKES Ohno's boots, Bradbury and a friend run the Revolutionary Boot Company and makes the shoe part of ice skates.

Friday night, Bradbury sent Ohno an e-mail. It didn't wish him American good luck or warn him that Bradbury was ready to challenge him. No, it asked Ohno for a favor.

"He wrote, 'If you win a medal, please give a shout out to RBC,'" Ohno said.

Ohno did win the silver medal, recovering from the crash to hurl himself across the finish line just after Bradbury's improbable victory.

"But I'm sitting here with the gold medal," Bradbury said after plugging in RBC himself. "Unbelievable."

Bradbury was only in the final because of a similar collision that allowed him to win his semifinal

Ohno skips practice to rest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno, who received six stitches to close a gash in his left thigh after a last-lap crash in the 1,000 meters, skipped practice on Sunday but is expected to compete in his remaining three Olympic events.

Ohno, who managed to stagger across the finish line to win the silver medal on Saturday night, is scheduled to practice today.

"The wound is healing and there is only a moderate amount of pain," a USOC team doctor Dan Carr said.

"The muscle tissue was bruised, not torn."

The 19-year-old Ohno is still given a shot at winning medals in his three other events.

"At this point, it looks like all systems are go," U.S. short-track team leader Jack Mortell said. "He is in great spirits and is looking forward to racing Wednesday."

Going into the event, Bradbury had no expectations of a medal.

"I was not the strongest skater out there," he said.

But if Bradbury is to be remembered as lucky, it's only fair to note that there are two kinds of luck. And Bradbury, with his ready smile and his spiky bleached hair, has had more than his share of the other kind.

He started skating as a kid growing up in a suburb of Sydney. His father had been a speed skater, and he strapped 3-year-old Steven into a pair of skates and got him started in the sport.

"My mum has a picture of me crying the first time I was on the ice," Bradbury said. "I guess I liked it better the second time, so I was fine."

He grew to be one of the top skaters in a country without a rich tradition in winter sports. Before Saturday, Australia had never won a gold medal in the Winter Olympics.

Italian takes women's Super G

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Italian skier Daniela Ceccarelli offered no explanation for her improbable gold medal run in the Super G.

"I don't know," the Italian skier replied when asked about her success - an Olympic victory despite a career that does not include a single World Cup win.

Ceccarelli, 26, a military police officer, seemed stunned when she looked up at the board to see her winning time. Her competition appeared just as stunned.

Janica Kostelic of Croatia, gold medalist in the combined, took the silver, while Italy's Karen Putzer won the bronze.

The U.S. team of Todd Hays and brakeman Garrett Hines was fifth heading into Sunday's two runs. They managed to move up one spot, but not enough to grab the medal that has eluded the Americans across the last half-century.

The German team of Christopher Langen and Markus Zimmerman, west, won their country's first two-man gold in 18 years. The silver and the bronze went to the Swiss.

Cross Country skiing

Norway won its Salt Lake City-high eighth gold medal - and it did so without its triple-gold winner, Ole Einar Bjorndalen.

The team decided not to include Bjorndalen on its 40-kilometer cross-country squad because he had already raced

Gold

Hardly the picture of two couples who had been pitted against each other in a week of turmoil and bitterness, the Russian pair, Reine Le Gouapek and Marie-Claire, were pressured to put the Russians first, the ISU knew it had to do something extraordinary.

At the ISU's request, the IOC on Friday awarded a second gold medal to Sale and Pelletier, making them co-champions.



Italy's Daniela Ceccarelli makes a turn on her way to setting the fastest time during the Women's Super-G at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games in Snowbasin, Utah Sunday. She took the gold medal.

more than 46 miles in competition in these games.

"It was not an easy decision because we have so many good skiers," teammate Anders Auldand said.

The silver went to Italy, while Germany won the bronze. The United States took fifth, its best-ever showing in the event.

Men's hockey

Goalie Tommy Salo outdueled Dominik Hasek as Sweden beat the defending champion Czech Republic 2-1 for its second consecutive impressive victory.

Mats Sundin scored his third goal in two games and Kim Johnson had a power play goal

free skate last Monday. Skating has a long history of questionable decisions, but this one was bigger than any other.

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Curling

Three of the four semifinals are set in Olympic curling: Canada, Norway and Sweden. Canada improved to 7-1 with a 9-4 victory over Norway (6-2), while Sweden (6-2) beat Germany 5-4. The Americans (3-4) have a slim chance at the fourth and final spot.

"It is an exit out of a situation that isn't really an exit out of," Valentin Piseyev, chairman of the Russian Figure Skating Federation, said before the ceremony.

Sale and Pelletier originally were supposed to get their gold medals Thursday night - bumping up against the women's free skate. But not even the darlings of Salt Lake City could interfere with that.

SALT LAKE OLYMPICS 2002

Witty good as gold in speedskate

American bounces back from mononucleosis

KEARNS, Utah (AP) — American Chris Witty won a speedskating gold medal with a world record in the 1,000 meters Sunday, bouncing back from a case of mono she contracted just a month before the Olympics.

The United States claimed another medal when Jennifer Rodriguez earned the bronze. Witty's time of 1 minute, 13.83 seconds — smashed Sabine Voelker's record of 1:14.06, set in December at the Utah Olympic Oval.

"I don't know where that came from," Witty said. "Yesterday, I felt awful. Today, I didn't feel so good. I was a little tired."

Voelker took the silver, also breaking her former record in 1:13.96. Rodriguez finished in 1:14.24.

It was a remarkable accomplishment for Witty, who felt sluggish throughout the World Cup season. Last month, she finally learned the reason for her slow times when doctors diagnosed mononucleosis.

Despite having to cut back her pre-Salt Lake City training, Witty was at her best when it counted, earning her third Olympic medal.

She captured the only two U.S. speedskating medals at the Nagano Games four years ago.

"I really thought I'd be a long shot," Witty said. "I thought if I could come out with a bronze, I'd be so incredibly happy. The gold medal was something I didn't imagine."

The Americans have won six medals in six events at the Utah

Olympic Oval, more than any other nation. Voelker's silver was her second medal of the games and Germany's fifth.

Witty, who won silver in the 1,000 at Nagano, lopped more than a half-second off her previous best time on the world's fastest ice.

In all, four records have fallen at the Salt Lake City Games.

Witty skated flawlessly, holding her form together on the grueling final lap while many other skaters faded. When her time flashed on the scoreboard, she threw up her arms and broke out in a huge smile.

"I didn't feel a thing," Witty said. "It was an effortless race. It was one of those races where you don't really think of anything, just float."

The 26-year-old American skated a victory lap with a U.S. flag draped around her shoulders while the U2 song "It's a Beautiful Day" blared from the speakers.

"Go C.Witty in S.L. City," said a sign held up by one of her supporters.

Rodriguez, a former inline skater from Miami, appeared to have a slight wobble on her opening turn but came back to put up the third-best time.

"The influx of inliners is a major reason the American team has improved. It is on pace to break its previous mark of eight medals from the 1980 Lake Placid Games, the last Winter Olympics in the United States.



Chris Witty of the United States races during the Winter Olympics women's 1,000-meter speedskating competition at the Utah Olympic Oval in Salt Lake City, Sunday. Witty finished the race in 1:13.83, setting a new world record. American Jennifer Rodriguez took the bronze medal.

Medals Table

(44 medal events)				
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Germany	6	10	6	22
USA	3	0	13	16
Norway	3	2	2	7
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USA	0	0	2	2

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At the Games

2002 Winter Olympic Daily Schedule
Today's televised events

- On NBC
 - 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Men's hockey: U.S. vs. Belarus (live)
 - 1:30-4 p.m. Men's hockey: Russia vs. Finland
 - 6:45 p.m. K120 team ski jumping (taped); women's aerials freestyle skiing (taped)
 - 7:45-9:30 p.m. Ice dancing (taped)
- On CNBC
 - 3-7 p.m. Men's hockey: Canada vs. Czech Republic (live)
 - 7-9:25 p.m. Men's hockey: Sweden vs. Germany (live)
 - 9:25 p.m.-10 p.m. Women's curling: U.S. vs. Norway (live)

Today's schedule of events

- All Time MST Subject to change
- Biathlon
 - At Soldier Hollow Women's 4 x 7.5 km relay, 11:30 a.m.
 - Curling
 - At the Ice Sheet, Ogden, Utah
 - Man
 - Denmark vs. Canada, 2 p.m.
 - Germany vs. Switzerland, 2 p.m.
 - Britain vs. United States, 2 p.m.
 - Sweden vs. Norway, 2 p.m.
 - Women
 - Draw 11
 - Britain vs. Germany, 9 a.m.
 - Norway vs. United States, 9 a.m.
 - Switzerland vs. Canada, 9 a.m.
 - Draw 12
 - Sweden vs. Russia, 7 p.m.
 - Germany vs. Switzerland, 8 p.m.
 - Denmark vs. Japan, 7 p.m.
 - Figure Skating
 - At Salt Lake Ice Center
 - Dance, Free, 5:15 a.m.
 - Freestyle Skating
 - At Deer Valley Resort Women's Aerials, Final, noon
 - Ice Hockey
 - At The Peaks Ice Arena
 - Men's final round, Russia vs. Finland, 1:30 p.m.
 - Men's final round, Germany vs. Sweden, 7 p.m.
 - At E Center
 - Men's final round, Belarus vs. United States, 11 a.m.
 - Men's final round, Czech Republic vs. Canada, 4 p.m.
 - Ski Jumping
 - At Utah Olympic Park K120 Team final round; 8:30 a.m.
 - K120 Team final round; 10:35 a.m.

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Nordic disappointment

Finns take gold while Americans finish fourth

MIDWAY, Utah (AP) — The U.S. Nordic combined team had its first medal in eight, only to let it slip away. The shaken athletes took their fourth-place finish hard, leaving their coach to put it in perspective.

The Americans fell to 0-for-24 in Nordic combined events all-time, but tried to take solace in its fourth-place finish in Sunday's team competition — the closest they have ever come to a medal.

"There is no consolation," said Todd Lodwick, who started out quickly on the first leg but soon faded. "For the last four years, we've been trying to work up to

this one day, and it didn't happen. The clock is stopped. We can't do anything about it."

Coch Tom Steitz, who has marveled at the strides the team has taken since finishing 10th of 11 teams in Nagano, preferred to look on the bright side.

"Right now it's tough to look at as a positive," said coach Tom Steitz, "but when I look over (in 1992), the press conference was over before the team made it to the finish line."

Finland won its second straight Nordic combined gold medal of the Olympics by adding to the big lead it built during Saturday's ski jumping and then coasting to the



Sampo Lajunen

gold in the 20-kilometer cross-country relay at Soldier Hollow.

The Finns, who entered the games without a gold medal in the jumping/racing hybrid since 1948, finished the relay in 48 minutes, 42.2 seconds.

Germany used a late surge by Ronny Ackermann to catch Austrian Felix Gottwald for the silver medal, 7.5 seconds behind the Finns. Austria got the bronze, 11 seconds back.

The Americans finished fourth — 1 minute, 11.9 seconds behind the winners. They were a surprising third after the jumping at Olympic Park, sparking hopes of not only bettering the team-best seventh-place showing in 1994, but getting that elusive medal.

"We were looking for something with a silver or bronze color to it, so I'm a little disappointed," Demong said. "I feel like I left something out there."

Hopeful U.S. women not even close to a medal at Snowbasin

SNOWBASIN, Utah (AP) — Snowbasin was a shutout for U.S. women skiers. No Olympic medals, not even close.

A downhill downer, followed by a crummy combined and a hot-so-super giant slalom.

The worst came Sunday in the Super G, the event that was supposed to be the Americans' best. Their top finish was Kirsten Clark's 14th.

Caroline Lalive's confidence plummeted when she crashed barely 10 seconds into the race. It was the ninth consecutive time the 22-year-old skier had failed to finish a race in the Olympics or world championships.

Joanna Mendez was 16th, one place ahead of teammate Kathleen Monahan.

"A tough day. Absolutely," U.S. coach Marjan Cerignoj said.

The whole week was tough. The best the Americans could muster was a surprising sixth by 17-year-old Lindsey Kildow in the combined.

"We're disappointed about the placings, but we have to keep believing in our goals," Cerignoj said. "We can do better than this, that's for sure."

He said the women had a modest goal of two medals for the entire Olympics, but felt they could break through for at least one in the speed events at Snowbasin.

"We still have the giant slalom and slalom to go," he said. "But we thought we had a good shot here at Snowbasin. The not disappointed in the girls. I'm disappointed in the results. We did expect a little bit more."

The skiers were a bit more optimistic.

"We came here with a lot of expectations," Mendez said. "A lot of people still know what we're capable of doing. Unfortunately, it didn't happen. I still have faith in our abilities. I know we've been saying that for a long time, but I still don't see this as a failure."

No one was more miserable than Lalive, who crashed in the downhill, fell in the first slalom run in the combined, an event where she expected to contend for a medal. In the Super G, she barely got started before a nasty spill.

Clark may have been a bigger disappointment than Lalive. At 24, she is the best U.S. speed skier. She won a World Cup downhill last winter, yet she was 12th in Olympic downhill.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

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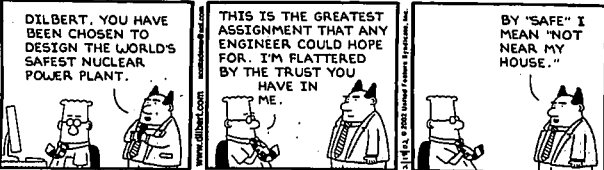
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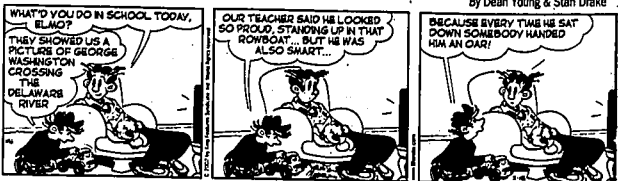
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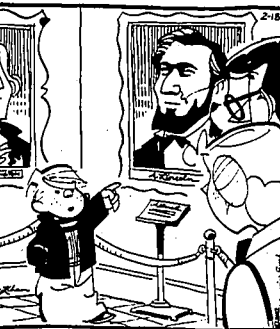
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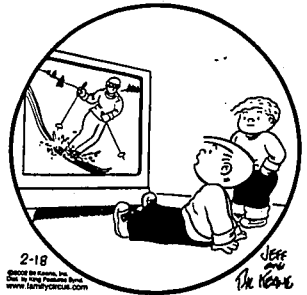
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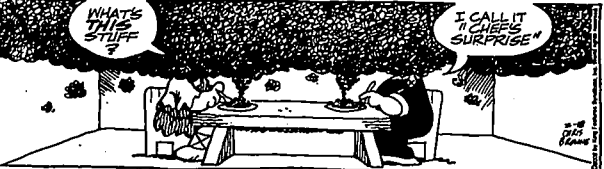
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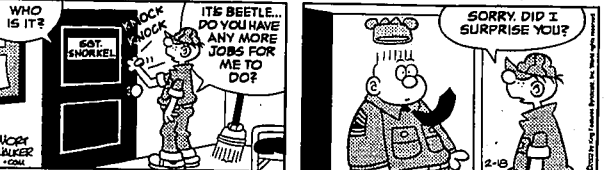
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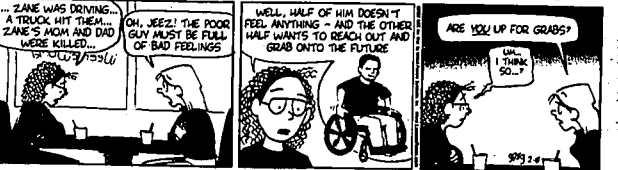
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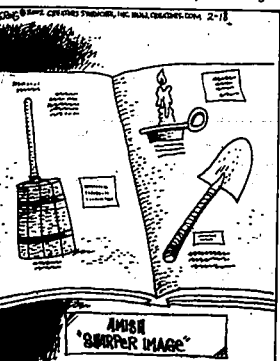
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ADVERTISING FOR SALE OF TENANTS

Notice regarding the sale of tenants' personal property at 1773 Highland Ave. in Twin Falls, Idaho.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Contact information for AA meetings in Twin Falls and Burley.

PUBLISH: February 18 and 25, 2002

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture and wildlife resources.

REMEMBER

Notice about a birthday party for a child named Taylor.

UNIQUE GIFTS

Advertisement for C & Ross birdhouses and gifts.

ABOLISH ALL FEES

Advertisement for pregnancy and prenatal services.

BANKRUPTCY

Advertisement for affordable bankruptcy services.

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE

Advertisement for a rental home or office.

NEED HELP RECOVERING

Advertisement for child recovery services.

THE HANDYMAN CAN

Advertisement for home repair services.

TO YRS EXP. STAY AT HOME

Advertisement for a stay-at-home job opportunity.

CHILD CARE 24 HOURS

Advertisement for 24-hour child care services.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Advertisement for public service jobs.

LOST Black and white Shih Tzu

Notice regarding a lost Shih Tzu dog.

LOST Last seen 2/11, on Robin & Washington

Notice regarding a lost dog on Robin & Washington.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Advertisement for CDL drivers and trucking services.

ACCOUNTANT/BOOKKEEPER

Advertisement for accounting services.

ASKING QUESTIONS

Advertisement for customer service.

SALES/STRICTLY RESEARCH

Advertisement for sales and research services.

AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN

Advertisement for auto body services.

BOOKKEEPER

Advertisement for bookkeeping services.

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Advertisement for gem staffing services.

DAILY WAREHOUSING

Advertisement for warehousing services.

TEMP & PERMANENT

Advertisement for temporary and permanent staffing.

GENERAL

Advertisement for general services.

HOTEL

Advertisement for hotel services.

INSTRUCTORS

Advertisement for instructor services.

MAINTENANCE

Advertisement for maintenance services.

MANAGEMENT

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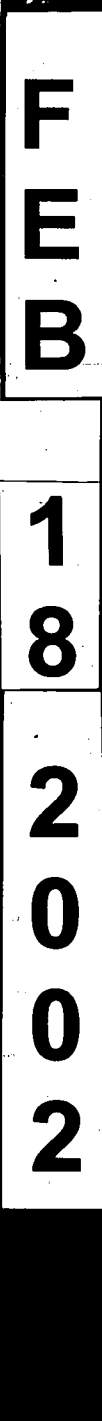
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Advertisement for The Times-News, highlighting its 7-day early-morning delivery and contact information.



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Midwest Tool & Safety Supply, Inc. in a new opening...

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Wholesale Counter Sales John Deere Landscapes...

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The Times-News is currently looking for an Independent Junior Carrier in the RUPERT area.

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TWIN FALLS (7)
The Times-News currently has the following independent newspaper routes on the East Side of Twin Falls

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LOANS
\$100 - \$750
CALL TODAY!
734-4333

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Big profits usually mean big risk. Before you do business with a company...

CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES
\$5 CASH NOW \$3 For Contracts & Mortgages. Call Divergent Capital, 858-764-2277

DRACO INVESTMENT CORP.
CASH For Deeds of Trust, Mortgages and Real Estate Contracts. Call today for a free, no-obligation quote. (208)733-3821

OPEN HOUSES
In our effort to make our classified section free of any errors, please check your ad the first day it runs. After that time The Times-News will not be responsible for any mistakes.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
AAA CHOBIA CIGAR ROUTE
Need local distributor. 48 locations/S&K per wk. Potential/income \$100k. Toll Free 877-6-COIHBA. 274 hrs. 877-626-4422

ATTENTION WORKERS FROM HOME!
\$500-\$2500/mo. PT. \$500-\$7000/mo. FT. Free booklet. Why/How/From/Free.com 1-800-853-6694

AUTO BODY/PAINT SHOP & EQUIPMENT.
In Business Since 1977. Call 733-8566

BUSINESSES AVAILABLE
Cooper Norman Business Brokers & Advisors CNBBA.com Keys to Success. 205-Home/1-800-853-6694

CANDY ROUTE
\$3000 per month (realistic), 205-Home/1-800-853-6694. No competition, 6 hrs/mo. \$10,500 cash required. 1-800-268-5601 (24 hrs.)

HOWEVER/NEEDS
\$3K weekly processing mail-Easy! No experience needed. Call 1-800-652-8723 Ext. 2925. 24 hrs.

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Instead of making someone else rich, let's make you rich. #1 in industry. No direct sales. Support and advertising. Complete business training. Assist with starting and location. 800-688-7267 www.lanistic.com

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Put it to work! \$500-\$7000/mo. www.livofr.com

MONEY TO LOAN
Continental Loans \$100 - \$500 Phone applications welcome. Call Today 733-0892 Ext. 324-3023 Burley 878-1761

FILER
Beautiful new 3 bdrm. 2 bath w/ k/c, garage, lawn & sprinklers, \$109,900 or possible lease purchase. Please call 208-737-9160

BARKER
Lovely 3 bdrm, 2 bath in WIDE OPEN SPACES near 1200 sq ft of Twin Falls on an acre with full lot sprinklers. \$135,900

HAGERMAN
Chaco to live, vacation or just have a place to relax! 12500 home on a serene setting off the river. \$150,000. Call 734-7127

JEROME 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath w/ family rm., wood stove. AC. \$69,900. 734 18th Ave. E. Call 324-8158.

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We have professional and knowledgeable agents who can help you with your home. CALL US TODAY

THE TIMES NEWS Classified Department
Take Care of your classified business before you need it. 1-208-733-0931 ext. 2 or 1-208-733-0931 1-208-677-4042

TWIN FALLS
Will Pay \$1500 Off Buyers Closing Costs 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1600 sq ft. oil/cedar/4th floor. 1681 sq ft. W/ wood floor in living room. \$202,500. 450 Bakersfield N. 737-4644

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, approx. 2400 sq ft. w/ wood floors, 2nd floor 2 1/2 fireplaces, interior bar-b-q, Conan counter top, pool, landscaping. 736-6505 or 731-2956

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1800 sq ft. 3 car garage with work area, pool, landscaping, lots of extras. \$149,900. Call 734-7334

TWIN FALLS 1999 model, high end manufacturer, 1370 sq ft. central air, taped and textured, very nice. \$49,000. Has to be moved. 734-7334

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, very clean, well maintained, garage, 360 8th Ave. \$189,900. 736-8207

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1800 sq ft. fenced lot, garage, shop, \$58,900. For listings or website 800-319-3323 ext. 1928

TWIN FALLS 1 1/2 location, 6 bdrms, 3 1/2 baths, jbl tub 3-car garage, auto sprinklers, appls., cedar deck, Pritex reduced. \$225,000/for. 733-0049

TWIN FALLS Nowor North- East 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 3 bdrms, gas fireplace, heated garage, central air. Lease option possible. 1800 Julie Lane. 733-4124 or 731-8986

SMALLER FARMS
122 ACRES - Crops, pasture, gated pipe, corrals, 2 homes, south of Burley. 12A ACRES - Flow crops, wheel canal water, Filer. 77 ACRES - Flow crops, wheat, hay, frontage, Pasture land, hwy frontage, 1600 sq ft. 66 ACRES - Good row crop farm, nice home & yard. SW of Filer. 65 ACRES - Nice farm, close to location, Twin Falls. 23 ACRES - Livestock barn, home, home. ROBERT JONES REALTY 733-9404

KIMBERLY Cottonwood Heights: 3-9 acre lots, Near S. Hills, 539-7804. KIMBERLY Residential lot 90 x 125 w/20'x24' heated shop/garage, 220 Lincoln St. \$29,500. 731-5580

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4000 sq ft. w/ 2 car garage, NE 1/4 section, 1200 sq ft. Available immediately. Call Darin 734-4516

Laurel Park Apartments
178 Maunaloa Street Twin Falls 734-4516

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm. Nice, Dinoto, Rug & appls. like new. No yard work. No pets. Call 733-7429

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm. AC Carpet, Gas heat, No. dup. 734-2822 or 734-2558

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom. New paint/carpets. No pet/smoking. \$450 + dep. 734-2822 or 734-2558

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TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom 1 bath townhouse, \$450-500. Call 734-8844 after 5 p.m.

TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom 1 bath, all appliances, 2 car carport, landscaped yard. Call 734-9229.

TWIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, water heater, in-pk, paved, appls, incl. Avail. 3/1/02. Call 423-0931.

TWIN FALLS Beautiful, semi-detached, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, W/D hookups, appls, incl. Some utility, pd. Carport, 3600-sq-ft. Call 734-4411.

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TWIN FALLS 1750 sq. ft. \$550/mo. 1st & last month rent to move in. Call 734-8246.

TWIN FALLS CLEAN AND QUIET 2 and 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, "Two Houses". Slove, Reting, AC, W/D hookups, microwave, refrigerator, auto attached garage. GREAT PRICE! Call Mickie Hallows Property Mgmt. 734-4334.

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TWIN FALLS 2700 sq. ft. shop/warehouse available immediately - additional office space also available. Located near John Deere. Contact Walt 737-3839.

TWIN FALLS Free last month w/rental pmt. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, water heater, in-pk, paved, appls, incl. Avail. 3/1/02. Call 734-8207 or 734-0142.

TWIN FALLS Newer country apt. 1 bdrm, appls, W/D hookups, AC, in-pk, paved, auto attached garage. Call 733-0232.

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TWIN FALLS Nice 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, 2nd floor, clean, Call 543-8800.

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TWIN FALLS New office space for rent. \$250/mo. 560 Silver Ave. 736-8747.

TWIN FALLS 90 x 100 ft. warehouse with 10 x 40 ft. office. 2 phase power with fire sprinklers. \$290/mo. Call 734-9571.

TWIN FALLS 2400 sq. ft. warehouse/office. New construction. Can remodel to suit. Ask about FREE rent. Call Dennis at 731-5431.

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WASHER/DRYER set Kenmore exc. cond. \$250. Single Washer \$125. Warranty. Whirlpool dryer. \$100. Call 734-4605.

DINING TABLE Solid oak oval clawfoot type with 6 chairs. Moving must sell! \$550. Call 733-2797.

FREE DIRECTV Satellite TV. FREE installation! FREE HBO/Cinemax 125+ channels! 100% digital picture & sound. \$100 a set. Call 737-9900. Limited time offer. Call NOW 1-800-855-5555.

BARNWOOD One pickup load, \$100/offer. 25 Corral poles, \$100/offer. Call 438-8215.

WEDDING DRESS Size 10. Long sleeves & long detachable train. Must sell \$200/offer. Call 543-9591.

LADIES DIAMOND RING with 5 carat, very good, white, 14K gold, price \$250. Call 736-9459.

FORAGE HARVESTER JD 5830 SP w/metal de-roller, low hours, excellent condition. Call 538-5922 or 352-1158.

WOOD STOVE Pioneer Model 4815-222 cook stove with water jacket, brand new. \$1000. Please call 736-6505.

DISNEY VACATION 7 days-6 nights at Flamingo Resort. Sacrifice for \$199. 208-364-8811.

WANTED - Yamaha Y600 950cc, 4 wheel, 10" handlebars, 10" seat, 10" handlebars, 10" seat. Call 733-8600.

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Janitors and artists don't see eye to eye

We Americans tend to assume that the British are more intelligent than we are, because they speak with British accents. That's why we need to know about the Turner Prize.

This is a much-publicized prize awarded annually to a British artist. The people who award it say it's "one of the most important and prestigious awards for the visual arts in Europe." Besides prestige, the winner gets 20,000 pounds, which, if you convert it to American dollars, is a large wad of American dollars.

To win that kind of money, you'd think the artist would have to produce an actual, physical piece of art — a painting, a sculpture, a statue of the Queen carved out of cheese — something.

Nope. The 2001 Turner Prize went to an artist named Martin Creed, whose entry was entitled: "The Lights Going On and Off." It consists, as the title suggests, of lights going on and off in a vacant room. They go on for five seconds, then off for five seconds. That's it. In other words, this guy got 20,000 pounds for demonstrating the same artistic talent as a defective circuit breaker.

Here's the scary part: He deserved to win. I say this because, according to BBC News, his strongest competition was an artist whose entry consisted of a dusty room "filled with an array of disparate objects, including a plastic anus, mirrors, doors and old tabloid newspapers." Some gallery visitors mistook this for an actual store room, before realizing that it was art.

So Martin Creed's blinking lights proved to be the most damned artistic to the Turner Prize jurors. The prize was formally presented by Madonna, who said: "Art is always at its best when there is no money, because it's nothing to do with money and everything to do with love."

You should know that the artistry of Martin Creed is not limited to blinking lights. Another of his works is a sheet of A4 paper crumpled into a ball. It's a piece of paper crumpled into a ball. Perhaps you're thinking: "How come when I crumple paper, it's trash, but when this guy does it, it's art?"

The answer is that Creed has an artistic asset that you don't have: the fervent admiration of professional art twits.

For instance, I admire Martin Creed. He can do whatever he wants, and the critics will declare that it's art, especially if it annoys normal people. If he suspended a bucket over an art gallery door so it dumped water on whoever walked in, he'd be hailed as a genius. In fact, he may already have done this.

Another important British artist is Damien Hirst. In 1995 he also won the Turner Prize, for an entry that consisted of a cow and a calf cut in half and preserved in formaldehyde. Last October, a London gallery threw a party to launch an exhibition by Hirst. When it was over, there was a bunch of party trash — beer bottles, ashtrays, coffee cups, etc. — lying around. Hirst, artist that he is, arranged this trash into an "installation," which is an artistic term meaning "trash that the gallery can now price at 5,000 pounds and try to sell to a wealthy moon."

The next morning, in came the janitor, who was not an art professional. When he saw the trash, he assumed that it was trash, and threw it away. When the gallery staff arrived, they went out and retrieved the artistic trash from the regular trash, then reassembled the original installation, guided by photographs taken the night before.

So to summarize the London art scene: A trash arrangement, created by an award-winning artist, is painstakingly recreated by art gallery professionals, who hope to sell it for 5,000 pounds, to an art collector, assuming the collector can open the gallery door, which might be blocked by a door, placed there, to critical acclaim, by another award-winning artist.

The thing to bear in mind about all this is that everyone involved has a British accent. Including, more and more, Madonna.

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By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Never high to begin with, the percentage of Magic Valley women who get mammograms has dropped sharply since the beginning of 2002, and the local cancer community is blaming the Danes.

"We were over 50 percent of women over 40 who get mammograms, but in the past month or so it's down under 50 percent," said Susan Courtney, clinical manager of Women's Health and Imaging Services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. "And that's cause for concern."

The decline roughly coincides with the release of a widely publicized Danish study that concluded screening mammograms do not decrease breast cancer mortality.

Most of the local oncology community hotly disputes that claim, but it's had a marked impact on the general public, Courtney believes.

"The number of mammograms we do this time of year is usually down a little, and maybe it's the economy," she said. "But our fear is that women have read about this study and decided it's a good excuse for not getting a mammogram."

"Too many Magic Valley women already put off having the test,



Dr. Christine Holm and Dr. Eugene Seville study a mammogram at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Courtney says, and as a result locally the percentage of breast cancer diagnosed at Stage 2 or later is higher than average.

"That's critical because the earlier the diagnosis, the better the chance of cure."

Stage 2, the time at which the cancer has invaded the lymph nodes in the breast but not spread, is sometimes the turning point because the malignancy can still be isolated and contained.

But more than half of local breast cancer cases are diagnosed earlier than Stage 2, and of those women, about 90 percent can expect to be alive 10 years after diagnosis.

"The perception is that mam-

mograms are uncomfortable, and they are," Courtney said. "But it's five minutes. Most people go to the dentist once a year, and nobody likes that much, but a mammogram is no more uncomfortable than a dental visit."

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You should know about these breakthroughs

Night Rider News Service

1. A vaccine for prostate cancer

A new cancer vaccine made from the patient's own white blood cells is able to boost the immune system to fight prostate cancer, researchers at Duke University Medical Center report in the February 2002 issue of the Journal of Clinical Investigation.

The vaccine is made from dendritic cells, the white blood cells that activate the immune system by capturing antigens (substances that trigger an immune response) against viruses, bacteria or other "foreign bodies," including tumors. The vaccine, which is injected under the patient's skin, uses RNA from prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, to activate killer T cells to attack the prostate cancer.

In the phase one clinical trial, the new vaccine developed at Duke was successful in stimulating T cell response in all 13 patients with metastatic prostate cancer. Side effects caused no serious adverse side effects.

"While this work was done in

prostate cancer patients, we believe this method may prove to work in most cancers, not just prostate cancer," said Dr. Johannes Vieweg, an associate professor of immunology at Duke and senior investigator in the study.

The next step is to program dendritic cells to carry multiple tumor antigens rather than just PSA. The study was supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health.

2. A breakthrough leukemia drug

The new cancer drug Gleevec made headlines last May, when after less than three months of review, the Food and Drug Administration approved it for the treatment of one life-threatening form of leukemia. Gleevec substantially reduced the level of cancerous cells in 90 percent of patients with chronic myeloid leukemia, a cancer of the white blood cells.

A new follow-up study out of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in

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Breast cancer can take many forms

Newaday

Even though breast cancer mortality has been on the decline in recent years, it remains a leading cause of cancer deaths in women.

This year an estimated 16,000 will die of the disease, and more than 180,000 women will be diagnosed.

But what is "breast cancer" anyway? Is it one disease or many? Myths and misleading notions are as pervasive about breast cancer as any other medical condition, doctors say. The truth is, breast cancer can manifest in many forms, some common, others rare.

And while all of the malignancies that invade the breast are called breast cancer, they are nuances in where and how these lesions occur and progress. Dr. Clifford Hudis, chief of the breast cancer service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan, said that in the most general of terms, the various forms of breast cancer derive their names from specific cell types.

All tumors arise from cells that once were normal but undergo an irrevocable transformation. Some transform because of gene mutations. Other cells transform because of bombardment by hormones. For most cancers, the rea-

son for the transformation will never be known.

Nevertheless, scientists do know that most breast cancers arise from epithelial cells, which line the body's cavities. They form the secreting portions of glands and their ducts and are widespread throughout the body.

Carcinomas are the kinds of cancers that arise from epithelial tissue. Sarcomas, another group of cancers, arise from muscle tissue.

For the most part, breast cancers are carcinomas because they occur in the epithelium.

Hudis believes that to better understand breast cancer, it is first necessary to understand the inner workings of the breast.

"In the normal breast most of what you see physically is not breast tissue but fat and supporting tissue," Hudis said. "From the nipple and branching out are the ducts. At the end of each of those little ducts are the lobules. Breast cancer is thought to arise at the ductal-lobular junction, right in the cells at the lobe and the duct."

"The naming of breast cancer comes from the appearance of the cells that the pathologist sees under a microscope," Hudis said. "On the road to cancer there are a few things that can happen. The cells that line the ducts can grow

in excess. This is what we call hyperplasia."

Hyperplasia refers to an excessive proliferation of normal cells. Continuing on the road to cancer is a cellular condition known as atypical hyperplasia in which there is a distinct divergence from the normal cell type. These precancerous cells are a clue that a malignancy could occur at some point. Once cancerous cells take hold, they bear a distinct biological imprint. Cancerous cells replicate more rapidly than their healthy counterparts.

Additionally, there are molecular signatures, succinate and revealing, that typify cells born of a tumor. Some cancer cells are sensitive to estrogen and progesterone, two key female hormones. An estimated 25 percent to 30 percent of patients have the HER-2/neu gene, whose protein can make the cancer more likely to metastasize.

Some cells, though cancerous, are more like normal ones in their growth pattern and general appearance. Cancer cells that are the least like normal ones in growth and appearance are the most likely to be aggressive and pose a tougher fight.

These cellular and molecular nuances can be found in various forms of breast cancer.

Make an easy wedding headpiece

February is a busy "planning" time for weddings. I'm in the throes of it myself, with my youngest daughter getting married in May.

It's fun to be creative and personalize at least part of the bride's attire. When it comes to headpieces, for instance, you can save a lot of money — and get exactly what you want — by making your own.

A hair-shaped headpiece to use as a base for decorating is usually under \$10; inexpensive trims are available at fabric and craft stores.

Only minimal time and skill are required. A glue gun is ideal for covering an attaching most trim to a headpiece, and then the veil can be hand-stitched to it.

When choosing the headpiece style, consult bridal shops and magazines for ideas. Consider the formality of the wedding and the design of the gown, plus the hairstyle the bride will wear that day.

Types of headpieces include cap, wreath, headband, crown or tiara, hat, bow or floral spray.

Most of these are held securely to the head with plastic combs. Attach the comb to the headpiece by hand-sewing or twisting lightweight covered floral wire.

Pre-shaped headpiece forms are usually made of the following:



SEWING
Barbara Gash

- Buckram. Stiff fabric that needs to be covered.
 - Mesh or open weave. Stiffened shapes with holes large enough to weave narrow ribbon through. They can be covered or left as is.
 - Wire. Often in the traditional wreath or crown shapes, they need to be covered.
 - Satin. Stiffened shapes that need no covering.
- Remnants of wedding dress fabric can be used for a covering cut on the bias for easier shaping over the curved form.
- Embellish to your heart's content with silk flowers, bits of lace, beading, ribbons and appliques.

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Survey says Americans ate more after Sept. 11 attacks

If there was ever any doubt that stress causes overeating, consider this: A survey by the diet program Nutrice found that 80 percent of its 3,500 clients increased their eating of high-calorie, high-fat foods by 30 percent the week after the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attacks.

Stent progress

As many as 30 percent of angioplasty patients, Vice President Dick Cheney among them, end up back where they started in less than a year. Trying to get rid of this problem "is something we've been dreaming about for a generation," said Dr. Jeffrey Moses of the Lenox Hill Heart and Vascular Institute of New York, the site of the first angioplasty in the United States in 1978. But Moses and his colleagues are encouraged about one approach that might fight the problem, which is called restenosis. By inserting a drug-coated stent, which is essentially a scaffolding of wire-mesh, inside the artery, the rates of restenosis have dramatically dropped. The drug-coated

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stents "are spectacular developments," said Dr. Al Reznier, medical director of the Methodist DeBakey Heart Center in Houston. Restenosis, he said, "is probably the single most important shortcoming in angioplasty today."

Teen trouble

Teen vegetarians may be at higher risk of eating disorders and suicide than their peers who eat meat, researchers at the University of Minnesota have found. Teen vegetarians were likelier to weigh themselves often, be unhappy with their bodies, practice weight control behaviors and been told by a doctor that they have an eating disorder. They were more likely to have thought about or actually tried to kill themselves. Researchers also found that male vegetarians were at higher risk for some unhealthy weight control practices, such as self-induced vomiting.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Institute urges parents to make kids sleep more

Knight-Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bedtime in the Godfrey household goes something like this: As 9 p.m. approaches, Allison and Rick stand up their daughters and start herding them toward their bedrooms. Claire, 9, seldom offers any resistance. Generally she's asleep within minutes of climbing under the covers. Twelve-year-old Katrina, however, is another matter. "Sometimes she's getting up, asking for water or telling me things she's forgot to tell me — anything she can think of," Allison said. "Usually it takes her 30 minutes to an hour to get to sleep."

And that, of course, can have ramifications the next morning. Not very pleasant ramifications. Too many children in this country don't get enough sleep, it

seems, and the National Institute of Health is sufficiently concerned that it has launched a campaign to urge parents, teachers and pediatricians to make sure that children, particularly those 7 to 11 years old, get more shut-eye. "Whatever children do, they will do it better if they are well rested," said Carl Hunt, director of the NIH's National Center on Sleep Disorders. In the last few years, he noted, research data suggest that chronic sleep deprivation is taking its toll among the nation's children. "This information is not widely appreciated by the public and by health-care providers," he said. Through its campaign, Hunt said, the NIH hopes to enlist the help of pediatricians and teachers to persuade parents to take a firmer stance ensuring that their children get enough sleep.

Medical center will offer parenting classes

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The sessions, which are for parents of children from infancy through toddler years, will be presented by Anita Barrels, RN, and various guest speakers. This week's topic will be "Beyond Play."

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

CPR class offered
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6-10 p.m. Thursday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction

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and hands-on practice. Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2007.

Refresher course
Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes and will include a review of childbirth preparation and procedures. Cost is \$15.

Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

Alzheimer's group
SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at

SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

About Alzheimer's
Snake River Health and Wellness Center will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the center, 640 Frogs Landing, Hagerman.

For more information, call Jani Stroud at 837-6161.

Learn Infant CPR
Infant CPR class will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

Topics will include child safety, choking and prevention of injury.

New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn infant CPR.

Preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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Cancer

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Houston last month confirms the good news about Gleevect. The drug, which attacks only the cancerous cell proteins, largely eliminated cancerous cells in the bone marrow, where blood is created, in 85 percent of the 500 patients treated. None of the patients in the study had responded to interferon, the chemotherapy drug traditionally used for the treatment of CML.

However, in longer M.D. Anderson study, about 10 percent of the patients became resistant to Gleevect after taking it daily for about a year, indicating it may need to be combined with other medications to do the most good, says the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The drug has also produced striking results against an intestinal cancer known as GIST (gastrointestinal stromal tumor) and is currently undergoing clinical trials to determine its effectiveness against cancers of the brain, lungs, breast, prostate and abdomen.

Unlike most chemotherapy drugs, which target healthy and cancerous cells alike, Gleevect appears to kill only deadly cancer cells.

3. 'Abortion pill' to fight cancer
Mifepristone, formerly known as RU-486, will be examined as a possible treatment for endometrial cancer in a study open in January at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Doctors are recruiting 37 women with recurrent or advanced tumors that are progesterone-receptor positive for a clinical trial to determine the hormone therapy's ability as an anti-cancer drug.

Mifepristone was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in September 2000 for use in the termination of early-stage pregnancy.

It has also shown promise shrinking uterine fibroids and

treating endometriosis. In small, limited trials it has also shown measurable response against ovarian cancer and metastatic breast cancer.

Endometrial cancer is the most common type of cancer of the gynecological tract, with 6,000 new cases and 6,500 deaths reported in 2000, according to the American Cancer Society.

4. Gene linked to prostate cancer
For the first time, scientists have found a specific gene on chromosome 1 that is associated with an inherited form of prostate cancer.

Researchers at the National Human Genome Research Institute and Johns Hopkins Medical Institutes say mutations inactivate the ribonuclease L, or RNASEL, gene which plays a role in defending cells from viruses and assists in normal cell turnover or "programmed cell death."

Mutations in one gene do not explain all forms of inherited prostate cancer, and only about 9 percent of the 189,000 cases diagnosed each year are hereditary.

However, researchers say the findings, published in the February issue of Nature Genetics, create a number of new research opportunities for better understanding prostate cancer and ultimately should lead to better diagnosis, prevention and cure.

5. Risk can be lowered
Following an extensive review of the available scientific literature on obesity and cancer risk, the American Institute for Cancer Research announced in January that it is redoubling efforts to educate the public about how to achieve and maintain a healthy weight.

Upon analyzing the totality of evidence, AICR scientists concluded there is now clear and convincing data that obesity and being overweight increase risk for several of the most common cancers in

the United States, including postmenopausal breast cancer, colorectal cancer, cancers of the pancreas, endometrium, prostate, kidney and esophagus and possibly cervical cancer as well.

Nutritional factors account for about one-third of U.S. cancer deaths. For the majority of Americans who do not use tobacco products, dietary choices and physical activity are the most important modifiable determinants of cancer risk.

Tobacco use causes increased risk for cancer of the lung, mouth, larynx, pharynx, esophagus, pancreas, kidney, bladder and cervix. Thirty percent of all cancer deaths and 87 percent of lung cancer deaths can be attributed to tobacco.

6. Screening for colon cancer
The new "virtual colonoscopies" are expected to make screening for colorectal cancer quicker, easier and more acceptable, while state legislatures are working to make screening more accessible.

In Texas, for example, state Sen. Mike Moncrief sponsored a bill in the last session of the Legislature requiring state-regulated insurance companies to provide coverage of colon-cancer screening for adults age 50 and over. Texas is the eighth state to pass such legislation.

Effective Sept. 1, 2001, health benefit plans in Texas must provide coverage to include a fecal occult blood test performed annually, beginning at age 50, a flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years and a colonoscopy every 10 years.

Nationally, people whose colon cancers are found at an early stage through testing have five-year survival rates of 90 percent. However, only 37 percent of colon cancers are detected in the earliest stages. Of those whose colorectal cancers are found at late stage, the five-year survival rate is less than 10 percent.

7. Cancer 'cocktails'
A combination of drugs — much like the drug cocktails that are being used to target HIV — is likely to work best over the long term for patients with certain kinds of cancer, including malignant melanoma, the most deadly of skin cancers, researchers say.

Results from a study published in the January issue of "Journal of Clinical Oncology" confirm that a combination therapy for patients with advanced melanoma improves survival without increasing the negative side effects from treatment.

The treatment reported combines histamine immunokin-2 for stage IV malignant melanoma patients with liver metastases.

The study, out of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, found that combining the treatment with histamine allows patients to gain the benefit of the treatment at a lower dose without having to suffer the severe side effects that typically come with higher doses.

8. Old drug, new use
Thalidomide, the sedative drug that caused horrendous birth defects in the '60s before it was banned by the Food and Drug Administration, is being used to treat multiple myeloma, a painful and deadly cancer of the plasma cells, a type of white blood cell found in many tissues of the body but primarily in the bone marrow.

Preliminary data on thalidomide indicate that it can stop the progression of advanced myeloma in some patients, says the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Geraldine Ferraro, the 1984 Democratic vice-presidential candidate, revealed recently that thalidomide has put her myeloma into remission.

Thalidomide regained FDA approval for use in the treatment of leprosy in 1998.

An estimated 14,400 new cases of myeloma will be diagnosed in the United States this year, and approximately 11,200 deaths are projected.

it on something less important?"

According to the American Cancer Society, women aged 40 and older should have a screening mammogram every year.

Between the ages of 20 and 39, women should have a clinical breast examination by a health professional every three years.

After age 40, women should have a breast exam by a health

professional every year.

"A mammogram is only part of prevention," Courtney said. "You need to have your breasts examined by a health professional who knows what to look for. Mammograms don't detect everything."

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portable than a visit to the dentist."

Courtney thinks that some women procrastinate because they fear the outcome of the test.

Over 10 percent of the mammograms done locally result in a cancer diagnosis," she said. "And even if cancer is diagnosed, it doesn't mean a mastectomy. A lumpectomy and radiation treatment is more likely."

In 2000, according to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center data, 6,704 mammograms were performed locally and 5,223 — 78 percent — found no evidence of cancer.

"One of the complaints about mammograms is that there are a lot of false positives, but a mammogram in itself isn't a diagnosis," Courtney said. "It's an indication that you need to take a closer look."

The Danish study was based on an analysis of breast cancer cases in Sweden and of women who had or had not had screening mammograms.

But Courtney and others in the cancer community question the size of the Swedish sample and both the Danish researchers' methods of analysis and their conclusions.

They point to other studies, including some from a much larger population samples, that con-

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Experiment, find products that work

DEAR PAULA: I have rosacea with dry flaky skin, though my skin used to be quite oily. I recently started experimenting with different foundations to try and find one that would moisturize and protect my skin from the cold and wind (which exacerbate my rosacea). I tried a moisturizing foundation, but found that after using it for a short while my skin became more red and flaky. Obviously there is something in the makeup or sunscreen ingredients that may aggravate rosacea. One woman at the cosmetics counter told me anything with oil in it could make the condition worse.

Are you aware if oils make rosacea worse? If so, what suggestions do you have for fighting dryness? Are there any particular sunscreens, moisturizers, or foundations you might suggest?

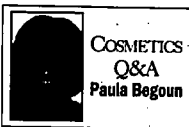
-SUSAN, VIA E-MAIL
DEAR SUSAN: There is nothing specific about oils (other than fragrant oils) that makes them problematic for someone with rosacea.

Several factors can make rosacea worse, but these are not the same for everyone, as many people have different reactions to the same ingredient or external elements.

Typically, rosacea is exacerbated by hot liquids, spicy foods, exposure to extreme temperatures (including cooking over a hot stove), alcohol consumption, sunlight, stress, saunas, hot tubs, smoking, rubbing or massaging the skin, irritating cosmetics, and anything else that overstimulates the skin and blood vessels.

Rosacea symptoms can also be made worse by AHAs, Retin-A, Retinova, Differin and exfoliants of any kind, including scrubs and washcloths.

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The bottom line is that if you have rosacea (or any skin sensitivity), it takes experimentation to find products that work for you.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (5th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$24.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 150, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

Cold cure drugs look promising

Harford Courant

A cure for the common cold used to be in the "Mission: Impossible" file, along with cold fusion, perpetual motion and a Rose Bowl invitation for the Harvard football team. Pasadena may still be a distant dream, but anti-cold-virus medication is actually on the horizon.

Defeating the common cold is nothing to sneeze at. More than 200 distinct viruses cause colds, according to Linda Lambert, influenza and related respiratory disease program officer at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"It's hard to imagine right now that you could have one drug or one vaccine that could prevent infection by such a diverse group of viruses," she said. But at least one drug that offers partial coverage could make it to the drugstore before long. And several others look promising.

Pleconaril takes aim at picornaviruses, a virus family that accounts for about half of all colds and includes rhinoviruses. In study data released last month, the use of pleconaril reduced the severity of cold symptoms and knocked a day off the length of colds. Unable to reproduce on their own, cold viruses typically hijack nose and throat membrane cells in order to create more copies of themselves. Pleconaril disrupts this process. It is being jointly developed by ViroPharma Inc. of Exton, Pa., and Aventis Pharmaceuticals of Bridgewater, N.J. It is the only such cold drug undergoing federal Food and Drug Administration scrutiny. There is no way to know if or when the FDA will approve it.

Vitamin C's role, and other cold truths

No matter what Grandma says, you cannot catch a cold simply by becoming chilled, or wet. In fact, being stressed has much more bearing on your general susceptibility to colds than does temperature or wetness. And more:

- A cold is not necessarily a sign of a weakened immune system. Once the virus is up your nose, it's up your nose.
- Drinking milk does not increase mucus output. Milk and mucus only look alike.
- Loading up on vitamin C may reduce some cold symptoms, but studies are inconclusive thus far as

to any long-term effects, and too much vitamin C is not good for you.

• Inhaling steam relieves some cold symptoms, but it does not kill the virus that started the cold.

• The efficacy of feeding a cold and starving a fever is not based in scientific fact.

• Despite what you think you may have read, there is no vaccine for the common cold, at least not yet.

Sources: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; American Academy of Family Physicians; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Food and Drug Administration.

Another anti-cold drug in development is labeled AG7088 by Agouron Pharmaceuticals of La Jolla, Calif., a subsidiary of Pfizer Inc. AG7088 is a protease inhibitor that interferes with the replication mechanism of cold-causing rhinoviruses.

One drug that showed promise in a study published in 1999 was Tremacamra, a recombinant molecule that blocked the cellular receptors in the nose where most cold viruses "dock" in order to cause their misery. Patients who used it got fewer and less-severe colds. But Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc., with its U.S. headquarters in Ridgefield, Conn., said that it shelved Tremacamra more than a year ago in favor of other projects.

"There were business reasons to change directions," said Sheila Burke, manager of public relations and communications at the firm. She could not elaborate on the thinking behind the decision.

in the nose. One small firm plans to use recombinant technology to grow the human antibodies in plants.

For most people, colds are a mere nuisance, so why invest heavily in a cure?

Lambert said research into cold viruses can provide insight into other, more serious infections. Lambert also observed that while most colds are mild and clear up by themselves, colds also can trigger more serious complications such as middle ear infections, worsened asthma and even pneumonia.

Even simple colds have a big financial impact because Americans suffer so many — 1 billion — each year. In 1996, federal data show that colds caused 45 million days of restricted activity, undoubtedly many of these employed sick days. Colds also caused 22 million lost school days that year. "There is a huge economic burden to common colds," Lambert said.

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QUESTION: What help is available for adult children assisting in the care of their parents?

Dennis S. Voorhees

One of the best places to start is the CSI Office on Aging. The secret to best accessing their services is to first orient yourself with their services. There is a great danger in simply asking for the answer to a specific question and falling to see the large array of resources they offer or can put you in touch with. Call or stop by and ask for "the cook's tour". You'll find it well worth your while. Their number is 736-2122.

Another good resource is an Idaho Department of Insurance agency commonly referred to as SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors). They offer a wealth of information on Medicare, Medicare supplement, and long term care insurance as well as other information. Its telephone number is 736-4713.

This week the College of Southern Idaho is offering a course in which a senior social worker, insurance benefits advisor, senior network information specialist, elder law attorney, and CPA will address a number of issues for seniors and their caregivers.

For more information, consider attending this one-night class offered through the CSI Community Education Center entitled The Elder Care Network. The topic will be shared in a relaxed, non-technical environment. Times: 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dates: Tues., Feb. 19; Place: CSI campus — Shields Bldg. — room 203. Cost — \$10. Register by phone: 733-9554 ext. 288.

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